

Characterization of Wheat-Triticale Lines Resistant to Powdery Mildew, Stem Rust, Stripe Rust, Wheat Curl Mite, and Limitation on Spread of WSMV

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ABSTRACT

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High yield potential and the wide adaptability of wheat-rye T1BL·1RS translocation lines are attractive to breeders. The wheat-rye lines Lankao 1, 3, 4, and 5 were resistant to a wide spectrum of wheat powdery mildew (*Blumeria graminis* f. sp. *tritici*) isolates from both China and Canada. They also were resistant to a mixture of wheat stem rust (*Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*) pathotypes (98WSR) and wheat stripe rust (*P. striiformis* f. sp. *tritici*) races from western Canada and China. Colonization of wheat curl mite (WCM) (*Aceria tosichella*) resulted in slower development of rolling and trapping leaves in the Lankao lines than in the WCM-susceptible check cultivars. The delayed development of Wheat streak mosaic (WSM) symptoms on Lankao lines was observed when transmitted by viruliferous WCM, even though they were susceptible to *Wheat streak mosaic virus* (WSMV). This effect of Lankao lines on limiting the spread of WSM was comparable with other known sources of WCM resistance. Sequential C-banding and genomic in situ hybridization analyses revealed the presence of a pair of T1BL·1RS translocated chromosomes in the Lankao lines. Segregation analysis of the F₂ progeny plants derived from crosses between Lankao 4 and the susceptible wheat cvs. Mingxian 169 and Lovrin 13 indicated that a single dominant gene was responsible for the isolate-specific resistance against wheat powdery mildew in Lankao 4. Polymerase chain reaction analysis using an STS marker amplified rye chromatin in powdery mildew-resistant and -susceptible F₂ plants of the Mingxian 169 × Lankao 4 cross demonstrated that the resistance of Lankao 4 was not controlled by a gene or genes located on the rye chromosome arm of T1BL·1RS. The resistance of the Lankao lines to diseases and limitation of the spread of WSMV, in combination with good quality and high yield potential, makes them useful for wheat improvement and production.

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Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L. em. Thell.) is one of the major food crops in the world. It is estimated that the global consumption of wheat annually increases by 1.3 to 2.6% (3,27). The improvement of grain yield is the most desirable way to meet the increasing demand for wheat, because there is limited capacity for expanding wheat acre-

age. Epidemics caused by pathogenic fungi and viruses are a significant constraint on wheat production, and the use of resistant cultivars is an effective and environmentally friendly approach to reduce economic losses caused by diseases.

Wild relatives of wheat often provide useful genetic variability, especially in respect to disease resistance for wheat improvement. Rye (*Secale cereale* L.), a species closely related to wheat, has made tremendous contributions to wheat production, due mainly to the wheat-rye chromosome translocation T1BL·1RS. Numerous cultivars possess the T1BL·1RS translocation and they account for over 5 million ha of the world's wheat-growing area (25,33).

In China, T1BL·1RS translocation frequently is used in cultivar development since it was introduced in the 1970s (13,40). This translocation chromosome is particularly attractive to breeders because it improves wheat yield potential (33,34) and adaptation to various environments (26). The T1BL·1RS translocated chromosome that was derived from Petkus rye carries genes for race-specific resistance to wheat diseases, such as powdery mildew (*Blumeria graminis* (DC.) E. O. Speer f. sp. *tritici* em. Marchal), stem rust (*Puccinia graminis* Pers.:Pers. f. sp. *tritici* Eriks. & E. Henn.), stripe rust (*P. striiformis* Westend. f. sp. *tritici* Eriks.), and leaf rust (*P. triticina* Eriks.) (21). Chromosome 1R of Insave rye is associated with resistance to the wheat curl mite (WCM) (*Aceria tosichella* Keifer), the vector of the devastating virus *Wheat streak mosaic virus* (WSMV) (10).

Although widely used in a great number of wheat cultivars, most of the T1BL·1RS chromosome translocations used in breeding programs are derived from only a few sources of rye (25). Over reliance on this translocation has made cultivars vulnerable to disease epidemics. Virulent pathogenic isolates of wheat powdery mildew, the rusts, and WCM biotypes have been identified that can overcome resistance to the diseases (1,41) and WCM colonization (12) conferred by genes on the short chromosome arm 1RS. The circumvention of resistance by virulent races or pathotypes has caused significant losses in wheat production across various regions. Additionally, the T1BL·1RS translocation has been associated with inferior bread-making quality (9), which excludes it from further utilization in developing commercial cultivars. Wheat lines with this translocation may not be advanced in some breeding programs because of their poor quality (17,33). The reason for the adverse effect on quality is the presence of locus *Sec-1*, which is located on 1RS and encodes the

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prolamine storage proteins (also referred to as secalins) of rye (28). The effects of T1BL·1RS on milling and baking quality and yield parameters often depend on the wheat genetic background in which the translocation resides (8,33). It is possible to remedy the deleterious effects of T1BL·1RS on end-use quality by removing the rye chromosomal portion that carries the locus responsible for rye secalins (18,22). Alternatively, the incorporation of resistance genes from other sources with high molecular weight (HMW) glutenin subunits genes for better quality seems to improve end-use quality of wheat lines carrying T1BL·1RS (40).

In addition to diploid cultivated rye, triticale (\times *Triticosecale* Wittmack) derived from crosses between *Triticum* spp. and *S. cereale* is an alternative source of variability from rye for wheat improvement (25,41). Using a hexaploid triticale accession as a parent, the new cv. Yumai 66 was commercially released in China (T. M. Shen and X. Jia, unpublished data). This cultivar is free of any major deleterious effects on end-use quality, has outstanding yield potential, and is resistant to the fungal diseases prevalent in the various wheat-growing regions of northern China. Several lines were developed from the cross that was used to develop Yumai 66. To facilitate the use of these wheat-triticale lines in cultivar development, an understanding of their chromosomal composition and disease reactions is required. In the present study, the wheat-triticale derivatives were characterized for their disease reactions and genomic composition.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant materials. The hexaploid triticale line MZA-Lenonart BUTR was used in the cross MZA-Lenonart BUTR/Yumai 2// Lanmai 90 to develop the wheat-triticale lines Lankao 1, 3, 4, and 5. Lankao 4 was registered as Yumai 66 and has been grown commercially in several provinces in northern China since 2003 (T. M. Shen and X. Jia, unpublished data). The susceptible checks used in the disease and the WCM tests were hard red spring wheat cvs. Rescue and Chinese Spring, soft red winter wheat cv. Chancellor, and winter wheat cv. Mingxian 169. The wheat-*Thinopyrum ponticum* (Podp.) Liu and Wang partial amphiploid, Agrotana (6), was used as the resistant control in assessing the reactions to WSMV and the WCM. Other entries included Lovrin 13, Key7, and Key8, which carry the T1BL·1RS translocation. TAM107, 4A7D, NOR/TAM107, and NOR/KS4200 are wheat cultivars or lines with the T1AL·1RS translocation. Wheat lines Yi80928 and 92R137 carry chromosome 6V or chromosome arm 6VS from *Haynaldia villosa* (L.) Shchur., respectively (15). Cv. W337 carries gene *Cmcl* derived from *Aegilops tauschii* Coss. (syn. *A. squarrosa* L.) for resistance to the

WCM. The wheat-*T. ponticum* line included the WCM-resistant line 62-30-2228-1 (5).

Evaluation of reactions to the diseases, the WCM, and WSMV. Seedling reactions of the Lankao lines to powdery mildew, stem rust, stripe rust, WCM colonization, and WSMV were evaluated in experiments organized in a randomized complete block design with three replicates. Plots were seeded in single rows of eight plants in 6-by-17 Hillson-style Roottrainer trays (Spencer-Lemaire, Edmonton, AB, Canada) filled with Cornell mix. A bushel (0.036 m³) of Cornell mix consists of a blend of peat moss, vermiculite, and sand (2:2:1) along with 165 g of CaCO₃, 38 g of super phosphate (0-45-0), 150 g of controlled-release fertilizer (18-6-12), 1 g of 300 Fe Sequestrene (Golden-West Seeds Ltd., Calgary, AB, Canada), and 2 g of fritted trace elements (West Can Horticultural Specialists Ltd., Calgary, AB, Canada) (2). All of the experiments were carried out twice.

Assessment of resistance to powdery mildew, stem rust, and stripe rust. Initially, the reactions of the wheat entries to powdery mildew were assessed using a mixture of the Canadian powdery mildew isolates (15,16) and in a separate test that included a mixture of the Chinese isolates E11 and E15. Later, Lankao 4 (Yumai 66) was evaluated for reaction against 21 powdery mildew isolates from China following the method used by Xiang et al. (39). At the one-leaf-stage, plants from each wheat entry were dusted with the conidia of individual isolates and grown in a greenhouse at 20 \pm 2°C with natural light. Ten days following inoculation, plants were rated on a scale of 0 to 4 based on the powdery mildew infection types (ITs) on the first leaf as described by Si et al. (29). Resistant plants had infection types of 0 to 2, whereas susceptible plants had infection types of 3 or 4.

The stem rust test used a mixture (98WSR) of the stem rust virulence pathotypes TMR, RHT, QTH, RKQ, and TPM from western Canada (16). Evaluation of the reactions to stripe rust was carried out using a Canadian stripe rust race 44E14 (31). A mixture of stripe rust races composed of approximately equal proportions of CYR29, 30, 31, Hy-3, and Hy-7, which are prevalent in the major wheat-growing regions in China (36), also was used to test the reactions of the Lankao lines to stripe rust. The two- to three-leaf-stage plants were sprayed separately with spores of the stem rust and stripe rust fungus that were suspended in Soltrol mineral oil (Philips Chemical Company, Norger, TX). A light mist of water containing 2% (vol/vol) Tween-20 (polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaureate) was applied to the plants 1 h after inoculation, and the plants then were incubated for 1 day in the dark in a moist plastic bag at 21°C. For the stem rust

test, plants were grown in a greenhouse at 21 \pm 3°C under natural light supplemented with fluorescent light at 1,000 μ E m⁻² s⁻¹ to ensure a photoperiod of 16 h of light and 8 h of dark. Plants inoculated with stripe rust fungus were grown in a growth cabinet at 12°C with a photoperiod of 16 h of light and 8 h of dark. Evaluation of ITs caused by stem rust pathotypes and stripe rust races was carried out based on a 0-to-4 scale as described by Stakman et al. (30) and Volin and Sharp (35), respectively. Plants with IT = 0 to 2 were classified as resistant and plants with IT = 3 or 4 were regarded as susceptible.

Reactions to the WCM colonization and their effectiveness in controlling the spread of WSMV. To obtain the non-viruliferous WCM population, individual eggs of the WCM biotype that originated from southern Alberta, Canada, were transferred to the wheat-*T. intermedium* (Host.) Barkworth and D. R. Dewey chromosome substitution line T-Ai seedlings. The WCM population was reared on approximately 100 T-Ai plants in four plastic pots (10 cm in diameter) in a locked Conviron E-7 growth cabinet (Winnipeg, MB) set at 21°C with a photoperiod of 16 h of light and 8 h of dark and supplied with white fluorescent and incandescent lights at the intensity of 100 μ E m⁻² s⁻¹ (32). The WCM population was confirmed to be free of WSMV by the absence of symptoms in WSMV-susceptible wheat cvs. Rescue and Chinese Spring when infested with WCM. Immediately after seeding, the Roottrainer trays containing the wheat entries were placed next to T-Ai plants colonized by the nonviruliferous WCM in a Conviron E-7 growth cabinet. The Roottrainer trays were rotated on a daily basis to ensure the uniform exposure to probing by the WCM. Seedlings were rated individually for rolling and trapping of the leaves starting 10 days after seeding and at 3-day intervals up to the 31st day (6,32).

Following inoculation using an artist's airbrush (Model AF-689; Paasche Air Brush Co., Harwood Heights, IL) at a pressure of 270 kPa, the plants were manually inoculated at two-leaf stage with a strain of WSMV from southern Alberta, Canada (4). The leaves of Rescue wheat plants infested by WSMV were ground in distilled water containing 2% Carborundum (320 grit) using a mortar and pestle and diluted 1:10 (wt/vol) in distilled water to serve as inoculum. The plants were returned to a greenhouse at 25 \pm 3°C under natural light supplemented with fluorescent light at the intensity of 1,000 μ E m⁻² s⁻¹ set for a photoperiod of 16 h of light and 8 h of dark. A double-antibody sandwich enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) kit with an alkaline phosphatase label (Agdia Inc., Elkhart, IN) was used to detect WSMV at 4 weeks after inoculation (15). Briefly, equal-size portions of the central parts of each newly developed leaf

in a plot were bulked and 100 mg of the bulked leaves were ground in 1.0 ml of extraction buffer (2.0 g of bovine serum albumin, 20.0 g of polyvinyl pyrrolidone, and 0.2 g of sodium azide in 1,000 ml of phosphate-buffered saline [PBS]-Tween 20, pH 7.4). The ELISA sample, which was composed of eight plants for each plot, was prepared by diluting 100 µl of the sap with 900 µl of extraction buffer. The mock-inoculated (buffer and abrasive only) Chinese Spring wheat plants and the extraction buffer were used as negative controls. The color intensities were read at 410 nm using a DYNATECH MR 5000 Microplate reader (Dynatech Laboratories, Chantilly, VA). Mean ELISA values were compared using Duncan's multiple range procedure, which was generated using the general linear model (GLM) procedure in the SAS package (version 6; SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC). Lines with mean ELISA values that were significantly greater than those of the disease-free plants of Chinese Spring were considered positive in ELISA for WSMV.

The transmission of WSMV via viruliferous WCM was conducted by placing seedlings at the two- to three-leaf stage adjacent to Rescue wheat plants colonized by the viruliferous WCM for 24 h in a Conviron growth cabinet set at 21°C with a photoperiod of 16 h of light and 8 h of dark (140 µE m⁻² s⁻¹) (6). Then, plants were dusted with sulfur to eliminate the viruliferous WCM prior to transferring to a greenhouse with the same conditions as the previous experiment. Because the visual assessment of wheat streak mosaic (WSM) symptoms is highly correlated with ELISA absorbance readings at different growth stages following inoculation (14), symptomatological evaluation of WSM was used to assess the percentage of plants that were free of WSM symptoms on a weekly basis for 4 weeks following the initial exposure to the viruliferous WCM, which were compared using Duncan's multiple range procedure.

Sequential C-banding and genomic in situ hybridization. C-banding analysis was carried out on mitotic metaphase chromosomes from five cells per plant of three to five plants. The same slides that had undergone C-banding were immersed in a 70, 95, and 100% ethanol series for 5 min each, and genomic in situ hybridization (GISH) analysis was performed using rye genomic DNA labeled with biotin-16-dUTP via nick translation (Roche Diagnostics, Mannheim, Germany) in the presence of sheared genomic DNA of Chinese Spring wheat as the blocker. The rye chromatin of the wheat-triticale lines was labeled yellow-greenish color and the wheat chromosomes were counterstained red by propidium iodide. The preparation of chromosomes, C-banding, probe labeling, and the detection of fluorescent hybridization signals were conducted as previously described (15,16).

Inheritance of powdery mildew resistance in Lankao 4. To determine the number of genes controlling powdery mildew resistance, Lankao 4 (Yumai 66) was crossed as the paternal parent with the susceptible wheat cvs. Mingxian 169 and Lovrin 13 (carrying T1BL·1RS). Seedling reactions of the F₂ plants derived from each cross were tested using the powdery mildew isolate E09 as described previously (29,39). A good fit of a 3:1 segregation ratio for a single dominant gene was tested using χ^2 analysis.

Polymerase chain reaction analysis. To detect whether the powdery mildew resistance of Lankao 4 was associated with rye chromatin, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification was carried out on F₂ progeny of Mingxian 169 × Lankao 4 that segregated in their reactions to powdery mildew isolate E09. The primers that amplified an STS marker IAG95 (IAG95-1: 5'-AGCAACCAAACACACCCATC-3'; IAG95-2: 5'-ATACTACGAACACACACC-3') were derived from the rye restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) probe IAG95. The presence of rye

chromosome arm 1RS was detected by the diagnostic band 1,050 bp in length, as described by Mohler et al. (23).

RESULTS

Reaction to powdery mildew, stem rust, and stripe rust. In separate tests, inoculations with mixtures of the Canadian or Chinese powdery mildew isolates produced no susceptible symptoms or hypersensitive reactions on Lankao 1, 3, 4, and 5 (Table 1). The Lankao lines were free of symptoms when inoculated with the Canadian stripe rust race 44E14 and were resistant to the Chinese stripe rust races. These lines were resistant to a mixture of Canadian pathotypes of stem rust (98WSR). The wheat checks Rescue and Chinese Spring were susceptible to powdery mildew, stem rust, and stripe rust. Agrotana was resistant to the stem rust pathotypes but was susceptible to powdery mildew and stripe rust (Table 1).

Reaction to the WCM colonization and manual transmission of WSMV. Colonization by the nonviruliferous WCM resulted in rolling and trapping leaves much earlier on Chinese Spring and Rescue than on the Lankao lines. The symptoms of leaf trapping and rolling developed quickly; therefore, all plants of Chinese Spring and Rescue were colonized by the WCM at 22 and 25 days after seeding, respectively (Fig. 1). The date that all the plants of Lankao 1, 3, and 4 were colonized by the WCM by 31 days following seeding was later than that of the WCM-susceptible checks. A percentage of Lankao 5 plants were free of WCM colonization symptoms when all the other Lankao lines and the susceptible checks were colonized by the WCM. Agrotana did not develop any symptoms caused by WCM colonization.

When manually inoculated with WSMV, all plants of Lankao lines developed symptoms, as did Chinese Spring and Rescue, but not Agrotana. The multiplication of WSMV in these wheat-triticale hybrids

Table 1. Reaction of Lankao lines to stem rust, leaf rust, stripe rust, powdery mildew, and *Wheat streak mosaic virus* (WSMV)

Lines	Infection types to the rust pathogens from ^x						
	Powdery mildew ^y		Stem rust		Stripe rust		WSMV ^z
	Canada	China	98 WSR	Canada	China	ELISA	Reaction
Lankao 1	R	R	0,1	0	1	0.424 a	S
Lankao 3	R	R	0,1	0	2	0.445 a	S
Lankao 4	R	R	0,1	0	2	0.462 a	S
Lankao 5	R	R	0,1	0	2	0.396 a	S
Chinese Spring	S	S	4	4	4	0.524 a	S
Rescue	S	...	4	3,4	...	0.573 a	S
Agrotana	S	...	0,2	4	...	0.109 b	R
Mock-inoculated Chinese Spring	...	...	...	...	...	0.075 b	...
Extraction buffer	...	...	...	...	...	0.066 b	...

^x Infection types rated based on the size of uredia and development of chlorosis or necrosis, where 0 = no uredia or other visual symptom of infection, 1 = small uredia surrounded by necrosis, 2 = small to medium uredia surrounded by chlorosis or necrosis, 3 = medium-sized uredia, and 4 = large uredia without chlorosis or necrosis.

^y R and S: resistant and susceptible reactions, respectively.

^z Reactions to WSMV inoculated manually were determined by enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA) absorbance values. Mean ELISA values followed by the same letter are not significantly different based on Duncan's multiple range procedure ($P < 0.05$).

was confirmed by ELISA. The ELISA absorbance readings for the Lankao lines were not significantly different from those of Chinese Spring and Rescue, but were significantly greater ($P < 0.05$) than those of the resistant check, Agrotana, and mock-inoculated Chinese Spring plants, the negative check (Table 1). Agrotana had ELISA values slightly higher than the mock-inoculated Chinese Spring plants, but the difference was not significant. No infectivity assay was conducted to determine whether or not the virus was present in tissue of Agrotana.

Comparison of the limitation in the spread of WSMV in Lankao lines with various sources of WCM resistance. When exposed to the viruliferous WCM, all Chinese Spring plants expressed systemic symptoms of WSM within 1 week (Table 2). The numbers of symptomatic wheat plants increased in Rescue, so that only a

few plants escaped from WSMV infection by 4 weeks. Systemic symptoms of WSM developed more slowly in the Lankao lines than in the susceptible checks. Significant differences were noted among Lankao lines for numbers of plants without symptoms at week 1. However, by week 4, it was observed that 43.1 to 69.4% of plants in the Lankao lines were still free of WSM symptoms. The IRS-carrying lines 4A7D, TAM107, NOR/TAM107, NOR/KS4200, Key7, and Key8 also reduced the incidence of WSM following exposure to the viruliferous WCM compared with the susceptible check Chinese Spring. Systemic symptoms of WSM developed slowly in the wheat-*H. villosa* 6V or 6VS lines Yi80928 and 92R137, the wheat-*A. tauschii* cv. W337, and the wheat-*T. ponticum* line 62-30-2228-1. Agrotana was free of symptoms of WSM when probed by the viruliferous WCM (Table 2).

Cytological characterization of rye chromatin in the Lankao lines. Lankao 1, 3, 4, and 5 had 42 chromosomes in the mitotic metaphase cells. Sequential C-banding and GISH analysis clearly demonstrated that Lankao 4 contained a pair of the T1BL·1RS translocated chromosomes (Fig. 2A and B). Analysis of Lankao 1, 3, and 5 demonstrated similar results (*data not shown*). The IRS chromosome arm was identified by its unique C-banding pattern, which displayed a strong heterochromatic band in the terminal region. The 1BL chromosome arm was recognized by weak bands in the terminal and near the centromeric regions (Fig. 2A). The biotinylated probe from rye genomic DNA hybridized only with the IRS chromosome arm, which had exhibited the typical heterochromatic band following C-banding (Fig. 2A and B).

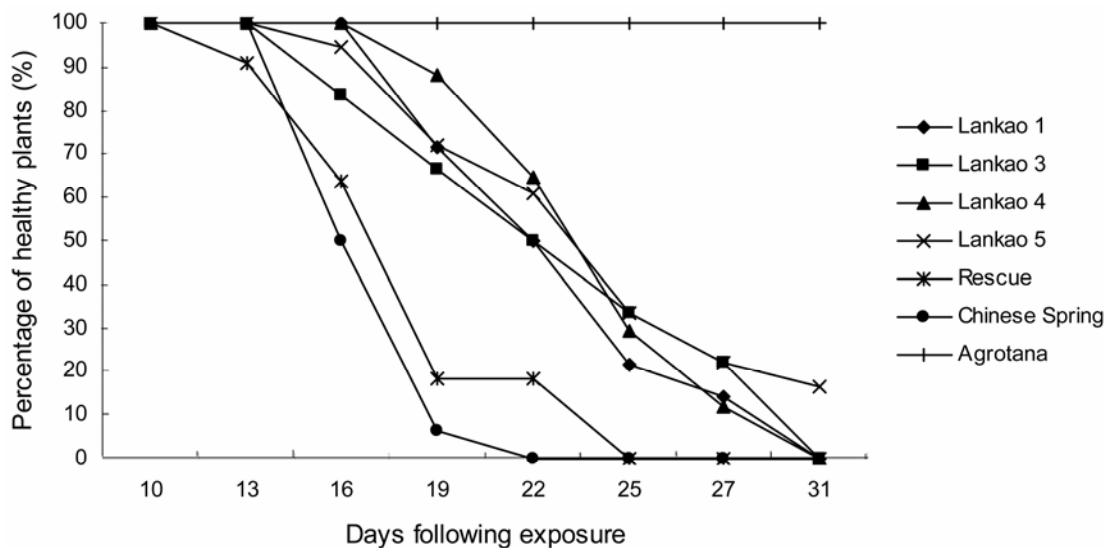


Fig. 1. Percentages of plants over time that were free of symptoms of colonization by the nonviruliferous wheat curl mite in wheat-triticale lines.

Table 2. Comparison of wheat streak mosaic (WSM) incidence transmitted by viruliferous wheat curl mite (WCM) in wheat-triticale derivatives and various sources of WCM resistance

Lines	Source ^z	Percentage of plants without WSM symptoms following exposure to viruliferous WCM ^y			
		1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks
Lankao 1	T1BL·1RS	85.8 abcd	85.8 abc	74.2 abc	61.7 abcd
Lankao 3	T1BL·1RS	97.2 a	79.2 abcd	75.0 abc	69.4 abcd
Lankao 4	T1BL·1RS	65.6 e	53.3 ef	47.2 d	43.1 d
Lankao 5	T1BL·1RS	90.3 abcd	76.4 bcd	59.7 bcd	54.2 bcd
4A7D	T1AL·1RS	90.1 abcd	68.7 cde	66.4 abcd	61.6 abcd
TAM107	T1AL·1RS	90.0 abcd	81.5 abcd	74.6 abc	72.3 abc
NOR/TAM107	T1AL·1RS	93.5 abc	74.3 bcd	69.9 abcd	65.0 abcd
NOR/KS4200	T1AL·1RS	88.3 abcd	63.9 de	58.5 dc	49.0 cd
Key 7	T1BL·1RS	74.0 ed	65.4 de	63.3 abcd	60.9 abcd
Key 8	T1BL·1RS	75.6 bcde	64.5 de	61.8 bcd	55.6 bcd
80928	DS 6V(6D)	95.1 a	88.0 abc	88.0 a	83.5 a
92R137	T6AL·6VS	96.7 a	90.6 ab	84.4 ab	78.9 ab
W337	<i>Aegilops tauschii</i>	93.9 ab	78.9 abcd	81.7 abc	75.6 abc
62-30-2228-1	<i>Thinopyrum ponticum</i>	100 a	97.2 a	77.8 abc	69.4 abcd
Rescue	Susceptible check	81.6 abcde	36.2 f	15.9 e	5.6 e
Chinese Spring	Susceptible check	0 f	0 g	0 f	0 e
Agrotana	<i>T. ponticum</i>	100 a	100 a	100 a	100 a

^y Mean values followed by the same letter are not significantly different based on Duncan's multiple range procedure ($P < 0.05$).

^z Source of WCM resistance or susceptible check. *T. ponticum* = resistant check.

Inheritance of powdery mildew resistance in Lankao 4. Inoculations with 21 individual powdery mildew isolates from China showed that Lankao 4 was resistant to 14 of them that were virulent on 18 single-resistance gene and three-gene combinations, including genes *Pm8* and *Pm17*, conferred by the 1RS chromosome arm, and *Pm7*, conferred by rye chromosome 2R. The virulence patterns of these powdery mildew isolates on Lankao 4 were different from that on gene *Pm20* conferred by rye chromosome 6R, which was resistant to all the isolates tested. The wheat cv. Chancellor was susceptible to all the isolates tested (Table 3).

When inoculated with the powdery mildew isolate E09, which is virulent on genes *Pm8* and *Pm17*, Lankao 4 developed no symptoms, but Mingxian 169 and Lovrin 13 were heavily infected. The F₂ plants derived from crosses of both Mingxian 169 × Lankao 4 and Lovrin 13 × Lankao 4 segregated for resistant (R) or susceptible (S) in an R:S ratio of 3:1 (Table 4), demonstrating that a single dominant gene was responsible for the resistance of Lankao 4 to powdery mildew isolate E09. Using the STS marker IAG95, PCR analysis was carried out on 10 resistant and 10 susceptible F₂ progeny plants from the cross between Mingxian 169 and Lankao 4. The diagnostic band indicating the presence of

rye chromatin was detected in seven resistant and eight susceptible plants. Three resistant and two susceptible plants did not have this band (*data not shown*).

DISCUSSION

Poor end-use quality and susceptibility to current predominant isolates of *B. graminis* and races of *P. striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* are the major concerns regarding the use of T1BL·1RS in developing wheat cultivars, although such cultivars may have high yield potential and wide adaptability (7,8). Great effort has been made to remedy the detrimental effects of this translocated chromosome on wheat quality performance by removing the locus for rye secalins or introducing HMW glutenin subunits genes for better quality. The wheat-triticale hybrid Lankao 4 possesses a pair of T1BL·1RS translocated chromosomes, but has acceptable baking quality. Lankao 4 was shown to have good bread-making properties and was tolerant to over mixing and resistant to dough making. The loaf volume of Lankao 4 was 875 ml per 100 g of flour and the baking score was evaluated as 88.4%. In addition, Lankao 4 was free of disease symptoms of powdery mildew in many wheat fields and had a high yield potential under favorable conditions (X. Jia, *unpublished data*). The present study confirmed that Lankao 4 and other Lankao lines were resistant to powdery mildew, stem rust, and stripe rust pathogens originating from China and Canada.

Genes *Pm8* and *Pm17* conferring resistance to powdery mildew are located on chromosome arm 1RS, which originated from the rye cvs. Petkus and Insave (21). However, these resistance genes have been overcome by virulent powdery mildew pathotypes that are prevalent in many wheat-producing areas (1,41). Lankao 4 was resistant to powdery mildew isolates from different wheat-producing regions, including the isolates virulent on resistance genes conferred by the rye chromosome arm 1RS. The reactions of Lankao 4 to various powdery mildew isolates also differed from those controlled by powdery mildew resistance genes *Pm7* and *Pm20*, which are located on rye chromosomes 2R and 6R (Table 3). The wheat-triticale line Lankao 4 contains a T1BL·1RS translocation that differs in origin from those in previously described T1BL·1RS-containing cultivars. The genetic study demonstrated that this newly introduced translocated chromosome is not responsible for the resistance of Lankao 4 to powdery mildew. Segregation analysis indicates that the resistance of Lankao 4 to powdery mildew isolate E09 is controlled by a single dominant gene, which is most likely located on a wheat chromosome. Powdery mildew resistance also was detected in Lankao 1, 3, and 5, the sib lines of Lankao 4, which

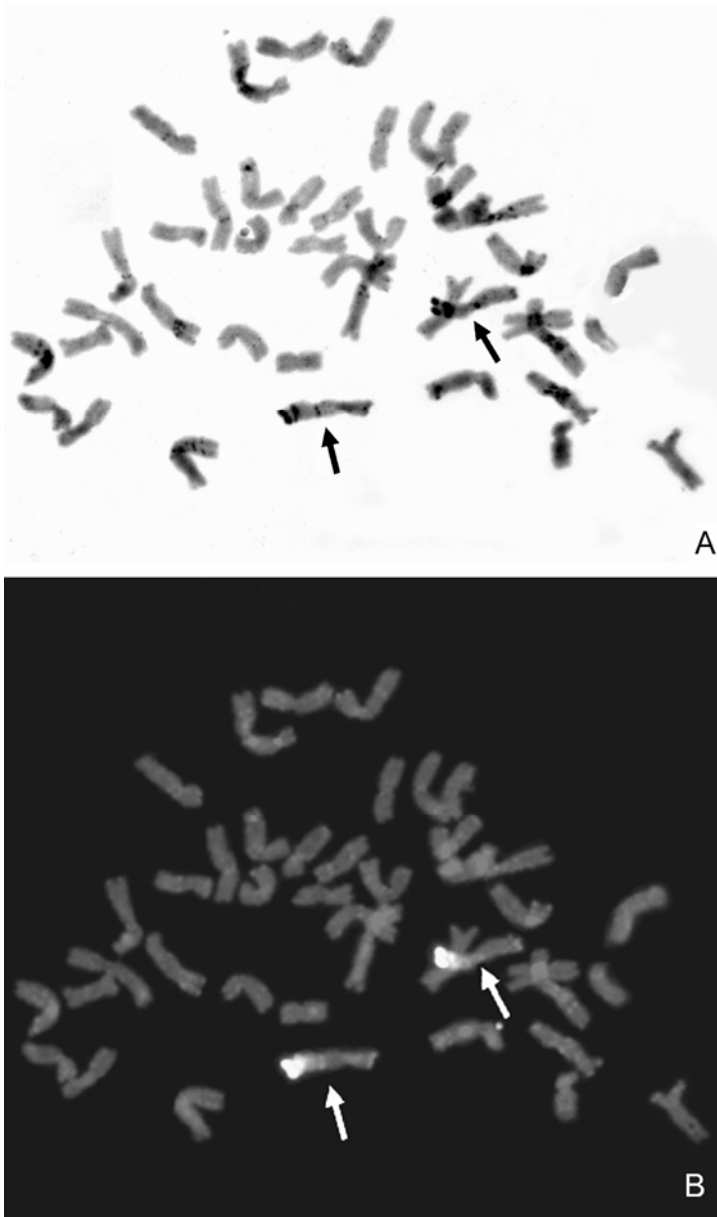


Fig. 2. C-banding and genomic in situ hybridization (GISH) analyses on mitotic metaphase chromosomes of Lankao 4. **A**, C-banding demonstrates an obvious heterochromatic band in the terminal and subterminal areas of chromosome arm 1RS, and bands in the centromeric and terminal regions of chromosome arm 1BL; **B**, GISH using labeled total genomic DNA from rye as the probe in the presence of Chinese Spring wheat DNA as the blocker reveals the strong FITC hybridization signals in the same regions that displayed the typical heterochromatic banding patterns on chromosome arm 1RS. The arrows indicate the T1BL·1RS translocated chromosomes.

also carry T1BL·1RS translocated chromosome.

Susceptible plants will display WSM symptoms following probing by viruliferous WCM. Thus, reducing mite populations on wheat plants is an option for minimizing yield losses caused by WSMV infection. Host resistance to colonization by the WCM is genetically controlled by single dominant genes *Cmc1* derived from *A. tauschii* (32) and *Cmc2* derived from *T. ponticum* (37). Similar WCM resistance in cv. TAM107 carrying the IRS chromosome arm from Insave rye was used to limit the spread of WSM in the Great Plains region of North America (24). However, WCM resistance associated with TAM107 has been overcome (12). It was concluded that some other sources of chromosome 1R or 1RS, including the popular wheat cvs. Kavkaz, Zorba, and Neuzucht, were susceptible to WCM colonization, but the T1BL·1RS translocation-carrying wheat Salmon was resistant (20). There is concern that heavy reliance on the WCM resistance from 1RS to control WSMV will result in a buildup of WCM biotypes that can colonize wheat cultivars carrying this rye chromosome arm (11).

Martin et al. (19) reported that a single mite can transfer WSMV into a wheat plant. In a previous study (15), it was demonstrated that exposure to viruliferous WCM resulted in the appearance of WSM symptoms in WCM-resistant wheat-*H. villosa* 6V or 6VS lines. However, resistance to WCM colonization in 6V or 6VS lines delayed the development of systemic symptoms. The development of rolling and trapping leaf symptoms caused by colonization of WCM was slower on Lankao lines than on the susceptible checks. This also was observed in other sources of mite resistance derived from rye, *A. tauschii*, and *T. ponticum* (Table 2). This delay in

WCM colonization of Lankao lines, as well as in previously identified sources of WCM resistance, limited the build up of WSM transmitted by viruliferous WCM even though the plants were colonized by the WCM and were susceptible to WSMV (15). Generally, WCM resistance derived from chromosome 6V or 6VS, *A. tauschii*, and *T. ponticum* can delay the spread of WSM from viruliferous WCM (Table 2). The acquisition feeding of the WCM can be completed within 15 min (38). The reduction of mite infestation at an early stage gives less time for economic damage by WSM. This demonstrated that the WCM resistance does not guarantee com-

Table 4. Reaction of parents and F₂ populations derived from crosses between Lankao 4 and susceptible wheat cultivars to powdery mildew isolate E09

Parents or crosses	Number of plants with ²			
	R	S	R:S	χ ²
Lankao 4	10	0	1:0	...
Mingxian 169	0	10	0:1	...
Lovrin 13	0	10	0:1	...
Mingxian 169 × Lankao 4	106	47	3:1	2.67
Lovrin 13 × Lankao 4	87	38	3:1	1.94

² R and S = resistant and susceptible reactions, respectively.

Table 3. Reaction types to resistance of Lankao 4 and some cultivars or lines with known genes to 21 isolates of wheat powdery mildew from China^y

Lines or cultivars ^z	<i>Pm</i> genes	<i>Pm</i> isolates																				
		E01	E02	E03	E05	E06	E07	E09	E11	E13	E15	E16	E17	E18	E20	E21	E23	E25	E26	E30	E31	E32
Lankao 4		0;	0	0;	0;	0;	0	0	0;	0	0	4	0	4	4	4	0;	0;	4	0	4	3
Axminster/8cc	1	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Ulka/8cc	2	0;	0;	1+0;	1+0;	1+0;	0;	0;	4	4	0;	0;	0	4	4	4	1+0;	1+0;	1+0;	0;	0;	4
Asosan/8cc	3a	4	4	0;	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1+0;	3	4	4	4	0;	4	4	4
Chul/8cc	3b	4	0;	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0;	4	0;	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0;	4
Sonora/8cc	3c	4	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	4	0;	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kolibri	3d	2+0;	0;	0;	4	4	4	4	4	4	0;	4	0;	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Michigan																						
Amber/8cc	3f	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Khapli/8cc	4a	0;	4	1+0;	0;	0	0;	0	0;	0;	0;	4	4	4	4	4	0;	0;	4	0	3	0
Armada	4b	0;	0;	0;	0;	3	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	4	1+0;	4	4	4	0;	0;	4	0;	0;	0;
Hope/8cc	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Timgalen	6	4+0;	3	0;	3	4	3+0;	3	4	2+0;	0;	2+0;	4	3	0;	3+0;	2+0;	0;	3+0;	1	0;	3
CI14189	7	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Kavkaz	8	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0;	0;	0;
Wembley	12	4	0;	0;	0;	...	0;	0	0	4	4	0;	...	4	0;	1	0	4	...	0	0;	0;
R4A	13	0;	0;	1	0;	2	0;	0;	0	0;	0;	0;	1	0	0;	3	0;	0	0;	0;	0;	0;
Brigand	16	0	0	0	0	0;	0	0	0	0	0;	0;	0	0	0;	0	0	0	0	0;	0	1+0;
Amigo	17	3	0	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	0;	4	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	3	0	3
Synthetic hexaploid wheat																						
XX186	19	3	3	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	3
PI 583795	20	0;	0;	0	0	0;	0;	0	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;
Yangmai																						
5/Sub6V	21	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;
Xiaobaidongmai	XBD	0;	0;	0;	0;	2+0;	1+0;	0;	4	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	3	2+0;	0;	1+0;	0;	0;	0;
Maris Huntsman	2+6	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	3	0;	0;	0;	0;	3	4+0;	3+	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	4
Brock	2+																					
	<i>Talent</i>	0;	0;	0;	0;	0;	0	4	4	0;	0;	0;	4	3+0;	4	0;	4	1+0;	4+0;	2+0;	4	
Maris Dove	2+																					
	<i>Mld</i>	0;	0;	0	0;	0;	0	4	3	0;	0;	0;	2	3	1	0	0	0;	0;	0	3	
Chancellor	...	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4

^y Reaction: 0 = no visible colony or other symptoms of infection; 0; = hypersensitive reaction, white or yellow necrotic lesions with short mycelium; 1 = light mycelium with very few conidiospores; 2 = medium mycelium a few conidiospores, severity is lower than 5%; 3 = medium to strong mycelium with many conidiospores, many but separate lesions; 4; strong mycelium with many conidiospores, leaves full of lesions. More than one number indicates different infection types present in various plants.

^z Lines or cultivar carrying known genes for powdery mildew resistance were provided by various laboratories: *Pm1* to *Pm8*, *Pm17*, *Pm2+6*, *Pm2+Mld*, and *Pm2+Talent* were provided by Dr. Leath of North Carolina State University; *Pm21* was provided by the Institute of Plant Cytogenetic Institute, Nanjing Agricultural University, China; *Pm12* and *Pm16* originated from John Innes Centre, UK; *Pm13* was provided by Dr. Ceoloni of Italy; and *Pm19* and *Pm20* were provided by Dr. Zeller of Germany.

plete protection of wheat plants from WSMV because of random probing. Thus, the delay in WSM symptom development in mite-resistant wheat would be useful for reducing the incidence of infected plants and economic losses arising from this viral disease.

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