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#### 16 SUMMARY

17 Potato virus Y (PVY) is one of the rare plant viruses for which some biological traits (host range 18 and symptomatology) are highly correlated to phylogeny, allowing the reconstruction of 19 evolutionary history of these traits. Here, a new lineage of PVY isolates from Chile is described, 20 showing unique genome and biological properties. This lineage was found to be the sister group 21 of all other PVY isolates and helped reconstructing ancestral traits and evolutionary history of 22 PVY, suggesting that veinal necrosis in tobacco was an ancestral state and that adaptation to 23 pepper (Capsicum spp.) and potato (Solanum tuberosum) was modified several times during 24 PVY history.

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27 *Potato virus Y* (PVY), the type member of the genus *Potyvirus*, is a major pathogen of 28 solanaceous crops such as potato, tobacco and pepper. Isolates of PVY largely differ by their 29 pathogenicity properties in differential host species and cultivars (De Bokx and Huttinga, 1981; 30 Gooding and Tolin, 1973; Gebre Selassie et al., 1985). These biological properties are partly correlated to PVY phylogeny. Based on genome sequences, three major lineages can be 31 32 distinguished among PVY, named O, C and N (Moury et al., 2002). Only the isolates from the O 33 lineage induce hypersensitive reactions associated to resistance in potato cultivars carrying the 34  $Ny_{tbr}$  resistance gene, while only the isolates from the C lineage induce similar reactions in 35 potato cultivars carrying the Nc<sub>tbr</sub> gene and only the isolates from the N lineage induce systemic 36 veinal necrosis in a set of tobacco cultivars (Kerlan et al. 1999). The C group was further divided into two phylogenetic subgroups, isolates from the C1 subgroup being able to infect pepper 37 (Capsicum annuum) contrarily to those from the C2 subgroup (Blanco-Urgoiti et al., 1998). In 38 39 addition, many inter- and intra-lineage recombinant isolates have been characterized (Revers et 40 al., 1996; Moury et al., 2002; Glais et al., 2002; Fanigliulo et al., 2005; Ogawa et al., 2008). The 41 O, C and N letters have also been used to classify PVY isolates according to symptomatology or 42 serological properties (Singh et al., 2008). In this article they designate phylogenetic groups 43 which correspond to some biological traits shared by non-recombinant PVY isolates. More than 44 forty complete genomic sequences and more than 240 coat protein (CP) cistron sequences of 45 PVY are available in databanks, providing a quite exhaustive image of its diversity. Almost all of 46 them fall into the O, N or C lineages or are recombinants between these lineages. A tobacco isolate from Chile was suspected to belong to another PVY lineage (Sudarsono et al., 1993), but 47 48 only a small part of its genome has been sequenced (GenBank accession number X68221) and

no phylogenetic analyses were provided to support that assumption. Like isolates from the N
group, this Chilean isolate induced veinal necrosis in tobacco (Sudarsono et al., 1993).

Three PVY isolates (Chile1, Chile2 and Chile3) were obtained from distinct plants of 52 pepper Capsicum baccatum L. cv. Crystal, familiarly termed "ají" throughout South America, 53 54 collected in Chile in 2005. They were inoculated once to Nicotiana tabacum cv. Xanthi plants to 55 obtain high-titer inocula for tests on different solanaceous plants and for genome analyses. The 56 symptoms induced by these three Chilean isolates in reference tobacco, potato and pepper genotypes were investigated and compared to those induced by isolates N605, O139, C Adgen 57 58 and SON41p, representative of PVY groups N, O, C2 and C1, respectively (Table 1). The 59 Chilean isolates exhibited symptoms which are typical of two different groups of PVY. Like isolates of the C1 group they were infectious in pepper C. annuum cv. Yolo Wonder and induced 60 61 mosaic symptoms at the systemic level in these plants and like isolates of the N group they 62 induced necrotic symptoms in leaves of tobacco Xanthi at the systemic level. Due to their peculiar host range and symptom traits, the Chilean isolates could be helpful to unravel the 63 evolutionary history of PVY. Therefore, I determined the full-length genome sequence of one of 64 65 these isolates (Chile3; GenBank accession no. FJ214726) and partial genome sequences of the other two (GenBank accession nos. FJ951642 to FJ951647). 66

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Total RNAs from leaves of systemically-infected Xanthi plants were purified with the Tri Reagent kit (Molecular Research Center, Cincinatti, USA) and used for reverse transcriptionpolymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) with Avian myeloblastosis virus reverse transcriptase (Promega, Madison, USA.) and *Taq* DNA polymerase (Promega). PVY-polyvalent primers (see

72 Supporting Table S1) were used to amplify and sequence parts of the helper component-73 proteinase (HcPro) and viral protein genome-linked (VPg) cistrons and the total CP cistron and 74 3' untranslated region (UTR). These sequences allowed the design of specific primers to amplify 75 and sequence the remaining parts of the genome of the Chile3 isolate. Sequencing reactions were performed directly on RT-PCR products by Genome Express (Grenoble, France). The three 76 77 Chilean isolates were 97.1 to 99.5% identical based on a total of 1331 sequenced nucleotides. 78 Compared to sequences available in the GenBank database, the Chilean isolates clearly belonged 79 to the species Potato virus Y, sharing 92.7 to 94.3% nucleotide identity (based on complete 80 genome alignments with the Chile3 isolate) with other PVY isolates, but had unique genome 81 properties. The most obvious difference was located in the 3' untranslated region (UTR). The 3' 82 UTR of all three Chilean isolates was 79 nucleotides longer than that of other PVY isolates (excluding the poly-adenylated tail), which corresponds probably to the tandem duplication of a 83 84 68-nucleotide-long segment in the 3' UTR, including a 53-nucleotide-long stem-loop structure 85 which was consistently predicted by the use of the mFOLD version 2.3 program (Zucker, 1989). As a result, the three Chilean isolates were predicted to possess two stem-loop structures 86 87 corresponding to that genome region while isolates from the N, O or C groups were predicted to 88 possess only one of these structures (Fig. 1). The fact that the boundaries of the sequence 89 duplicated in the Chilean isolates roughly correspond to a predicted stem-loop structure strongly 90 suggests an important biological function for that structure. Haldeman-Cahill et al. (1998) 91 showed that secondary structures in the 3' UTR of another potyvirus were involved in genome 92 amplification. Short insertion/deletion polymorphisms specific of the Chilean PVY isolates were 93 also observed in the 5' UTR and in the P3 cistron (data not shown). The unique genome 94 properties of the Chilean PVY isolates were confirmed by phylogenetic analyses.

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96 To root the PVY tree, an outgroup, as close as possible to PVY, must be chosen. Bidens 97 mosaic virus and Sunflower chlorotic mottle virus are the viruses closest to PVY and are 98 considered as distant PVY isolates by some authors (Inoue-Nagata et al., 2006; Dujovny et al., 99 2000). However, only a small part of the genome of these two viruses, at the 3' end, is available. 100 Pepper severe mosaic virus (PepSMV) is more distant to PVY, but the sequence of its whole genome has been determined (Ahn et al., 2006), giving access to more information. 101 Consequently, two separate analyses were conducted, one with the CP cistron of PVY and 102 103 Bidens mosaic virus, Sunflower chlorotic mottle virus or PepSMV as outgroups, and the other 104 with full-length genomes of PVY and PepSMV as outgroup. Nucleotide sequences were aligned 105 with PVY sequences available in GenBank (in May 2008) using the ClustalW program 106 (Thompson et al., 1994) and analyzed with the RDP version 2 software (Martin et al., 2005) 107 implementing several algorithms to detect putative recombinant sequences. Only recombination 108 sites detected by more than two out of six independent methods with the default probability 109 threshold were considered. A large number of full-length genome sequences of PVY were found 110 to be recombinants in this and/or previous studies (Revers et al., 1996; Moury et al., 2002; Glais et al., 2002; Fanigliulo et al., 2005; Ogawa et al., 2008) (see a list of accession numbers of 111 recombinant isolates in Supporting Information). In further analyses, only non-recombinant PVY 112 113 sequences were included and all the nucleotide positions that contained insertion/deletion 114 polymorphisms in the alignments were excluded.

Analysis of the CP cistron revealed that the three pepper Chilean isolates clustered together and with the tobacco isolate collected in Chile (GenBank accession no. X68221) that was previously suspected to belong to a new PVY lineage (Sudarsono et al., 1993) (a 100%

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118 bootstrap value supported the clade composed of these four isolates, see Supporting Fig. S1). 119 The other 88 PVY isolates included in the analysis belonged to the four PVY groups N, O, C1 120 and C2. The precise topological position of the Chilean group relative to the other PVY groups 121 could not be reliably established due to insufficient information in the CP cistron. Indeed, the 122 quartet puzzling maximum likelihood (ML) method implemented in TREE-PUZZLE version 5.2 123 (Strimmer and Von Haeseler, 1997) did not support a privileged tree topology between the N. 124 O+C1+C2 and Chilean groups of PVY and Bidens mosaic virus as an outgroup (22 to 47% 125 support for the three possible topologies between these four clades). This is illustrated by the low 126 bootstrap values that supported the internal branches linking groups C1, C2, Chile, O and N (see 127 Supporting Fig. S1). Using Sunflower chlorotic mottle virus or PepSMV as outgroups for this 128 genome region provided similarly ambiguous results (data not shown).

129 Applied to the full-length genome dataset, the quartet puzzling method supported unambiguously the clustering of the N and O+C1+C2 groups of PVY separate from the Chilean 130 131 group of PVY and PepSMV (100% probability support for this topology against the two alternative ones). This was confirmed by the ML method implemented in PhyML version 3.0 132 (Guindon and Gascuel, 2003), incorporating the Tamura-Nei+ $\Gamma$ +I nucleotide substitution model 133 which was selected by the MODELTEST program (Posada and Crandall 1998) as the most 134 135 appropriate for this nucleotide sequence alignment. With this method, the clustering of the N, O and C groups of PVY was supported both at the nucleotide and amino acid levels by a 92% 136 bootstrap value (Fig. 2). These results indicate that the Chilean group of PVY isolates diverged 137 earliest during PVY evolution, *i.e.* it is the sister group of all other PVY groups of isolates. 138

140 Diversity in the VPg of the Chilean PVY isolates was shown to correlate with their 141 adaptation to pvr2 recessive resistance alleles in pepper. The Chile1 and Chile3 isolates were 142 shown to belong to pathotype (0,3), *i.e.* they were able to infect pepper plants homozygous at the  $pvr2^3$  resistance allele or devoid of resistance allele  $(pvr2^+/pvr2^+)$ , while Chile2 belongs to 143 144 pathotype (0,1,3), *i.e.* it is additionally able to infect pepper plants homozygous at the  $pvr2^{1}$ 145 resistance allele (Table 1). The amino acid sequence of the VPg virulence factor towards the 146 pvr2 resistance alleles is identical for Chile1 and Chile3, whereas it differs at positions 117 and 147 120 for Chile2 (Fig. 3). As the VPg cistron was previously demonstrated to be the virulence 148 determinant of PVY towards pvr2 (Moury et al., 2004; Ayme et al., 2006, 2007), amino acid substitutions at one or both of these sites are likely to be responsible for this difference. During 149 the tests, two and three C. annuum cv. Yolo Y plants  $(pvr2^{1}/pvr2^{1})$  showed late systemic 150 151 infections after inoculation with the Chile1 and Chile3 isolates, respectively (Table 1). Further analyses revealed that PVY variants virulent towards the  $pvr2^{1}$  resistance allele were selected in 152 153 these five plants since (i) 100% of Yolo Y plants were infected after back-inoculation by isolates 154 from these five plants and (ii) a single nucleotide substitution was observed in the VPg cistron of 155 the PVY populations in these five plants compared to the original isolates (causing a serine to glycine substitution at amino acid position 105 of the VPg; Fig. 3). It is however unknown if 156 157 these virulent variants pre-existed at low frequency in the original inocula or if they appeared by 158 mutation in the inoculated Yolo Y plants. Together, these results indicate that amino acid 159 substitutions at positions 105 and 117 and/or 120 of the VPg affected the virulence properties of 160 the Chilean isolates towards the pvr2 resistance alleles of pepper. Positions 105 and 120 were 161 already shown to determine virulence changes towards the pvr2 resistance alleles of pepper in a PVY isolate which belonged to the C1 group (Ayme et al., 2006, 2007). 162

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164 Combining biological traits of the members of the major PVY clades and the topology of 165 their phylogenetic tree allows inferences to be made about their evolutionary history and about their ancestral and derived traits. In addition, identification of the new 'Chilean' clade helped 166 discriminate between various evolutionary scenarios. Systemic veinal necrosis in a number of 167 tobacco cultivars is one of the traits that have long been used to discriminate between the 168 different groups of PVY, defining the N group. The three pepper Chilean isolates together with 169 170 the previously identified tobacco Chilean isolate (Sudarsono et al., 1993) induce necrosis in 171 tobacco, while isolates belonging to the O and C groups do not (Table 1). Before the 172 characterization of the Chilean group of PVY isolates, the two evolutionary scenarios 173 considering that tobacco necrosis was either an ancestral or a derived trait were equally 174 parsimonious and both could be reconstructed with only one phenotypic evolution step (Fig. 4A). 175 Including the Chilean group of PVY now suggests that the ancestral state was more probably 176 "necrotic", since one evolutionary step (versus two steps when necrosis is considered a derived 177 trait) is enough to reconstruct PVY history (Fig. 4B). Mutations at amino acid positions 400 and 178 419 of the HcPro of PVY were shown to determine veinal necrosis in tobacco (Tribodet et al., 2005). Confirming the above evolutionary hypothesis, the three pepper Chilean isolates were 179 180 shown to possess a lysine and a glutamic acid at positions 400 and 419, respectively, of their 181 HcPro, similarly to the necrotic isolates from the N group of PVY. In contrast, almost all non-182 necrotic PVY isolates in the O and C groups possess an arginine and an asparagin at positions 183 400 and 419, respectively, of their HcPro. Consequently, the scenario where veinal necrosis is 184 the ancestral state of PVY requires only two amino acid substitutions whereas the alternative 185 scenario requires four amino acid substitutions. Note that analysing codon evolution instead of amino acid evolution at positions 400 and 419 of HcPro did not help discriminate furtherbetween these scenarios (data not shown).

The scenario where tobacco necrosis evolved twice from non-necrotic PVY isolates through the fixation, in parallel, of the same two amino acid substitutions in the HcPro (Fig. 4B) would suggest that these substitutions conferred a strong fitness advantage to the virus. However, recent results indicate instead that the amino acid substitutions which confer necrosis in tobacco are costly to the virus (Rolland *et al.*, 2009). Consequently, both the phylogenetic parsimony analyses and the fitness data converge towards the same scenario, *i.e.* that veinal necrosis is an ancestral trait for PVY.

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196 Correlation between PVY phylogeny and host range is established on several grounds: (i) 197 Based on the phylogeny of all PVY sequences available in databanks, no potato isolate belongs 198 to the C1 group, while no pepper isolate belongs to the N, O or C2 groups (nor are they 199 recombinants among these three groups); (ii) Epidemiological studies in regions where potato 200 and pepper crops coexist and are heavily infected by PVY confirm the existence of a host barrier 201 between the distinct phylogenetic groups (see for example Bouhachem et al. (2008) and Ben Khalifa et al. (2009) for northern Tunisia); (iii) Most recombination events in PVY occurred 202 203 between the N and O groups while very few recombination events involved isolates from the C1 204 group, which could be explained by the fact that more host species are shared between the O and 205 N groups than between the N/O and the C1 groups; (iv) Finally, manual inoculations showed that 206 PVY isolates from groups C1 and Chile are infectious in pepper while isolates from groups N, O 207 and C2 are not (Gebre-Selassie et al., 1983; d'Aquino et al., 1995; Blanco-Urgoiti et al., 1998; 208 Table 1). In contrast, pepper isolates of PVY, either from group C1 or Chile, were not infectious

in potato cultivars after manual inoculation (Gebre-Selassie et al., 1983; Table 1). Such
correlation between phylogeny and host range suggest that evolution of PVY host range could be
reconstructed with a limited number of phenotypic changes.

212 Since neither the potato nor the pepper groups of PVY isolates are monophyletic, changes of host adaptation occurred at least twice during PVY history (Fig. 5). Considering 213 214 adaptation to pepper, the two most parsimonious scenarios involve two changes of host species adaptation, the ancestral state for PVY being either "adapted" or "not adapted" to pepper (Fig. 215 216 5). These two scenarios are very similar, since in both cases the putative ancestor of the clade 217 comprising the C1, C2, O and N groups of PVY was not infectious in pepper and a later 218 adaptation to pepper occurred after the divergence of groups C1 and C2 but before the 219 diversification of group C1 (Fig. 5). The only difference between these two scenarios concerns 220 the history of pepper adaptation of isolates belonging to the Chilean clade. Since adaptation to 221 pepper corresponds to maladaptation to potato and vice versa, similar evolutionary scenarios 222 could be drawn for adaptation to potato (data not shown). To discriminate between these 223 scenarios, knowledge of the genome regions and mutations involved in PVY adaptation to 224 pepper and potato would be required.

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For several reasons, the evolutionary history of plant viruses remains difficult to unravel. Some of these reasons are (i) the lack of fossils or ancient historical records, (ii) the frequent lack of correlation between phylogenetic trees and biological traits, which suggests complex histories and/or that other events (*e.g.* recombination, strong geographic differentiation of isolates, demography...) have obscured these histories, (iii) the lack of many clear-cut viral pathogenicity traits and/or the lack of knowledge of their genetic determinism, (iv) the lack of genome data to

build reliable phylogenies or to place reliably the root of the phylogenetic trees. The fact that
PVY has been extensively studied, providing a relatively exhaustive image of its diversity,
together with the relative simplicity of its phylogeny and the knowledge of the genetic bases of
some of its major biological traits made this kind of reconstruction easier. Similar studies could
certainly be performed with other plant viruses that show a certain level of correlation between
phylogeny and pathogenicity or host range traits such as TuMV (Ohshima *et al.*, 2002) or *Plum pox virus* (Bodin *et al.*, 2003) for potyviruses.

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**Table 1:** Pathogenicity of isolates representative of the different PVY phylogenetic groups in different solanaceous plant genotypes. The

resistance alleles at the *pvr2* resistance locus of *Capsicum annuum* and at the  $Ny_{tbr}$  and  $Nc_{tbr}$  loci in *Solanum tuberosum* are described in

Ayme et al. (2007) and Kerlan et al. (1999), respectively. Test plants grown in greenhouse conditions with one fully expanded leaf (pepper and *Nicotiana* spp.) or with four expanded leaves (potato) were inoculated manually two to three weeks after sowing (or tuber

planting for potato) as in Moury et al. (2004). Symptoms were recorded between 14 and 60 days post inoculation (dpi) and evaluation of

virus infections in inoculated or apical leaves was performed by DAS-ELISA as in Moury et al. (2004).

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| PVY isolatePlant species and genotype and known resistance alleles(clade) |                      |                   |                                      |                                 |                 |                         |                                     |                  |
|---|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
|   | Nicotiana<br>tabacum | Solanum tuberosum |                                      |                                 | Capsicum annuum |                         |                                     |                  |
|   | Xanthi               | Bintje            | King Edwards<br>(Nc <sub>tbr</sub> ) | Désirée<br>(Ny <sub>tbr</sub> ) | Yolo<br>Wonder  | Yolo Y $(pvr2^{1})$     | Florida VR2<br>(pvr2 <sup>2</sup> ) | HD285 $(pvr2^3)$ |
| N605 (N)  | Nec. <sup>a</sup>    | Mo.               | Mo.                                  | Mo.                             | Ø               | nt                      | nt                                  | nt               |
| 0139 (0)  | Mo.                  | Mo.               | Mo.                                  | HR                              | Ø               | nt                      | nt                                  | nt               |
| SON41p (C1)   | Mo.                  | Ø                 | Ø                                    | Ø                               | Mo.             | nt                      | nt                                  | nt               |
| C Adgen (C2)  | Mo.                  | Nec.              | HR                                   | Nec.                            | Ø               | nt                      | nt                                  | nt               |
| Chile1  | Nec.                 | Ø                 | Ø                                    | Ø                               | Mo.             | Ø (38/40)<br>Mo. (2/40) | Ø                                   | Mo.              |
| Chile2  | Nec.                 | Ø                 | Ø                                    | Ø                               | Mo.             | Mo. (40/40)             | Ø                                   | Mo.              |
| Chile3  | Nec.                 | Ø                 | Ø                                    | Ø                               | Mo.             | Ø (37/40)<br>Mo. (3/40) | Ø                                   | Mo.              |

<sup>a</sup> A total of twenty plants in two independent experiments were inoculated for each virus and each plant genotype, except when figures
 are indicated (number of plants with the indicated phenotype/total number of inoculated plants)

362 Nec: necrosis in uninoculated upper leaves; Mo: mosaic in uninoculated upper leaves; Ø: no infection, *i.e.* no symptoms and no virus

363 detected in uninoculated upper leaves; nt: not tested; HR: hypersensitive reactions observed in inoculated leaves and no symptoms nor 364 virus detected in uninoculated upper leaves.

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#### 367 Figure legends

**Fig. 1.** Comparison of the RNA secondary structures of the 3' untranslated regions (UTR) of PVY isolates SON41p and Chile3 predicted by the use of mFOLD version 2.3 program (Zucker 1989) with the temperature parameter set at 25 or 30°C. The predicted stem-loop structure duplicated in the sequence of the 3' UTR of Chile3 is boxed. RNA secondary structures obtained with different isolates of the N, O, C1 or C2 groups of PVY were very similar to that obtained with SON41p (data not shown)

**Fig. 2.** Phylogenetic tree obtained with full-length genome sequences of non-recombinant PVY isolates and PepSMV as outgroup using the maximum likelihood method implemented into PhyML with the Tamura-Nei+ $\Gamma$ +I nucleotide substitution model. Bootstrap analysis was applied using 1,000 bootstrap samples. The scale bar represents the relative genetic distance (number of substitutions per nucleotide)

**Fig. 3.** Amino acid sequences of the viral protein genome-linked (VPg) of pepper-infecting PVY isolates from the C1 group (SON41p) or from the Chilean group. The sequence of five variants of the Chile1 and Chile3 isolates which became virulent toward the  $pvr2^{1}$  allele and presented the same VPg cistron is indicated. Polymorphic sites among sequences of the Chilean isolates are boxed. Arrows indicate amino acid sites involved in PVY adaptation to resistance alleles at the pvr2 locus (Ayme et al., 2006, 2007)

**Fig. 4.** Most parsimonious scenarios of evolution of symptom traits in tobacco cv. Xanthi (mo: systemic leaf mosaic; nec: systemic veinal necrosis) (A) and (B) show the most parsimonious evolutionary scenarios before and after the characterization of the Chilean group of PVY isolates, respectively. Alternative ancestral traits (boxed) and evolutionary steps are indicated in 389 black and grey. Most parsimonious evolutionary scenarios of the amino acid substitutions in the

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- 390 HcPro critical for systemic veinal necrosis (Tribodet et al., 2005) are also indicated.
- **Fig. 5.** Most parsimonious scenarios of evolution of infectivity in pepper (*Capsicum annuum* cv.
- 392 Yolo Wonder) (pep: infectious in pepper; non pep: not infectious in pepper *i.e.* no virus detected
- in inoculated or upper leaves). Alternative ancestral traits (boxed) and evolutionary steps are
- indicated in black and grey.

#### 396 Supporting Information:

- 397 **Table S1.** Primers used for reverse transcription, PCR amplifications and/or sequencing of parts
- 398 of the genome of the Chilean PVY isolates.

| Genome region | Polarity | Primer sequence $(5' \text{ to } 3')^a$ | Binding site <sup>b</sup> |
|---------------|----------|---|---------------------------|
| HcPro cistron | +        | TTYTAYCCICCIACNAARAARC                  | 1950 to 2001              |
| P3 cistron    | -        | GCTGCTGACTCAGACATTATG                   | 2468 to 2488              |
| VPg cistron   | +        | GAATYCAAGCHYTRAAGTTTCG                  | 5734 to 5755              |
| VPg cistron   | -        | GCTTCATGYTCYACHTCCTG                    | 6261 to 6280              |
| CP cistron    | +        | GCTGAACACAGGCTCGAAG                     | 8289 to 8307              |
| 3' UTR        | -        | CACGGATCCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT           | 9700 to 9717              |

<sup>a</sup> Y: C or T; I: inosine; N: A, C, G or T; R: A or G; H: A, C or T; V: A, C or G.
<sup>b</sup> nucleotide positions referring to PVY strain SON41p (accession number AJ439544).
Positions 9701 to 9717 correspond to the poly-adenylated tail.

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404 List of accession numbers of full-length PVY genome sequences showing evidence of
 405 recombination (May 2008)

406 AB270705, AF237963, AF522296, AJ584851, AJ585197, AJ585342, AJ889866, AJ889867,

407 AJ889868, AJ890342, AJ890343, AJ890344, AJ890345, AJ890346, AJ890347, AJ890349,

408 AJ890350, AM113988, AM113988, AY745491, AY745492, AY884982, AY884985, D00441,

409 DQ008213, DQ157178, DQ157179, DQ157180, DQ309028, EF016294, EF026075, EF026076,

410 EF558545, EU182576, M95491, NC\_001616.

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412 **Fig. S1.** Phylogenetic tree obtained with sequences of the coat protein (CP) cistron of PVY 413 isolates and Bidens mosaic virus as outgroup using the maximum likelihood method 414 implemented into PhyML with the Tamura-Nei+ $\Gamma$ +I nucleotide substitution model. Sequences 415 showing evidence of recombination within the CP cistron were excluded. Bootstrap analysis was

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416 applied using 1,000 samples. All bootstrap support values above 70% are shown and bootstrap
417 support values below 70% are shown for internal branches linking the main PVY groups
418 (circled) The scale bar represents the relative genetic distance (number of substitutions per
419 nucleotide).



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|                    | 50   |
|--------------------|--|
| SON41p             | GKNKSKRIQALKFRHARDKRAGFEIDNNDDTIEEFFGSAYRKKGKGKGTT |
| Chile2             | YT   |
| Chile1 & 3         |  |
| Chile1 & 3 - pvr21 | QEYT   |

| SON41p                     | VGMGKSSRRFINMYGFDPTEYSFIQFVDPLTGAQIEENVYADIRDIQERF |
|----------------------------|--|
| Chile2                     | AVL  |
| Chile1 & 3                 | AVL  |
| Chile1 & 3 -pvr21          | AVL  |
|                            |  |
|                            |  |
| SON41p                     | SEVRRKMVEDDEIETGALDSHTSIHAYFRKDWSDKALKIDLMPHNPLKVC |
| Chile2                     | G. S. I. I. DPA. R.N.T.                            |
| Chile1 & 3                 | G  |
| Chile1 & 3 - <i>pvr</i> 21 | GGIDPAT.RGN.TVV                                    |

|                   | 188                                    |
|-------------------|--|
| SON41p            | DKTNGIAKFPEREFELRQTGPAVEVNVKDIPKQEVEHE |
| Chile2            | D                                      |
| Chile1 & 3        | D                                      |
| Chile1 & 3 -pvr21 | D                                      |

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