

Genetic variation and phylogenetic relationships among worldwide collections of the Russian wheat aphid, *Diuraphis noxia* (Mordvilko), inferred from allozyme and RAPD-PCR markers

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Genetic analyses were conducted on *Diuraphis noxia* (Mordvilko) populations collected from wheat, barley and other grasses from various countries throughout the world. These collections had been found to contain clones that differed in virulence from various cultivars, cuticular hydrocarbon profiles and life cycle characters. Discrete genetic markers analysed in this study included allozymes and arbitrary regions of the genome amplified by the polymerase chain reaction (RAPD-PCR). In all, 23 enzymes were evaluated; 17 of these enzymes representing 20 isozyme loci, were judged suitable for allozyme analysis. Polymorphisms were detected at three (15 per cent) loci: β -esterase (β -EST), phosphoglucose isomerase (PGI), and 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase (6-PGDH). The average expected heterozygosity amongst these loci was 4.9 per cent in the worldwide collection. Allozyme variation was absent within most populations, particularly within those countries where the species was recently introduced. Much greater genetic variation was detected when populations were analysed with RAPD-PCR. Populations were analysed with 69 polymorphic bands amplified by seven primers. All populations could be distinguished with this method. Cluster analyses indicated strong similarities between U.S.A. populations and collections from South Africa, Mexico, France and Turkey. The most variation was detected among populations from the Middle East and southern Russia.

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Introduction

The Russian wheat aphid, *Diuraphis noxia* (Mordvilko), is an important pest of small grains that is indigenous to cereal-producing regions of the Middle East, Asia Minor and southern Russia, where it has caused significant losses to wheat, *Triticum aestivum* L., and barley, *Hordeum vulgare* L., since 1900 (Grossheim, 1914). Recently, accidental introductions have extended the range of *D. noxia* to other cereal-

producing areas of the world. In 1978, *D. noxia* appeared in South Africa (Walters *et al.*, 1980) and, in 1980, it was discovered in Mexico (Gilchrist *et al.*, 1984). By 1986, the species had migrated into the southwestern U.S.A., possibly from Mexico and rapidly spread throughout the western wheat-producing areas of the U.S.A. and Canada (Stoetzel, 1987). This aphid has the ability to utilize a large number of grasses (Kindler & Springer, 1989) other than cereals, increasing the likelihood of establishment in new habitats. Furthermore, both anholocyclic and holocyclic reproduction is known in *D. noxia* populations (Kiriak *et al.*, 1990). Anholocyclic, continuous parthenogenetic reproduction by apomictic thelytoky, enables rapid establishment of existing aphid genotypes. Holocyclic, parthenogenetic reproduction interrupted by an annual sexual generation in the fall,

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enables populations to overwinter in the egg stage in areas where winters are too harsh to allow host plants or adult aphids to overwinter. Sexual reproduction also produces new genotypes in the spring that may be better adapted to survive in new habitats (Blackman, 1985). Sexual reproduction is a factor in host race or biotype development, a phenomenon that commonly occurs in aphids (Briggs, 1965; Puterka & Peters, 1989, 1990; Puterka & Burton, 1991) and which has been documented in *D. noxia* (Puterka *et al.*, 1992).

Identifying the breeding structure of introduced insect species is necessary to understand and monitor genetic changes that occur as populations adapt to new regions. Furthermore, genetic polymorphisms provide a means of identifying the origin(s) of newly-introduced populations (Powell *et al.*, 1980; Kamhampati *et al.*, 1991). Isozyme electrophoresis has been useful in identifying markers for studies of aphid breeding structure (Tomiuk *et al.*, 1979; Singh & Cunningham, 1981; Loxdale *et al.*, 1983; Tomiuk & Wohrmann, 1983; Steiner *et al.*, 1985a). However, polymorphisms are typically detected at a few loci (Wool *et al.*, 1978; Loxdale *et al.*, 1985; Rhomberg *et al.*, 1985; Steiner *et al.*, 1985b) and in several aphid species no variation has been found (May & Holbrook, 1978; Tomiuk & Wohrmann, 1980; Loxdale *et al.*, 1983; Beregovoy & Starks, 1986). Substantially more genetic variation has been detected using mitochondrial DNA/restriction fragment length polymorphisms (mtDNA-RFLPS) (Powers *et al.*, 1989;) and DNA fingerprinting probes (Carvalho *et al.*, 1991; Shufran *et al.*, 1991). Recently, genetic polymorphisms revealed by RAPD-PCR (Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA amplified by the Polymerase Chain Reaction) (Williams *et al.*, 1990) have been demonstrated in several species of aphids and aphid parasitoids (Black *et al.*, 1992).

No genetic studies have been conducted on *D. noxia*. The recent dispersal of the species throughout the world makes baseline genetic information essential. In this study, we explore the use of allozymes and RAPD-PCR markers to investigate the genetic composition of *D. noxia* populations worldwide. The study was conducted to describe phylogenetic relationships among populations and biotypes of this important pest species.

Materials and methods

D. noxia collections

D. noxia collections from wheat, barley or other grasses were obtained from various countries throughout the world with intensive sampling conducted in the U.S.A. (Table 1). Aphids were collected from different

colonies in three or more locations in each field and consolidated to achieve a sample of 100 or more aphids per field; one to three fields were sampled for each country or state and kept separate. Aphid collections inside the U.S.A. were placed in petri dishes that contained live plant material and shipped alive.

Collections from outside the U.S.A. were placed in vials, transported on ice to the laboratory, frozen at -10°C , and shipped on dry ice to preserve enzyme activity. All samples were placed in liquid nitrogen for long-term storage. Mixed aphid samples from Syria were freeze dried for shipment and were suitable only for RAPD-PCR analysis.

The collections include seven clones found to exhibit biotypic variation on various cereal cultivars (Puterka *et al.*, 1992). We also examined three clones collected in Texas in 1986 that were shown to cause slight differences in damage to susceptible wheat (Bush *et al.*, 1989), 10 clones that were known to differ in life cycle (Kiriak *et al.*, 1990), and a clone collected from Oklahoma in 1988 that was found to differ in its cuticular hydrocarbon profile from other U.S.A. isolates (Bergman *et al.*, 1990).

Aphids were sampled from 24 locations in the U.S.A. Clonal lines were established from 23 of these locations. In 11 locations, more than 100 aphids were collected directly from the field and used to analyse genetic variation within each population. Aphids were cloned by placing an individual aphid on 'TAM W-101' wheat in a growth chamber provided with a temperature of 21°C , 12:12 L:D photophase, and allowing the aphid to reproduce parthenogenetically for 1 month. The 11 uncloned populations were reared for one generation to eliminate parasitoid contamination that could lead to erroneous results.

Enzyme electrophoresis

Starch gel electrophoresis of enzymes was conducted using the equipment and methods outlined by Steiner & Joslyn (1979) with a few modifications of gel and electrode buffers and voltage. Only two buffer systems were used to examine all enzymes. In the lithium hydroxide (LiOH) system, the gel and electrode pHs were adjusted to 8.5 and 8.4, respectively. The LiOH buffer system was adjusted (gel pH=8.7, electrode pH=8.5, 200 V for 3.5 h) to obtain satisfactory resolution of β -EST. In addition, the sample was diluted by doubling the amount of grinding solution. Differential staining of α - and β -esterases was performed using methods described by Singh & Cunningham (1981). The Tris-citrate buffer system used was CA-8 (Steiner & Joslyn, 1979) with the gel and electrode pH changed to 8.5 and 8.0, respectively.

Table 1 List of *D. noxia* collections used in the genetic analyses

Location of collection	Host plant	Year collected	Type of collection ¹ (<i>n</i>)
Imperial County, CA ⁶	Wheat	1990	C, P (3)
Larimer County, CO ⁶	Wheat	1989	C
Latah County, Idaho ⁶	Wheat	1989	C
Ellis County, KS ⁶	Wheat	1989	C
Wheatland County, MT ⁶	Wheat	1989	C, P (3)
Wheatland County, MT	Wheat	1990	C
Scottsbluff County, NB ⁶	Wheat	1989	C, P (2)
Cheyenne County, NB	Wheat	1989	C, P (1)
Torrence County, NM ⁶	Wheat	1989	C, P (1)
Torrence County, NM	Oat	1989	C
Churchill County, NV	Wheat	1990	C, P (2)
Churchill County, NV	Barley	1990	P (1)
Jackson County, OK ²	Wheat	1988	C
Umatilla County, OR ⁶	Wheat	1989	C, P (2)
Umatilla County, OR	Wheatgrass	1989	C, P (1)
Bailey County, TX	Wheat	1986	C
Potter County, TX	Wheat	1989	C
Lubbock County, TX ^{3, 4}	Wheat	1989	C, P
Knox County, TX ⁵	Wheat	1986	C
Scurry County, TX ⁵	Wheat	1986	C
Tom Green County, TX ⁵	Wheat	1986	C
Laramie County, WY	Wheatgrass	1989	C
Laramie County, WY	Wheat	1989	C, P (1)
Fremont County, WY	Barley	1989	C
Alberta, Canada ⁶	Wheat	1989	P (2)
Seranon, France ⁴⁻⁶	Wheat	1989	C
Antibes, France ⁴⁻⁶	Wheat	1989	C, P (1)
Disi, Jordan ⁴⁻⁶	Wheat	1989	C
Iachmen, Kirghiz ⁴⁻⁶	Wheat	1989	C
Mexico City, Mexico ⁶	Wheat	1990	C
Komrat, Moldavia ⁴⁻⁶	Barley	1989	C
Bethlehem, South Africa ⁶	Wheat	1990	P (3)
Aleppo, Syria ⁴⁻⁶	Wheat	1989	C, P (3)
Beyparazi, Turkey ⁴⁻⁶	Wheat	1989	C
Crimean Peninsula, Ukraine ⁴	Wheat	1989	P (1)
Kerson, Ukraine ⁴	Wheat	1989	P (1)

¹ C = clone; P = population, separate collections of ≥ 100 individuals collected from one to three different fields (*n*).

² Clone found to differ in cuticular hydrocarbon profile from other *D. noxia* from the U.S.A. (Bergman *et al.*, 1990).

³ Collections determined to exhibit biotypic variation (Puterka *et al.*, 1992).

⁴ Collections found to differ in life cycle (Kiriak *et al.*, 1990)

⁵ Clones differing slightly in virulence (Bush *et al.*, 1989).

⁶ Mixed population analysed with RAPD-PCR.

Aphid homogenates were prepared by placing one large aphid (two smaller aphids from clones) into the well of a standard 64-well flat bottom microtiter plate positioned on an ice pack, adding 15 μ l of grinding solution made of 10 per cent sucrose and 0.01 per cent Triton X-100 in distilled water (Black & Krafur,

1985), and grinding the aphid by hand with a 6 mm glass rod. Samples prepared with and without Triton X-100 revealed that the detergent significantly enhanced enzyme activity. The aphid homogenates were absorbed into 4 mm \times 5 mm squares of Whatman number 2 filter paper and loaded into the slot of an

11.5 per cent starch gel that was 19 cm wide \times 11 cm long \times 6 mm thick. The last lane of the gel was loaded with a tracking dye (0.5 per cent bromophenol blue, 30 per cent sucrose in distilled water). Up to 30 aphid samples, plus two tracking dye lanes, could be loaded in one gel. The gel was chilled by a tray of ice placed on top during the run. Electrophoresis was performed at a constant 120 V for 4 h or until the tracking dye migrated 9 cm from the origin. Afterwards, the paper squares were removed and the gel was sectioned horizontally into four or five, 1 mm thick slices. This allowed four to five different enzymes to be evaluated from a single aphid.

The 23 enzyme systems were tested to identify those that yielded good resolution and activity. Four to six replications (individual gels) for each of the 23 enzymes were performed on the clones to test for polymorphisms within clones. A total of 28 individuals were surveyed per enzyme locus in uncloned field populations represented by a single collection, whereas 20 individuals were surveyed per collection in populations represented by one to three field collections.

For each enzyme stain, the activity and numbers of presumptive loci and alleles were scored. Band mobility was scored as a proportion of the mobility of the most common band. The percentage of loci found to be polymorphic and the average expected heterozygosity were calculated within the entire worldwide aphid collection. Phylogenetic analysis was conducted on aphid populations using Nei's unbiased genetic distances (Nei, 1978) among populations and a dendrogram was constructed using the UPGMA algorithm in BIOSYS-1 (Swofford & Selander, 1981).

RAPD-PCR analysis

The DNA isolation procedures, PCR buffers, protocols and products are described in Black *et al.* (1992). A total of 14 primers were initially screened in populations from Jordan, France, Syria and California (U.S.A.) to identify primers that consistently revealed well amplified, polymorphic bands. The BAM and ECO primers described in Black *et al.* (1992) were used in addition to primers C01 through C12 from Operon Technologies Inc. (Table 2). Only 18 of the populations listed in Table 1 were analysed. In uncloned samples from Jordan, France (two locations), Syria, California, Canada and South Africa, we analysed 10 individuals with the BAM primer to estimate variation within populations.

Each band in an aphid was scored as 1, if present, or 0, if absent. The fraction of bands matching in two aphids (M) was calculated using the formula:

$$M = N_{AB}/N_T$$

where N_{AB} is the total number of matches (i.e. both bands absent or both bands present) in individuals A and B and N_T is the total number of fragments scored. A value of 1 for both measures indicated that two individuals had identical patterns; a value of 0 indicated that two individuals had completely different patterns.

Cluster analyses were performed using an unweighted pair-group method algorithm (UPGMA) on the values of $1 - M$. Dendrographs were plotted using the within-group and between-group values calculated using modifications of the FORTRAN

Table 2 RAPD-PCR markers analysed in 18 worldwide collections of *D. noxia*

Primer name	Sequence	Number of polymorphic bands	Well-amplified polymorphic bands	Faint polymorphic bands
BAM	5'-ATGGATCCGC-3'	15	15	0
ECO	5'-ATGAATTCGC-3'	3	3	0
CO1	5'-TTCGAGCCAG-3'	11	0	11
CO2	5'-GTGAGGCGTC-3'	0	0	0
CO3	5'-GGGGGTCTTT-3'	0 (no products)	0	0
CO4	5'-CCGCATCTAC-3'	10	1	9
CO5	5'-GATGACCGCC-3'	0	0	0
CO6	5'-GAACGGACTC-3'	10	1	9
CO7	5'-GTCCCGACGA-3'	6	2	4
CO8	5'-TGGACCGGTG-3'	0	0	0
CO9	5'-CTCACCGTCC-3'	0	0	0
C10	5'-TGTCTGGGTG-3'	0	0	0
C11	5'-AAAGCTGCGG-3'	14	6	8
C12	5'-TGTCATCCCC-3'	0	0	0
Total		69	28	41

program of McCammon & Wenninger (1970). Our modification of this program for RAPD-PCR markers is called 'RAPDPLOT' (Kambhampati *et al.*, 1992) and is available from WCB.

Results

Enzyme electrophoresis

Active and well resolved bands were produced in 17 of the 23 enzyme stains tested. These stains, the 20 presumptive loci they reveal, the numbers of presumptive alleles per locus, the buffer systems used, and the different aphid genotypes are listed in Table 3. The numbers of loci encoding each enzyme are consistent with those reported in other aphids (Steiner, 1988), with the exception of leucine aminopeptidase (LAP). The LAP enzyme in aphids commonly has two loci represented by two to four bands, but we detected a single LAP locus in *D. noxia*. Strong differential activity was observed when staining for α - and β -esterases (EST). The α -EST was represented by three widely spaced monomorphic bands while β -EST

bands did not leave the origin using the standard CA-8 buffer system. The α -EST bands migrated off the gel long before the β -EST bands began to migrate when using the modified CA-8 buffer system. Analysis of α -EST was abandoned so β -EST could be evaluated. Enzymes that had too low or no activity were fumarase (FUM), hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase (HBDH), triose phosphate isomerase (TPI), superoxide dismutase (SOD), acid phosphatase (ACPH) and peptidase (PEP).

Of the 20 loci examined, three (15 per cent) were found to be polymorphic: β -EST, phosphoglucose isomerase (PGI), and 6-phosphogluconate dehydrogenase (6-PGDH) (Table 3, Fig. 1). Polymorphic esterase loci have been reported in other aphids (Beranek, 1974; Wool *et al.*, 1978; Simon *et al.*, 1982). Variation in the PGI enzyme has been reported among populations of *Rhopalosiphum maidis* (Fitch) (Steiner *et al.*, 1985b) and a polymorphic 6-PGDH locus was discovered among biotypes of *Schizaphis graminum* (Rondani) (Abid *et al.*, 1989). The average expected heterozygosity was 4.9 per cent in the 31 world populations examined.

Table 3 The 17 enzymes consisting of 20 presumptive enzyme loci used to evaluate genetic variation in *D. noxia*

Enzyme	Buffer system	Number of bands	Genotypes
Alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH)	LiOH	1	100/100
Aldehyde oxidase (ALDOX)	LiOH	1	100/100
Adenylate kinase-1 (ADK-1)	CA-8	2	77/100
Adenylate kinase-2 (ADK-2)	CA-8	2	57/100
β -Esterase (β -EST)	CA-8	1-3	70/100, 29/29, 29/70/100
Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G-6-PDH)	CA-8	1	100/100
Glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase-1 (GOT-1)	LiOH	1	100/100
Glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase-2 (GOT-2)	LiOH	1	100/100
α -Glycerophosphate dehydrogenase (α -GPDH)	CA-8	1	100/100
Glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase (G-3-PDH)	CA-8	1	100/100
Hexokinase-1 (HK-1)	CA-8	2	100/130
Hexokinase-2 (HK-2)	CA-8	1	100/100
Leucine aminopeptidase (LAP)	LiOH	1	100/100
Malic dehydrogenase (MDH)	CA-8	2	100/130
Malic enzyme (ME)	LiOH	2	100/113
Phosphoglucose isomerase (PGI)	LiOH	1 or 2	100/100, 100/119
Phosphoglucomutase (PGM)	LiOH	1 or 2	100/118
6-Phosphogluconate dehydrogenase (6-PGDH)	CA-8	3	100/100, 100/115/130
Octanol dehydrogenase (ODH)	LiOH	1	100/100
Xanthine dehydrogenase (XDH)	LiOH	1	100/100

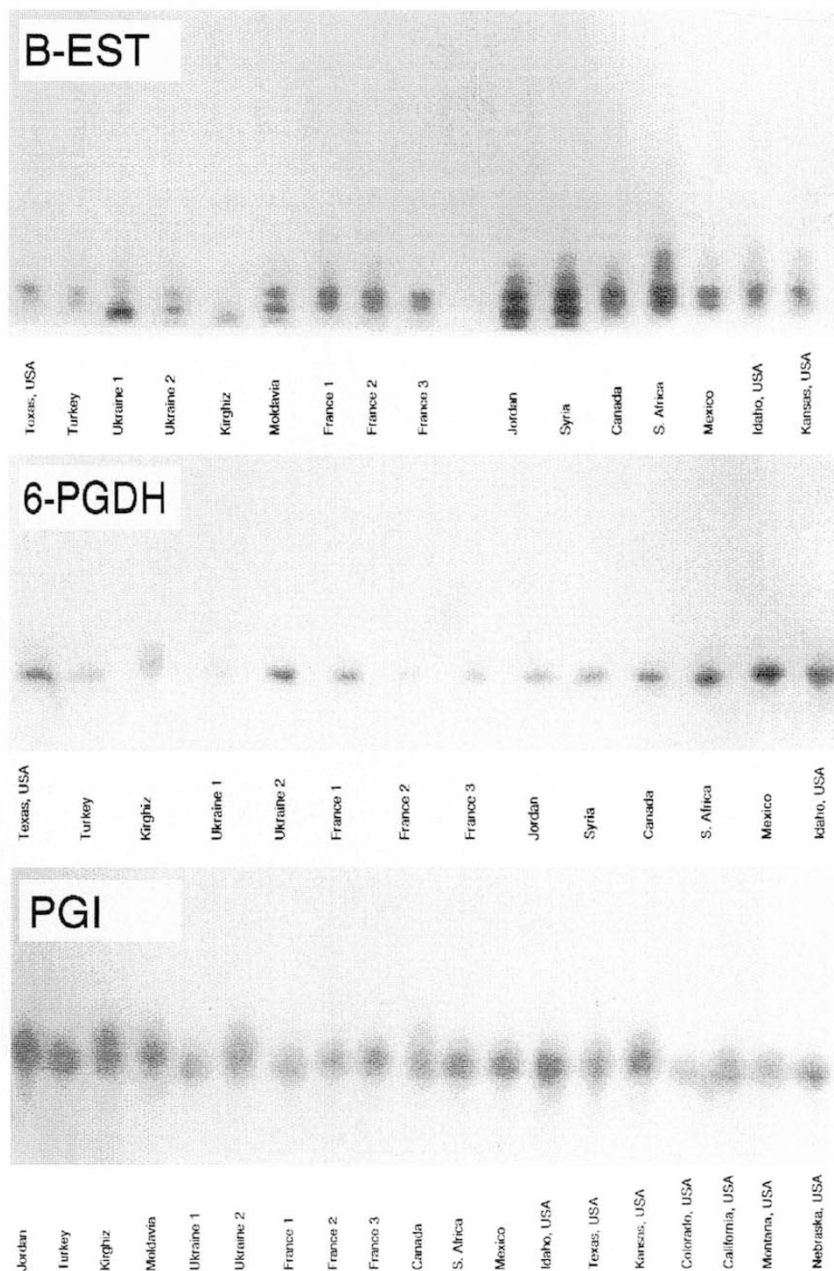


Fig. 1 Allozyme patterns for the three polymorphic enzyme loci among a worldwide collection of *D. noxia* using starch gel (12 per cent) electrophoresis. Ukraine 1 = Crimean, Ukraine; Ukraine 2 = Kerson, Ukraine; France 1 = Antibes, France; France 2 = Seranon, France; France 3 = Behoust, France.

RAPD-PCR analysis

Primer sequences and the number of bands scored are listed in Table 2. Bands revealed by RAPD-PCR using the BAM primer and the C04 primer among several world populations are displayed in Fig. 2A and B. For comparison of all world populations, 69 bands amplified by seven primers (ECO, BAM, C01, C04, C06, C07 and C11) were used. The sizes of bands amplified by each primer are listed in Table 4. The occurrences of these 69 bands in the 18 populations are listed in

Table 5. A second analysis was completed using only well amplified polymorphic bands. There were 28 of these distributed among all seven primers except C01 (Table 4).

Genetic variation within aphid populations

Genotypes revealed using either allozyme (Table 6) or RAPD-PCR markers (Table 7) were consistent within aphid clones supporting the observation that parthenogenesis in *D. noxia* produces offspring that do not

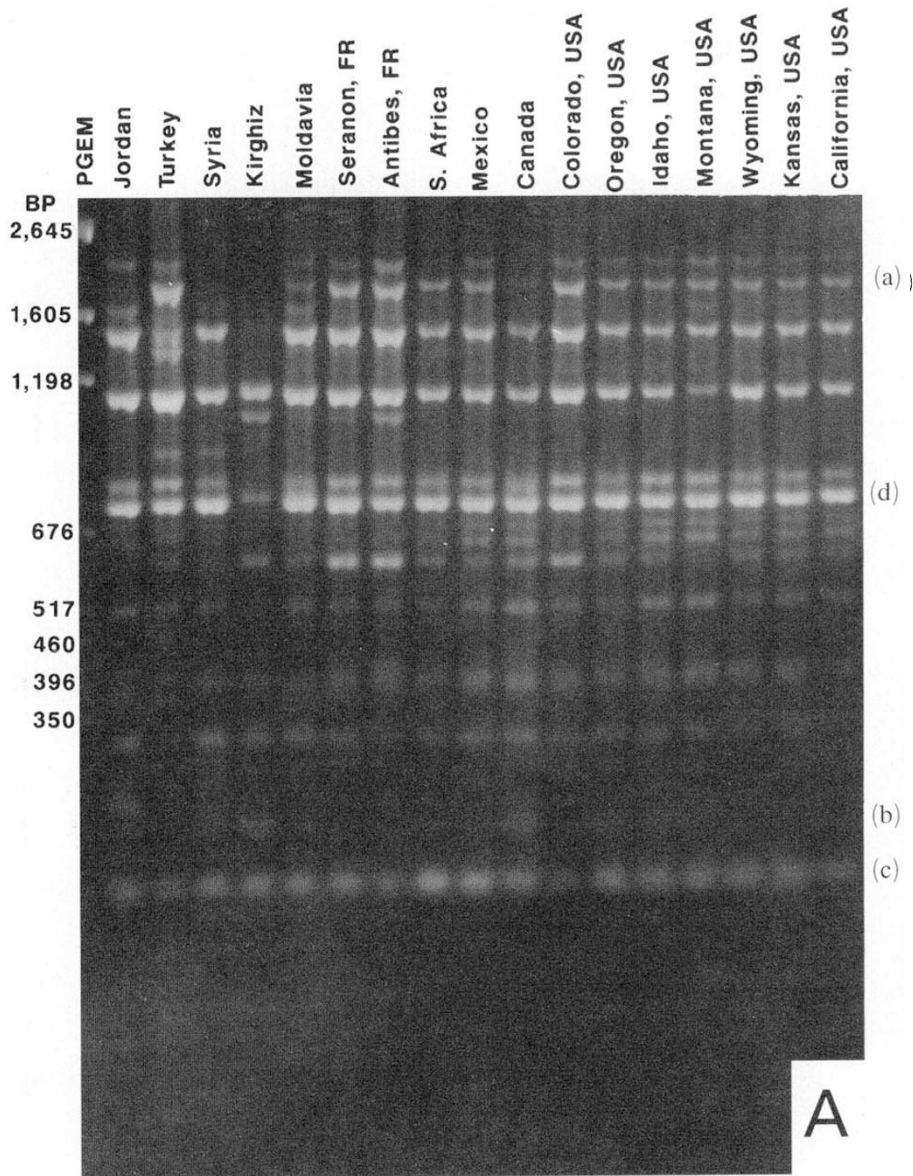


Fig. 2 (A) Agarose gel (1.2 per cent) containing size fractionated DNA amplified by RAPD-PCR using the BAM primer. Band (a) is an example of a high molecular weight band that appears sporadically among individuals. These are not scored. Band (b) is an example of a lower molecular weight band that appears sporadically. These also are not scored. Band (c) is an example of a well-amplified monomorphic band. Band (d) is an example of a well-amplified polymorphic band (band number 12; Table 5). (B) Agarose gel (1.2 per cent) containing size fractionated DNA amplified by RAPD-PCR using the C04 primer.

differ genetically from their stem-mother as in other aphid species (Suomalainen *et al.*, 1980). In all populations examined with enzyme markers, virtually no genetic variation was observed, particularly in populations collected in those countries where *D. noxia* was recently introduced. The single exception was the Ukrainian population in which two distinct genotypes were found, yet even here there was a lack of allozyme variation within individual collections. Similarly, with the exception of two genotypes in South Africa, very little intrapopulational variation was observed in RAPD-PCR markers in uncloned samples from by which we analysed 10 individuals per population (Table 7).

Genetic variation among aphid populations

Five distinct aphid genotypes were detected based on the three polymorphic allozyme loci. Clones from the Crimean Peninsula, Ukraine (Ukraine 1); Jordan; and Syria were of the same genotype. The Kerson, Ukrainian (Ukraine 2); Kirghizian; and Moldavian *D. noxia* were each a unique genotype, while populations in the remainder of the countries were all a single distinct genotype. The allelomorph occurring in Turkey was especially noteworthy in that it differed from all other clones in the Mediterranean region, but was identical to other *D. noxia* populations recently established in distant geographical areas throughout

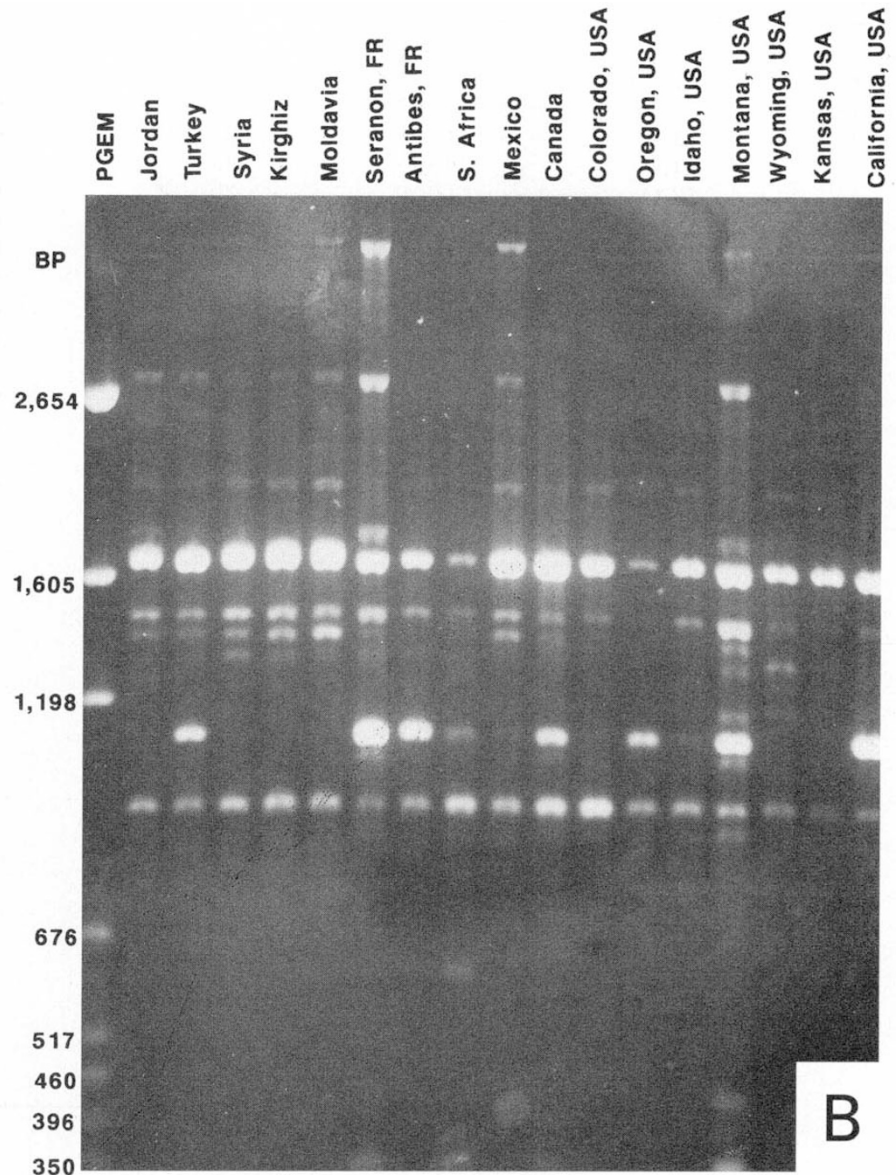


Fig. 2 Continued

the world. Genetic relationships among *D. noxia* populations based on allozyme data are depicted in a dendrogram (Fig. 3). This analysis grouped the populations into five distinct clusters. These clusters correspond with geographic regions to some degree (i.e. Jordan, Syria, Ukraine 1 and Canada, Mexico, U.S.A.). However, a large genetic distance did exist between the Ukraine populations.

We had originally intended to perform analyses of band frequencies in all populations but so little variation in RAPD-PCR profiles was detected *within* the six uncloned field collections that bands common to all members of a population were grouped into a single profile. The UPGMA dendrogram based on $1 - M$

using all 69 polymorphic markers or 28 well-amplified markers (Table 4g) are displayed in Fig. 4A&B. In contrast to the allozyme dendrogram, all populations could be differentiated using RAPD-PCR markers.

In both RAPD-PCR dendrograms, all of the populations that clustered as a single allozyme genotype also clustered on a single branch. The U.S.A. populations also clustered with Mexico, South Africa, France and Turkey. There was no correspondence between geographical distance and $1 - M$ in U.S.A. populations with either dendrograms. Populations from adjacent states did not cluster. Furthermore, the two populations from southern France did not cluster, and Syria clustered with Moldavia rather than Jordan when using

Table 6 Genetic variation in a worldwide collection of *D. noxia* based on three polymorphic enzyme loci¹

Location	n ²	Life cycle ³	Genotypes		
			β -EST	PGI	6-PGDH
U.S.A.					
Imperial County, CA	60	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Wheatland County, MT	60	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Scottsbluff County, NB	40	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Cheyenne County, NB	28	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Torrence County, NM	28	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Churchill County, NV	60	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Umatilla County, OR	60	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Lubbock County, TX	28	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Laramie County, WY	28	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
23 U.S. cloned colonies	4–6	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Alberta, Canada	40	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Antibes, France	6	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Seranon, France	6	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Behoust, France	28	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Disi, Jordan	6	A	29/70/100	100/100	100/100
Iachmen, Kirghiz	6	A	29/29	100/119	100/115/130
Mexico City, Mexico	6	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Komrat, Moldavia	6	A/H	29/70/100	100/119	100/100
Bethlehem, South Africa	40	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Aleppo, Syria	6	A	29/70/100	100/100	100/100
Beyparazi, Turkey	6	A	70/100	100/100	100/100
Crimean Peninsula, Ukraine	28	A/H	29/70/100	100/100	100/100
Kerson, Ukraine	28	A/H	29/29	100/119	100/100

¹ Three polymorphic enzymes were found out of the 17 enzymes (20 loci) that were investigated. All seventeen enzymes were investigated in the clone colonies. Three polymorphic enzyme loci plus hexokinase, malate dehydrogenase, malic enzyme, phosphoglucomutase, alcohol dehydrogenase, glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase were evaluated for the mixed samples of *D. noxia*.

² Number of individuals examined per enzyme locus. Sample locations represented by a clone colony had three gels (replications) per enzyme locus. Mixed samples from locations represented by one field had 28 individuals evaluated per enzyme locus while locations with 2 to 3 fields sampled had 20 individuals per field evaluated making a total of 40–60 individuals evaluated per enzyme locus.

³ A = anholocyclic; H = holocyclic life cycle; based on Kiriac *et al.* (1990) and what is generally known about their biology in these countries.

all 69 fragments (Fig. 4A). We interpret this result to indicate that faint bands may not amplify consistently. Therefore, polymorphisms in the occurrence of these bands may reflect vagaries of DNA preparation and amplification rather than actual genetic differences.

Discussion

The average expected heterozygosity estimated in eight other aphid species ranged from 0 to 4.4 per cent for populations within a country (Rhomberg *et al.*, 1985). The 4.9 per cent estimated in *D. noxia* is among the

highest reported for any aphid. However, no heterozygosity was detected in five of the six countries we investigated. Allozyme variation was not detected between the U.S.A. clone that differed in cuticular hydrocarbon profile and the 22 other clones from that country. Furthermore, no allozyme differences were found between the aphid clones collected in Texas in 1986 by Bush *et al.* (1989) and the *D. noxia* we collected throughout the western U.S.A. in 1989–90.

A greater number of genetic polymorphisms was detected using RAPD-PCR and, consequently, the technique was better able to discriminate among

Table 7 RAPD-PCR bands common to 10 individuals sampled in seven populations of *D. noxia*. These represent bands amplified with the BAM primer. The presence of a band is denoted with a 1, while the absence is denoted with a 0. The identity of bands by primer and size appears in Table 5

<i>D. noxia</i> population	Band number														
	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
California, USA 1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 6	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 7	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 8	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 9	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
California, USA 10	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Canada 1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Canada 2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Canada 3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Canada 4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
Canada 5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0
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Seranon, FR 7	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Seranon, FR 8	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Seranon, FR 9	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
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Jordan 6	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Jordan 7	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Jordan 8	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Jordan 9	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Jordan 10	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0

Table 7 Continued

<i>D. noxia</i> population		Band number														
		4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Syria 1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 3	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 4	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 5	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 6	6	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 7	7	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 8	8	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 9	9	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Syria 10	10	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1

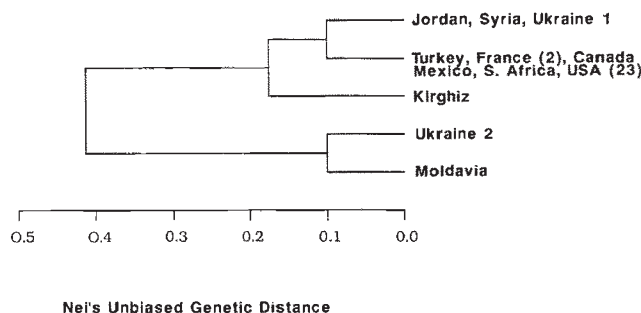


Fig. 3 Dendrogram showing the phenetic relationships among *D. noxia* from various locations throughout the world, based on three polymorphic enzyme loci. Number of locations represented within a country (*n*); Ukraine 1 = Crimean Peninsula, Ukraine; Ukraine 2 = Kerson, Ukraine.

populations. These results demonstrate what has long been suspected: allozyme analysis does not adequately reflect the true level of genetic variation in aphids. The same observation has been made using DNA fingerprinting techniques (Carvalho *et al.*, 1991; Shufran *et al.*, 1991).

Most of the allozyme and RAPD-PCR diversity was found among populations in the eastern and north-eastern Mediterranean regions. The factors responsible for this diversity could be the holocyclic life cycle documented in these regions. *D. noxia* populations in the Ukraine are holocyclic (Kiriak *et al.*, 1990) and this may account for the two distinct allelomorphs. Using either RAPD-PCR or allozyme markers, very little genetic variation was found within a population. This was true of collections from areas in which the aphid was introduced recently as well as those made throughout its native habitat. We have no explanation for the absence of diversity found within populations using RAPD-PCR markers despite finding substantial variation among collections. Lack of regional genetic varia-

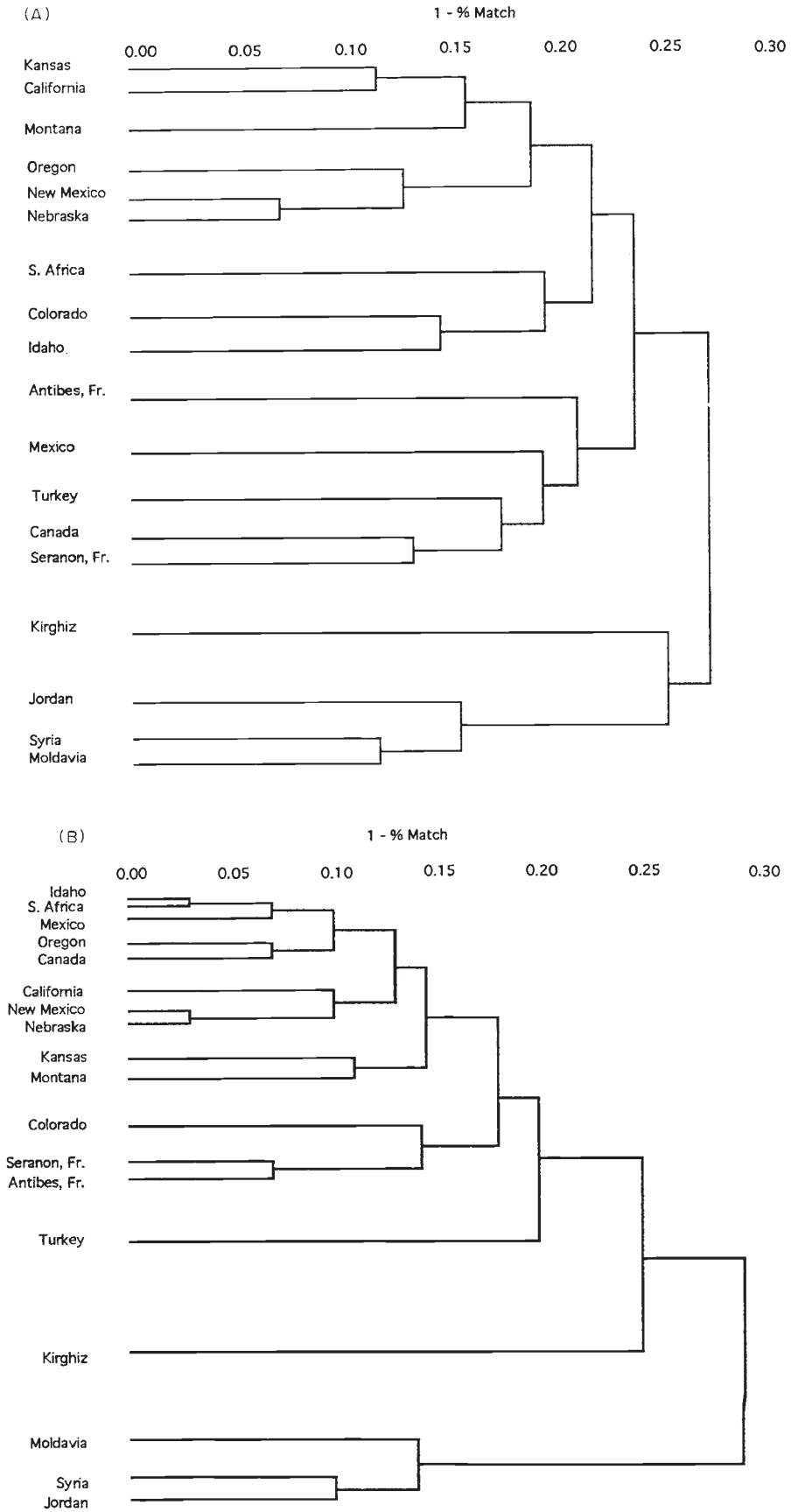


Fig. 4 (A) Dendrogram showing the phenetic relationships among *D. noxia* from various locations throughout the world, based on genetic polymorphisms generated by RAPD-PCR. This dendrogram was constructed using all 69 polymorphic bands. (B) Dendrogram showing the phenetic relationships among *D. noxia* from various locations throughout the world, based on genetic polymorphisms generated by RAPD-PCR. This dendrogram was constructed using only the 28 well-amplified polymorphic bands.

tion in other aphid species has been attributed to directional selection acting on parthenogenetic clones (Blackman, 1985; Wool *et al.*, 1978; Soumalainen *et al.*, 1980; Simon *et al.*, 1982) and founder effects (May & Holbrook, 1978; Steiner *et al.*, 1985b). The few surviving genotypes rapidly dominated niches within a region through their well-developed migration mechanism (flight) and parthenogenetic reproduction.

Studies on the biotypic status of these same *D. noxia* clones from Turkey, Syria, France, Moldavia, Kirghiz and U.S.A. indicated that these are all unique biotypes that must differ genetically (Puterka *et al.*, 1992). The Seranon, France, clone was biotypically most similar to the U.S.A. clone, but even these two clones differed in virulence to at least two cereal accessions. Such comparisons indicate that allozyme variation is randomly associated with the biotype trait. In rare cases, allozyme variation has been shown to correspond with host specificity as in *Macrosiphum euphorbiae* (Thomas) (Steiner *et al.*, 1985a) and *Aphis fabae* (Scopoli) (Furk, 1979). However, there have been many cases where allozyme variation was not detected in aphid host races or biotypes (May & Holbrook, 1978; Beregovoy & Starks, 1986) or had no bearing on host-specificity (Abid *et al.*, 1989; Simon *et al.*, 1982; Steiner *et al.*, 1985a). The presence of distinct biotypes within the same allelomorphs suggests that biotypes are a recent development in the evolutionary history of *D. noxia*.

There was perfect agreement in the phylogenies derived by allozyme and RAPD-PCR analysis, with the exception of the placement of populations from Kirghiz and Moldavia with respect to those from Syria and Jordan. Both suggest that the French, South African, Mexican and U.S.A. populations shared a common origin and that they may have originated in Turkey. This pattern was also suggested by the biotype data (Puterka *et al.*, 1992). The lack of correspondence between geographical distance and genetic distance in the U.S.A. may suggest random establishment of clones through commerce rather than through migration. A similar pattern was observed in the mosquito *Aedes albopictus*, following its introduction into the U.S.A. (Black *et al.*, 1988). The species is known to be transported over long regions by tyre commerce (Hawley *et al.*, 1987). More extensive sampling of several locations within each state will be needed to test this hypothesis in *D. noxia* populations.

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