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CHAPTER 1 - Literature review

INTRODUCTION

The Soybean Aphid (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura) (SBA) is a soybean pest introduced to North America in the summer of 2000 (Hartman et al. 2001). From then on, the infested soybean-growing area has spread as far south as Mississippi and Georgia in 2005 and as north as three Canadian provinces (Venette and Ragsdale 2004). In August of 2002, the SBA was first reported in five eastern Kansas counties (Sloderbeck et al. 2003). In September of 2004, the SBA was detected in 64 Kansas counties. Some soybean field in northeastern Kansas was sprayed as the SBA population hit the economic injury threshold. From 2005 to 2007 SBA populations were relatively low with no reports of serious injury. However, in 2008 populations were again well established in northeast Kansas (Whitworth et al. 2010).

The SBA has been the most serious threat to soybean production in China (Wang et al. 1962, 1996; Yue et al. 1989; Wu et al. 1999; Sun et al. 2000). Adults and nymphs of SBA cause plant damage and yield loss by both extracting phloem sap from host plant and transmitting viruses (Guo and Zhang 1989; Wang et al. 1998).

The SBA can be controlled by chemical insecticide, natural enemies, and plant resistance genes. Compared with other methods, host plant resistance is more efficient, economical and environmentally friendly. In addition, plant resistance is an integral component of an integrated pest management (IPM) system (Auclair 1989) and has been shown to be highly compatible with other control methods.

SBA resistance genes can be used in plant breeding by conventional backcrossing and selection or by marker assisted selection. Molecular markers that are tightly linked to the SBA

resistance gene will help select desired individual progeny quickly and accurately. In this study, Kansas soybean lines were screened for SBA resistance (Chapter 2). One of the identified resistant lines, K1621, was then investigated for the character and inheritance of the resistance gene (Chapter 3). One major QTL that controls SBA resistance was identified in K1621 using quantitative trait loci (QTL) mapping and validation (Chapter 4).

SOYBEAN

Economic importance

The soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] is a species of legume cultivated for protein and oil. Native in East Asia, soybean has been grown by farmers in China for 5,000 years. Soybean is widely used to produce meal, feed, oil, and biodiesel fuel. In the United State, soybean production has increased from 1,861 million bushels in 1984 to 3,361 million bushels in 2009. Soybean crop value was \$ 31,760 million in 2009, which is almost three times of the crop value in 1984. Today farmers in more than 30 states grow soybeans, making soybean the United States' second largest crop in cash sales and the number one value crop export (SOYSTATS 2010).

Soybean genome

The dense genetic marker map of soybean (Choi et al. 2007; Song et al. 2004) has been used extensively in QTL mapping studies for more than 90 distinct traits (Schmutz et la. 2010). However the functional gene or transcription factor underlying the QTL is unknown in most cases. Most recently, the soybean genome was sequenced by a whole-genome shotgun approach and integrated with physical and high-density genetic maps (Schmutz et la. 2010). The 1.1-gigabase genome sequence is assembled into 20 chromosomes. Among the predicted 46,430

protein-coding genes, 75% of them are duplicated. The available soybean genome sequence will allow cloning and identification of the genes that are already mapped (Meyer et al. 2009). In addition, comparative genomics approach can be used between soybean and other species to facilitate gene identification.

SOYBEAN APHID (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura)

Morphology and biology

The soybean aphid (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura) (SBA) is a small (adult size is 1/16 in), light yellow or yellowish green aphid with two distinct black cornicles at the tip of its abdomen. SBA is morphologically and biologically similar to other aphids. For a long time SBA was mistaken for the cotton aphid (*Aphis gossypii* Glover). Zhang and Zhong (1982) showed that the offspring of the cross between *A. glycines* and *A. gossypii* could reproduce parthenogenetically and sexually and complete their life cycle. Voegtlin et al. (2004) compared *A. glycines*, with *A. gossypii* and *A. nasturtii* Kaltentbach that have the same overwinter host. In general, most characters of *A. glycines*, including alate spring migrants, apterous viviparous females and alate viviparous females, are not as distinct as those of the other two species. However, a combination of body color, black cornicles, and its colonization on soybean distinguishes *A. glycines* from other aphid species.

The SBA has a typical heteroecious holocyclic life cycle (Zhang and Zhong 1982; Ragsdale et al. 2004). During its life history, SBA alternate hosts between primary host buckthorn (*Rhamnus*) and secondary host cultivated soybean (*G. max*). Wild Glycine species can also serve as secondary host for SBA (Wang et al. 1962). The SBA overwinters as eggs under the buds of buckthorn. In spring nymphs hatch and develop into wingless females (fundatrices).

The following generations on buckthorn consist of wingless (apterous viviparous) females and winged (alate viviparous) females, which then emigrate to cultivated soybean field. During the summer, SBA reproduces parthenogenetically on soybean plants for 15 to 18 overlapping generations. Both wingless and winged females are produced on soybean to build up colony and migrate to other host plants throughout the growing season. In autumn, winged females (gynopara) emigrate from soybean to buckthorn and produce nymphs that develop into wingless females (oviparae). At the same time winged male aphids produced on soybean also emigrate to buckthorn in search of oviparae. Eggs are produced after males and oviparae mate and over winter on buckthorn (Fig. 1.1).

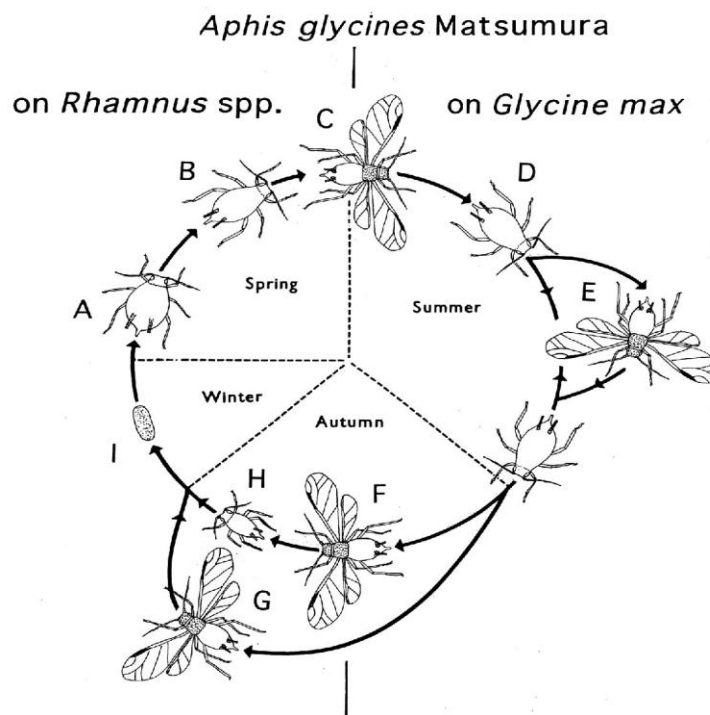


Figure 1.1 Life cycle of the soybean aphid (Ragsdale et al. 2004).

(A) Fundatrix on *Rhamnus*. (B) Apterous viviparous female on *Rhamnus*. (C) Alate viviparous female, spring migrant from *Rhamnus* to soybean. (D) Apterous viviparous female on soybean. (E) Alate viviparous female, summer migrant. (F) Gynopara, fall migrant from soybean to *Rhamnus*. (G) Male migrates from soybean to *Rhamnus*. (H) Ovipara, on *Rhamnus*. (I) Overwintering egg on *Rhamnus*.

Origin and distribution

Soybean aphid was native of Asia and widely distributed in the major soybean-growing regions of China (Wang et al. 1962). The SBA has also been reported as a pest in Korea (Chung et al. 1980), Japan (Takahashi et al. 1993), the Philippines (Quimio and Calilung 1993), Thailand (Paik 1963), Indonesia (Iwaki 1979), Malaysia (Blackman and Eastop 2000), India (Takahashi et al. 1993), Russia (CAB International 2001) and Australia (Fletcher and Desborough 2000).

In the North America, soybean aphid was first found in the Great Lakes area of the United State in the summer of 2000 (Alleman et al. 2002) and in Canada in 2001 (Baute 2002). From 2000 to 2009 the SBA has migrated into all major soybean-growing areas of North America. The first major impact occurred in 2001 and then the pest has broken out of every-other-year pattern. During the 2009 growing season, the SBA developed into economic populations in eastern region (New York and Ontario, Canada) began in July continuing through August, as well as in Midwestern region (Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa) during August. In some affected areas in S. Illinois and Missouri, the SBA populations reached or exceeded economic threshold (Voegtlin and Cullen 2009). The North Central IPM Center built up a regional soybean aphid suction trap network to monitor fall flight of SBA back to its overwintering host, and make prediction of the outbreak in the following year.

Damage and economic loss caused by SBA

Reproduction of the SBA on soybean is affected by temperature. The optimum temperature for reproduction is between 72 to 77°F with the relative humidity below 78 percent. A population can double in size between 2.7 and 13.4 days, depending on the temperature (Ragsdale et al. 2007). Adults and nymphs of the SBA use their piercing/sucking mouthparts to extract phloem sap from stems, leaves and pods of soybean plants. The direct feeding causes leaf

distortion, chlorosis, plant stunting, reduced pod set and decreased seed weights (He et al. 1991; Wang et al. 1962; Wu et al. 1999).

A byproduct of SBA feeding is secreted out of their bodies as honeydew that sticks on stems and the surface of leaves and permits the growth of sooty mold, which turns the leaves dark and interferes with plant photosynthesis (He et al. 1991; OMAFRA 2002), thus leads to yield loss and quality reduction (Lin et al. 1993).

In addition to direct feeding, the SBA is an efficient transmitter of several viruses, including alfalfa mosaic virus, bean yellow mosaic virus peanut stunt virus, tobacco ringspot virus (Clark and Perry 2002), soybean mosaic virus (Clark and Perry 2002; Burrows et al 2005), and potato virus Y (Davis et al. 2005). Soybean mosaic virus is of major concern because it causes yield loss and decrease seed quality (Wu et al. 2004).

Yield loss caused by SBA was over 50% in heavily infested fields in China (Wang et al. 1998). Ostlie (2002) reported almost a 50% yield loss in southeast Minnesota in 2001. Study of Beckendorf et al. (2008) showed that aphid numbers and the soybean yield and components had strong negative linear relationships. In addition to yield loss, SBA feeding affects seed oil and protein concentration (Beckendorf et al. 2008). The maximum possible yield loss is as high as 75% and 48% for SBA infestation starting at V5 stage and R2 stage, respectively (Catangui et al. 2009).

Strategies for control of SBA

The strategies of SBA management include chemical control, biological and cultural control, and host plant resistance. Chemical control is the most used method for controlling SBA in China (Wang et al. 1998; Ye et al. 1996). The use of insecticides has increased in the North Central region of the United States to control SBA since its arrival and establishment

(NASS/USDA 2005). Foliar-applied pyrethroid and organophosphate insecticides are the major chemicals for SBA management in North America (Johnson et al. 2009). Seed treatment with neonicotinoid insecticide is another option to control SBA with the ease of use and protection from early season insect pests (Bradshaw et al. 2008). Currently the widely accepted economic threshold for spraying is 250 aphids per plant between flowering (R1) and early seed set (R5) (Ragsdale et al. 2007). Though chemical control is fast and effective, the increased use of insecticides not only causes environmental problems, but also kills natural enemies and promotes pest resistance.

An alternative method to control SBA is to use natural enemies. A number of natural enemies of SBA have been reported in China, including parasitoids, predators, and pathogen hyperparasitoids (Wu et al. 2004). Some of the species are also present in the United States, including Asian lady beetle (*Harmonia axyridis*), insidious flower bugs (*Orius insidiosus*) (Rutledge et al. 2004), and parasitoids (*Aphidius sp.*) (Nielsen and Hajek 2005). Predators help suppress SBA population growth in June and July when fields have small aphid population. But if the population is higher than 200 aphids per plant, the impact of these predators is limited. A strain of parasitoid wasp *Binodoxys communis* (Gahan) was collected from soybean aphid in China and released in the soybean field in North America in 2007. This species appears to be well adapted and exhibits fairly high levels of host specificity (Wyckhuys et al. 2007).

Cultural control is considered as an important method to manage SBA. The impact of various controllable factors, including cropping system, soybean variety, sowing time, and fertilizer and pesticide application on the soybean aphid has been analyzed by Wang and Ba (1998) and Wang et al (2000). By interplanting soybean and maize(4:1) or sowing soybean and maize seeds (9:2) in the same holes, soybean yield significantly increased and *A. glycines* was

effectively controlled by natural enemies (Wang et al. 2000). In addition, early planting was thought to allow soybeans to escape or delay aphid population buildup.

Compared with chemical and biological control, host plant resistance is an efficient, economical and environmentally friendly method for controlling SBA. In addition, plant resistance is an integral component of an integrated pest management (IPM) system (Auclair 1989) and has been shown to be highly compatible with other control methods (Smith 2005). Research of soybean resistance to SBA in the United States started shortly after the arrival of the pest. Hill et al. (2004a) studied SBA colonization on *Glycine* species and other legumes. The colonization was observed on *Glycine* species, but not on other legumes. After screening over 1500 soybean genotypes, Hill et al. (2004b) found SBA resistance in seven soybean genotypes. The soybean cultivars Jackson, Dowling, and PI 71560 are highly resistant to SBA (Hill et al. 2004b; Li et al. 2004).

To prevent and manage SBA breakout, more than one strategy should be organized into an IPM system to reach the efficiency and reduce side effects.

SOYBEAN RESISTANCE TO SOYBEAN APHID

Categories and mechanisms of plant resistance

Plant resistance is genetically inherited qualities that make plants suffer lesser damage compared to those without these qualities, when challenged by insects (Painter 1951; Smith 1989). There are three categories of plant resistance to insects: Antixenosis, Antibiosis, and Tolerance. Often there is overlap between the antibiosis and antixenosis. Two or more categories may work together in one resistant plant (Smith 1989).

Antixenosis, also known as nonpreference resistance, leads to a plant acting as a poor host and the pest then selects an alternate host plant (Smith 2005). Antixenosis can be morphological or chemical. Physical barriers, such as thickened epidermal layers, waxy coatings on leaves and stems, or trichoma can force insects to feed on other host plant. Volatile chemicals emitted by the resistant plants, such as alkaloids, terpene lactones, and phenols can act as repellents to insects (Smith 1989). Antixenosis resistance to aphid is usually determined by choice experiment. Free- moving aphids are allowed to feed on plants of different genotypes. The plants with larger colony of aphid are more susceptible than those with fewer aphids.

Antibiosis resistance affects adversely the biology of an insect pest that is attempting to feed on the plant (Smith 2005). Both chemical and morphological plant defenses mediate antibiosis. When some toxins and inhibitors are present or the levels of essential nutrients decrease, antibiosis occurs. Non-choice experiments are often used to determine plant antibiotic resistance. The movement of aphid is restricted in a certain area on the plant. Intrinsic rate of increase (Hawley et al. 2003; Miller et al. 2003), decreased fecundity and longevity, and increased mortality (Li et al. 2004) of the aphid can be assessed and used as an indicator of antibiotic resistance.

Tolerance is the ability possessed by plant that can withstand or recover from damage caused by insect populations equal to those on susceptible cultivars (Smith 2005). Unlike antixenosis or antibiosis, tolerance is plant character and is not part of an insect-plant interaction. However, tolerance often occurs together with antixenosis and antibiosis. Different from antixenosis and antibiosis, the quantitative assessment of tolerance is often accomplished by evaluating the plant characteristics. Tolerance is usually measured by dry weight loss (DWT) and SPAD (Soil Plant Analysis Development) meter readings (Flinn et al. 1994). Other

measurements, such as main tiller height, number of tillers, chlorosis, leaf rolling, number of florets, and head length are also used in experiments (Miller et al. 2003).

Sources of soybean resistance

Currently, there is no commercial variety with SBA resistance available in the United States. However a large amount of soybean germplasm has been screened for SBA resistance and a few resistant genotypes have been identified (Diaz-Montano et al. 2006; Hill et al. 2004; Mensah et al. 2005; Mian et al. 2008a). Study of Hill et al. (2004b) reported seven genotypes with highly resistance to SBA, of which three ancestors of North American genotypes Dowling and Jackson possess antibiosis resistance and PI 71560 possesses antixenosis resistance. Among the early maturing (maturity group III) germplasms, four genotypes were found resistant to SBA (Mensah et al. 2005), of which PI 567541B and PI 567598B have antibiosis resistance; PI 678543C and PI 678697C have antixenosis resistance. Mian et al. (2008a) identified PI 243540 with antibiosis resistance. Diaz-Montano et al. (2006) screened more than 200 commercial soybean lines and Kansas soybean experimental lines and identified Pioneer 95B97 and K1639 (Schapaugh et al. 2010) as highly antibiotic to SBA. Three other soybean genotypes (K1621, K1613, and K1642) showed moderate resistance.

Soybean aphid resistance genes and QTLs

A single dominant gene in Dowling and Jackson was mapped to the same region in linkage group (LG) M (Hill et al. 2006a, b). The resistance gene in Dowling, between SSR markers Satt435 and Satt463, was named *Rag1* (Li et al. 2007). The gene in Jackson remained unnamed because of its unknown relation with *Rag1*. Shortly after *Rag1* was reported, a new biotype of soybean aphid (Ohio biotype) was identified and believed to be virulent to *Rag1* (Kim

et al. 2008). Later, a resistance gene to the Ohio biotype in PI 243540 was identified and named *Rag2*. Gene *Rag2* was mapped to LG F between markers Satt334 and Sct_033 (Mian et al. 2008b). Most recently, Zhang et al. (2010) reported a new gene in LG J for SBA resistance from PI 567543C and named it *Rag3*. Two quantitative trait loci (QTL) associated with SBA resistance in early maturing germplasm PI567541B were mapped to LG M and F (Zhang et al. 2009). More recently, a single dominant gene controlling resistance to both biotypes in PI200538 was mapped to LG F (Hill et al. 2009) in the same region as *Rag2*.

QTL MAPPING

Phenotyping and genotyping

Quantitative traits are genetically determined characteristics that can be measured as continuous value, such as plant height and crop yield. In contrast to qualitative traits, which are controlled by one of few genes, quantitative traits are controlled by multiple genes. Quantitative traits are very common and important in biological studies. It is common to study quantitative traits by characterizing QTL affecting it. QTL mapping is a process that estimates the number of genes and individual gene effects, detects the location of QTL on chromosomes, and refines the genetic architecture for the quantitative trait. QTL mapping is the first step toward identification of the actual genes. It can be applied to map-based gene cloning and plant and animal breeding to perform selection of a desired trait more efficiently. The theory of QTL mapping was first described by Sax (1923), who noted a complex trait, seed size in bean was associated with a simple monogenic trait, seed coat color. Modern QTL mapping is derived from this idea, with the defined sequences of DNA acting as the linked monogenic markers.

A typical QTL mapping study in plants starts with mapping population buildup. Two parental homozygous lines are crossed and generate heterozygous F_1 seeds. Individuals of F_1 generation can be crossed with one of the parents (backcross design), or intercrossed and kept selfing several times to get recombinant inbred lines (RIL). RIL have been commonly used in QTL studies because there are little within-line genetic variance. The population size needs to be considered. It is more likely to detect QTL with small effect in larger population (Zeng 1994; Vales et al. 2005).

Two sets of data, phenotyping data and genotyping data, will be collected from the mapping population. The process of measuring traits of interest is called phenotyping. Easy and efficient methods need to be used for phenotyping because the operation could be very costly and time- and labor-consuming. Genotyping is the process of determining the genotype of individual using molecular markers. Commonly used molecular markers include restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) based markers, such as sequence tagged sites (STS), random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD), amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP), simple sequenced repeats (SSR or microsatellites), and single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP). Currently SSR and SNP markers are commonly used in QTL mapping studies.

SSR is a small segment of DNA, usually 2 to 5 bp in length that repeats itself a number of times. Some of the major core motifs of soybean SSR markers include ATT, AT, CTT, and CT (Choi et al. 2007; Song et al. 2004). Most SSRs are single-locus markers, and many SSR loci are multi-allelic. These characteristics make SSRs ideal for both creating genetic maps and defining linkage group homology across mapping populations (Song et al. 2004).

Genetic map construction

The first soybean genetic linkage map of molecular markers was reported by Keim et al. (1990) which contained a total of 150 RFLP loci. Two more genetic maps were developed based on RFLP, isozyme, and morphological markers (Lark et al. 1993; Shoemaker and Specht 1995). Cregan et al. (1999) reported a genetic map based on one or more of three populations, containing 606 SR loci, 689 RFLP, 79 RAPD, 11 AFLP, 10 isozyme, and 26 classical loci. For the first time, 20 consensus linkage groups were established, correlating the 20 soybean chromosomes. Song et al. (2004) reported an integrated genetic linkage map of soybean, which contains 1,015 SSRs, 709 RFLPs, 73 RAPDs, 24 classical traits, six AFLPs, ten isozymes, and 12 others. A total of 5551 SNPs were discovered and mapped to soybean genome. These SNP markers saturated the gaps between some SSR markers and provide important resource for QTL discovery and map-based cloning (Choi et al. 2007).

Because genetic markers are frequently polymorphic in one population, but monomorphic in another, researchers construct genetic linkage map of their own based on specific populations. Popular softwares used to construct genetic linkage maps are MapMaker (Lander et al. 1987) and JoinMap (Stam 1993; Van Ooijen and Voorrips 2001).

QTL mapping methods

Based on the maximum-likelihood method, four approaches are commonly used for QTL mapping: single marker analysis (SMA), interval mapping (IM), composite interval mapping (CIM), and multiple interval mapping (MIM).

SMA method is based on ANOVA, or simple linear regression, and performs statistical analysis between single marker and trait value. The calculations are based on phenotypic means and variances with each of the genotypic classes. The SMA was thought less powerful than the

interval mapping methodologies based on two markers and their estimated genetic map because it confounds the QTL effect from the QTL location (Doerge et al. 1997). However, Rebai et al. (1995) found that IM were more powerful than SMA only in certain cases. This finding was confirmed by Coffman et al. (2003) and they concluded that additional genotypic information in the second marker increased the power of two marker approaches. But under certain situations, SMA is equivalent or more powerful than two marker analysis with the advantage of simplicity.

An IM method is used to estimate the position of a QTL within two markers. The calculations are based on maximum likelihood or simple regression (Haley and Knott 1992). In either calculation, a likelihood ratio (LR) is calculated as a test statistic. The LR can be transferred to a LOD score (logarithm (base 10) of odds) at a certain position (Lander and Botstein 1989). Once LOD score exceeded the threshold, there is evidence for a QTL at that location. Some QTL mapping programs can calculate both LR and LOD directly.

The method of CIM is an extension of IM that evaluates the possibility of a QTL in one interval while simultaneously fitting partial regression coefficients for markers elsewhere in the genome that account for variance caused by non-target QTL (Jansen and Stam 1994; Zeng 1994). CIM can remove the bias caused by QTL that are linked to the position being tested. The method gives more power and precision than simple IM. In CIM, cofactors are used to reduce residual variation by controlling for the genetic background. Cofactors are determined by model selection procedures such as forward selection and backward elimination.

MIM uses multiple marker intervals simultaneously to fit multiple putative QTL directly in the model for QTL mapping (Kao et al. 1999). MIM is a method with improved precision and power for mapping QTL. Numbers, locations, effects and epistasis between QTL can be readily estimated and analyzed.

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CHAPTER 2 - Identification of SBA resistance genotypes from Kansas soybean germplasm

INTRODUCTION

Soybean aphid (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura) (SBA) has become an invasive pest insect to soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] since its arrival in North America in 2000 (Hartman et al., 2001). The SBA causes damage by both direct feeding and transmitting viral diseases. Soybean plants can be infested by SBA at any growing stage and the worst damage occurs when plants are infested in the early seed-setting stage (Catangui et al., 2009). The SBA was first reported in five eastern Kansas counties (Sloderbeck et al. 2003) in 2002. In September of 2004, the SBA was detected in 64 Kansas counties. Some soybean field in northeastern Kansas was sprayed as the SBA population hit the economic injury threshold. From 2005 to 2007 SBA populations were relatively low with no reported crop yield losses. However, in 2008 populations were again well established in northeast Kansas (Whitworth et al. 2010).

Compared with chemical and biological control, host plant resistance is an efficient, economical and environmentally friendly method for controlling SBA. There are three categories of plant resistance to insect: antixenosis, antibiosis, and tolerance (Smith, 1989). Antibiosis is the most desired category in breeding programs because the biology of the insect is strongly negatively affected. To measure antibiotic resistance, non-choice experiments are commonly used, where insects' movement is restricted to a single host. The insect reproduction ability is a good index to show the level of plant antibiotic resistance.

The objective of this study was to screen Kansas soybean lines for SBA antibiotic resistance.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Soybean aphid colony

The SBA used in all experiments were originally collected from a Kansas soybean field in Geary County, KS, in the summer of 2002. The SBA colony was maintained on soybean KS4202 plants in a growth chamber under a photoperiod of 14: 10(L: D) h and temperature of 24°C (day) and 20°C (night).

Screen test for SBA resistance

Kansas soybean lines were screened for SBA resistance using non-choice tests. Testing lines, the susceptible check KS4202, and the resistance check Jackson or Dowling were planted individually in 3.8-cm-diam. by 21.0-cm-deep plastic Cone-tainers (Ray Leach Cone-tainer, Hummert International, Earth City, MO) and arranged in a completely randomized design with 3 to 5 replicates in a greenhouse under a photoperiod of 14: 10(L: D) h and temperature of 20-26°C. Plastic trays were placed underneath the plants and filled with water to ensure each plant was watered evenly and consistently. When plants grew to V1 stage (Fehr and Caviness, 1977), two wingless aphid adults were transferred to the upper side of each unifoliolate leaf of each plant. Movement of aphids was restricted in double-sided sticky cages (Converters, Inc., Huntingdon Valley, PA) with an inner oval area of 1.2 cm². Cages were covered with a piece of mesh cloth right after aphids were put into the cages. The total number of aphids produced on each plant was counted 7d after infestation. Results were separated using t-test with $\alpha=0.05$. Genotypes were considered resistant, when the total aphid number is not significantly different from that on Jackson; and moderate resistant, when the total aphid number is higher than that on Jackson but significantly lower than susceptible check KS4202.

RESULTS

Experiment 1: screening test for SBA resistance (48 lines)

A total of 48 Kansas soybean lines were screening for SBA resistance in the year of 2005-2006. Numbers of adult and nymph on each plant were counted and total aphid number was calculated as the sum of adults and nymphs. The total aphid number on each genotype ranged from 0 to 100. Susceptible check KS4202 and resistant check Jackson had total aphid number of 66.3 and 0, respectively. None of the testing genotypes was as resistant as Jackson and some genotypes showed moderate resistance (Table 2-1).

Table 2-1 Experiment 1: screening test for SBA resistance (48 lines)

Genotype	total SBA number / plant	number of adults / plant	number of nymphs / plant
K03- 4691	100.0 a†	14.5 a-i	85.5 a
K1630RR	75.7 ab	17.3 a-d	58.3 abc
K03- 2037	72.5 abc	11.0 a-j	61.5 abc
K03- 2706	72.3 abc	7.3 a-j	65.0 ab
K03- 2814	72.0 abc	15.0 a-i	57.0 abc
K1623RR	71.0 abc	11.3 a-j	59.7 abc
KS4202	66.3 a-d	10.0 a-j	56.3 a-d
K03- 2820	66.3 a-d	14.7 a-i	51.7 a-e
K03- 2801	66.0 a-d	19.3 a	46.7 a-f
K03- 4698	64.0 a-e	16.0 a-f	48.0 a-e
K03- 4689	62.0 a-e	8.0 a-j	54.0 a-e
K03- 4244	60.3 a-e	14.7 a-i	45.7 a-f
K03- 2399	59.7 a-e	15.7 a-g	44.0 a-f
K03- 4686	59.3 a-e	9.7 a-j	49.7 a-e
K1619	57.7 a-e	13.7 a-i	44.0 a-f
K03- 3825	56.3 a-e	5.7 b-j	50.7 a-e
K03- 3496	56.0 a-f	13.3 a-i	42.7 a-f
K03- 4702	55.0 a-f	11.0 a-j	44.0 a-f
K01- 2531	54.7 a-f	16.3 a-e	38.3 b-f
K1631RR	54.3 a-f	18.0 ab	36.3 b-f
K03- 4685	52.3 a-f	9.0 a-j	43.3 a-f
K03- 4142	51.7 a-f	11.7 a-j	40.0 a-f
K03- 2839	49.3 a-f	6.3 a-j	43.0 a-f
K1643NRR	49.0 a-f	14.0 a-i	35.0 b-f
K03- 2054	48.7 a-f	8.3 a-j	40.3 a-f

Table 2-2 Experiment 1: screening test for SBA resistance (48 lines) (continued)

Genotype	total SBA number / plant	number of adults / plant	number of nymphs / plant
K03- 4684	48.3 a-f	15.3 a-h	33.0 b-f
K03- 2688	47.7 a-f	9.0 a-j	38.7 b-f
K03- 2694	46.0 a-f	17.5 abc	28.5 b-f
K03- 4150	42.3 b-f	10.0 a-j	32.3 b-f
K03- 4156	38.3 b-f	11.7 a-j	26.7 b-f
K03- 2788	36.0 b-f	3.7 e-j	32.3 b-f
K03- 3997	35.0 b-f	5.0 b-j	30.0 b-f
K03- 4146	32.3 b-f	6.7 a-j	25.7 b-f
K03- 4331	32.0 b-f	5.0 b-j	27.0 b-f
K03- 2791	30.7 b-f	3.3 e-j	27.3 b-f
K03- 4683	30.3 b-f	6.3 a-j	24.0 b-f
K5502NRR	29.3 b-f	4.0 d-j	25.3 b-f
K03- 2832	26.0 b-f	4.3 c-j	21.7 b-f
K03- 2811	22.0 b-f	5.7 c-j	16.3 c-f
K03- 4157	21.7 b-f	1.7 ij	20.0 b-f
K4602NRR	17.7 c-f	2.0 hij	15.7 c-f
K03- 4043	12.0 def	2.0 hij	10.0 def
K03- 3821	12.0 def	3.0 e-j	9.0 ef
K1620	11.3 def	1.7 ij	9.7 def
K03- 2897	11.0 def	2.7 f-j	8.3 ef
K03- 3582	9.7 ef	2.3 g-j	7.3 ef
JACKSON	0.0 f	0.0 j	0.0 f

† Mean aphid numbers followed by different letters are significantly different ($P < 0.05$; t-test).

Experiment 2: screening test for SBA resistance (10 lines)

A total of 10 Kansas soybean lines were screening for SBA resistance in 2006. Numbers of adult and nymph on each plant were counted and total aphid number was calculated as the sum of adults and nymphs. The total aphid number on each genotype ranged from 3.3 to 55.2. Susceptible check KS4202 and resistant check Jackson had total aphid number of 41.7 and 3.3, respectively. None of the testing genotypes was as resistant as Jackson. Six genotypes, K1642, K1613, K1621, K5502NRR, K4602NRR, and K1620 showed moderate resistance (Table 2-2).

Table 2-3 Experiment 2: screening test for SBA resistance (10 lines)

Genotype	total SBA number/ plant	Number of adults / plant	Number of nymphs / plant
JACKSON	3.3 a†	1.7 a	1.7 a
K1642	19.4 b	3.2 ab	16.2 b
K1613	19.0 b	4.2 abc	14.8 b
K1621	23.0 bc	4.2 abc	18.8 bc
K5502NRR	21.8 bc	4.8 bcd	17.0 bc
K4602NRR	29.7 bcd	5.7 bcd	24.0 bcd
K1620	35.4 cd	6.6 cde	28.8 cd
K03-4150	43.0 de	9.5 ef	33.5 de
KS4202	41.7 de	7.3 def	34.3 de
K03-2706	55.2 e	10.2 f	45.0 e

† Mean aphid numbers followed by different letters are significantly different (P<0.05; t-test).

Experiment 3: segregation of K1639

Genotype K1639 showed similar resistance to SBA as Jackson in previous study (Diaz-Montano 2006). However, heterogeneity was observed in the population. In 2005 eight F_{8,9} progeny of K1639 were evaluated for SBA resistance. Segregation for aphid resistance among eight lines was observed. Total aphid number ranged from 4.2 on K1639-3 to 35.0 on K1639-1. Susceptible check KS4202 had total aphid number of 46 and the number is not significantly different from that on K1639-1. Line K1639-1 was used as susceptible resource in future study. K1639-2 was released as germplasm resistant to SBA and soybean cyst nematode (Chapter 5).

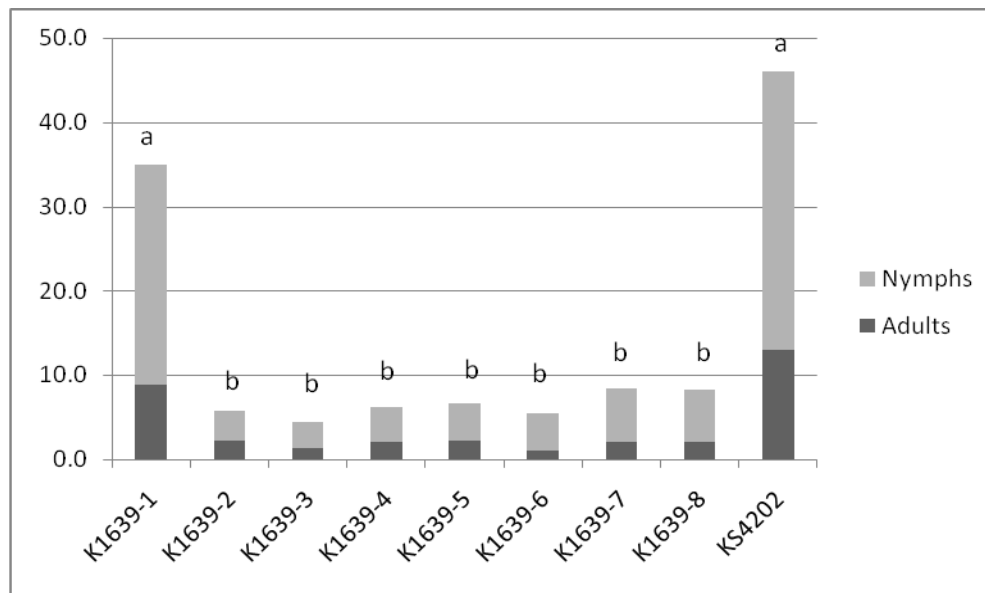


Figure 2.1 Segregation of 8 progeny lines of K1639. Letters indicate significant difference of total aphid number ($p < 0.05$; t-test).

Experiment 4: screening test for SBA resistance (15 lines)

A total of 15 Kansas soybean lines were screening for SBA resistance in 2009. The total aphid number on each genotype ranged from 0 to 47.6. Susceptible check KS4202 and resistant check Jackson had total aphid number of 19 and 0, respectively. Eleven genotypes, K07-4065, K07-4018, K07-4063, K07-4030, K07-4076, K07-4016, K07-4067, K07-4100, K07-4108, K07-4020, and K07-4031, showed resistance to SBA similar to Jackson (Table 2-3).

Table 2-4 Experiment 4: screening test for SBA resistance (15 lines)

Genotype	Total SBA number/plant	
K07-4073	47.6	a†
K07-4026	33.6	ab
K07-4023	24.6	bc
KS4202	19.0	bcd
K07-4085	10.5	cde
K07-4065	4.7	e
K07-4018	1.7	e
K07-4063	1.4	e
K07-4030	0.4	e
K07-4076	0.4	e
K07-4016	0.3	e
K07-4067	0.2	e
K07-4100	0.2	e
K07-4108	0.2	e
Jackson	0.0	e
K07-4020	0.0	e
K07-4031	0.0	e
LSD	15.4	

† Mean aphid numbers followed by different letters are significantly different (P<0.05; t-test).

Experiment 5: screening test for SBA resistance (46 lines)

A total of 46 Kansas soybean lines were screening for SBA resistance in 2010. The total aphid number on each genotype ranged from 0 to 58. Susceptible check KS4202 and resistant check Dowling had total aphid number of 27.8 and 0, respectively. Nineteen genotypes (bold in Table 2-5) showed resistance to SBA similar to Dowling.

Table 2-5 Experiment 5: screening test for SBA resistance (46 lines)

Genotype	Total SBA number/plant	Genotype	Total SBA number/plant
K08-2532	58.0 a†	K08-5764	12.5 d-l
K08-5258	33.3 b	K08-5597	12.5 d-l
K08-6219	31.5 bc	K03-3825	12.3 d-l
K08-2509	31.3 bc	K08-6312	11.0 e-l
K08-5760	31.0 bc	K04-3234	10.3 f-l
K08-6336	28.0 bcd	K08-2454	10.0 f-l
KS4202	27.8 bcd	K08-6591	9.3 f-l
K08-5718	27.0 b-e	K08-1117	8.5 g-l
K08-6406	25.3 b-f	K05-4184	8.0 h-l
PIONEER 93M62	24.7 b-g	K08-5236	7.3 h-l
K08-5208	22.0 b-h	5601T	6.7 h-l
K08-5210	20.7 b-i	K08-5914	6.7 h-l
ASGROW AG4403	20.5 b-i	LD00-281	6.5 h-l
K08-5230	19.3 b-j	K08-6031	5.0 i-l
K08-5472	19.3 b-j	K08-6374	5.0 i-l
K08-5911	19.0 b-j	K08-5898	3.0 jkl
K08-6263	17.0 b-k	KS5004N	2.3 kl
K08-5125	16.3 c-l	K08-5892	2.0 kl
K08-5570	16.0 c-l	K08-2449	1.3 kl
K04-2203	14.3 d-l	K08-2043	1.3 kl
K08-2529	14.0 d-l	K08-5984	1.0 kl
K08-5862	13.3 d-l	Dowling	0.0 l
K08-5241	13.3 d-l	K08-1692	0.0 l
		LSD	16.5

† Mean aphid numbers followed by different letters are significantly different ($P < 0.05$; t-test).

Experiment 6: screening test for SBA resistance (31 lines)

A total of 31 Kansas soybean lines were screening for SBA resistance in 2010. The total aphid number on each genotype ranged from 0 to 28.5. Susceptible check KS4202 and resistant check Dowling had total aphid number of 25 and 0.6, respectively. Ten genotypes (bold in Table 2-5) showed resistance to SBA similar to Dowling.

Table 2-6 Experiment 6: screening test for SBA resistance (31 lines)

Genotypes	Total SBA number/plant	Genotype	Total SBA number/plant
K03-3825	28.5 a†	K09-1108	13.8 c-h
K08-5349	27.8 ab	K08-6238	13.0 c-i
KS4202	25.0 abc	K08-5864	13.0 c-i
K08-6036	23.3 a-d	K08-2452	13.0 c-i
K05-2730	23.0 a-d	K08-6247	12.8 c-j
K08-6219	22.5 a-d	K08-6236	11.5 d-k
K08-6067	21.5 a-d	K08-2545	11.3 d-k
K08-5331	19.5 a-e	K08-6221	11.0 d-k
K08-5286	19.0 a-e	K08-5863	8.8 e-k
K09-1678	18.3 a-f	K09-3624	6.0 f-k
K08-1170	17.0 a-g	K08-5760	5.3 g-k
K08-2528	17.0 a-g	K08-5997	2.8 h-k
IA3023	16.3 a-g	K09-3581	0.8 ijk
K08-5764	15.8 b-g	Dowling	0.6 jk
K09-3592	15.5 b-g	K09-2845	0.5 jk
K08-2532	14.5 c-h	K09-1117	0.3 k
K09-3584	14.5 c-h	LSD	12.4

† Mean aphid numbers followed by different letters are significantly different (P<0.05; t-test).

Conclusion and Discussion

A total of 150 Kansas soybean experimental lines have been screened for SBA resistance. Genotypes with resistance and moderate resistance have been discovered. K1639-2 has been released as germplasm resistant to SBA and soybean cyst nematode. K1639-2 and moderately resistant genotypes K1621, K1613, and K1642 were crossed with susceptible genotype KS4202 or resistant genotype Jackson or Dowling, to make several mapping populations. Study of F₂ generation of populations K1639-2/Jackson and K1639-2/Dowling indicated no segregation of SBA resistance among F₂ plants (Appendix A). K1639-2 might possess the same resistance gene as that in Dowling and Jackson. To discover new resistance gene, population of KS4202/K1621 will be used in further study. All of the identified resistant germplasm can be used in breeding program for SBA resistance.

CHAPTER 3 - Inheritance of Soybean Aphid Resistance in Soybean Genotype K1621

ABSTRACT

The soybean aphid (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura) has been a major threat to soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] production in North America since its arrival in 2000. Host plant resistance is an effective method to control soybean aphid. Soybean genotype K1621 showed moderate antibiotic resistance against soybean aphid. The objective of this study was to determine the inheritance of soybean aphid resistance in K1621. Plants of F₁, F₂, and F₂-derived F₃ (F_{2:3}) families from a cross between K1621 and susceptible genotype KS4202 were evaluated for soybean aphid resistance. All F₁ plants showed resistance to the soybean aphid. Segregation of each of three independent F₂ populations and the pooled F₂ population data fit a single dominant gene ratio of 3:1 (P=0.28, 0.64, 0.26, and 0.85, respectively). The 150 F_{2:3} families segregated in an expected 1:2:1 ratio. Our results indicated that one major dominant gene controls soybean aphid resistance in K1621. This gene may be useful in development of soybean cultivars that are resistant to soybean aphid.

Key words: Plant breeding, crop genetics, insect resistance, plant disease.

Abbreviations: SBA, soybean aphid; PI, plant introduction; IPM, integrated pest management.

INTRODUCTION

Soybean aphid (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura) (SBA) has become an invasive pest insect to soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] since its arrival in North America in 2000 (Hartman et al., 2001). The SBA causes damage by both direct feeding and transmitting virus diseases. Soybean plants can be infested by SBA at any growing stage and the worst damage occurs when plants are infested in the early seed-setting stage (Catangui et al., 2009). The SBA has spread to most major soybean- growing regions in the USA and some Canadian provinces (Venette and Ragsdale, 2004) and has been shown to cause significant yield losses in several Midwestern states (Ostlie, 2002; Rice et al., 2007; Steffey, 2004).

Compared with chemical and biological control, host plant resistance is an efficient, economical and environmentally friendly method for controlling SBA. In addition, plant resistance is an integral component of an integrated pest management (IPM) system (Auclair, 1989) and has been shown to be highly compatible with other control methods. Host plant resistance has three categories: antibiosis, antixenosis, and tolerance, and resistant plants may possess one or more of these categories (Painter, 1951; Smith, 2005).

Since the first report of SBA in North America, large numbers of soybean accessions have been screened for SBA resistance. Hill et al. (2004) identified seven soybean accessions with aphid resistance, including Dowling and Jackson. Further study showed that a single dominant gene controlled resistance in both Dowling (*Rag1*) and Jackson (Hill et al., 2006a, b). Mensah et al. (2005) identified four plant introductions (PI) with antixenotic resistance to SBA (PI 567598B, PI 567541B, PI567543C, and PI 567597C) and two with antibiotic resistance (PI 567598B and PI 567541B). Diaz-Montano et al. (2006) screened more than 200 commercial soybean lines and Kansas soybean experimental lines and identified Pioneer 95B97 and K1639

as highly antibiotic to SBA. Three other soybean genotypes (K1621, K1613, and K1642) showed moderate resistance. In 2006, a new biotype of SBA virulent to *Rag1* was identified and named the Ohio biotype (Kim et al., 2008). Screening for more SBA resistance sources and incorporating resistance genes into elite soybean varieties are tasks that need to be completed for breeders to contribute to effective management of SBA.

To develop durable SBA- resistant cultivars, the number and nature of resistance genes needs to be understood. Among resistant Kansas soybean lines, K1639 possesses the *Rag1* gene, but the moderately resistant K1621 does not. The objective of this study was to determine inheritance of SBA resistance in the moderate resistance genotype K1621.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Population Development and F₁ Plant Evaluation

Crosses were made between SBA-susceptible soybean genotype KS4202 and SBA-resistant genotype K1621 by transferring viable pollen from K1621 to the stigma of emasculated flowers of KS4202 under field conditions. KS4202 is the progeny from the cross of KS4694 /C1842, and K1621 is derived from the cross of NTCPR 94- 5483/'Pana'. The F₁ seeds were harvested and advanced to the F₂ generation. Seeds from selected F₂ plants were further advanced to F_{2:3} families.

F₁ progeny of the cross were screened for resistance to the SBA Illinois biotype by using non-choice tests. The SBA used in all experiments were originally collected from a Kansas soybean field in Geary County, KS, in the summer of 2002. The SBA colony was maintained on soybean KS4202 plants in a growth chamber under a photoperiod of 14: 10(L: D) h and temperature of 24°C (day) and 20°C (night). F₁ plants, the susceptible (KS4202) and resistant (K1621) parents, and the resistant check Dowling were planted individually in 3.8-cm-diam. by 21.0-cm-deep plastic Cone-tainers (Ray Leach Cone-tainer, Hummert International, Earth City, MO) and arranged in a completely randomized design in a growth chamber under the same conditions described previously. Plastic trays were placed underneath the plants and filled with water to ensure each plant was watered evenly and consistently. When plants grew to V1 stage (Fehr and Caviness, 1977), two wingless aphid adults were transferred to the upper side of each unifoliate leaf of each plant. Movement of aphids was restricted in double-sided sticky cages (Converters, Inc., Huntingdon Valley, PA) with an inner oval area of 1.2 cm². Cages were covered with a piece of mesh cloth right after aphids were put into the cages. The total number of aphids produced on each plant was counted 7d after infestation.

Screening of the F₂ Generation

A total of 85 F₂ plants from three different F₁ plants were evaluated for SBA resistance following the same procedures described above. The F₂ plants, the KS4202 and K1621 parents, and the resistant check Dowling were planted in the same growth chamber under the same conditions used for F₁ evaluation. The number of SBA on each plant was counted 7d after infestation. Aphid numbers on resistant and susceptible parents were defined as r and s , respectively. The difference between r and s was defined as d . Any F₂ plants with aphid numbers $<(r+d/2)$ were considered resistant, and F₂ plants with aphid numbers $\geq(r+d/2)$ were considered susceptible. F₂ plants were classified as resistant when SBA numbers were <13 , and lines were considered susceptible when aphid numbers were ≥ 13 at 7d after infestation. The goodness of fit of the observed segregation among all F₂ plants was performed using χ^2 tests.

Screening of F_{2:3} Families

A population of 150 F_{2:3} soybean families was evaluated for SBA resistance. Each F₃ family contained up to 22 plants that were grown individually along with the resistant (K1621) and susceptible (KS4202) parents in Cone-tainers and arranged in a randomized complete block design with three replicates in the greenhouse under a photoperiod of 14:10(L:D) h and temperature of 20 to 28°C. The greenhouse screening procedures were the same as those described for the F₁ and F₂ screenings in the growth chamber. Each plant in this experiment was evaluated for aphid resistance. The F_{2:3} lines were classified according to the $(r+d/2)$ calculation as resistant when SBA numbers were <20 , and lines were considered susceptible when aphid numbers were ≥ 20 at 7d after infestation. The F_{2:3} families were classified as homozygous resistant if all plants in a family were resistant, homozygous susceptible if all plants in a family

were susceptible, or heterozygous if both resistant and susceptible plants in a family were identified. The goodness of fit among $F_{2:3}$ families was performed using χ^2 tests.

RESULTS

F₁ Generation Plants

The total number of SBA produced on K1621 ranged from 0 to 14 with an average of 7.4; the total number of SBA on KS4202 ranged from 16 to 42 with an average of 25.9 (Table 1). Among the eight F₁ plants screened for SBA resistance, the number of aphids per plant ranged from 5.5 to 10 with an average of 7.9 aphids. Phenotypic damage ratings of the F₁ plants were not significantly different from ratings of K1621 (P=0.90) but were significantly lower than ratings for the susceptible control KS4202 (P<0.0001).

Table 3-1 Mean number of soybean aphids on Dowling (resistant control), K1621 (resistant), KS4202 (susceptible), and an F₁ population derived from the cross of K1621 and KS4202 at 7d after infestation.

Soybean genotype	Number of plants	Mean ± S.E. number of soybean aphids per plant†
KS4202	10	25.9±2.4a
K1621	7	7.4±2.9bc
F1	8	7.9±2.7b
Dowling	7	0±2.9c

† Mean aphid numbers followed by different letters are significantly different (P<0.05; t-test).

F₂ Generation Plants

The total number of SBA on F₂ plants ranged from 0 to 29, and the difference between the average numbers of SBA on resistant K1621 plants (5.3) and susceptible KS4202 (22.3) was considerable (17). Each of the three F₂ populations segregated in a 3:1 resistant/susceptible ratio (P=0.28, 0.64, and 0.26, respectively) (Table 2). Segregation of the overall F₂ progeny fit the 3:1 resistant/susceptible ratio (P=0.85), indicating that a single dominant gene controls SBA resistance in K1621.

Table 3-2 Segregation of 85 F₂ plants in three F_{1:2} families for resistance to soybean aphid in a population from the cross of K1621 (resistant) and KS4202 (susceptible) at 7d after infestation.

F _{1:2} family	Number of plants	Observed†		Expected (3:1)		χ^2	P
		Resistant	Susceptible	Resistant	Susceptible		
1	35	29	6	26.3	8.8	1.15	0.28
2	24	17	7	18	6	0.22	0.64
3	26	17	9	19.5	6.5	1.28	0.26
Pooled	85	63	22	63.8	21.3	0.04	0.85

† Resistant= total aphid number per plant<13; Susceptible= total aphid number per plant≥13.

F_{2:3} Families

K1621 and KS4202 had total SBA numbers of 11.9 (resistant) and 27.9 (susceptible), respectively, at 7d after infestation, and the difference (16) between the parents was similar to that observed in the previous experiments with F₁ and F₂ plants. Segregation among F_{2:3} families for SBA resistance fit a 1:2:1 resistant/heterozygous/susceptible ratio (P=0.09; Table 3). The segregation ratios of the F₂ plants and F_{2:3} families indicated that SBA resistance in K1621 is controlled by a major dominant gene. Noticeably, K1621 and KS4202 sustained greater SBA reproduction in this experiment when grown with the F₃ generation plants than with either the F₁ or F₂ generation plants. This is because the F_{2:3} families were evaluated under a different environment than the F₁ and F₂ generations. However, the consistent difference, *d*, indicated the resistance evaluation method was reliable under different environments.

Table 3-3 Segregation of 150 F_{2:3} families from the cross of K1621 (resistant) and KS4202 (susceptible) for resistance to the soybean aphid at 7d after infestation.

Number of F _{2:3} families	Observed†			Expected (1:2:1)			χ ²	P
	R	H	S	R	H	S		
150	33	88	29	37.5	75	37.5	4.72	0.09

† R(resistant)= all plants in an F_{2:3} family were resistant if the number of aphids per plant was <20; H (heterozygote)= plants in a family segregated for resistance; S= all plants in an F_{2:3} family were susceptible if the number of aphids per plant was ≥20.

DISCUSSION

Two SBA resistance genes have been identified and named. *Rag1* from Dowling is resistant to the SBA Illinois biotype (Hill et al., 2006a; Li et al., 2007) and *Rag2* from PI 243540 is resistant to the SBA Ohio biotype (Kang et al., 2008; Mian et al., 2008). The relationships between the resistance gene in K1621 identified in this study and *Rag1* and *Rag2* are not known. Because this gene controls resistance to the Illinois biotype, K1621 might be a new resource for breeding SBA-resistant soybean. Phenotypic expression in the F₁ and segregation in the F₂ and F_{2:3} generations derived from the cross between resistant genotype K1621 and susceptible genotype KS4202 indicated that a single dominant gene controls SBA resistance. However, compared with the highly resistant cultivars Dowling and Jackson, K1621 possess moderate SBA resistance.

Other SBA resistance resources include two recessive genes in PI567541B and PI567598B (Mensah et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2009) and a dominant gene from PI200538 that confers antixenotic resistance to both the Illinois and Ohio biotypes (Hill et al., 2009). These genes are unnamed, and their allelism with the gene in K1621 is unknown.

Aphid number is a good indicator of plant antibiotic resistance because antibiosis affects the biology and population development of the insect. The screening method used in this study is a simple, quick, and efficient way to evaluate soybean germplasm for resistance to SBA. This method requires inclusion of resistant and susceptible checks in every screening test to compensate for the effects of environmental variation. Aphid population counts are also a good way to measure a trait that is not easily classified as either resistant or susceptible. In addition, an aphid population count is a trait that can be measured as a continuous number and easily used in

quantitative trait loci (QTL) mapping studies to further investigate the inheritance of resistance genes such as the dominant trait in K1621.

The dominant inheritance of SBA resistance in K1621 will be useful for introgression of the gene controlling resistance into adapted, elite soybean breeding lines. A goal of future research will be the identification and development of DNA markers tightly linked with the resistance gene in K1621. Marker-assisted selection can then be used to facilitate incorporation of the K1621 resistance gene into elite cultivars in a more rapid and efficient manner.

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CHAPTER 4 - QTL Mapping of Soybean Aphid Resistance Gene in K1621

ABSTRACT

The soybean aphid (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura) has been one of the major pests of soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] in soybean-growing regions of North America since it was first reported in 2000. K1621 is a soybean genotype with moderate resistance to soybean aphid biotype 1. The objectives of this study were to map and validate the resistance gene in K1621 using simple sequence repeat (SSR) markers. A mapping population of 150 F_{2:3} families from the cross between K1621 and susceptible genotype KS4202 were evaluated for aphid resistance. Phenotyping was conducted on the basis of total aphid number per plant 7 days following infestation with 4 aphids. After SSR markers for polymorphism were screened between parents, a total of 133 polymorphic markers distributed across the soybean genome were used for genotyping. One quantitative trait loci (QTL) controlling antibiotic resistance was found by using the composite interval mapping method. This QTL localized on chromosome 13 (linkage group F) between markers Sat_234 and S6814 and explained 54% of the phenotypic variation. The putative QTL was further validated by single marker analysis using an independent population derived from the cross of K1621 and Dowling. The locus for soybean aphid resistance in K1621 was named [*Rag*]_{K1621}. The markers identified and validated in this study could be useful for marker-assisted selection of [*Rag*]_{K1621}.

Key words: Plant breeding, crop genetics, insect resistance, plant disease.

Abbreviations: SBA, soybean aphid; QTL, quantitative trait loci; LG, linkage group; PI, plant introduction; SSR, simple sequence repeat; CIM, composite interval mapping; SCN, soybean cyst nematode.

INTRODUCTION

The soybean aphid (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura) (SBA) is one of the most serious threats to soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] production in China and other Asian countries (Wu et al. 2004). Since the SBA was introduced to North America in 2000 (Hartman et al. 2001), it has spread to most major soybean-growing regions in the United States and some areas in Canada (Venette and Ragsdale 2004). The SBA causes damage by direct feeding and transmitting virus diseases. Damage can occur at any soybean growth stage, but the worst damage is caused by infestation at the pod setting stage. Yield loss caused by heavy SBA infestation was 32% in Iowa in 2003 (Rice et al. 2007) and more than 50% in Minnesota (Ostlie 2002), and can be up to 50-70% in China (He et al. 1991).

A supplement to chemical and biological control, plant resistance is an efficient, economical, and environmentally friendly method to control SBA. A large amount of soybean germplasm has been screened for SBA resistance, and a few resistant genotypes have been identified (Diaz-Montano et al. 2006; Hill et al. 2004; Mensah et al. 2005; Mian et al. 2008a). Further studies showed that resistant varieties Dowling and Jackson possess a single dominant gene to SBA biotype 1 (Hill et al. 2010), and both genes were mapped to the same region in chromosome 7 [linkage group (LG) M] (Hill et al. 2006a, b). The resistance gene in Dowling was named *Rag1*, and that in Jackson remained unnamed because of its unknown relationship with *Rag1* (Li et al. 2007). Shortly after *Rag1* was reported, a new biotype of soybean aphid (biotype 2) was identified and believed to be virulent to *Rag1* (Kim et al. 2008; Hill et al. 2010). Later, a resistance gene to SBA biotype 2 was mapped to chromosome 13 (LG F) and named *Rag2* (Mian et al. 2008b). The third SBA resistance gene *Rag3* was mapped to chromosome 16

(LG J) by Zhang et al. (2010). Two quantitative trait loci (QTL) associated with SBA resistance in early maturing germplasm PI567541B were mapped to chromosome 7 and 13 (LG M and F; Zhang et al. 2009). More recently, a single dominant gene controlling resistance to both biotypes in PI200538 was mapped to chromosome 13 (LG F; Hill et al. 2009) in the same region as *Rag2*. The report of new SBA biotype (biotype 3) in 2010 (Hill et al. 2010) made the task of soybean breeding for aphid resistance more challenge.

Diaz-Montano et al. (2006) identified some Kansas soybean experimental lines, including K1621, with moderate resistance to the SBA biotype 1. Further study of the inheritance of SBA resistance indicated that a single dominant gene controls resistance in K1621 (Meng et al. 2010). Therefore, objectives of this study were to map the soybean aphid resistance gene in K1621 using simple sequence repeat (SSR) markers and validate the identified gene with another independent population.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Soybean aphid culture

Soybean aphids were originally collected from a soybean field in Geary County, Kansas, in summer 2002. The SBA colony is maintained on soybean KS4202 plants in a growth chamber under a photoperiod of 14 h light: 10 h dark and temperature of 24°C (day) and 20°C (night). The aphid colony is the biotype 1 and virulent to KS4202 (Dr. John Reese, personal communication).

Population development

Two separate populations were used in this study. The first population (mapping population) was developed by crossing soybean genotypes KS4202 and K1621 and advancing the progeny to the F_{2:3} generation. In addition, K1621 was crossed to Dowling and the F₁ seeds were harvested and advanced to the F_{2:4} generation to form the second population (validation population). KS4202 is susceptible to soybean aphids, K1621 has moderate resistance to SBA biotype 1, and Dowling contains the *Rag1* gene, which is also resistant to SBA biotype 1.

Aphid resistance evaluation

No-choice tests were conducted to evaluate plant antibiotic resistance in the greenhouse under a photoperiod of 14 h light: 10 h dark and temperature of 20-28°C. The first population of 150 F_{2:3} families and parents, KS4202 and K1621, was grown individually in plastic Cone-tainers (3.8-cm diameter by 21.0-cm deep, Ray Leach Cone-tainer, Hummert International, Earth City, MO) arranged in randomized complete block design with 3 replicates. Each family

contained up to 22 F₃ plants across the replications. Plastic trays were placed underneath the plants and filled with water to assure each plant was watered evenly and consistently.

Each plant was infested with two wingless SBA adults on the upper side of each unifoliolate leaf at V1 stage. Movement of SBA was restricted in double-side sticky cages (Converters, Inc., Huntingdon Valley, PA) with an inner oval area of 1.2 cm². Cages were covered with a piece of mesh cloth immediately after aphids were placed into the cages. Soybean aphid resistance was evaluated by counting the total number of aphids on each plant 7 days following infestation.

To validate the identified QTL, the second population of 106 F_{2:4} families and parents, K1621 and Dowling, was phenotyped following the procedure mentioned previously. Each family contained up to 14 F₄ plants across the replications. Experiments were arranged in a randomized complete block design with two replicates in the greenhouse under the same environmental conditions as the first population.

DNA extraction and marker analysis

Non-expanded trifoliolate leaves from each line were bulk harvested for use in isolating genomic DNA using the CTAB (hexadecyltrimethyl ammonium bromide) method (Gill et al. 1991). The DNA samples were quantified with a NanoDropTM 1000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Scientific, Wilmington, DE) and diluted to 10-50 ng μl^{-1} for genotyping. A total of 543 SSR markers covering the soybean genome (Song et al. 2004) were screened for polymorphism between parents. The SSR marker sequences were obtained from soybase.org or provided by Dr.

Perry Cregan at USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD. PCR reactions were done in 12 μ l volumes with 20-100 ng of template DNA, 10 μ M of each primer, and 1X PCR Master Mix (Promega, Madison, WI; including 0.25 U of Taq DNA polymerase, 200 μ M each of dNTP, and 1.5mM $MgCl_2$). Reactions were run on a PTC100 Thermal Cycler (MJ Research INC., Watertown, MA) using the thermal profile consisting of an initial denaturing step of 94°C for 1 min followed by 32 cycles of 25 s of denaturing at 92°C, 25 s of annealing at 47°C, 25 s of extension at 68°C, and a final 10 min extension at 68°C. Amplified products were separated on 2% agarose gels in 1x TAE buffer. Gels were stained with ethidium bromide, visualized under UV light, and recorded with an AMBIS Radioanalytic Imaging System (Digital Imagers, Madison, WI).

Polymorphic markers were used to genotype the mapping population with an ABI 3730 sequencer (Applied Biosystems Inc, Foster City, CA). The forward primer of each pair of markers was modified by adding an 'M13' tail to the 5' end with the sequence of 5'-ACG ACG TTG TAA AAC GAC-3'. Each marker was labeled with fluorescent dye FAM, VIC, PET or NED in PCR reactions. A 12- μ l PCR mixture included 20-100 ng of template DNA, 100nM forward tailed primer, 200nM reverse primer, 100nM M13 dye-labeled primer, and 1X PCR Master Mix. PCR amplification used a touch-down program starting with 5 min of denaturing at 95°C followed by 30 s at 96°C, 30 s at 47°C, 30 s at 72°C with a 0.5°C decrease of annealing temperature in each of the following 13 cycles, and 30 cycles of 30 s at 96°C, 30 s at 40°C, and 30 s at 72°C with a final extension of 5 min at 72°C. PCR products with different dyes were pooled proportionally and separated with an ABI 3730 sequencer. Amplification results were visualized and scored with GeneMarker 1.7 (Softgenetics LLC, State College, PA).

Statistical and QTL analysis

An ANOVA was performed using SAS Proc GLM (SAS 9.1, Cary, NC) to analyze phenotypic data. The broad sense heritability of aphid number was calculated as $h^2 = (\sigma_{\text{phF2}}^2 - \sigma_e^2) / \sigma_{\text{phF2}}^2$. The genetic linkage map was constructed using MapMaker 3.0 with the Kosambi function. The threshold LOD score started with 3.0 to build up initial linkage groups and then decreased to 2.0 to include additional markers. Single marker analysis (SMA) and composite interval mapping (CIM) were performed using QTLCartographer2.5 with the standard model Zmapqtl6 (Wang et al. 2008). The window size for background control was set to 5cM. The forward and backward regression method was used to select five markers as cofactors. The walking speed was 2cM. The threshold LOD score at 5% probability level was determined by a permutation test with 1,000 repetitions.

QTL validation

The validation population was used to confirm the aphid resistance QTL identified in the mapping population and to test for interaction with *Rag1*. Phenotyping and genotyping were conducted following the previously described procedures. Markers used for validation were chosen from linkage groups in which the identified aphid resistance QTL and *Rag1* are located. Markers that were significant in the single marker analysis were further investigated using SAS PROC GLM with the model of $Y = a + bX_1 + cX_2 + dX_1X_2 + e$, where Y is the phenotypic performance, and b, c, and d are the effects of two markers from each linkage group.

Ancestry study

The pedigree of K1621 was examined. Nineteen of the ancestors of K1621 were introductions from other countries and the common ancestors of most soybean cultivars in North America (Table 2; Allen and Bhardwaj 1987). Markers tightly linked to SBA resistance in both populations were used to genotype the 19 ancestors, KS4202, K1621, and Dowling. The PCR products were separated on 3% agarose gels in 1x TAE buffer and visualized under UV light. Ancestral genotypes that have the same allele as K1621 at the markers' loci might be contributors of the SBA resistance in K1621.

RESULTS

Aphid resistance evaluation

Total aphid numbers were significantly ($P < 0.05$) different among the $F_{2:3}$ lines, ranging from 6 to 43 aphids per plant. Parents K1621 and KS4202 had aphid numbers of 11 and 29, respectively. The frequency distribution of aphid number was continuous and normal (Fig. 1), indicating there might be more than one gene controlling the aphid resistance. Broad sense heritability was 60%.

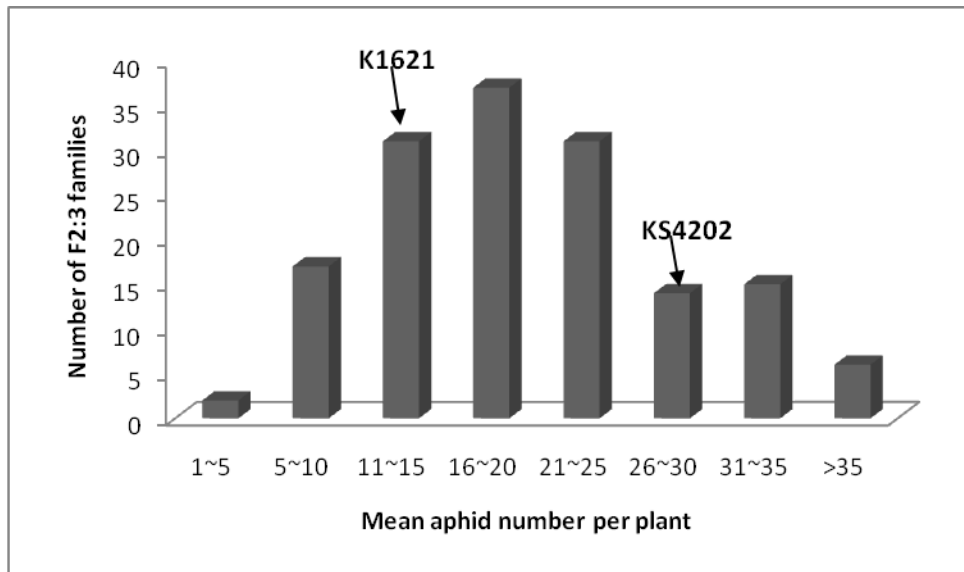


Figure 4.1 Frequency distribution of soybean aphid number per plant for 150 $F_{2:3}$ families derived from the cross of KS4202 and K1621.

Arrows indicate parents.

QTL mapping

Out of 543 screened SSR markers, 133 markers spanning all soybean linkage groups were polymorphic between the two parents and used for linkage mapping. These markers were mapped into 28 linkage groups, some of which were fragments of the same linkage group on the consensus map (Song et al. 2004). The linkage map generated in this study was consistent with the consensus map in terms of marker orders. Distances between markers were about two times longer than those in the consensus map because of the limited population size and marker scoring errors. The total map length was 1,647.6 cM with an average interval length of 14.6 cM between two markers. This map was used to map QTL. Single marker analysis indicated a cluster of markers on chromosome 13 (LG F) was highly significantly related to the potential QTL. Composite interval mapping revealed one QTL with a LOD score of 18.06 on chromosome 13 (LG F) with the peak position 2.8 cM away from marker S6814 and 6.1 cM away from marker Sat_234 (Fig. 2). This QTL explained 54% of the phenotypic variation in aphid number.

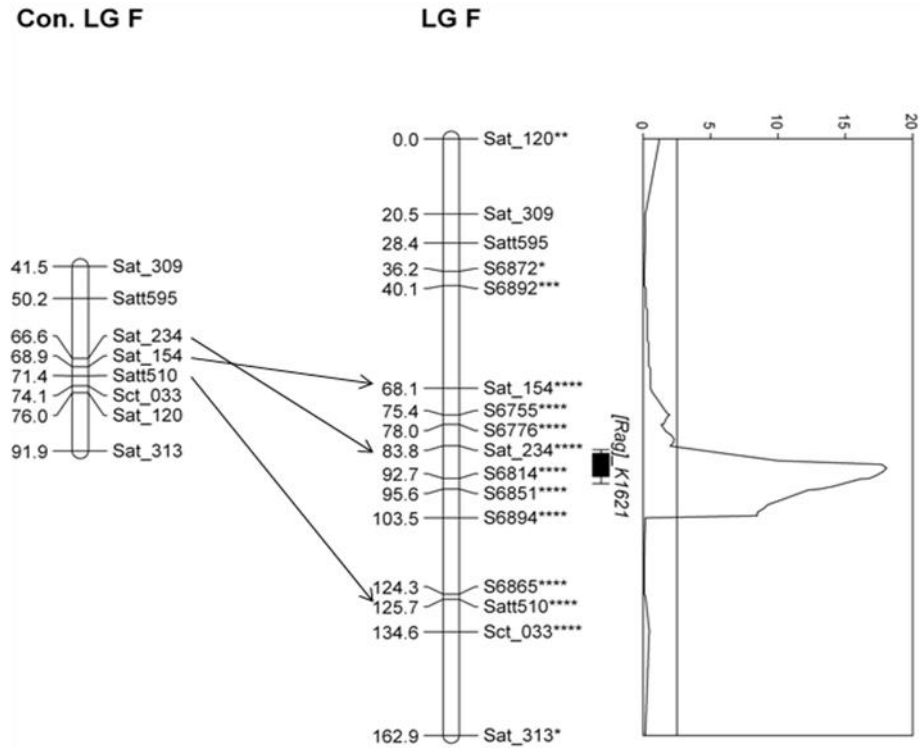


Figure 4.2 Corresponding segments of consensus soybean linkage group F (Con. LG F) and linkage group F (LG F) constructed in this study.

The location of the soybean aphid resistance QTL was identified using the composite interval mapping method. 1-LOD and 2-LOD support intervals of QTL are marked by thick and thin bars respectively. Asterisks indicate significance level of markers in single marker analysis (* $p < 0.05$; ** $p < 0.01$; *** $p < 0.001$; **** $p < 0.0001$).

QTL validation

Phenotyping of the validation population showed that *Rag1* had a strong effect on aphid resistance, indicated by the skewed frequency distribution of aphid number among the 106 F_{2:4} families. The fact that K1621 had a total aphid number of 11 and 26 in two different populations demonstrated the environmental effect of the QTL in K1621 (Fig. 3). Single marker analysis confirmed that four markers, including previously identified linked marker S6814, are closely linked to the QTL on chromosome 13 (LG F; Table 1). Unfortunately, Sat_234 was not polymorphic between Dowling and K1621. The QTL on chromosome 13 (LG F) and *Rag1* explained 6% and 47% phenotypic variation, respectively. Closely linked markers S6814 in chromosome 13 (LG F) and *Rag1* linked marker Satt435 were tested for interaction in the same linear model. Results showed there was no interaction between markers S6814 and Satt435 (P=0.37). Zhang et al. (2009) detected two QTLs in chromosomes 13 (LG F) and chromosome 7 (LG M) at different loci from the QTL identified in this study. They also detected significant interaction between these two QTLs. The locus for SBA resistance in K1621 has been named [*Rag*]_{K1621}.

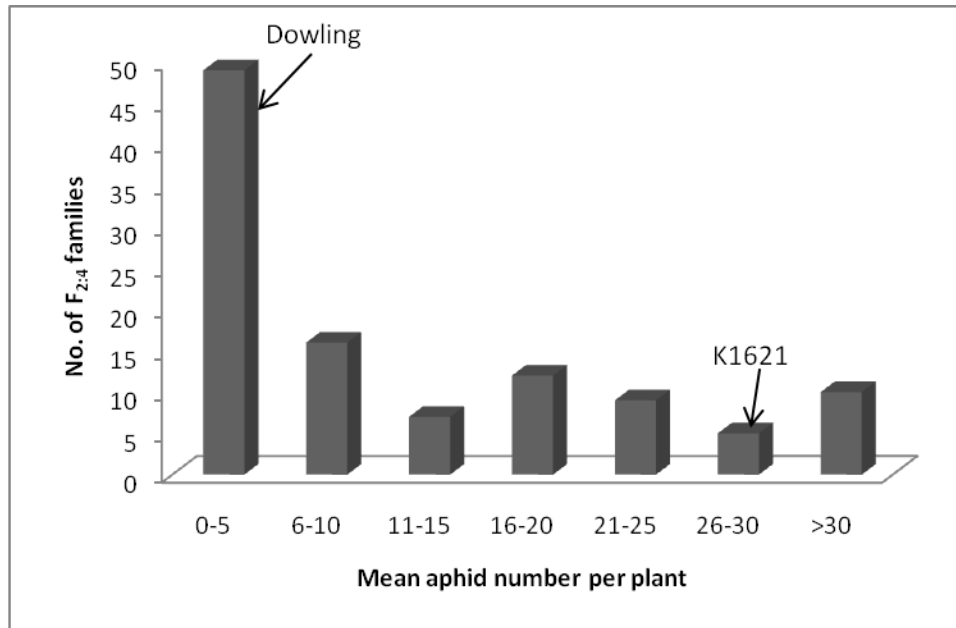


Figure 4.3 Frequency distribution of soybean aphid number per plant for 106 F_{2:4} families derived from the cross of K1621 and Dowling.

Arrows indicate parents.

Table 4-1 Single marker analysis of validation population.

Marker	Linkage		F value	pr(F)	
	Group	Test Statistic ^a			
Satt490	F	3.262	3.25	0.074	
Sat_154	F	6	6.057	0.015	*
S6814	F	16.162	17.129	<0.0001	****
S6755	F	11.845	12.296	0.001	***
S6776	F	12.55	13.072	<0.001	***
Satt663	F	1.515	1.497	0.224	
Satt516	F	0.135	0.132	0.717	
Sat_240	F	0.142	0.139	0.710	
Sat_298	F	0.004	0.004	0.952	
BE806387	F	0.034	0.033	0.856	
Satt659	F	0.187	0.184	0.669	
S6865	F	3.152	3.139	0.079	
Sat_112	F	0.534	0.525	0.470	
Satt395	F	0.672	0.661	0.418	
Satt656	F	0.006	0.006	0.938	
Satt175	M	19.721	21.266	<0.0001	****
Satt626	M	24.037	26.471	<0.0001	****
Satt323	M	22.946	25.136	<0.0001	****
Satt220	M	20.127	21.747	<0.0001	****
Satt245	M	41.983	50.54	<0.0001	****
Satt463	M	62.522	83.582	<0.0001	****
Satt435	M	74.232	105.494	<0.0001	****
Satt540	M	82.259	121.974	<0.0001	****

^a Likelihood ratio test statistic is $-2\ln(L0/L1)$, where L0 is the likelihood of no gene effect and L1 is the likelihood of gene effect. Asterisks indicate significance level of marker in single marker analysis (*p < 0.05; **p < 0.01; ***p < 0.001; ****p < 0.0001).

Ancestry study

KS4202, K1621, Dowling, and 19 ancestors of K1621 were genotyped with markers S6814, S6755, and S6776. All three markers were closely linked to [*Rag*]_{K1621}. KS4202, K1621, and Dowling have different alleles of each marker (Table 2). At the loci of S6814, S6755, and S6776, there are 5, 5, and 4 of the 19 ancestors that have same allele as K1621. Ancestor Palmetto (PI 548480) has the same allele as K1621 for all three markers, indicating that SBA resistance in K1621 might be inherited from Palmetto. In non-choice tests, the SBA resistance effect in Palmetto was similar to that in Dowling and slightly stronger than that in K1621 (Diaz-Montano 2006; Hill et al. 2004).

Table 4-2 List of selected ancestors of K1621 and their alleles of marker S6814, S6755, and S6776.

PI	Cultivar name	S6814			S6755			S6776		
		KS4202 289bp	K1621 300bp	Dowling 286bp	KS4202 294bp	K1621 297bp	Dowling 282bp	KS4202 143bp	K1621 135bp	Dowling 150bp
548298	A.K. (Harrow)			+	+			+		
548438	Arksoy					+		+		
548445	CNS				+					+
548318	Dunfield				+				+	
548456	Haberlandt					+				+
548348	Illini		+		+			+		
548379	Mandarin(Ottwa)						+		+	
548391	Mukden	+					+	+		
548477	Ogden		+				+	+		
548480	Palmetto		+			+			+	
548400	Patoka			+	+			+		
548484	Ral soy					+				+
548406	Richland				+			+		
548485	Roanoke	+					+			+
548488	S-100		+		+			+		
548493	Tokyo	+				+		+		
88788					+				+	
438497	Peking		+		+					+
54610		+					+			+

+ Presence of corresponding alleles of each mark

DISCUSSION

A major QTL controlling moderate SBA resistance in K1621 was identified in this study. This QTL was further confirmed using an independent population. The QTL was mapped to chromosome 13 (LG F) between SSR markers Sat_234 and S6814 and explained a large portion of the phenotypic variation. These two markers are less than 5 cM apart on the consensus map (Song et al. 2004) and about 9 cM apart on the genetic map generated in this study. This anomaly is not unexpected and could be the result of the small population size and different population structure used in this study. The SBA resistance gene *Rag2* from PI 243540 that confers resistance to SBA biotype 2 was mapped to chromosome 13 (LG F; Mian et al. 2008b) between markers Satt334 and Sct_033, which are 12.1 and 7.6 cM, respectively, away from Sat_234. Though the QTL identified in our study controls resistance to SBA biotype 1, it could be a new allele at *Rag2* locus or a new gene. Hill et al. (2009) also identified a SBA gene from PI 200538 in the same region within the interval of markers Sat_234 and Satt510 that confers antixenotic resistance to both biotypes 1 and 2. Fine mapping of *Rag2* from PI 200538 narrowed the gene down to a 54-kd region (Kim et al. 2010). Nevertheless, neither PI 243540 nor PI 200538 is in the pedigree of K1621. The QTL identified in this study has a fairly small interval, and the flanking markers can be used for marker-assisted selection.

The region ± 10 cM from Sat_234 is a hot spot for disease resistance genes. The *Rpg1* gene that controls resistance to bacterial blight (*Pseudomonas syringae*) was mapped in the same interval as [*Rag*]_{K1621} (Ashfield et al. 1998). Other genes in this R-gene cluster region include *Rpv1* for resistance to peanut mottle virus (Gore et al. 2002), *Rsv1* for resistance to soybean mosaic virus (Gore et al. 2002; Yu et al. 1994) and *Rps3* for resistance to *Phytophthora sojae*

(Demirbas et al. 2001; Diers et al. 1992). Interestingly, some QTLs correlated with biotic stress resistance are also located in this region, including CEW2-1 (corn earworm resistance; Rector et al. 1999; 2000), Ma1-2, 1-4, 1-5, 2-1 (peanut root-knot nematode resistance; Tamulonis et al. 1997a), and Mj1-4, 1-6, 2-1 (Javanese root-knot nematode resistance; Mienie et al. 2002; Tamulonis et al. 1997b). The QTLs related to nematodes are of particular interest because the first cloned potato aphid (*Macrosiphum euphorbiae*) resistance gene in tomato, *Mi-1.2*, also confers resistance to root-knot nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*; Rossi et al. 1998). K1621 is also resistant to soybean cyst nematode (SCN; *Heterodera glycines*), one of the most severe soybean pathogens in North America. There are three QTLs controlling resistance to SCN mapped to different regions on chromosome 13 (LG F; reviewed by Concibido et al. 2004). K1621 can serve as useful germplasm in breeding programs for both soybean aphid and nematode resistance.

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CHAPTER 5 - Registration of K1639-2 soybean germplasm resistant to soybean cyst nematode and soybean aphid

ABSTRACT

Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] germplasm line K1639-2 (Reg. No. GP-365, PI 658491) was developed and released by the Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station, Manhattan, KS, as resistance to both soybean aphid (SBA) (*Aphis glycines* Matsumura), and soybean cyst nematode (SCN) (*Heterodera glycines* Ichinohe). K1639-2 was developed by crossing R93-174 × ‘Northrup King S59-60’. The line was a reselection in the F8 generation from a heterogeneous F4-derived line. K1639-2 has a relative maturity of 5.2, purple flowers, gray pubescence, yellow seed coats, dark buff hila, tan pod walls, and determinate growth habit. K1639-2 is resistant to SCN HG Type 7 (race 3) and moderately resistant to HG Type 1.2.3.5.6.7 (race 4), and resistant to soybean aphid (Illinois biotype). K1639-2 may be useful for breeders and researchers interested in developing new germplasm with resistance to SBA and SCN.

INTRODUCTION

The soybean aphid (SBA), *Aphis glycines* Matsumura (Hemiptera: Aphididae), is an introduced pest of soybean in North America. Originally from China and Japan, SBA was first reported in the United States during summer and fall 2000 (Alleman et al., 2002). In August 2002, SBA was first reported in five eastern Kansas counties (Sloderbeck et al., 2003). In fall 2004, 64 Kansas counties reported the presence of this pest (Sloderbeck et al., 2004). In China the SBA has been a threat to soybean productivity (Sun et al., 2000; Wang et al., 1962, 1998; Wu et al., 2004; Yue et al., 1989). Adults and nymphs of *A. glycines* not only extract phloem sap from the host plant but also can transmit viruses (Guo and Zhang, 1989; Wang et al., 1998). Both direct feeding and virus transmission may cause damage and yield losses. Strategies to minimize damage due to *A. glycines* include chemical, cultural, and biological control and host plant resistance. All these mechanisms have a role in the management of SBA, but host plant resistance represents a potentially important component of integrated pest management. Hill et al. (2004) reported resistance to soybean aphid identified in soybean germplasm. Since the initial report in 2000 of SBA in North America, two distinct biotypes of *A. glycines* have been reported (Kim et al., 2008).

Soybean cyst nematode (SCN) (*Heterodera glycines* Ichinohe) is a major pest of soybean in the United States and the world (Wrather et al., 1994; Wrather and Koenning, 2006). In individual fields in Kansas, crop losses of 35 to 40% have been observed (Todd, 1993). Planting soybean varieties with resistance to SCN is an effective method to defend against yield losses due to *H. glycines* (Chen et al., 2001). Although the potential damage of *A. glycines* to soybean in Kansas is still unknown (Sloderbeck et al., 2004), developing lines with resistance to both SBA and SCN may be useful as germplasm or commercial cultivars.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

K1639-2 (Reg. No. GP-365, PI 658491) is an F₈ single-plant selection from K1639. K1639 is an F₄-derived line from a cross between R93-174 x 'Northrup King S59-60' made in 1998 at the Agronomy Ashland Research Farm, Manhattan, KS. R93-174 is derived from 'Asgrow A5403' x 'Hutcheson' (Buss et al., 1988). The F₁ and F₃ generations were grown during the winters of 1998–1999 and 1999–2000, respectively, in Chile. All other generations were grown at the Ashland Research Farm. K1639 was composited in the F₅ generation in 2001 at the Ashland Research Farm. In 2002 and 2003, K1639 was evaluated in field trials in Kansas, leading to its evaluation in 2004 in the uniform soybean tests, southern states (Paris, 2004). Screening K1639 for response to SBA (Illinois biotype) was described by Diaz-Montano et al. (2006, 2007a,b). In 2005 eight F_{8,9} progeny of K1639 were evaluated for SBA resistance in an environment-controlled growth chamber under a 25°C day:22°C night temperature regime and a 14:10-h photoperiod. The eight progeny were planted in a completely randomized design with five replicates. When plants reached the V1 developmental stage, each unifoliolate leaf was infested with two adult soybean aphids. A double-sided sticky cage with inner dimensions of 25 by 15 mm was glued on the leaf to restrict aphids' movement and covered with a slightly larger piece of organdy cloth. Eight days after infestation, the SBA adults and nymphs in each cage were counted separately and the ratio of SBA nymphs to adults was calculated. One of the F_{8,9} progeny, K1639-2, was then evaluated for resistance to two populations of the SCN. K1639-2 was planted in soil infested with either HG Type 7 (race 3) or HG Type 1.2.3.5.6.7 (race 4), along with the HG Type indicator lines and 'Lee 74' as the standard susceptible in a completely randomized design with six replicates. Cysts were dislodged from the roots 35 d after planting and counted as described by Niblack et al. (2002). Female indices were calculated on the basis of

the number of cysts recovered from Lee 74 (311 and 213 for HG Types 7 and 1.2.3.5.6.7, respectively).

CHARACTERISTICS

K1639-2 is a group V maturity (relative maturity 5.2) line with purple flowers, gray pubescence, yellow seed coats, dark buff hila, tan pod walls, and determinate growth habit. In 2002 and 2003, K1639 was evaluated in replicated trials across four Kansas locations. The seed yield of K1639 (2614 kg ha⁻¹) was greater than that of ‘Manokin’ (Kenworthy et al., 1996) (2432 kg ha⁻¹; *P* < 0.05). Maturity of K1639 (23 October) was 3 d later than Manokin (20 October; *P* < 0.05). In comparison to ‘5002T’ (Pantalone et al., 2004) in the south uniform regional test in 2004, K1639 averaged 13% less seed yield, 1 d earlier maturity, and 5 cm taller plant height, and had a 0.4 lower lodging score (Table 1). Seeds of K1639 averaged 1.5 g 100 seed⁻¹ smaller, 13 g kg⁻¹ lower protein, and 10 g kg⁻¹ lower oil on a 13% moisture basis than seeds of 5002T.

Table 5-1 Summary of soybean USDA uniform trial, multistate data in 2004.

Entry	Yield	Maturity [†]	Lodging [‡]	Plant Height	Seed Weight	Protein [§]	Oil
No. sites	7	5	7	7	5	4	4
	kg ha ⁻¹	date	1-5	cm	g/100	— g kg ⁻¹ —	
5002T	3376	1 Oct.	2.0	66	14.3	401	201
K1639	2937	30 Sept.	1.6	71	12.8	388	191
LSD _{0.05}	376	1	0.5	6.6	1.1	13	8

[†]Date when 95% of the pods have ripened, as indicated by their mature pod color.

[‡]Visual score: 1 = almost all plants erect, 5 = almost all plants down.

[§]Protein and oil reported on a 130 g kg⁻¹ moisture basis.

In screening for response to SBA, K1639 showed a level of resistance similar to the resistance exhibited by ‘Jackson’ and ‘Dowling’ (Craigmiles et al., 1978; Diaz-Montano et al., 2006, 2007a,b; Johnson, 1958). K1639 has the same SBA resistant ancestor, ‘CNS’, as Dowling. However, K1639 appeared to be heterogeneous for resistance to SBA. Evaluation of the eight F_{8,9} progeny of K1639 revealed that seven of the eight lines were phenotypically similar to each other and the K1639 bulk, in visual plant traits, and resistant to SBA. The remaining line was susceptible to SBA. Aphid reproduction on the seven resistant lines ranged from 4.4 to 8.4, whereas the susceptible line had 35 total adults and nymphs (LSD_{0.05} = 8.8). Aphid reproduction among the resistant lines was not significantly different, but K1639-2 was selected for increase and release because of seed supply. The aphid number on K1639-2 was 2.2 adults per plant and 3.6 nymphs per plant, both of which were significantly ($P < 0.0001$) less than those on susceptible check KS4202 (13 adults per plant and 33 nymphs per plant).

Screening K1639-2 for resistance to SCN showed a similar reaction to SCN HG Types (races) as PI 88788 (Tables 2 and 3). K1639-2 was resistant to SCN HG Type 7 (race 3) and moderately resistant to HG Type 1.2.3.5.6.7 (race 4) in greenhouse tests at Manhattan, KS, in 2007 and 2008. Average SCN female indexes on K1639-2 for HG Types 7 and 1.2.3.5.6.7 were 1.4 and 14.2, respectively, based on a SCN female index of 100 for the susceptible check (Niblack et al., 2002). In the same tests, female indexes for PI 88788 for each HG Type averaged 2.7 and 13.0, respectively.

Table 5-5-2 HG Type determination and response of K1639-2 to a “race 3” population of *Heterodera glycines*.

Line	No. plants	FI†	Std. err.
PI 548402	7	2.37	2.23
PI 88788	6	2.70	0.71
PI 90763	6	0.07	0.07
PI 437654	6	0.00	0.00
PI 209332	7	1.40	0.37
PI 89772	6	0.00	0.00
PI 548316	5	40.43	8.10
K1639-2	8	1.40	0.31

† Female Index (FI) = (number of females on indicator line/average number of females on Lee74) × 100; number of females on Lee74 averaged 311.

Table 5-3 HG Type determination and response of K1639-2 to a “race 4” population of *Heterodera glycines*.

Line	No. plants	FI†	Std. err.
PI 548402	6	19.33	4.21
PI 88788	5	12.96	1.72
PI 90763	5	12.58	2.37
PI 437654	4	9.74	9.74
PI 209332	6	10.64	2.81
PI 89772	5	16.71	3.58
PI 548316	6	15.41	4.26
K1639-2	5	14.18	2.64

† Female Index (FI) = (number of females on indicator line/average number of females on Lee74) × 100; number of females on Lee74 averaged 213.

AVAILABILITY

Seed of K1639-2 was deposited in the USDA Soybean Germplasm Collection. Packets of 50 seeds of K1639-2 may be obtained on written request. Appropriate recognition is requested when this germplasm contributes to the development of a new cultivar or germplasm. Requests for seed should be directed to the corresponding author.

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Appendix A - Analysis of resistance gene in K1639

Table A-1 Phenotypic segregation of F₂ generation from crosses of K1639-2/Jackson and K1639-2/Dowling.

ENTRY	ADULTS				NYMPHS				TOTAL				PEDIGREE
	MEAN	±	SE	t group	MEAN	±	SE	t group	MEAN	±	SE	t group	
JACKSON	0.1	±	0.3	ab†	0.0	±	0.5	a	0.1	±	0.8	a	
SBA 06-1531	0.0	±	0.3	a	0.3	±	0.7	ab	0.3	±	0.9	a	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1555	0.1	±	0.3	ab	0.2	±	0.6	ab	0.3	±	0.8	a	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1532	0.1	±	0.3	ab	0.4	±	0.6	ab	0.5	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1543	0.4	±	0.3	abc	0.3	±	0.6	ab	0.7	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1545	0.6	±	0.3	abc	0.4	±	0.6	ab	1.0	±	0.9	ab	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1539	0.3	±	0.3	abc	0.9	±	0.6	ab	1.2	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1533	0.7	±	0.3	abc	0.7	±	0.6	ab	1.4	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1537	0.9	±	0.3	bc	0.8	±	0.6	ab	1.7	±	0.9	ab	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1557	0.5	±	0.3	abc	1.8	±	0.6	b	2.3	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1551	1.0	±	0.3	c	1.6	±	0.6	ab	2.6	±	0.8	b	K1639-2/JACKSON
SBA 06-1763	0.2	±	0.3	abc	0.1	±	0.6	a	0.3	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1755	0.2	±	0.3	abc	0.2	±	0.6	ab	0.4	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1744	0.3	±	0.3	abc	0.1	±	0.6	a	0.4	±	0.9	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1756	0.2	±	0.3	abc	0.3	±	0.6	ab	0.6	±	0.9	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1757	0.3	±	0.3	abc	0.3	±	0.6	ab	0.6	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1753	0.4	±	0.3	abc	0.4	±	0.6	ab	0.8	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1751	0.4	±	0.3	abc	0.4	±	0.6	ab	0.8	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1748	0.6	±	0.3	abc	0.6	±	0.6	ab	1.1	±	0.9	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1747	0.8	±	0.3	abc	1.0	±	0.6	ab	1.8	±	0.9	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
SBA 06-1737	0.9	±	0.3	bc	1.1	±	0.6	ab	2.0	±	0.8	ab	K1639-2/DOWLING
KS4202	5.5	±	0.3	d	12.7	±	0.6	c	18.2	±	0.8	c	

† Mean aphid numbers followed by different letters are significantly different (P<0.05; t-test).

Appendix B - Pedigree of K1621



