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23 **Abstract**

24 Barley yellow mosaic disease is caused by Barley yellow mosaic virus and Barley mild mosaic virus,
25 and leads to severe yield losses in barley (*Hordeum vulgare*) in Central Europe and East-Asia. Several
26 resistance loci are used in barley breeding. However, cases of resistance-breaking viral strains are
27 known, raising concerns about the durability of those genes. *Rym14^{Hb}* is a dominant major resistance
28 gene on chromosome 6HS, originating from barley's secondary gene pool wild relative *Hordeum*
29 *bulbosum*. As such, the resistance mechanism may represent a case of non-host resistance, which could
30 enhance its durability. A susceptible barley variety and a resistant *H. bulbosum* introgression line were
31 crossed to produce a large F₂ mapping population (n=7,500), to compensate for a ten-fold reduction in
32 recombination rate compared to intraspecific barley crosses. After high-throughput genotyping, the
33 *Rym14^{Hb}* locus was assigned to a 2Mbp telomeric interval on chromosome 6HS. The co-segregating
34 markers developed in this study can be used for marker-assisted introgression of this locus into barley
35 elite germplasm with a minimum of linkage drag.

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62 **Key message (<30 words)**

63 We mapped the *Rym14^{Hb}* resistance locus to barley yellow mosaic disease in a 2Mbp interval. The co-
64 segregating markers will be instrumental for marker assisted selection in barley breeding.

65 **Introduction**

66 Viruses are an increasing threat to crops worldwide. The soil-borne barley yellow mosaic disease, caused
67 by a complex of two *Bymoviruses* (*Barley yellow mosaic virus* (BaYMV) and *Barley mild mosaic virus*
68 (BaMMV)) is one of the most important diseases of winter barley. Widespread in central Europe and
69 East Asia, it causes severe yield losses up to even total crop failure (Plumb et al. 1986; Jianping 2005;
70 Kühne 2009). As chemical control of those viruses, transmitted by the plasmodiophorid *Polymyxa*
71 *graminis* (Kanyuka et al. 2003), is not possible, only the use of resistant varieties can preserve yield in
72 infected fields.

73 To date, 20 barley resistance genes have been identified, almost exclusively conferring recessive
74 resistance (Jiang et al. 2020). Two of these loci have been cloned: the *EUKARYOTIC TRANSLATION*
75 *INITIATION FACTOR 4E* gene (*eIF4E*), (Stein et al. 2005) of which several allelic forms providing
76 resistance are described, including *rym4* and *rym5*, (Hofinger et al. 2011; Perovic et al. 2014; Yang et
77 al. 2017; Shi et al. 2019), and the *PROTEIN DISULFIDE ISOMERASE LIKE 5-1* (*PDI5-1*) gene which
78 is also represented by a handful of alleles providing resistance, including *rym1* and *rym11* (Yang et al.
79 2017). The *rym4* allele provides resistance to BaMMV and to the common BaYMV pathotype BaYMV-
80 1, but not to pathotype BaYMV-2, which emerged in Europe at the end of the 1980s (Adams et al. 1987;
81 Huth 1989; Adams 1991; Graner and Bauer 1993; Steyer et al. 1995). The spectrum of *rym5* covers also
82 *BaYMV-2*, however, resistance-breaking isolates of BaMMV and BaYMV have emerged (Kanyuka et
83 al. 2004; Habekuß et al. 2008; Li et al. 2016). Facing the prospect of boom-and-bust cycles for known
84 resistance genes (Brown and Tellier 2011), it is critical to continue searching for alternative resistance
85 loci to underpin resistance breeding and to allow pyramiding of disease resistance loci. In particular,
86 sources of non-host resistance, e.g. resistance exhibited from a plant species against all isolates of a
87 pathogen which is not coevolutionary adapted, are particularly promising as they are thought to cover a
88 larger resistance spectrum and to be more durable (Ayliffe and Sørensen 2019). Bulbous barley
89 (*Hordeum bulbosum* L.), a wild relative and representative of the secondary gene pool of cultivated
90 barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.), has been described as source of resistance to numerous barley pathogens,
91 including barley leaf rust (Johnston et al. 2013; Yu et al. 2018) and barley powdery mildew (Xu and
92 Kasha 1992; Pickering et al. 1995; Shtaya et al. 2007). So far, all *H. bulbosum* accessions investigated
93 exhibited resistance to BaMMV and BaYMV (Ruge et al. 2003), suggesting that the species is probably
94 a non-host to those viruses. Two major dominant resistance genes from *H. bulbosum* to both BaMMV
95 and BaYMV have been described: *Rym14^{Hb}* (Ruge et al. 2003) and *Rym16^{Hb}* (Ruge-Wehling et al. 2006).
96 *Rym14^{Hb}* was introgressed to barley by translocation of a *H. bulbosum* segment to barley chromosome
97 6HS (Ruge et al. 2003). In the past, a lack of suitable markers, alongside severely reduced recombination
98 in the target region between the barley and *H. bulbosum* fragments, rendered precise mapping of
99 *Rym14^{Hb}* elusive. Thanks to the development of genetic and genomic resources for *H. bulbosum*
100 (Wendler et al. 2014, 2015), it is now possible to fine-map loci from this species in a *H. vulgare*
101 background.

102 We aimed to map *Rym14^{Hb}* at high resolution, and to provide markers for its introgression into elite
103 barley, ideally without linkage drag, using large populations and high-throughput genotyping to
104 overcome the lack of recombination.

105 **Materials and methods**

106 **Plant material**

107 A first round of low-resolution genetic mapping was performed using four F₆ families derived from F₅
108 plants heterozygous at the *Rym14^{Hb}* locus from the BAZ-4006 family of the population ‘Borwina’ x
109 ‘A42’ described in Ruge et al. (2003).

110 To achieve a population size suitable for fine mapping, an additional eight F₂ families were generated
111 by crossing an *Rym14^{Hb}/Rym14^{Hb}* F₆ plant (derived from F₅ 4006/337) to either (i) var. ‘KWS Orbit’ or
112 (ii) var. ‘KWS Higgins’, both missing the *Rym14^{Hb}* resistance locus (-/-). In the purpose of instant
113 pyramiding of disease resistance loci both cultivars carry *rym4*-based resistance (*rym4/rym4*) to
114 BaMMV and BaYMV.

115 **DNA extraction**

116 Genomic DNA of plants from the low-resolution mapping population was isolated as described by Stein
117 et al. (2001). Genomic DNA of plants from the fine-mapping population was extracted according to the
118 guanidine isothiocyanate-based protocol described by Milner et al. (2019).

119 **Genotyping-by-sequencing and data analysis**

120 GBS libraries for the low-resolution mapping were prepared from genomic DNA digested with *Pst*I and
121 *Msp*I (New England Biolabs) as described by Wendler et al. (2015). Between 93 and 153 barcoded
122 samples were pooled in an equimolar manner per lane and sequenced on the Illumina HiSeq 2500 for
123 107 cycles, single-end reads, using a custom sequencing primer.

124 The GBS reads were processed, aligned, and used to generate variant calls as described by Milner et al.
125 (2019). Alignment was performed against the TRITEX genome assembly of barley cultivar ‘Morex’
126 (Monat et al. 2019). Individual variant calls were accepted wherever the read depth exceeded four.
127 Variant sites were retained if they presented a minimum mapping quality score (based on read depth
128 ratios calculated from the total read depth and depth of the alternative allele) of 20, a maximum fraction
129 of 40% of missing data, a fraction of heterozygous calls between 30 and 70%, and between 10 and 40%
130 of each homozygous call. Individuals with more than 40% missing data were excluded.

131 **Marker development**

132 Exome capture data of the introgression line ‘4006/163’, described in Wendler et al. (2014) (accession
133 number ERP004445), were mapped to the TRITEX genome assembly of barley cultivar Morex (Monat
134 et al. 2019) together with the exome capture data of the *H. bulbosum* genotype ‘A42’ and of eight barley
135 varieties: ‘Bonus’, ‘Borwina’, ‘Bowman’, ‘Foma’, ‘Gull’, ‘Morex’, ‘Steptoe’, and ‘Vogelsanger Gold’,
136 described in Mascher et al. (2013b) (accession number PRJEB1810). Read mapping and variant calling
137 were performed as described by Milner et al. (2019). The SNP matrix was filtered for the following
138 criteria: heterozygous and homozygous calls had to be covered by a minimum depth of three and five
139 reads, respectively, and have a minimum quality score of 20. SNP sites were retained if they had less
140 than 20% missing data and less than 20% heterozygous calls. SNPs that were carrying the reference call
141 in all eight barleys and the alternate call in ‘A42’ and ‘4006/163’ were selected as candidates to design
142 KASP markers, either using KASP-by-design (LGC Genomics, Berlin, Germany) or 3CR Bioscience
143 (Essex, UK) free assay design service. Those markers are latter designated as KASP and PACE markers,
144 respectively. Since no suitable SNPs were identified in the first 500 kbp of chromosome 6HS on the
145 ‘Morex’ reference genome, the exome capture data were additionally mapped to the genome assembly
146 of cultivar ‘Barke’ (Jayakodi et al. under revision). The SNP at coordinate 241,723 bp on chromosome
147 6H of the ‘Barke’ genome assembly was retrieved and used to design the telomeric marker
148 *Rym14_Bar241723*. Furthermore, in order to control the genetic state at the segregating *rym4* resistance
149 locus, the diagnostic SNP for the resistance conferring allele (Stein et al. 2005) was also used to design
150 a KASP marker. Further information on KASP and PACE markers is provided in supplementary tables
151 1 and 2, respectively.

152 **Genotyping**

153 Genotyping assays with KASP markers were carried out in a final volume of 5 µl consisting of 0.7 µl
154 genomic DNA (50-100 ng/µL), 2.5 µl of KASP V4.0 2X Master Mix High Rox (LGC Genomics,
155 Berlin), 0.07 µl KASP assay mix (KASP-by-design, LGC Genomics, Berlin) containing the primers,
156 and 2.5 µl of sterile water. PCR amplifications were performed using the Hydrocycler 16 (LGC
157 Genomics, Berlin) with cycling conditions as follows: 94 °C for 15 min, followed by a touchdown
158 profile of 10 cycles at 94 °C for 20 s and 61 °C for 1 min with a 0.6 °C reduction per cycle, followed by
159 26 cycles at 94 °C for 20 s and 55 °C for 1 min. Genotyping assays with PACE markers were carried
160 out in a final volume of 5 µl consisting of 0.7 µl genomic DNA (50-100 ng/µL), 2.5 µl of PACE Master
161 Mix High Rox (3cr Bioscience, Essex, United Kingdom), 0.07 µl primer mix containing the primers
162 (12 µM of each allele specific primers and 30 µM of the common reverse primer), and 2.5 µl of sterile
163 water. PCR amplifications were performed using the Hydrocycler 16 (LGC Genomics, Berlin) with
164 cycling conditions as follows: 94 °C for 15 min, followed by a touchdown profile of 10 cycles at 94 °C
165 for 20 s and 65 °C for 1 min with a 0.8 °C reduction per cycle, followed by 30 cycles at 94 °C for 20 s
166 and 57 °C for 1 min.

167 For both marker types, the genotyping results were read out using the ABI 7900HT (Applied
168 Biosystems) using an allelic discrimination file. Readings were made before and after PCR, and the data
169 were analyzed using SDS 2.4 Software (Applied Biosystems).

170 **Phenotyping**

171 Resistance to BaMMV was tested under greenhouse conditions as described by Habekuß et al. (2008).
172 After sowing, the plants were grown in a greenhouse (16-h day/8-h night, 12 °C). The susceptible barley
173 variety ‘Maris Otter’ was systematically included to monitor success of infection. At the 3-leaf stage
174 (around 2 weeks after sowing), the plants were mechanically inoculated twice at an interval of 5–7 days
175 with the isolate BaMMV-ASL1 (Timpe and Kühne 1994) using the leaf-sap of BaMMV-infected leaves
176 of susceptible cv. ‘Maris Otter’, mixed in K₂HPO₄ buffer (1:10; 0.1 M; pH 9.1) containing silicon
177 carbide (caborundum, mesh 400, 0.5 g/25 ml sap). Five weeks after the first inoculation, the number of
178 infected plants with mosaic symptoms were scored, and DAS-ELISA with BaMMV-specific antibodies
179 was carried out in parallel according to published protocols (Clark and Adams 1977). Virus particles
180 were estimated via extinction at 405 nm using a Dynatech MR 5000 microtiter-plate reader. Plants with
181 an extinction E₄₀₅>0.1 were qualitatively scored as susceptible.

182 **Results**

183 **Low-resolution mapping**

184 A population of 427 F₆ from the cross ‘Borwina’ x ‘A42’ was genotyped by GBS and phenotyped for
185 resistance to BaMMV. Data for 389 plants and 77 SNPs passed the quality filters (supplementary table
186 3). On chromosome 6H, 73 plants were homozygous for the ‘Borwina’ allele, 92 were homozygous for
187 the ‘A42’ allele, 220 were heterozygous and four recombined. The infection rate was low with only 10%
188 of plants infected, compared to an expected 25% when resistance is controlled by a single dominant
189 gene. However, among the 39 plants phenotyped as susceptible to BaMMV, 38 were homozygous for
190 the ‘Borwina’ allele and one recombined on chromosome 6H, indicating a strong association of
191 phenotype and genotype.

192 To further confirm this association, 26 lines were phenotyped on progenies of 12 to 20 plants (Figure 1,
193 supplementary table 4). These included (i) 17 lines with the susceptible genotype on chromosome 6H
194 but scored as resistant, (ii) five heterozygous lines, and (iii) the four recombinant lines. Progenies of
195 lines presenting the susceptible genotype displayed infection rates between 50 and 95%, while those of
196 heterozygous lines displayed rates between 5 and 17%.

197 These results support the low penetrance of the infection in this experiment, with only half of the
198 expected susceptible plants successfully infected, as well as the association of the chromosome 6H locus
199 with resistance to BaMMV. Moreover, the phenotypes of the four recombinant progenies defined
200 *Rym14^{Hb}* interval between the telomere of chromosome 6HS and the marker position at base pair
201 4,553,134.

202 **Fig. 1** Graphical genotype and phenotype of the 26 F₆ lines phenotyped on progenies. *H. vulgare*, *H.*
203 *bulbosum*, and heterozygous phenotyped are represented as orange, blue, and yellow bars, respectively.
204 Coordinates on Morex reference genome (Monat et al. 2019) of strategic markers are displayed.
205 Phenotypes are indicated as the number of infected plants out of the total of F₇ progenies phenotyped,
206 colored according to the F₆ phenotype interpreted, following the same color code as for genotypes.

207 **Fine mapping**

208 The population of 7,500 F₂ was genotyped at the *Rym14^{Hb}* locus with four KASP markers
209 (Rym14_Bar241723, Rym14_2370223, Rym14_3087282, and Rym14_5003183, supplementary table
210 1). Resistance due to segregation of the recessive resistance gene *rym4* on chromosome 3HL was
211 controlled for with the *rym4_SNP* KASP marker (supplementary table 1). We identified 28
212 recombination events, corresponding to a genetic distance of ~0.2 cM, between the markers
213 Rym14_Bar241723 and Rym14_5003183. These results confirmed the strongly reduced recombination
214 rate between the *H. bulbosum* and the *H. vulgare* fragments on chromosome 6HS. In cultivated barley,
215 the syntenic 5 Mbp *Rym14^{Hb}* interval on chromosome 6HS corresponds to a genetic distance of 4 cM
216 (Mascher et al. 2013a), implying a 20-fold reduction in recombination frequency between the *H.*
217 *bulbosum* and the *H. vulgare* fragment.

218 All recombinants were genotyped with seven PACE markers (supplementary tables 2 and 4). Among
219 the recombinants, ten plants were homozygous for the *rym4* allele, nine were heterozygous and the
220 remaining nine were homozygous wildtype at the *rym4* locus (supplementary table 5). As plants
221 homozygous for the *rym4* allele would be resistant to BaMMV, irrespective to their genotype at
222 *Rym14^{Hb}*, only F₃ families derived from the 18 *Rym14*-recombinants heterozygous or homozygous for
223 the susceptible allele at *rym4* were phenotyped using 30 and 20 F₃ siblings, respectively. All phenotyped
224 plants were genotyped at Rym14_Bar241723, Rym14_2370223, Rym14_5003183 and *rym4*
225 (supplementary table 6). The infection rate during this round of phenotyping was much higher than
226 during the preceding low-resolution mapping, with less than 2 % of the susceptibility control showing
227 no viral content. Five out of 86 F₃ siblings expected to be susceptible based on their genotype were not
228 infected by virus, hence producing false-negative phenotypic results.

229 Based on this analysis, the *Rym14^{Hb}* target region was reduced to a 2 Mbp interval on the Morex
230 reference genome, between the telomere of chromosome 6HS and Rym14_2066975 (figure 2).

231 **Fig. 2** Physical map of the *Rym14^{Hb}* locus. KASP and PACE markers are represented as black and blue
232 vertical lines, respectively. Barley chromosome 6HS is depicted as a black horizontal line and genotypes
233 of recombinant F₂ plants are indicated by horizontal bars: blue=*H. bulbosum* homozygous; orange=*H.*
234 *vulgare* homozygous; yellow=heterozygous. The number of recombinant lines corresponding to each
235 genotype pattern is indicated on the left while the phenotypes of their progeny are shown on the right
236 (R: resistant, S: susceptible, seg: segregation of resistance).

237 **Candidate genes**

238 In the absence of a genomic sequence for a *Rym14^{Hb}* plant, we cannot precisely define the genes present
239 in the *Rym14^{Hb}* interval. However, as synteny between the two *Hordeum* species is high (Wendler et al.
240 2017), it is still relevant to assess the genes annotated in the homolog interval of the *H. vulgare* reference

241 genome as a proxy for suggesting *Rym14^{Hb}* candidate genes. In the respective interval of the Morex V2
 242 reference sequence 30 high-confidence (HC) (Table 1) and 17 low-confidence genes (Monat et al. 2019)
 243 are annotated. All HC gene models were checked for homology with other genes by a BLASTx (v2.9.0,
 244 default parameters) homology searches against the non-redundant protein sequence database (Camacho
 245 et al. 2009) and for presence of conserved domains in NCBI conserved domains (Lu et al. 2019). Among
 246 the HC genes, HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448010 is annotated as a TIR-NBS-LRR gene, however, it
 247 does not contain any of the major NLR domains (coiled-coil, NB-ARC and LRR), and is therefore
 248 interpreted as a pseudogene. HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448100, annotated as a dirigent protein, is a
 249 jacalin-related lectin, while HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448250, annotated as part of the protein kinase
 250 protein family, displays the highest homology with a wall-associated receptor kinase, and
 251 HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448290 codes for a papain-like cysteine protease (PLCP). Interestingly, the
 252 interval also contains no less than 14 HC genes annotated as thionins, sharing with each other at least
 253 88% of their coding sequence. In addition to these annotated genes in the Morex genome, additional
 254 candidate genes could be unique to the resistant genotypes.

255 **Table 1** Genes annotated with high confidence in *Rym14^{Hb}* interval on the Morex genome (Monat et al.
 256 2019).

name	start	stop	gene type
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447840	195540	196334	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447850	220610	221213	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447860	256998	259999	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447880	373994	438209	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447890	460556	461157	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447900	461856	462457	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447910	497194	497795	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447920	597800	598403	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447930	625302	625905	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447940	691184	707575	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447950	749829	776991	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447960	792195	827832	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447980	958137	958736	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0447990	1004017	1004618	Thionin
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448010	1259976	1260591	TIR-NBS-LRR class disease resistance protein
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448020	1300107	1300565	Dimeric alpha-amylase inhibitor
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448100	1493250	1493945	Dirigent protein
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448110	1574160	1575749	Cytochrome P450 family protein, expressed
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448120	1578752	1580023	Aspartic proteinase nepenthesin-1
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448130	1598418	1600649	Subtilisin-like protease
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448140	1605306	1610732	Fatty acyl-CoA reductase
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448160	1753412	1756451	Glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase 3, putative
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448200	1792383	1794963	Transposon protein, putative, CACTA, En/Spm sub-class
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448210	1796825	1804280	O-acyltransferase WSD1
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448220	1840897	1842376	GDSL esterase/lipase
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448230	1853483	1854626	Short-chain dehydrogenase/reductase
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448250	1945996	1952442	Protein kinase family protein
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448260	1954346	1955384	zinc finger MYM-type-like protein
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448290	2061596	2062919	Cysteine protease-like protein
HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448300	2066856	2067293	Proteinase inhibitor type-2

257 **Discussion**

258 Resistance genes deployed in breeding and in the field are often overcome by new pathogen variants
 259 after only a few years (Brown and Tellier 2011). Pyramiding several resistance genes has proven to
 260 increase the resistance durability, however, this strategy requires the availability of several independent
 261 resistance loci (Werner et al. 2005; Riedel et al. 2011; Kim et al. 2011). In light of these facts, non-
 262 adapted resistance genes from wild crop relatives are precious, since they are assumed to confer more
 263 durable resistance than genes originating from within the diversity of the cultivated species, owing to
 264 co-evolution between the cultivated host and pathogen genotypes (Fonseca and Mysore 2019). Until
 265 recently, the fine mapping of genes from crop wild relatives species was impractical, owing to strong
 266 suppression of recombination with the cultivated species (Ruge et al. 2003; Kakeda et al. 2008; Wijnker

267 and de Jong 2008; Prohens et al. 2017). The results of this study demonstrate that high-throughput
268 genotyping coupled with large mapping populations can overcome this limitation, by constraining the
269 interval of the *Rym4^{Hb}* viral resistance gene to the telomeric 2 Mbp of chromosome 6HS, and providing
270 markers suitable for marker-assisted-selection.

271 While genes coding for nucleotide-binding and leucine-rich repeat domain proteins (NLR) are the usual
272 suspects for dominant resistance to pathogens, including viruses (de Ronde et al. 2014; Boualem et al.
273 2016), only a pseudogene presenting similarities with this gene family is annotated in the *Rym14^{Hb}*
274 interval on the barley reference genome. However, it is not rare that susceptible genotypes do not possess
275 a functional copy of the resistance gene. NLRs are overrepresented in regions displaying
276 presence/absence variation (Xu et al. 2012; Bush et al. 2013). Therefore, some NLR resistance genes,
277 like *RPM1* and *RPS5*, are only present in the resistant genotype (Grant et al. 1998; Henk et al. 1999). In
278 the case of wheat leaf rust resistance gene *Lr21*, it was shown that the gene is a chimera of two
279 nonfunctional alleles that probably evolved via a recombination event (Huang et al. 2009).

280 Among the other annotated genes at the *Rym14^{Hb}* locus, two are very good candidates. Wall-associated
281 protein kinase-like HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448250 are described resistance genes in plant-bacteria
282 and plant-fungus pathosystems (Li et al. 2009, 2020; Dmochowska-Boguta et al. 2020). Their role in
283 plant-virus pathosystems is less clear but it has been suggested that a cell wall-associated protein kinase
284 was involved in the repression of plasmodesmal transport of the Tobacco mosaic virus by
285 phosphorylating its movement protein (Citovsky et al. 1993; Waigmann et al. 2000). A second
286 promising candidate is HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448100. It codes for a jacalin-related lectin and is
287 thus part of the family that includes the *Arabidopsis thaliana* genes *RTM1* and *JAX1* that provide
288 dominant major resistance against potyviruses and potexviruses, respectively (Chisholm et al. 2000;
289 Yamaji et al. 2012).

290 However, other genes in the *Rym14^{Hb}* interval, even if less likely candidates, might also play a role in
291 resistance. For example, HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448290 codes for a PLCP. PLCPs are known to
292 play a major role in programmed cell death triggered by NLR genes. Interestingly, CYP1, a tomato
293 PLCP, is targeted by the Tomato yellow leaf curl virus V2 protein, suggesting that V2 could
294 downregulate CYP1 to counteract host defenses (Bar-Ziv et al. 2012). *Rcr3*, a tomato papain-like
295 cysteine protease gene, is required for the function of the resistance gene *Cf-2* to *Cladosporium fulvum*
296 (Krüger et al. 2002), while *NbCathB*, from *Nicotina benthamiana*, is requested for the HR triggered by
297 the non-host pathogens *Erwinia amylovora* and *Pseudomonas syringae* (Gilroy et al. 2007). The high
298 level of thionin duplication at this locus also raised our attention. Thionins are part of common anti-
299 bacterial and anti-fungal peptides (Bohlmann and Broekaert 1994), conferring enhanced resistance to
300 several pathogens. Thionins were also found to exhibit increased expression in resistant compared to
301 susceptible pepper genotypes during infection by the Chili leaf curl virus (Kushwaha et al. 2015),
302 suggesting a possible role in basal defense. Additionally, the cytochrome P450 superfamily has been
303 associated with resistance to the Soybean mosaic virus (Cheng et al. 2010; Yang et al. 2011). Some
304 subtilisin proteases are induced by pathogens and involved in programmed cell death (Figueiredo et al.
305 2014), and GDSL lipases were found to be either negative or positive regulators of plant defense
306 mechanisms (Hong et al. 2008; Kwon et al. 2009).

307 The feasibility of further reducing the target interval by recombination through additional fine mapping
308 is low and would require the screening of tens of thousands of additional F₂ plants for the chance of
309 finding one additional recombinant in the smallest target region. Therefore, a candidate gene approach
310 may be a more fruitful strategy for continued progress. Despite the presence of promising candidate
311 genes like HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448250 and HORVU.MOREX.r2.6HG0448100 in the haplotype

312 of the susceptible cultivar Morex, the resistance conferring gene may be present only in the haplotype
313 of the resistant *H. bulbosum*. Therefore, deciphering the resistant haplotype, most likely though a high-
314 quality chromosome-scale genome assembly of the interval in *H. bulbosum*, is an essential prerequisite
315 to the prioritization of candidate genes for further functional testing.

316 The markers identified in this study are tightly linked to *Rym14^{Hb}* and therefore are of prime importance
317 to barley breeding. These markers will allow the reliable introgression of this resistance into barley elite
318 lines with a minimum of linkage drag compared to the previously established markers (Ruge et al. 2003).
319 This is essential for introducing this gene into new cultivars, As the prevalence of resistance-breaking
320 isolates of *rym4* and *rym5* will increase in the barley growing area in Europe and Asia (Kühne 2009),
321 introgression of *Rym14^{Hb}* into new elite varieties together with other resistance loci represents a critical
322 opportunity to improve the durability and spectrum of barley resistance to BaMMV and BaYMV.

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516 **Supplementary material**

517 **Table S1** KASP markers developed for *Rym14^{Hb}* fine mapping. The indicated coordinates of the
518 genotyped SNP is respective to Morex V2 genome (Monat et al. 2019), except for Rym14_Bar241723
519 which it is based on Barke assembly (Jayakodi et al. under revision). The target SNP is identified in the
520 sequence by square brackets.

521 **Table S2** PACE markers developed for *Rym14^{Hb}* fine mapping. The indicated coordinates of the
522 genotyped SNP is respective to Morex V2 genome (Monat et al. 2019). The target SNP is identified in
523 the sequence by square brackets.

524 **Table S3** Phenotype and filtered GBS genotype of 389 F₆ plants from the cross Borwina x A42.
525 Phenotype is either resistant (R) or susceptible (S). For each SNP, the genotype is indicated as
526 homozygous *H. bulbosum* (B), homozygous *H. vulgare* (V) or heterozygous (H) and missing (-).

527 **Table S4** Phenotype on F₂, phenotype on progenies and filtered GBS genotype of 26 lines from the cross
528 Borwina x A42. Phenotype is either resistant (R) or susceptible (S). The number of susceptible plants
529 out of the total number phenotyped for each progeny is specified. For each SNP, the genotype is
530 indicated as homozygous *H. bulbosum* (B), homozygous *H. vulgare* (V) or heterozygous (H) and
531 missing (-).

532 **Table S5** Genotyping of the 28 F₂ recombinants with PACE and KASP markers. For each *Rym14^{Hb}*
533 marker, the genotype is indicated as homozygous *H. bulbosum* (B), homozygous *H. vulgare* (V) or
534 heterozygous (H). Genotype at *rym4* locus is classified as homozygous *rym4* (*rym4_R*), homozygous
535 for the susceptible allele (*rym4_S*) and heterozygous (*rym4_H*). Additionally, the number of susceptible
536 and resistant plants in the phenotyped progenies is specified.

537 **Table S6** Phenotype and genotyped of the F₃ progenies recombining at the *Rym14^{Hb}* locus. The
538 phenotype is given as the DAS-ELISA extinction at 405 nm. Plants with absorbance > 0.1 were scored
539 qualitatively as being susceptible. For each *Rym14^{Hb}* marker, the genotype is indicated as homozygous
540 *H. bulbosum* (B), homozygous *H. vulgare* (V) or heterozygous (H). Genotype at *rym4* locus is classified
541 as homozygous *rym4* (*rym4_R*), homozygous for the susceptible allele (*rym4_S*) and heterozygous
542 (*rym4_H*).



