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番茄黄化曲叶病毒自然种群的分子变异和进化研究

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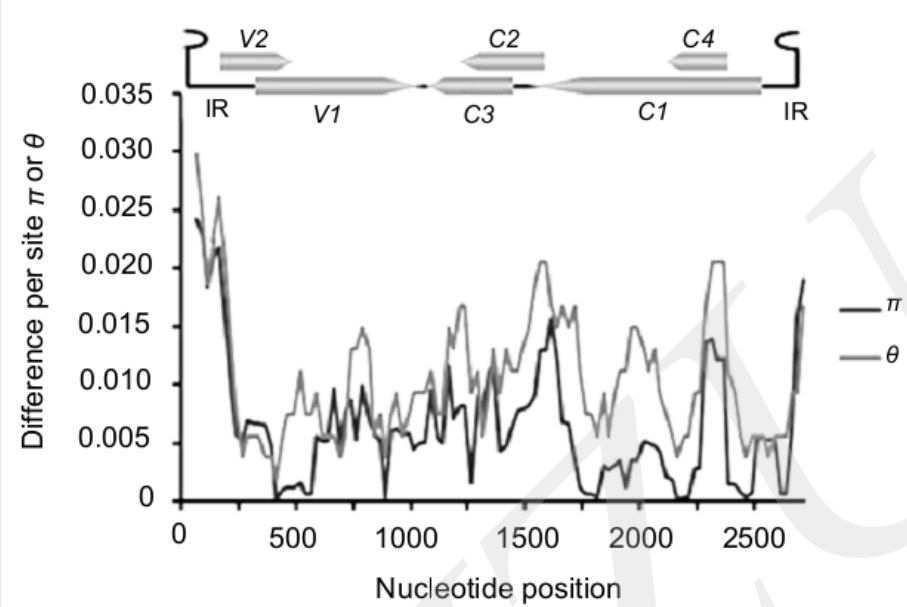
关键词：分子变异；番茄黄化曲叶病毒（TYLCV）；双生病毒；进化

- Tomato yellow leaf curl virus (TYLCV), belonging to the genus *Begomovirus* of the family *Geminiviridae*, is emerging as the most destructive pathogen of tomato plants.

- TYLCV was first reported in Shanghai, China in 2006, and it has since spread rapidly to 13 provinces or autonomous regions of China, which provided a great opportunity to understand the evolution of a plant DNA virus soon after its first introduction to a new area.

- The molecular variability and evolution of TYLCV were monitored in Shanghai from its first upsurge in 2006 until 2010. Full-length genomic sequences of 26 isolates were obtained by rolling circle amplification.

- Sequence analysis showed that the intergenic region was the most variable, and that a mechanism of independent evolution of overlapping regions could apply to the natural population of TYLCV in Shanghai, China.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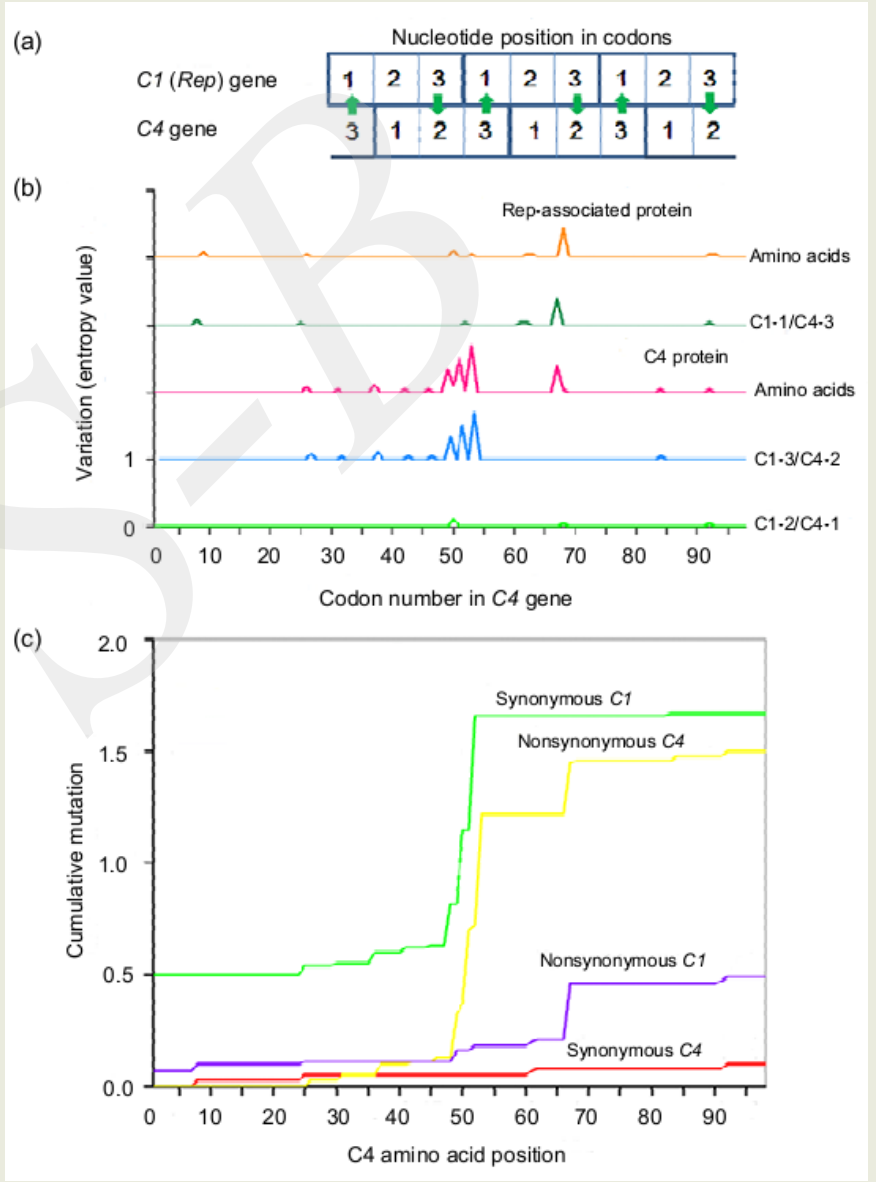
(a)
Nucleotide position in codons
C1 (Rep) gene
C4 gene
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3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2
(b)
Rep-associated protein
Amino acids
C1-1/C4-3
C4 protein
Amino acids
C1-3/C4-2
C1-2/C4-1
Variation (entropy value)
1
0
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90
Codon number in C4 gene
(c)
2.0
1.5
1.0
0.5
0.0
Cumulative mutation
Synonymous C1
Nonsynonymous C4
Nonsynonymous C1
Synonymous C4
0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90
C4 amino acid position