1 Integrating structural modeling and divergence dating of RNA-dependent RNA

2 polymerases to resolve the evolutionary history of plant and fungal viruses: from

3 sobemoviruses to sobelivirads

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Abstract

RNA-dependent RNA polymerases (RdRps) are crucial for RNA virus replication and serve as key marker genes for defining deep taxonomic ranks and for understanding viral evolutionary history. Despite their conserved functions and motifs, the high genetic diversity of RdRps complicates precise sequence comparisons across viral families, hindering accurate taxonomic classification of new species. Three-dimensional (3D) RdRp structures can help overcome these challenges through structure-guided alignments. However, such data are rare for myco- and phytoviruses, limiting investigation of their ecological and evolutionary links. In this study, we focused on the highly divergent order *Sobelivirales*, which includes sobemoviruses infecting plants — a taxon known for its ancient origin — and barnaviruses infecting fungi, which remain relatively unknown. Using deep-learning structural modeling, we generated reliable 3D models for 44 sobemoviral and sobelivirad species. Structure-guided alignments, together with new barnaviral and relevant outgroup sequences, enabled robust phylogenetic reconstruction, allowing us to propose revisions of existing viral families and suggest new evolutionary scenarios. Divergence dates were estimated for the first time at this taxonomical rank using the Prisoner of War model, which revealed a divergence of plant and fungal sobelivirads 27.0 ± 10 million years ago — much more recent than the separation of their respective hosts. This result suggests that cross-kingdom host shifts have contributed more likely to the evolutionary history of *Sobelivirales* than strict virus-host codivergence. Based on an extended dataset of 127 species, structure and sequence conservation analyses identified molecular signatures of sobeliviral families. These conserved and extented RdRp motifs will facilitate future taxonomic assignments and the development of diagnostic tools. Our interdisciplinary approach, integrating structure modeling and divergence dating, offers new insights into the evolutionary divergence of plant and fungal viruses, with potential applications to other viral orders and families.

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modeling, taxonomy, sobemovirus, polerovirus, barnavirus, sobelivirales.

Author summary

RNA-dependent RNA polymerases (RdRps) are essential for RNA virus replication and

serve as important markers for classifying viruses and understanding their evolution. However,

with metagenomic studies that rapidly expand the known diversity of RNA viruses, it is

increasingly difficult to compare highly divergent RdRps and accurately classify new species.

When available, 3D structures of RdRps can help overcome this challenge through structure-

guided alignments.

Here, we focused on the highly divergent order *Sobelivirales*, which groups

phytoviruses and mycoviruses. Deep-learning models were used to generate reliable 3D

structures for 44 representative viral species. Structure-guided alignments combined with the

identification of new barnaviruses and outgroups allowed us to build a more accurate viral

phylogeny. Based on this finding, we proposed updates to existing viral families and genera

within the order *Sobelivirales*. We estimated divergence dates using a model that previously

uncovered the ancient origins of sobemovirus. Notably, we provided the first estimate of when

these plant and fungal viruses diverged $\sim 27.0 \pm 10$ million years ago, suggesting cross-kingdom

host shifts rather than strict virus-host codivergence. We also identified molecular signatures

that are useful for future virus classification and diagnosis, with potential applications to other

viral groups.

Introduction

Recent advances in viral metagenomics have revealed how extensive and unexplored viral diversity is, and have contributed significantly to a better understanding of viral evolution. Major adaptations of viral taxonomic classification have been made to incorporate numerous new lineages and their evolutionary links [1,2]. This includes the creation of novel upper ranks and subdivisions such as classes and phyla [3]. The identification of viral hallmark genes (VHG) facilitated the assignment of viral taxa into these novel groups [4,5]. Polymerases especially RNA-dependent RNA polymerases (RdRp) represent one of the major groups of VHG due to their crucial function for realm *Riboviria* (RNA viruses) [6]. RdRp comparative and analyses revealed unexpected relationships between some viral groups, prompting taxonomic reassessments and modifications. For example, the family *Luteoviridae* had initially grouped the genera *Luteovirus* and *Polerovirus*, primarily due to their similar circulative transmission mode mediated by aphids and the related readthrough domain of their capsid protein (CP). However, based on the low sequence similarity of their RdRps, the family *Luteoviridae* was abolished by the International Committee on Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) and the two genera were subsequently reassigned to the families *Tombusviridae* and *Solemoviridae*, respectively [7].

Viral RdRps are monomeric proteins responsible for synthesizing complementary RNA strands from a template RNA. They exhibit an overall 3D structure often likened to a cupped human right hand in which the fingers and thumb domains interact to form a characteristic central tunnel (for review [8–11]). The palm domain is formed by a β-sheet with three to six β-strands above two α-helices, the fingers domain is a mixed α/β structure and the thumb domain is highly variable with a predominantly helical structure. The fingers and thumb domains contribute to the RdRp overall stability and to proper positioning of the RNA template and

nascent RNA strand. The palm domain is essential for the accurate and efficient RNA chain

elongation. It allows (i) the positioning of the primer 3'OH, or the nucleotidylated viral protein

genome-linked (VPg) depending on the viral taxon, (ii) the binding of incoming nucleotides

and (iii) their incorporation to the RNA chain using two metal ions as cofactors. Comparisons

of RdRp sequences of diverse viral groups has identified short linear motifs of highly conserved

amino acids [12–14]. Five motifs (A-E) were reported in the palm domain, two motifs (F and

G) in the fingers domain and one putative and less conserved motif (H) in the thumb domain.

High-throughput taxonomic assignments were often based on the ABC motifs only [15–17].

Analyzing the 3D structures of RdRps later identified larger protein segments referred to as

homomorphs, determined by structural similarities rather than sequence composition [18].

Enlarging the dataset of available 3D structures and releasing sequence conservation constraints

allowed the identification of a common structural core and ancient phylogenetic relationships

between distants taxa [19]. However, for some viral phyla such as those of plant and fungus

viruses, the absence of 3D structures poses problems for comparing RdRps and revealing their

evolutionary history. To address this challenge, multiple protein alignments were restricted to

the central RdRp palm domain, using classical algorithms combined with manual refinements

based on available 3D structures from taxonomically distant related viruses, such as animal or

human viruses. These approaches led to the creation of the kingdom *Orthornavirae* and its

associated phyla [4,6]. However, these approaches lack the precision needed to analyze in detail

phylogenetic relationships between lower taxonomic ranks such as classes, orders and families.

Although the monophyly of viruses in the kingdom *Orthornavirae* has been established

based on comparison of their RdRps, reconstruction of their evolutionary history remains

difficult due to their strong, probably ancient, evolutionary divergence and the central role of

horizontal transfer of other viral genes in plant viruses [20]. In the picorna-like supergroup, now

referred as the phylum *Pisuviricota*, viral species share common structural and functional

features in RdRp. On the other hand, they also exhibit contrasting biological characteristics in

terms of host range (animals, insects, plants, fungi, protists), as well as variations in genomic

molecule (positive single-stranded RNA or double-stranded RNA) and size (ranging from the

largest to the smallest RNA genomes) (S1 Table). Phylogenetic analyses of viral taxa, such as

the phylum *Pisuviricota* or its main class *Pisoniviricetes,* can reveal evolutionary relationships

that help formulate hypotheses about the origins of shared or distinct traits among these viruses.

Viruses of fungi also named mycoviruses have long been understudied, but advances of

high-throughput sequencing technologies have revealed the large and unexpected diversity of

fungal viruses [21,22]. Moreover, recent discoveries, such as cross-kingdom transmission

events, highlight ecological and evolutionary links with plant viruses [20,22–24]. In this study,

we compared the RdRps inside the order *Sobelivirales*, as markers of their common history to

gain insights into host range evolution. This order is one of the six orders of positive-sense

single-stranded RNA (+ssRNA) mycoviruses. It comprises families *Solemoviridae,*

Barnaviridae and *Alvernaviridae*, which contains plant, fungus and micro-algae viruses,

respectively. Solemovirids (members of the family *Solemoviridae*) includes four plant viral

genera (*Sobemovirus*, *Polerovirus*, *Enamovirus* and *Polemovirus*), while barnavirids and

alvernavirids consist of single genera, *Barnavirus* and *Dinornavirus*, each composed of only

one approved species infecting fungus or dinoflagellates, respectively (Table 1). Apart from the

alvernavirids which are not yet well known, these families share the same characteristic

genomic arrangement of their main polyprotein such as chymotrypsine-like protease / VPg /

RdRp [25,26], but their sequence conservation is restricted to very short linear motifs.

Similarities between RdRp active sites of sobemovirus and polero-/enamovirus were noted as

early as 1991 [12] — leading finally to their taxonomic grouping in 2021 [27]. Although RdRp

homologies between sobemoviruses and barnaviruses were proposed in 2008 [10], they have

not yet resulted in taxonomic revisions. Furthermore, a newly proposed genus of fungal virus,

Hubsclerovirus, has recently been assigned to the phytoviral family *Solemoviridae* instead of

the mycoviral family *Barnaviridae* [28]. Thus, comparing more precisely the RdRps from these

viral families would provide valuable insights into the complex history of plant and fungus

viruses and would contribute to revise their taxonomy.

Our focus on sobelivirads (members of the order *Sobelivirales*) enabled the application

of modern methodologies to reconstruct their deep evolutionary histories. Notably, the genus

Sobemovirus exemplifies a unique case where the impact of time-dependent rate phenomenon

(TDRP) on underestimation of divergence times using standard molecular clock methods has

been considered using the Prisoner of War model (PoW) [29,30]. The PoW model was

developed to account for the time-dependent rate phenomenon in viral evolution [31], whereby

substitution rate estimates inferred over short timescales tend to decline when extrapolated over

deeper evolutionary timescales due to factors like epistasis, nucleotide biases, and substitution

saturation. Under this framework, observed genetic divergence is interpreted as arising from a

spectrum of effective rate classes : rapidly evolving sites dominate short-term divergence,

whereas over longer timescales these sites become increasingly saturated or purged by

selection, and more slowly evolving sites contribute proportionally more to the observed

divergence. PoW model therefore provides a distance-to-time transformation that maps genetic

distances at internal nodes of a tree to calendar time without relying on fixed-node calibration

information. In the case of sobelivirads, this framework is especially relevant because standard

time-invariant molecular-clock extrapolations using short-term rates underestimate the very

ancient origin of sobemoviruses (over four million years) [30,32].

The PoW model application needs three key prerequisites: the detection of a temporal

signal in time-stamped sequences, identification of non-recombinant genomic regions, and a

robust phylogenetic signal in the data. Here, to overcome the last and more difficult issue at the

high taxonomic rank of the order *Sobelivirales*, we leveraged both the structural protein

conservation and the advancements in deep-learning algorithms. Indeed, the development of

structural phylogenetics, recently accelerated with the efficiency of Alphafold (AF) predictions

[33], have demonstrated that 3D data can be used to build more accurate sequence alignments

[34] and to reconstruct relationships even between highly divergent proteins in the 'twilight

zone' of sequence similarity (for review [35]). This approach has been increasingly applied to

large collections of viral metagenomic data in order to infer more precise phylogenetic

relationships [17,36–38]. By combining it with the discriminant taxonomical criteria for

sobelivirads, i.e. polyprotein arrangement, we were able to discard proteins suspected of

resulting from evolutionary convergence, to find new candidate barnaviruses from the NCBI

Virus database and to select strong and accurate outgroups to reconstruct the sobelivirad

phylogeny.

In this paper, we hypothesized that structural modeling would reveal conserved motifs

undetectable by sequence alignment alone, and that divergence dates would support ancient

horizontal transfers between plant and fungal viruses. We followed an integrative and multi-

step approach. Once we had assessed the reliability of the 3D model of RYMV RdRp, we

extended our analysis at an intrageneric level revealing the structural conservation among 26

sobemoviral polymerases, including in the divergent sequence domains of the index and thumb.

Then, the 3D models of 19 sobelivirad RdRps were generated to produce a structure-guided

sequence alignement and to identify the structural features of each viral genera. The RdRp

features combined with the characteristic polyprotein arrangement of sobelivirads allowed the

identification of new candidate barnaviruses and outgroups. These sequences contributed to

generate a new structure-guided alignement and a robust phylogenetic topology. Hence,

divergence dates between the two main Sobarna- and Polena-clades and between

sobemoviruses infecting plants and barnaviruses infecting fungi were estimated. Finally,

molecular signatures of sobelivirads and of each clades were identified refining the definitions

of the sobelivirad RdRp conserved motifs. Potential applications of our results including

taxonomical revisions, metagenomic sequence assignments, diagnostic tool development and

risks of cross-kingdom host jumps were further discussed.

Results

Structural features of RYMV RdRp among the picornavirus supergroup

The diversity and evolution of rice yellow mottle virus (*Sobemovirus RYMV*) have been

extensively studied [39,40], the estimation of its short-term substitution rate was the starting

point of deep evolutionary analyses of sobemoviruses [30,32]. So, we firstly modeled the

RYMV RdRp (Fig 1A) using Alphafold v2.2 algorithm [33], which has been shown to predict

protein structures with near-experimental accuracy. Predicted 3D model showed local distance

difference test (plDDT) scores ranging from 92 to 98, indicating highly reliable structural model

(maximum score = 100) (Fig 1A).

Up to now, the closest available experimental structures of RdRp belong to poliovirus

(PV) and foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDV) [41], two well-studied species of the order

Picornavirales in the phylum *Pisuviricota* infecting humans or animals, respectively. The 3D

model of RYMV RdRp was aligned with them using mTM-align algorithm [42], a tool that

performs global superposition of protein backbones based on TM-scores and RMSD values.

The characteristic fingers-palm-thumb organization was observed in all three structures (Fig

1B). Although amino acid conservation between RYMV and PV/FMDV sequences was low

(<10% identity) except in the RdRp motifs, the nature and 3D orientation of most secondary

structural elements (α-helices and β-sheets) were preserved across all three structures (Fig 1C

& 1D). The central part of the protein, which forms the conserved palm domain, showed high

local structural similarity, with root mean square deviations (RMSD) below 1 angstrom (Å),

validating the approach. One of the major conserved feature of picornavirales RdRps was

observed, *i.e.* the index finger at the amino-terminal region is position to interact with the top

of the thumb, trapping the ring finger beneath it (Fig 1B). Additionally, the orientation of the

so-called pinky finger helix, which has been previously described to distinguish two

picornavirad groups including FMDV or PV [41], would bring the predicted structure of RYMV

closer to that of FMDV (Fig 1B-D).

The structure-guided alignment generated from the RYMV RdRp model facilitated

precise amino acid sequence comparison, in particular for the variable N-terminal domain and

the poorly conserved motif H located at the C-terminal extremity (Fig 1E). Globally, only 27

out of 560 sites (4.8%) accross the sequence alignment were strictly identical in the three

RdRps. Less than 50% of these conserved residues were located in the ABC motifs, ~80% in

all the 7 RdRp well-known motifs and ~95% in the entire homomorphs, showing the added

value of considering the structural domains rather than the sequence motifs only. However, as

expected, the phylogenetic distance between picornavirads and sobelivirads resulted in

significant structural differences. In the RdRp core domain, there was a larger number of β-

strand elements which are longer in RYMV compared to the two picornaviruses. In contrast,

the thumb domain, formed by α-helices at the carboxy-terminal part of RdRps, was smaller in

the predicted RYMV structure. Comparison with experimental structures, rare and

phylogenetically distant, was informative but insufficient ; it must be complemented by

modeling of more closely related proteins.

Structural conservation and phylogeny of sobemoviral RdRps

The RdRp 3D models of the 26 ICTV-approved sobemoviral species (S2 Table) were

generated using the same method to assess the structural conservation at the intrageneric scale.

They all showed high reliability, with plDDT scores comprised between 90 and 98 (S3 Fig).

Three dimensional superpositions of sobemovirus RdRps revealed a high degree of structural

similarity in the alpha-carbon traces, with RMSD to RYMV below 1Å (Fig 2A). Only the length

of two external loops varied from two to six residues depending the viral species. These loops

located at the thumb joint and at the back of the fingers, are named here as « orange and dark

green loops », respectively, based on the protein rainbow color code (from N-terminus dark

blue to C-terminus red) (Fig 2A).

The structure-based alignment of the 26 sobemovirus RdRps computed by mTM-align

has a mean length of 446 residues across 472 sites (S4 Fig). With a mean pairwise sequence

identity values among sobemovirus RdRps at 54.3% ± 3.2%, the resulting amino acid

conservation in the whole mTM-alignment was relatively low, with 120 out of 446 residues

being strictly conserved (27% of the mean length). The strictly conserved residues were located

in RdRp motifs (31%) or more extended in homomorphs (69%) but 21% belonged to the RdRp

extremities upstream and dowstream of the motifs G and D, respectively. Noteworthy, the 75

C-terminal residues including motifs E and H have not been considered in previous sobemoviral

alignments (Ghafari et al., 2024). Including this C-terminal part increased alignment length by

18%, and revealed 9 new conserved residues (7.5%).

The RdRp structural alignment was converted to a multiple sequence alignment of

nucleic acids by replacing each amino acid by its corresponding codon from their respective

viral genomes. The structure-guided alignment was used to reconstruct the maximum-

likelihood phylogenetic tree of sobemoviruses using SeaView v5.05 (Fig 2B). Phylogenetic

relationships between the viral species confirmed the previously reported lineages and their

clustering by plant family hosts [30]. RYMV belong to one of the two lineages infecting

monocots host plants of the *Poaceae* family. The other sobemovirus species were distributed in

one and two lineages infecting plants of the *Solanaceae* and *Fabaceae* families, respectively,

or to different and unique plant families. Hence, the structure-guided alignment of all

sobemovirus RdRps recapitulates known phylogenetic relationships, confirming that our

approach preserves evolutionary signals even at fine taxonomic scales.

Structural features and structure-guided alignment of sobelivirad RdRps

The order *Sobelivirales* comprised 122 viral species unevenly distributed into seven

genera and three families (Table 1). The genera *Barnavirus, Dinornavirus, Husbsclerovirus* and

Polemovirus contain only one member recognized by ICTV whereas poleroviruses,

sobemoviruses and enamoviruses contain 77, 26 and 15 species, respectively. A subset of 20

RdRps including maximum six taxons in each genera, including sobemoviruses, were selected

(Table 1). Given the amino acid sequence similarity between the RdRps of the unique

polemovirus and the selected poleroviruses (% ID = 64% ± 0.9%), they were grouped together

as « poler/moviruses » for the remainder of the analyses. Indeed, *Polemovirus PNLV* originated

from a recombination event between a polerovirus as major parent and a sobemovirus on its CP

gene [43].

The RdRp 3D models were generated in a view to guide the sequence alignement at the

intergeneric scale. The RdRp models showed plDDT scores ranging mostly from 90 to 98,

indicating highly reliable structural models as for the sobemoviral ones (Fig 3A-D and S5 Fig).

However, the RdRp 3D model of the Heterocapsa circularisquama RNA virus 01 (HcRNAV),

the unique dinornavirus, showed low-confidence plDDT scores (< 60) for 10% of its residues.

As a result, dinornaviruses were excluded from dowstream analyses to avoid bias in structural

alignments. As expected based on the amino acid sequence conservation (% ID >50%) at the

intrageneric scale, comparison of RdRp 3D models confirmed a high structure conservation at

this scale (RMSD <1 Å) (Table 2). Sequence and structure conservations of sobemoviral RdRps

was significatively lower from those of poler/moviruses.

The 3D superimposition of the 19 RdRp models obtained after structural alignment

confirmed the global strutural conservation of sobelivirad RdRps (1.9 Å < RMSD < 2.5 Å) (Fig

4A). While the RdRp core was highly conserved as expected, few additional structural features

were observed in some external loops depending on the viral taxons. The « orange loop », found

to be highly reliable (plDDT> 80-90) but variable in length among the sobemoviral RdRps, was

identified as characteristic of this genera (Fig 2A). By contrast the « dark green loop » was

rather stable in most of the sobelivirad RdRps analyzed here, except in those from certain

sobemoviruses, and therefore not considered in the dowstream analyses. In the polem/rovirus

and enamovirus RdRps, an extra « green helix » was identified at the thumb junction in addition

to a longer « red loop » located at the thumb tip. These two specific secondary elements showed

a conserved length and high plDDT scores (Fig 3A & 3E). Similarly, high scores were observed

for a « light blue helix » located at the edge of the palm in the hubsclerovirus RdRp (Fig 3D &

3H). Interestingly, this extended domain was also observed in the barnavirus RdRp but rather

as an unfolded loop (Fig 3C & 3G). However, this « light blue loop » and a « yellow helix »

found in the barnavirus RdRp showed low plDDT values (<70) indicating that their 3D

conformation remained uncertain. At this step, we cannot exclude that these three structural

features were restricted to the unique RdRp sequences of hubsclerovirus and barnavirus species

available.

The 3D modeling facilitated sequence alignment and optimization of gap positions and

lengths. The structure-guided alignment of the 19 sobelivirad RdRps has a mean length of 456

residues across 581 sites (Fig 4B & S6A-B Fig). Amino acid conservation was notably low,

with less than 12% of residues being strictly conserved. As expected, the solvent accessibility

scores and predicted secondary structure elements were well conserved along the linear

sequences in sobelivirad RdRps. Due to their low sequence conservation, the RdRp extremities

are generally not considered in the sequence alignment. However, they play a crucial structural

role in the protein structure of picorna-like RdRps (thumb/index finger interaction). The

structure-guided approach has enabled us to explicitely include these RdRp extremities in the

sequence alignment, for the first time, at this intergeneric taxonomic scale (Fig 4A & 4B).

Intermediate to large insertions and deletions (indels) to account for additional

secondary structure elements were heterogeneously distributed along the linear alignment of

the RdRps (Fig 4B and S6A-B Fig). They correspond to the secondary structure elements

already identified through the global superimposition of the 3D models and could be considered

as candidate taxonomical features due to their high intrageneric conservation. For instance,

insertions at positions 334-347 and 538-552 were characteristic to the « green helix » and « red

loop » in both poler/mo- and enamoviruses and insertions at positions 490-503 to the « orange

loop » in sobemoviruses. To a lesser extend due to unique species in the genera and to lower

plDDT scores, insertions at positions 120-163 and 443-455 might be characteristic to the « light

blue helix or loop » found in the barnavirus or husclerovirus and to the « yellow loop » in the

barnavirus. Notably, all these features were located outside the ABC motifs, mostly at the

protein extremities. Based on highly reliable structural models, our RdRp sequence alignment

contributed to define accurately indel lengths and locations all along the protein sequence and

to identify candidate structural features of each sobelivirad genera.

Identification of new barnaviruses and outgroup RdRp sequences

To balance the underrepresented genera in our RdRps dataset and to confirm the

sobelivirad structural features, RdRp sequences of new candidate sobelivirad species were

searched in the NCBI Virus database. Ten sequences tagged as husbscleroviruses and

polemoviruses were not further considered because they belong to the known HuSRV and

PnLV species. By contrast, 69 sequences tagged as classified or unclassified barnavirids were

extracted from the database. To avoid false positives due to structural evolutive convergence,

we firstly filtered the candidate sequences based on the specific arrangement of domains in the

polyprotein (protease / VPg / polymerase) — considered as a major taxonomical criteria of

sobelivirads. Thirthy one sequences were identified based on the conserved triad H-D-

Gx(S/C)G of the protease and the ABC motif of the polymerase (S7 Table). To avoid

redondancy, only one MBV isolate (accession number NC001633) out of three was selected.

Based on the high conservation of indels at the intrageneric scale observed in this study, we

discarded all the RdRp sequences containing long insertions between the 8 RdRp conserved

motifs. Under this stringent filter, five sequences were identified and considered as barnavirus

tentative species (Table 3). Three of them, namely CoBV, RsBV and TuBV, were originated

from phytoparasitic fungi [44–46], and two, referred here as tBV1 and tBV2, from

metagenomic samples [47].

To reconstruct the evolutionary history of sobelivirad taxons by phylogenetic analyses,

a careful outgroup selection is needed. As candidate outgroups must share a common ancestor

with sobelivirads, they should also share a similar genomic organisation. Polyprotein sequences

tagged as unclassified sobeli-, solemo- and sobemo-like were extracted from the NCBI virus

database. From 204 initial sequences, 55 sequences were identified based on the conserved

protease and RdRp motifs (S8 Table). Noteworthy, sobemoviruses recently approved by ICTV,

such as XYDV and PLSV (accession numbers ON828429 and ON137710), still appeared as

unclassified in the NCBI Virus database. After removal of sequences with long insertions and

based on basal phylogenetic position, Soybean thrips sobemo-like virus 5 (SoTV5,

MW023867), Scaphoideus titanus sobemo-like virus 1 (ScTV1, MN982389), and Hypera

postica associated sobemovirus 1 (HyPV1, MW676135) were selected as outgroups for the

following analyses (Table 3). They all originated from phytophageous insects [48–50].

The 3D models of the 5 candidate barnaviral and the 3 outgroup RdRps were generated

using Alphafold (S9 Fig). They showed plDDT scores ranging mostly from 90 to 98, indicating

highly reliable structural models. The low plDDT score of the « light blue loop » of barnavirus

RdRp was observed only for MBV but not for the new barnaviruses. The candidate structural

features of barnaviruses, the « light blue and yellow loops », showed length variability similarly

to the « orange loop » of sobemoviruses. In comparaison to the new barnaviruses, the three

outgroup models showed more structural conservation among them. However, the 3D

superimposition of the total dataset revealed several specific features in external loops of the 3

outgroups (S10 Fig). Both a longer and a shorter loops were identified in their « dark green »

region.

Sobelivirad phylogeny and divergence date estimation

The structure-guided alignment of the 27 RdRps including candidate barnaviruses and

outgroups was generated with mTM-align (Fig 5A & 5B). Following the same method than for

the sobemovirus phylogeny, the structural alignment was converted to a multiple sequence

alignment of nucleic acids by replacing each amino acid by its corresponding codon, and, then,

it was used to construct the maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree of *Sobelivirales* with

SeaView (Fig 6A). The three supplemental sequences were confirmed as outgroups and formed

a well-supported cluster. They contributed to reveal two main clades with high bootstrap

supports. On the one hand, phylogenetic relationships between poler/moviruses and

enamoviruses were confirmed, this clade was referred to as Polena-clade. On the other hand,

plant sobemoviruses and fungal barna-/hubsclerovirus clustered together, establishing the

monophyly of this group for the first time, referred to as Sobarna-clade. The structure-guided

alignment of our relevant dataset resulted in the first accurate phylogeny of sobelivirads — a

starting point to propose a taxonomical revision of sobelivirad families.

To assess the robustness of the inferred topology to the alignment strategy, we also

examined an alternative structure-informed alignment based on the 3Di structural alphabet

[51,52]. Apart from the position of HuSRV, which appeared distantly related to the

sobemoviruses rather than the barnaviruses and the absence of posterior support values, this

analysis recovered a broadly similar tree topology (S11 Fig). We therefore retained the mTM-

align/codon-based tree for the main analyses, as it enabled downstream nucleotide phylogenetic

inference and PoW-based divergence dating. According to this analysis, the most recent

common ancestor (TMRCA) of sobemoviruses dates back to 2.2 million years before present

(BP) (95% highest posterior density (HPD): 1.0-3.8 million years BP) (Fig 6B), aligning closely

with a recent estimate [30]. The divergence time of the Polena-clade was estimated to 5.1

million years BP (95% HPD: 2.6–8.3). The findings here provides the first estimate of the

TMRCA for fungal (barna)viruses, which dates back to 4.6 million years BP (95% HPD: 2.0-

8.1), and for the Sobarna-clade to 18.7 million years BP (95% HPD: 11.1– 27.1). Furthermore,

this analysis offers the first estimation of the TMRCA of the *Sobelivirales* order, reaching back

to 27.0 (95% HPD: 18.1-37.5) million years BP, which is nearly ten times older than the origins

of sobemoviruses.

<u>Integrating structural and phylogenetic analyses of sobelivirad RdRps</u>

In this study, 44 sobelivirad polymerases (including 26 sobemoviral RdRps) were

modeled and compared. In total, only 43 residues were strictly conserved at the intergeneric

scale (less than 9% of the mean sequence length) (Fig 4 & 5). Despite significant divergence in

their protein sequences, the RdRp core within the central tunnel of sobelivirads were found to

be highly conserved in structure across all genera in agreement with strong functional restraints.

A fourth of the conserved residues are located within the ABC motifs, half in the well-

characterized RdRp motifs and >80% in homomorphs. Excluding the residues shared with the

picornavirus PV and FMDV, 29 out of these 43 conserved amino acids could represent

interesting sobelivirad markers for taxonomical assignement, in particular nine of them located

in RdRp motifs including 382-SG-383, 288-PH-289, 545-FCS-547 in the motifs A, F and E,

respectively (Fig 7).

In order to identify markers of the two major clades identified with the phylogenetic

analyses of sobelivirads, the amino acid sequence conservation inside the RdRp core was

compared between the Polena- versus Sobarna-clades. All ICTV-recognized poleroviruses and

enamoviruses were included in the RdRp sequence dataset in addition to the known

sobemoviruses and the candidate barnaviruses (S12 Table). This dataset of 127 sequences

allowed the identification of 10 clade-specific residues, *i.e.* amino acids conserved in one clade

and distinct in the other clade (Fig 7). Six of them were localized at the same positions 206,

381, and 499 in motifs G, A and C, respectively (referring to the alignment numbering in Fig

5A & 5B). Indeed, the RdRps of the sobarna-clade harbour one isoleucine and two serines at

these positions whereas a cysteine, an alanine and a glycine were observed in the polena-clade.

Three other residues were specific of the sobarna-clade : 207P in motif G, 520H and 523K, the

last two occupying notable 3D positions in motif D. Indeed, The lysine at position 523 pointed

into the entry of the central tunnel, while the histidine at position 520 participated to the

stabilization of the region with its interaction with the residue 292E (Fig 7). Notably, the

sobemoviral « orange loop » between Motifs D and E was also validated in the large dataset. In

the Polena-clade, a strictly conserved lysine at position 290 within Motif F on the picky finger

domain also pointed into the central tunnel, alongside the conserved sobelivirad lysine at

position 293 (Fig 7). In addition, the polena- « green helix » upstream Motif A and the polena-

« red loop » dowstream Motif H provided robust indel signatures. Integrating structural and

phylogenetic analyses of sobelivirad RdRps revealed molecular signatures of these deeply

divergent clades, refining the definitions of the conserved motifs (Fig 7).

Discussion

Our study aligns with recent efforts to leverage structural phylogenomics for resolving

deep evolutionary relationships in highly divergent proteins [35]. We combined AlphaFold,

mTM-align and PoW dating to produce a robust and extensive sequence alignement of RdRps

and to investigate the evolutionary history of sobelivirads. By contrast to the alignments based

on structural alphabets such as FoldSeek 3Di [51], our methodology based on global backbone

superpositions offers the advantages to capture extended motifs and to be less sensitive to local

inaccuracies in flexible regions. Protein modeling successfully provided high-confidence

structural elements to complement anchor points based on the classical functional motifs. Most

of these structural features are located outside the ABC motif, often in the RdRp sequence

extremities generally not considered for the alignment despite their functional role. For

instance, in the NLM's conserved domain database (CDD) [53], the barnavirid RdRp domain

(cd23184) was restricted to the 259 amino acids in the palm domain (corresponding to aa 170-

429 in Fig 5A & 5B). However, we showed that the conserved motifs G and H in the index

finger and thumb domains were very well predicted by Alphafold (plDDT > 90), and showing

high structural similarity (RMSD < 2Å). Hence, our structure-guided approach doubled the

alignment length of the sobelivirad RdRp and increased its quality considering now the

extremities of RdRp and its intra-molecular interactions. Such an extension can result in a more

precise phylogenetic analysis.

As for other mycovirus taxons, barnavirid diversity remains largely unknown. Up to

now, the family *Barnaviridae* contains only one viral species recognized by ICTV (*Mushroom*

bacilliform virus, MBV). However, the NCBI Virus database contains 69 sequences tagged as

« Barnaviridae » and the NCBI Taxonomy browser inventories 13 « unclassified Barnavirus »

and 4 « unclassified Barnaviridae ». Moreover, the number of metagenomic publications

describing partial sequences related to barnavirids or referred to as « barna-like » viruses is

increasing [44–47,54–57]. In the CDD database, besides rhizoctonia solani barnavirus 1

(RsBV) and tulasnella barnavirus 1 (TuBV), apple barna-like 1 (ApBV) is also considered and

included in the short protein alignment of the RdRp palm domain. In addition to another

independent taxonomical criteria (the polyprotein domain arrangment), our study provides

stringent structural criteria of RdRps to assign sequences to the order *Sobelivirales*. We

considered that, except the five sequences used in our dataset (RsBV, TuBV, CoBV, tBV1,

tBV2), all the other metagenomic sequences cited above should not be considered as barnavirids

in absence of other taxonomical evidences. In the near future, new metagenomic datasets

targeting fungi could increase the number of barnavirid sequences.

The same approach combining polyprotein domain arrangement and RdRp structural

features allowed the identification of three outgroups from metagenomic data based on their

genetic distance from the sobelivirad dataset. These outgroups enhanced the quality of the

phylogenetic tree and contributed to reveal two main clades with high bootstrap supports. This

phylogenic analysis led to a new taxonomic proposal : the creation of two new families

Polenaviridae (clustering the genera *Polerovirus*, *Enamovirus* and *Polemovirus*) and

Sobarnaviridae (clustering genera *Sobemovirus*, *Barnavirus* and *Hubsclerovirus*), replacing the

Solemoviridae and *Barnaviridae*. By assessing the conservation of the structure-guided

alignment of the 127 RdRp sobelivirid sequences, we enriched the common conserved motifs,

identified molecular signatures of the two new proposed families, and revealed structural

features that can be used as marker of viral genera. Interestingly, newly identified putative

sobemo-like and sobeli-like viruses often represent a significant portion of newly discovered

plant and fungus taxa within environnemental viromes [17,47,58–60]. Extending this approach

in the near future will accelerate their taxonomic classification, a priority for virus research

[61]. Additionally, these RdRp features could be useful for the development of molecular tools

for diagnostic and detection such as PCR primers.

At a higher taxonomical rank, in the class *Pisoniviricetes,* the well-known

picornaviruses show both structural and functional similarities with sobelivirids, such as the use

of a Viral Protein genome-linked (VPg) to prime RNA replication by the RdRp. However,

picornaviral VPg are very small (~20 residues) and are cleaved from the RdRp by a viral

protease located downtream of the VPg domain. In contrast, the sobarnavirids and polenavirids

share a conserved genomic organization (protease/VPg/polymerase) and have large VPgs (80-

150 residues), which likely result in or induce specific molecular mechanisms. While

interactions between picornaviral VPg and RdRps and their structure-function relationships

have been extensively studied in human and animal viruses, very little data exist for plant

viruses. Our approach could help to fill this knowledge gap, or at least provide a better

understanding of plant RdRp features through *in silico* comparative analyses.

For example, the comparative analysis of Motif E, unique to RdRps compared to other

polymerases, offers a good starting point for better understanding of some of the plant RdRp

features. The amino acid composition of this motif is directly linked to the viral replication

strategy, whether it is based on protein priming (VPg) or not. Described as a « primer grip »,

this motif has been shown to help to correctly position the 3' OH end of the primer strand [9,18].

In picornaviral RdRps, the conserved phenylalanine in Motif E, which faces Motif C, is

followed by two residues with relatively long side chains (leucine-lysine, LK), while in

flaviviral RdRps, the central channel is narrower, and these residues have rather short side

chains (cysteine-serine, CS). Interestingly, plant and fungus sobelivirad RdRps share the same

conserved Motif E as flavivirids. Additionaly, the homomorph that contains Motif E forms part

of the NTP entry tunnel and can vary in length depending on the viral species. Sobemoviruses

exhibit a longer « orange loop » at the thumb joint compared to other members of *Sobelivirales*,

another unexpected similarity with flaviviral hepatitis virus C. However, at this taxonomic rank,

evolutive convergence should not be discarded.

At the sobelivirad scale, taxonomical factors such as genomic arrangement limit the

convergence risk. The common evolutionary history of plant and fungus sobelivirad RdRps

could be illustrated by Motif D. This motif influences the rate of nucleotide addition to the

nascent RNA strand. Characterized by a glycine hinge and a positively charged lysine, both

located in similar positions across available RdRp crystal structures, the distance inside the

linear sequence between these two conserved residues varies across different viral families [9].

In the Sobarnaviridae clade, lysine (or its equivalent arginine) is conserved at position N+4, i.e.

position 523 (referring to Fig 7). In the Polenaviridae clade, our initial analysis was too stringent

to detect the conserved lysine. However, a lysine was found at position N+2 – i.e. position 521,

in a large part of the sequences, with its orientation differing from the Sobernaviridae lysine in

the 3D structural model. Motif D has been shown to influence not only incorporation speed but

also fidelity, both of which are closely linked to viral pathogenesis and virulence. For example,

increased fidelity in a poliovirus mutant has been associated with viral attenuation [62]. The

putative role of lysine 523 could be tested via site-directed mutagenesis in model sobemoviruses

like RYMV.

The structural differences and evolutionary distances between RdRps of sobemoviruses

and poleroviruses (two phytovirus genera in the order *Sobelivirales*) were found to be greater

than those between sobemoviruses and barnaviruses (a mycovirus genus in the family

Barnaviridae) as well as hubscleroviruses (a mycovirus genus in the family *Solemoviridae*).

Given the role of RdRp as a major marker of viral evolutionary history, our results confirmed

that horizontal viral transfert(s) (HVT) between plant/fungal viruses occured in the Order

Sobelivirales. The direction of the HVT(s) cannot yet be determined without further data on the

hosts of metagenomic sequences we used as outgroups.

Using an interdisciplinary approach, we provided the first divergence time estimation

between these plant and fungal viruses, dating back to ~27 million years BP. The TDRP-

corrected evolutionary history of *Sobelivirales* was extended five thousand times, far beyond

previous estimates [32]. However, this timeframe should be interpreted cautiously. Our current

application of the PoW model is based on a short-term substitution rate estimated for the RYMV

polymerase gene and assumes that this rate provides a reasonable proxy across the broader

sobelivirad phylogeny. If short-term rates vary substantially among plant- and fungal-infecting

clades, some node ages may be shifted to older or younger than their true values. More

generally, while PoW accounts for time-dependent rate decay across timescales, it does not

fully resolve lineage-specific branch-rate heterogeneity. These estimates should therefore be

viewed as a first unified temporal framework for sobelivirad evolution rather than as precise

point estimates for all clades. Nevertheless, even with our current conservative estimates, the

estimate time favour a model in which the present-day distribution of sobelivirads across plants

and fungi reflects past host shifts across kingdoms rather than uninterrupted codivergence with

their current hosts over hundreds of millions of years [63]. Other lineages of mycoviruses either

with single- or double-stranded RNA genomes also showed close phylogenetic relationships

with plant viruses at different taxonomical ranks [20,24,64], suggesting that taxonomy of these

viruses should not be considered independently but rather as a continuum. An interdisciplinary

approach at the interface of biophysics, bioinformatics, and virology should be encouraged to

better understand evolution, interactions and biological mechanisms of myco- and

phytoviruses.

Material and methods

Sequence datasets

The sobemoviral dataset used in this study contained all the RdRp sequences from RYMV to the other 25 ICTV-approved sobemoviral species (S2 Table). The sobelivirad dataset contained a subset of representative RdRp sequences from the viral order (Table 1). Six poleroviruses, six sobemoviruses and four enamoviruses were selected to maximize the RdRp sequence diversity for each genera based on their phylogeny. For each of the genera *Barnavirus, Husbsclerovirus* and *Polemovirus,* only one ICTV-approved member was available. The unique member of *Dinornavirus* (HcRNAV) was excluded from the dataset due to low-confidence plDDT scores (see above).

Five putative barnaviral sequences were added to the 19 sobelivirad datased based on a three-step methodology. Firstly, polyprotein sequences tagged as « Barnaviridae » or « unclassified Barnaviridae » were extracted from the NCBI Virus database and aligned with MUSCLE [65] in SeaView v5.05 [66]. The N-terminal extremities of the RdRps often incomplete were manually refine. Secondly, the presence of the conserved triad H-D-Gx(S/C)G of the protease upstream the ABC motif of the polymerase were checked (S7 Table). Finally, sequences with long insertions between the 8 RdRp conserved motifs were discarded (Table 3). In addition, three outgroup sequences tagged as unclassified sobeli-, solemo- and sobemo-like were selected and added to result in the 27 RdRp dataset using the same process (S8 Table, Table 3). A total sobelivirad dataset made of 127 RdRp sequences was also constituted adding all ICTV-recognized poleroviruses and enamoviruses (S12 Table) to the 26 sobemoviral and the 27 sobelivirad datasets described above.

3D model prediction, evaluation and structural alignment

The 3D structures of the RYMV, the 25 other sobemoviral and the 27 sobelivirad RdRps were predicted using a locally installed version of Alphafold v2.2 [33]. For each sequence, 5

models were generated using default Alphafold parameters and the highest-ranked model was

conserved. The pLDDT reliability scores were available in the B-factor field of each Alphafold

model. Models showing 10% of their residues having low-confidence plDDT scores (< 60)

were not considered in this study.

The RYMV 3D model was superposed to the closest experimental structures available,

PDB 1RA6 and 1U09 of poliovirus (PV) and foot-and-mouth disease virus (FMDV) RdRps,

respectively, using mTM-align [42]. Pairwise RMSD scores were calculated using ProFit

(Martin A.C.R., http://www.bioinf.org.uk/software/profit/). The aligned sequences and their

corresponding RMSD scores in Angstroms (identifier suffixed with d3.RMSD_1ra6A an

.d3.RMSD_1u09A) are interfaced with the 3D models using Jsmol applet and script [67]

(https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/rmsd.html). The Cα deviation colors can be projected onto one

of the displayed structures by cliking one of these identifiers. The pairwise sequence identity

between the proteins was calculated with Ident and Sim software [68]. Descriptive statistics

(mean and standard deviation), one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) and Tukey's honest

significant difference (HSD) post-hoc test were performed to identify specific pairwise

differences ($p < 0.05$). The strictly conserved and the similar residues were visualized onto the

sequence alignment using Color Align Conservation [68]. Homomorphs were identifed based

on [18].

The 3D models of the 26 sobemoviral and the 27 sobelivirad RdRps were superposed

using mTM-align and were interfaced with their sequences using JSmol applet and script

(https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/sobemo_v7/sobemo and https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/sobemo

_v7/sobeli, respectively). By default, the 3D models were colored using standard rainbow code

(from N-terminus, dark blue, to C-terminus, red). Selected Alphafold models can be displayed

and customized by using the toggle buttons and the popup menus from the right bottom panel

and the colors of the amino acids of one aligned sequence from the top panel can be projected

on the selected 3D structure(s) by clicking on the corresponding protein identifier in the top left

panel. We carefully delineated the polymerase domain shared by the proteins by inspecting both

the positional conservation of the aligned sequences, the superposition of their predicted

secondary structures and the solvent accessibility. The secondary structure and the solvent

accessibility of each sobelivirad model residue was calculated using STRIDE [69].

<u>Phylogenetic analysis</u>

The mTM-align structural alignments of sobemoviral and sobelivirad RdRps were

translated into multiple sequence alignments of nucleic acids by replacing each amino acid by

their corresponding codon from the viral genomes using PAL2NAL [70]. JModelTest 2 [71]

was used to identify the best nucleotide substitution model for phylogenetic analysis based on

the Akaike Information Criterion. The Maximum-Likelihood tree was then constructed with

the General Time Reversible Model with an optimised rate variation and class for invariant sites

(GTR + G + I) using PhyML implemented in SeaView v 5.05 [66]. The reliability of the

phylogenetic tree nodes was estimated via a bootstrap resampling procedure with 100

replicates. The sobemoviral and sobelivirad phylogenetic tree were midpoint rooted and rooted

using the outgroup branch, respectively. The mTM-align tree was compared to an alternative

one based on the 3Di structural alphabet using Foldtree powered by Foldseek [51,52].

<u>Time-tree reconstruction using the Prisoner of War model</u>

We used the Prisoner of War (PoW) model of virus evolution to account for the power-

law decay in the substitution rate estimates of sobelivirads, as described in Ghafari et al. [30],

where we also established the presence of a robust and representative molecular clock signal

for the RdRp locus for sobemoviruses. Briefly, the short-term substitution rate for the RYMV

polymerase gene, inferred from a standard molecular clock model was used as the baseline rate.

RYMV provides the only available sobelivirad lineage for which a robust short-term rate

estimate had previously been established. PoW model was then applied to root-to-node genetic

distances in an ultrametric distance tree. For each internal node, the genetic node height was

transformed into calendar time using the PoW distance-to-time mapping, parameterised by the

short-term rate distribution estimated from RYMV and the fastest-evolving rate class.

Calendar-time branch durations were then obtained as the differences between transformed

parent and child node ages. The maximum clade credibility tree was constructed after 100

iterations using TreeAnnotator v.1.10.4 and visualized through a lineages-through-time plot

using the phytools library in R [72].

<u>Polymerase evolution</u>

The 44 sequences of sobemoviral and sobelivirad RdRps were compared alone and with

those of PV and FDMV using Color Align Conservation to identify candidate sobelivirad

markers. Then, the total sobelivirad dataset made of 127 RdRp proteins were aligned using

MAFFT [73] to identify RdRp core markers of the Polena- versus Sobarna- clades. The three

outgroups were not considered in this analysis. At each site of the 8 RdRp conserved motifs,

amino acids present in all sequences of one clade (or that were similar based on BLOSUM score

$\geq$ 0) and absent from sequences of the other clade were considered as clade-specific residue.

The location of these sobelivirad and clade-specific marker residues were visualized and

colored on the 3D models of RYMV and PLRV as sticks on Cα trace using JSmol. Motif

visualization was performed with WebLogo v2.8.2 [74]. Each sequence logo consists of stacks

of symbols, one stack for each position in the sequence. The overall height of the stack indicates

the sequence conservation at that position, while the height of symbols within the stack

indicates the relative frequency of each amino at that position.

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Tables

Table 1: Composition of the order *Sobelivirales* and species analyzed in detail in this study.

Names of viral families and genera were indicated with number of species into brackets. For

the species selected in the dataset, virus name, abbreviations and accession numbers were

indicated. Viral species used as representative member in this study were in bold.

Family	Genus (N species)	Virus name	Abbr.	Genbank accession number	Uniprot accession nb
Solemoviridae	*Sobemovirus* (26)	Papaya lethal yellowing virus	PLYV	NC018449	J7GBL4
		Rice yellow mottle virus	**RYMV**	AJ608207	Q709L0
		Solanum nodiflorum mottle virus	SNMoV	NC033706	A0A1P7XK80
		Southern bean mosaic virus	SBMV	AF055887	O72157
		Turnip rosette virus	TRoV	NC004553	Q80QX5
		Xufa yellow dwarf virus	XYDV	ON828429	A0A977KCX8
	Polerovirus (77)	Beet chlorosis virus	BChV	NC002766	A0A385L367
		Beet mild yellowing virus	BMYV	NC003491	Q45GB9
		Cereal yellow dwarf virus RPS	CYDV-RPS	AF235168	Q9IZF5
		Cucurbit aphid-borne virus	CaBYV	NC003688	Q65969
		Potato leafroll virus	**PLRV**	AF453394	Q84837
		Turnip yellows virus	TuYV	NC003743	P09507
	Enamovirus (15)	Alfalfa enamovirus 1	AEV	KU297983	A0A166J1Q2
		Citrus vein enation virus	CVEV	HF679486	S0EQ55
		Grapevine enamovirus 1	GEV	KX645875	A0A1B3B596
		Pea enation mosaic virus 1	**PeMV**	MN497823	A0A6M8PM86
	Polemovirus (1)	Poinsettia latent virus	PnLV	AJ867490	Q5NDM9
	Hubsclerovirus (1)	Hubei sclerotinia RNA virus 1	HuSRV	MK889164	A0A649X039
Barnaviridae	*Barnavirus* (1)	Mushroom bacilliform virus	MBV	U07551	Q9YPD4
Alvernaviridae	*Dinornavirus* (1)	Heterocapsa circularisquama RNA virus	HcRNAV	AB218608	Q3C207

871   **Table 2** : Structure and sequence conservations of sobelivirad RdRps selected in this study.

Viral genera	Sample number	Structural deviation (mean RMSD, Å)*	Sequence conservation (mean pairwise % ID)*
Sobemovirus	6	0.72 ± 0.12 (a)	54.3 ± 3.2 (a)
Poler/movirus	7	0.56 ± 0.16 (b)	66.3 ± 4.4 (b)
Enamovirus	4	0.62 ± 0.23 (a, b)	62.8 ± 15.8 (b)
Barnavirus	1	-	-
Hubsclerovirus	1	-	-

872   * Letters into brackets (a, b) indicate significative differences between groups (Tukey test, $p < 0.05$).

873   ANOVA : F(Structure) = 18.19, $p < 0.001$; F(Sequence) = 10.67, $p < 0.001$.

875   **Table 3**: Virus name, accession numbers and references of the five candidate barnaviruses and

876   the three outgroup viruses used for the phylogenetic analysis of sobelivirads

Viral species	Abbr.	NCBI access nb	Uniprot accession nb	Reference
Colobanthus quitensis associated barnavirus 1	CoBV	MG686618	A0A2P1JMX2	(Nibert et al 2018)
Rhizoctonia solani barnavirus 1	RsBV	KP900904	A0A0M4KGX8	(Marzano et al 2016)
Tulasnella barnavirus 1	TuBV	MN738552	QNN89176	(Sutella et al 2020)
Barnaviridae sp.	tBV1	MZ218174	UHS71527	(Chen et al 2022)
Barnaviridae sp.	tBV2	MZ218185	UHS71731	(Chen et al 2022)
Soybean thrips sobemo-like virus 5	SoTV5	MW023867	QPZ88400	[48]
Scaphoideus titanus sobemo-like virus 1	ScTV1	MN982389	QIJ56913	[49]
Hypera postica associated sobemovirus 1	HyPV1	MW676135	QUS52861	[50]

Figure captions

Figure 1: (A) RdRp 3D model of RYMV generated using Alphafold 2.2 colored by per-residue

model confidence score (local distance difference test, plDDT). The regions modeled with high

confidence (plDDT>90) are shown dark blue. The regions colored light blue (plDDT>70) were

modeled with confidence. (B) RYMV RdRp domains. The palm and thumb domains are colored

on RYMV model, grey and pink. The index, picky and other fingers are colored magenta, deep

purple and white, respectively. (C & D) RdRp structures of picornaviruses (PDB 1RA6,

Poliovirus and PDB 1U09, Foot-and-mouth disease virus) are compared to RYMV model and

colored based on root mean square deviations (RMSD) to RYMV RdRp model. The regions

with high local structural similarity (RMSD<1Å) are shown dark blue. The regions colored

light blue (1<RMSD<2) and green (2<RMSD<3) were similar whereas colored other colors,

similarity was low. The picornavirus feature, which was the index finger interacted with the top

of the thumb trapping the ring finger beneath it, was conserved (black arrow) whereas the α-

helix of picornaviruses located at the carboxy-terminal extremity (thumb domain) was lacking

in RYMV predicted structure (shown red). The orientation of the pinky finger in the RYMV

RdRp model was closer to FMDV rather than PV RdRp structure (grey arrows). Dynamic view

and alignment available at https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/rmsd.html (E) Structure-guided

alignment of RdRp sequences of RYMV and the two picornaviruses PV and FMDV using

mTM-align. Strictly conserved and similar residues are highlighted (black and grey,

respectively), RdRp conserved motifs and homomorphs are outlined (black and grey,

respectively). The thumb, index, picky finger domains are outlined pink, magenta and blue

violet, respectively.

Figure 2 : (A) Superimposition of sobemoviral RdRp 3D models (26 species) colored using

standard rainbow code (from N-terminus, dark blue, to C-terminus, red). The models showed

high reliability (plDDT scores >90) and high local structural similarity (RMSD to RYMV <1Å).

Major variable segments at the intra-genera scale are pointed out (grey arrows). Dynamic view

and alignment available at https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/sobemo_v7/sobemo B) Sobemoviral

maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree obtained using the structure-guided mTM-alignment

and the GTR+G+I substitution model in SeaView v5.05. Viral species are colored when they

belong to lineages with common plant host families as reported in Ghafari et al 2023 (orange,

Fabaceae, green, *Poaceae,* blue, *Solanaceae* and pale green, *Poales*). Bootstrap supports based

on 100 replicates were indicated if up or egal to 75%.

Figure 3 : (A-D) RdRp 3D models of genus type members colored by per-residue model

confidence score (local distance difference test, plDDT). The regions modeled with high

confidence (plDDT>90) are shown dark blue. The regions colored light blue (plDDT>70were

modeled with confidence whereas yellow (plDDT>50) and orange (plDDT<50), confidence

was low to very low. PLRV (Polerovirus), PeMV (Enamovirus), MBV (Barnavirus), HuSRV

(Hubsclerovirus). (E-H) Superimposition of RdRp 3D models by genera colored using standard

rainbow code (from N-terminus, dark blue, to C-terminus, red). Poler/movirus (5 species),

Enamovirus (4 species), Barnavirus (1 species), Hubsclerovirus (1 species). Structural features

at the intergeneric level are pointed out (black arrows see Fig 4). Dynamic view and alignment

available at https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/sobemo_v7/sobeli

Figure 4 : (A) Inter-genera superimposition of RdRp 3D models. For clarity reason, only one

model per genera was represented (sobemovirus RYMV, poler/movirus PLRV, enamovirus

PeMV, barnavirus MBV, hubsclerovirus HuSRV). The thumb, index, picky finger domains

were colored pink, magenta and blue violet, respectively. The conserved motifs A-B-C

localized at the center of the channel were colored black. Structural features of the different

genera were colored using the rainbow code (as reported in Fig 2 and 3) and pointed out with

black   arrows.   Dynamic   view   and   alignment   available   at

https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/sobemo_v7/sobeli/ (B) Structure-guided alignment of the 5

sobelivirad RdRp sequences using mTM-align. Strictly conserved and similar residues are

highlighted (black and grey, respectively), RdRp conserved motifs are outlined in black. The

thumb, index, picky finger domains are outlined pink, magenta and blue violet, respectively.

Color code of the structural features of each genera was the same as above. Alignment available

at https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/sobemo_v7/ali19.html

Figure 5 : (A-B) Structure-guided alignment of the 27 sobelivirad RdRp sequences using mTm-

align. Strictly conserved and similar residues are highlighted (black and grey, respectively),

RdRp conserved motifs are outlined in black. The thumb, index, picky finger domains are

outlined pink, magenta and blue violet, respectively. Color code of the structural features of

each genera was the same as above. Dynamic view and alignment available at

https://pat.cbs.cnrs.fr/sobemo/sobemo_v7/sobeli

Figure 6 : (A) Sobelivirad maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree obtained using the structure-

guided mTm-alignment and the GTR+G+I substitution model in SeaView v5.05. Viral species

are colored according to the five genera and the outgroups. Two main clades, namely Sobarna-

vs. Polena-clades, were revealed clustering sobemo- and barnaviruses vs. poler/mo- and

enamoviruses, respectively. Bootstrap supports based on 100 replicates were indicated if up or

egal to 75%. (B) PoW-transformed time tree of the sobelivirads. The horizontal blue bars show

95% highest posterior density of the node age.

Figure 7 : (A) Sobelivirad-specific and clade-specific residues of RdRp motifs located on 3D

models. Remarkable residues were figured as sticks on Cα trace of one representative species

(sobarna, RYMV and polena-, AlEV, respectively). Sobelivirad-specific, Sobarna- and polena-

specific residues were colored magenta, red & blue, respectively, except clade-specific

polymorphic positions colored yellow (arrows). Remarkable residues at positions 263, 489 or

in interaction 365-486 were indicated by arrows or circled in dotted line (see text). (B)

Optimized motifs of sobelivirad RdRps. (a) For each conserved motif, RdRp conserved residues

were colored (black), additional sobelivirad-specific residues (magenta), sobarna-specific

residues (red) and polena-specific residues (blue). Common clade-specific positions were

highlighted (yellow open boxes). Each sequence logo consists of stacks of symbols, one stack for each position in the sequence. The overall height of the stack indicates the sequence conservation at that position, while the height of symbols within the stack indicates the relative frequency of each amino at that position. Position numbering referred to the alignment with 19 sequences.

Supporting data

S1 Table : Taxonomy and biological characteristics in the phylum Pisuviricota.

S2 Table : Dataset of the 26 sobemoviral sequences.

S3 Figure : RdRp 3D models of sobemoviruses colored by per-residue model confidence score (local distance difference test, plDDT).

S4 Figure : Structure-guided alignment of RdRp sequences of the 26 sobemoviruses using mTm-align.

S5 Figure : RdRp 3D model of pole/moviruses, enamoviruses and dinornavirus colored by per-residue model confidence score (local distance difference test, plDDT).

S6 Figure : (A-B) Structure-guided alignment of RdRp sequences of the 19 sobelivirads using mTm-align.

S7 Table : Dataset of 31 sequences from NCBI Virus database, tagged as Barnaviridae and containing both protease and sobelivirad RdRp conserved motifs.

S8 Table : Dataset of 55 sequences from NCBI Virus database, tagged as unclassified sobeli-, solemo- and sobemo-like and containing both protease and RdRp conserved motifs

S9 Figure : (A-B) RdRp 3D models of candidate barnaviruses and outgroups colored by per-residue model confidence score (local distance difference test, plDDT). (C-D) Superimposition of RdRp 3D models of barnaviruses and outgroups.

S10 Figure : Structure-guided alignment of RdRp sequences of the 6 barnaviruses, 3 outgroups and 4 sobelivirads representative of each other genera.

981   **S11 Figure :** Phylogenetic tree obtained using Foldtree.

982   **S12 Table** : Additionnal 99 sequences (genus, name species and accession numbers).

Figure 1

(A) RYMV

(B) RYMV

(C) PV = 1RA6

(D) FMDV = 1U09

(E)

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RYMV  --PFSYVGG----SGVVFGEHAGKSVCAAVKDAISVFPDLEGFGWPERGSK--------A------ELDSLILQAGRFNR   60
PV    GEIQWMRPSKEVGYPILNAPSKTKLEPSAFHYVF--E---GV-KEPAVLTKN--------DPRLKTDFEEAIFSKY-VGNK   66
FMDV  GLIVDTRDV----EERVHVMRKTKLAPTVAHGV---FN-P-EFGPAALSNKDPRLNEGVV------LDEVIFSKHK-GDT   64
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__Index finger domain__

                                                                    __Motif G__
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RYMV  TV-C--PS-GLAQAVQSLQEKY--P---KVPPRRCLRDEWRFDDIFDEVERILCET---GEVNSASSPGVELAGLANSNG  128
PV    ITEV--DE-YMKEAVDHYAGQLMSL---DINTE--Q----------MLEDAMYGTDGLEALDLSTSAGYPYVAMGKKKR   127
FMDV  KM-SAEDKALFRRCAADYASRL--HSVLGTANAPL-----------SLYEALKGVDGLDAMEPDTAPGLPWALQGKRRG   129
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                                              __Motif F__
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RYMV  EVRG----L--ARDLVCLAVVERLNALASVDPRQHNWTPRELVEKGLCDPVRLFVKNEPHPRKKLLERRFRLISSVSLV   201
PV    DILNKQTR----DTKEMQKLLDTY----------------------GINLPLVTYVKDELRSKTKVEQGKSRLIEASSIN   181
FMDV  ALID----FENGTVGPEVEAALKLMEKR----------------EYKFACQTFLKDEIRPMEKVRAGKTRIVDVLPVE   187
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__Picky finger domain__

                                                             __Motif A__
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RYMV  DQLVERMLFGPQNNTEISTWW-QWPSKPGMGLLTPEQIRLVWDDVFQKHQAHPAAEADISGFDWSVQDWELWSDLAIRIN   280
PV    DSVAMRMAFGNLYAAFHKNPG-VITGSAVGDPDL--FWSKIPVLM--E-E--KLFAFDYTGYDASLSPAWFEALKMVLEK   253
FMDV  HILYTRMMIGRFCAQMHSNNGPQIGSAVGCNPDV--DWQRFGTHFAQ-YR--NVWDVDYSAFDANHCSDAMNIMFEEVFR   262
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                                              __Motif B__
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RYMV  RGNFQGNLRRAAISRYYCFMNSVFQLSDGTLIQQELPGLMKSGSYCTSSTNSRIRCLMAELIG---------S------   344
PV    I-GFG---D--RVDYIDYLNHSHHLY-KNKTY-V-K-GGMPSG-SGTSIFNSMINNLIIRTLL----------LKTYKGI   312
FMDV  TEFGF--HP-NAEWILKTLVNTEHAY-ENKRITV--EGGMPSGCSATSIINTIINNIYVLYALRRHYEGVELDT-----   330
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       __Motif C__   __Motif D__   __Motif E__
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RYMV  -P--W-CIAMGDDSVEG---WIE-GAQSKYAALGHTCKEY-----YPCKTRGRELLEFNFCSHLIRR-------GHA   401
PV    DLDHLKMIAYGDDVIASYPH-EVDASLLAQSGKDYGLTMTPADKSAT-ETVT----WENVTFLKRFFRADEKYPFLIHP   386
FMDV  -Y--T-MISYGDDIVVASYDYDLDFE-ALKPHFKSLGQTITPADKSDKGFVLGH---SITDVTFLKRHFHMDYGTGF-YKP   401
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                         __Motif H__
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RYMV  ELT--SWPKALFRFLSS--K-HE-D--FEDLWVELHTCG--VWSRIERYLRGI---------------------------   444
PV    VVP---MKEIHESIRWTKDPRNT-QDHVRSLCLLAWHNGEEEYNKFLAKIRSVPIGRALDLPEYSTLYDRWLDSF-----   457
FMDV  VVASKTLEAILSFA-RR--G-TIQEK-LISVAGLAVHSGPDEYRRLFEPFQGLFEIPSYRSLYLRWVNAVCGDAAALEHH   476
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__Thumb domain__

Figure 2

(A)

(B)

Figure 3

(A) PLRV

(B) PeMV

(C) MBV

(D) HuSRV

(E) Poler/movirus

(F) Enamovirus

(G) Barnavirus

(H) Hubsclerovirus

Figure 4

(A)

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              RYMV_SobemoV   PFSYVGGSGVVFGE--HAGK-SVC-A--AV---KD---AIS-VF-PDLEGFWPERGSKAELDSLILQAGRF--NR--TVCFS--GLAQAVQSLQE--KY  78
              PLRV_PoleroV   GFRKCGHIP-GYYHP-R-TR-GET-QW-GQKL-CQVH---P-ELAEKTTGFGWPKAGSEAELQSLNLQAARWLQRAESATIFGAEARRKVIEKTVE--AK  87
              PeMV_EnamoV    GFNSVGCSCP-FTVYK-C-PPKGLS-SW-GERV-AR-T---SAFLQACTEKYSWPETGAEAELSSLRYQAARRQSAQTTAVIFPKDVREDLIKRTTE--AY  88
              MBV_BarnaV     -VRGVGTFEIFN-PG-G-GK-THA----PS---KE----EQE-EV-EELRNWSWPRGTIAATKQAFLTHTRRL--RT-GFITFCLAAIDWICAQIMDSGLY  80
              HusRV_HbscleroV GLRTVGRSQGVIGNGS-KTR-PET-E--FA----ER---AKQ-TV-SELEGIFWPIGWKGEQTSLELQAGRF--KE--VRAFD--NLREARAAVTA--RY  79
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              Index finger domain

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              RYMV_SobemoV   --PKVPPRRCLR-D-E------------------W-----------------------RF-DDIFD-EVERILCETGEVNSASSPGVPLAGL--ANS  126
              PLRV_PoleroV   RNCVTNAPLCSL-KSK--------------L-------------------------DW-AGF-QQDIREAV--Q-SFELDAGVGIPYIAYG-LPT  136
              PeMV_EnamoV    RSTALPAPMWAH-N----------------F------------------------DE-SHM-RFEFWECV--R-RIKGQAGSGVPYAAFSGRKT  136
              MBV_BarnaV     --PKTGAPTWFYGW-SKQREGGFSDFGSEIF--RLRALPPL-------------------KAEIF-RGIREVVE--Y-NITGDSHPGYPWCKL--GSD  148
              HusRV_HbscleroV --PTSRVHRGLG-E-D---------------SI----S-DYAEAGRRIRQGEVLTEEEIND-FSGRL---SLDFIID-N-EVIPLSSPGAFWSKL--GSD  147
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                                                                                  Motif G
                        Light blue loop

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              RYMV_SobemoV   NGEVRGL--ARDLVCLAVVERLNALAS-VD-PRQHNWTPRELVEKGICDPVRLFVKNEPHPRRKTLERRERLISSVSLVDQLVERMLFGPQNNTEISTWW  222
              PLRV_PoleroV   HRGWVEDHKLLPVLTQLTFDRLQKVSE-AS-FE---DMSAEELVQEGLCDPIRLFVKGEPHKQSKLDEGRMRLIMSVSLVDQLVARVLFQNQNKRPISLWR  232
              PeMV_EnamoV    NDKWVFDHESTEDLWETVRDRLFRLN-QD-F-----IDPVCAVKDGLVDPIRLFVKLEPHKMEKIRNKRYRLIASVSIVDQLVARMLFRDQNEEPLLQHM  230
              MBV_BarnaV     NKAVLTG--FGDLLWDEVAKRFNNVLGYGDAIF--SMTPSELVQNGILTDPVKLFTKGEPHSASKLAEGRLRQISSVSLAANIISRRLYGRQNRVEKAMWR  244
              HusRV_HbscleroV NRTVVAL--HRPLIVRVVVERICILSS-GD-FT--SLSALEMAYMQQGLITDPVKLFVKLEPHSLEKVNAGRLRLILSVSLAANIISRRLYGRQNRVEKAMWR  241
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                                                              Motif F
                                                        Picky finger domain

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              RYMV_SobemoV   Q--WPSKPGVGLLTPEQIRLVWDDVFQKH-Q-----------AH-PAAEAEISGFDWSVQDWPLWSDLAIRINRGN-FQ--GNLRRAAISRYYCFMNSVF  304
              PLRV_PoleroV   S--VPSKPGFGLSTDTQTAEFLECLQKVSGAPSVEELCANHK--EYTRPTDCSGFDWSVAYWMLEDDMEVRNRLTFNNT--QLTKRLRAAWLKCIGNSVL  326
              PeMV_EnamoV    A--IPSKPGLGFSQDHQVLAFTESVAALAGT-SAQDLVDDWS--RYLTPTDCSGFDWSVPMWNLEDDLAVRNELTLGLP--HGLRKMRETWLKCLGQSVF  323
              MBV_BarnaV     S--CPSAPGMGL-NDEGLRTLYSTAQVMA-E----------HG-TICETDISGWDWSVWQQWELDSDARLRTQLAG-EEIGGYLNFFLRVHAYVVGHSVF  327
              HusRV_HbscleroV SPEMPSSCGVGS-SDDDLQTLHSLWNA-Q-P--------L-G---SLAEADISGWDWTIQSWELMSDCERRIDLCG-AG--PGLAQLMRNVHWTMALKVF  323
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                        Green helix   Motif A

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              RYMV_SobemoV   QLSDGTIIQQELPGLMKSGSYVCTSSTNSRIRCLMAELIG-----------SPWCIAMGDDSVEGWIEG-AQSKYAALGHCTEKYYPCKTRGRELLEFN  391
              PLRV_PoleroV   CHSDGTIDLACTVPGVQKSGSVNTSSSNSRIRVMAAYHCG-----------ADWAMAMGDDALEAPN--SDLEEYKTLGFKV-EVG-R--------ELEF  402
              PeMV_EnamoV    CLSNGLLLAQTSPGVQKSGSVNTSSTNSRVRYMLALYAG-----------ASWAVTMGDDALESVG--SDLSQYARLGIKC-ERA-E--------EFDF  399
              MBV_BarnaV     VYPDGEVLEQTVPGGQLSGDHVNTSSSNSRVRVIATMFARYLAGQVSGFPLL--GIKAMGDDSFEIWFKG-LEEYLGKVMGHTVKMCVQRPG----LVGFEF  420
              HusRV_HbscleroV QLSNGSLFEQIKPGVLPSGWVCTTTTNSFMRAQTCQLVG-----------AQFYKVLGDDSEYVDD-AVARYAALGKKVKMYNRCT----TTVEF  404
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                        Motif B   Yellow loop   Motif C   Motif D   Orange loop

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              RYMV_SobemoV   CSHLIR---RGHAELTSWPKALFRFLS-SK--------H--E--DFEDLWVELHTCG----VWSRIERYLRGF  444
              PLRV_PoleroV   CSHIFRN--PTLAVPVNTNKMLYKLIHGYNP-ECGNPEVIQNYLAAVFSVLQELRH-D--RELVAKLHQ-W--H  467
              PeMV_EnamoV    CSHLFRA--PDVVIPKNLEKMVYGLLS-GTSPESPLLADRFSWLSALQSILEEMRH-M-PRDFVDMLIEHE---  465
              MBV_BarnaV     CSQVFLG--LGIAYPVDFSKTLYRFLS-HHP-A-----DPK-YSEYRAQLMYYFRHLP-S-STLQKVIRLA---  479
              HusRV_HbscleroV CSRKWVLGPEWRAPLTSWPRTFYRLLS-QT--------AGD-KSEFVKQFCHELRHNS----ELPKLLEVLASQ  464
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              Motif E   Red loop   Motif H
                                        Thumb domain

Figure 5A

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tBV2_BarnaV      NLKFVGKFGRSAG----GRFQ--GHG--Q----VD---GA---DRL-AY-PQLNDWGWPSRDGEAARTSFGIHAGKF--KRE--REVPCDAQRKQAIDAV 76
RsBV_BarnaV      YLRCVGFKSPTG----GNQG--SMP--C----PR---GV---ERR-IY-DKLSNWRWPRKENAAVKKSLEIHAEGL--RREEGRRVPSRTEREAVLKVI 78
TuBV_BarnaV      ALSFVGEFCRGVD----SRKG--KHG--K----PT---HY---ERS-CH-PGLNNWWPERNAGATNRALHLHADAL--AVK-STRDPTDDEIEAVVQAI 77
tBV1_BarnaV      PLAKVGKFSAATG----KGGQ--HKH--A----PT---WT---EKR-KY-RALFNWAWPTQTAEGVYHSLVLHSRGL--GK--GSRRPTAAEEEAVTQAL 76
MBV_BarnaV       -VRGVGETEIFNP-----GGG--KTH--A----PS---KE---EQE-EV-EELRNWSWPRGTIAATKQAFLTHTRRL--RTG--FITPCLAAIDWICAQI 74
CoBV_BarnaV      NLRWSGKFKGAKG----GAKQ--KSL--G----PD---KE---ERK-EH-PGLLNWSWPGFDQHQRRSLGLHADRL--GR--ATWIPNQEFRNVLARGL 76
HuSRV_HbscleroV  GLRTVGRSQGVIGNGSK------TR-PET-E--FA---ER---AKQ-TV-SELEGIFWPIGWKGEQTSLELQAGKF--KE---VRAPD--NLREARAAV 75
TroV_SobemoV     GLKEVGKSGVTFS----E-P-KKK--GTK-A--IT---EA---FSR-EI-PEVANYAWPQRGSKAERKSLYLQASRF--RR---TEEPN--GIGEVVERL 74
XYDV_SobemoV     PLFARCRSGVKFR----E-S-GRT--VVG-S--AV---RD---AIQ-HF-PTLSEFDWPERGTKAEIGSLLLQASRF--RP---TEAPS--NLPQATAEL 74
RYMV_SobemoV     PFSYVGSGVVFG----E-H-AGK--SVC-A--AV---KD---AIS-VF-PDLEGFGWPERGSKAELDSLILQAGRF--NR---TVCPS--GLAQAVQSL 74
PLYV_SobemoV     PLTYVGRSGVKFR----E-T-GRS--PID-Q--RV---TN---ALK-HL-PELSEFGWPERGSEAELKSLKIQAERF--RQ---TGSPE--GLEEACRRL 74
SNMoV_SobemoV    LFNSVCISTCKFR----E-GSK-HAS--R-G--DV---AA---AQR-VF-SELNEYGWPERGSRAEKHSLFLQASRH--RH---VPKPK--GLEEACREL 74
SBMV_SobemoV     PLRFVGQSACKFR----E-L-CRK--DTP-D--EV---LR---ATR-VF-PELSDFSWPERGSKAELHSLLLQAGKF--NP---TGIPR--NLEGACQNL 74
PnLV_PolemoV     GFRPCGKIPKFYR----P-R-K-R--RVS-EW-GQNL-ARKH---S-SLGEITQGFGWPEAGAEAELRSLRLQAQRWLERSK-SSVIPSAIEREIVISRL 83
CYDV_PoleroV     GFQRVGKLSPQYY----P-R-A-R--STT-AW-GERL-CAEH---P-LLGERTKGFGWPAVGATAELTSLRLQAARWLERSE-SAKIPSDAARKNVIDRT 83
PLRV_PoleroV     GFRKCGHIPGYYH----P-R-T-R--GET-QW-GQKL-CQVH---P-ELAEKTTGFGWPKAGSEAELQSLNLQAARWLQRAE-SATIPGAEARKRVIEKT 83
TuYV_PoleroV     GFRHCGKLPQYYH----P-K-Q-K--EES-SW-GKTL-VGNH---P-ALGEKTSGFGWPKFGPEAELKSLRLQASRWLERAQ-SAEIPSDAERRERVIQKT 83
BChV_PoleroV     GFEEVGKLPKFYH----S-K-Q-R--LNS-EY-GVRV-AEEY---S-ELKELTAGFGWPKFGAQAELTSLRLQADRWLQRME-SAQIPSTEGEESVINRL 83
BMYV_PoleroV     GFIKVGELPKFYF----S-K-Q-K--GCS-DW-GTKL-TSLH---P-ELEEKTRGFGWPKFGPAAELKSLRLQAARWLERAE-QVKIPSTEERERVIEKC 83
CaBYV_PoleroV    GFDKVGSLPQFYH----A-K-Q-K--KSS-NW-GDKI-CKQH---P-EMGDLTKGFGWPQFGAKAELKSLRLQAARWLERAQ-SVKIPSSEEREHVIERC 83
GREnV_EnamoV     GFKWACRCKANFW-----P-A-Q-GT-DWS-EW-GARK-LE-A---SEWLRRKVEGYGWPSFGAEAELRSLRLQAARRAARSK-SAVLPSNKRERVIKET 84
CVEV_EnamoV      GFCKVGSCDFTKW----K-S-P-TK-ELS-EW-GFHR-AQ-A---STLLQACQESYGWPDTGAEAELSSLRYQAAKRAAAQT-KALTPSKAARWSVIQRT 84
AlEV_EnamoV      GFNAVGSCPFTVY----K-C-P-PK-GLS-RW-GERV-AR-A---SSFLQACTEKYSWPETGAEAELSSLRYQAARRQSAQT-TAVIPKDVREDLIKRT 84
PeMV_EnamoV      GFNSVGSCPFTVY----K-C-P-PK-GLS-SW-GERV-AR-T---SAFLQACTEKYSWPETGAEAELSSLRYQAARRQSAQT-TAVIPKDVREDLIKRT 84

ScTV1_OutGroup   YFTFEGQESPIPV----F-G-G-E--PVEN-DR---IP--AEYR-D-TLKKVSSGFGWPKFGHNAELISLLRHGSLRKDL---RSDGPSAQVRTLIFMAM 80
SoTV5_OutGroup   YVDFLAKESRIYV----R-K-N-F--PERY-P----WN--KD-V-S-LMEDLAKEYDWPDLGHVAEIRSLTKHLPLRDSV---AVDTIDPDQRVIVEEEV 78
HyPV1_OutGroup   -FEPVGKKPGLFQ----R-V-S-Q--PVEF-P----YP--EAIK-A-ELRDMSAGLTWPNNDYGTEMLSFLTHARIRQQV---RDQPMDQGLKSRLIEVL 78
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Index finger domain

Light blue loop

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tBV2_BarnaV      CRQGS-EY--PKTRTPT-W-LTRV-CG---DRR--------WAE------G-EVKF--------------------SRQM-F-EGVGGLREKIE--R-K 126
RsBV_BarnaV      RE--GYEY--PNTRVPA-G-FS---RG--EVEG-------W--A--E-G-R--YEV--------------------TV-EDF-E---SVKDSIQ--R-D 123
TuBV_BarnaV      TK--V---Y--PKTRVPS-S-FL---NG--ESCRG------P--E--EYG-N--HFF--------------------TQ-ESF-E---PIKSLIE--K-D 122
tBV1_BarnaV      LS--SGEY--PITSVPH-L-FL---GG--EA-------Y--E-----G--YQL---------------------KG--VP-E---VTRRAVE--K-D 117
MBV_BarnaV       MD--SGLY--PKTGAPT-W-FYG--WSKQREGGFSDFGS----EIFRLRALP--PL---------------------KA-EIF-R---GIREVVE--Y-N 131
CoBV_BarnaV      LD--SQQY--PKTTPPG-D-VE---WK-----------T-----------GRT--------------------R--IL-A---SRRLTVE--R-D 111
HuSRV_HbscleroV  TA--R---Y--PTSRVHR-G-LG---E--D-----------SI------------SDYAEAGRRIRQGEVLTEEEIND-FS-GRL------SLDFIID-N-E 130
TroV_SobemoV     VK--E---Y--PTTNCPP-E-FK---G--R-----------W---------------------DY--QDIFE----YVTDVAR-SSD 108
XYDV_SobemoV     VK--E---Y--PKIRQRS-I-LQ---HR-E-----------W----------------------DK--EEVQK----AISEIAQ-R-Q 108
RYMV_SobemoV     QE--K---Y--PKVPPRR-C-LR---D--E-----------W----------------------RF--DDIFD----EVERILCETGE 109
PLYV_SobemoV     KD--R---Y--PPARPRR-C-LR---G--E-----------W----------------------DE--RETAT----EVAKICE-S-S 107
SNMoV_SobemoV    EK--L---Y--PRSRAKQ-C-FR--KQT-F-----------L----------------------DD--ELLLK----AIKETAF-SPE 110
SBMV_SobemoV     LE--R---Y--PASKSCY-C-LR---GE-A-----------W-----------------------SF--DAVYE----EVCKKAQ-SAE 109
PnLV_PolemoV     VE--S---YKICRSEAPL-C-SS---GS-D-----------L----------------------SW--KGF-L---EDFREAV--S-S 118
CYDV_PoleroV     VQ--A---YSNCKTNVPR-C-TR---D--Q-----------L----------------------NW--DDF-R---IDFLEAI--K-S 117
PLRV_PoleroV     VE--A---YRNCVTNAPL-C-SL---KS-K-----------L----------------------DW--AGF-Q---QDIREAV--Q-S 118
TuYV_PoleroV     AD--V---YHPCQTNGPA-A-TR---GG-T-----------L----------------------TW--NNF-M---IDFKQAV--F-S 118
BChV_PoleroV     VE--A---YSCARTNAPT-S-TA---GN-S-----------L----------------------TW--EGF-I---EDIKEAV--S-S 118
BMYV_PoleroV     VE--A---YSPTQTRGPM-A-TR---GS-K-----------L----------------------SW--NNF-L---EDFKTAV--F-S 118
CaBYV_PoleroV    CR--A---YQAAKTNGPM-A-TR---GD-R-----------L----------------------SW--DNF-L---QDFKQAV--L-S 118
GREnV_EnamoV     VS--E---YAHTAQRSPD-W-IR--NG-------------L----------------------NW--RLA-R---LYFGECL--N-S 118
CVEV_EnamoV      CV--A---YGVTRRHAPR-W-TR---T--------------M----------------------NR--ADA-R---FYFCEAV--R-S 117
AlEV_EnamoV      TE--A---YRSTALPAPM-W-AH---N--------------F----------------------DE--SHM-R---FEFWECV--R-K 117
PeMV_EnamoV      TE--A---YRSTALPAPM-W-AH---N--------------F----------------------DE--SHM-R---FEFWECV--R-K 117

ScTV1_OutGroup   AK--W--YERARWSIPDDFM-----------------------------------------------------------Q-F---SHFQRAV--A-R 107
SoTV5_OutGroup   TK--L--ASAALTVLPHDFM-----------------------------------------------------------S-R---SHFDRVI--A-D 105
HyPV1_OutGroup   LE--R--LNPIRYKIPDDFL-----------------------------------------------------------E-Y---THFKRVI--H-G 105
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Motif G   **Motif F**

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tBV2_BarnaV      LVKDSTPGYFYAVL--GANNALVL-E------R--YGNTWWDIVCDRLNRMVEYTGNY----H-DLTPVELVKLGFCDPVKVFKDEPHNKKILVEGRVR 210
RsBV_BarnaV      LNKDSTPGYFYVAL--GGKNKQVM-E------N--YGSFTWNTVAQSFNNALRLGD--KV--F-SMSPSELVKAGVCDVVKVFIKDEPHSLKKIESGKLR 207
TuBV_BarnaV      VNKDSSPGILMTL--GSTNKIVM-E------K--YNSETWQSVVDQFNAALHYGE--DV--F-TMSPQELIQKGICHPVRAFVKDEPHSAKKITSGKLR 206
tBV1_BarnaV      LNMDSTPGYFHVAL--GSSNEKVL-E------V--YGNVTWDTVLEQFNNALRLGE--EV--F-SLSPTELVQFGICDPVKVFVKDEPHSRAKLDAGKLR 201
MBV_BarnaV       LITGDSHPGYFWCKL--GSDNKAVL-T------G--FGDLTWDEVAKRFNNMLGYGD--AI--F-SMTPSELVQNGICDAVKVFIKQEPHSLEKVNAGRLR 215
CoBV_BarnaV      VTKDSSPGYFWNLL--GDTNAEVM-T------T--NGTLTWSEVERRMNYIIDNFE--AV--M-EMGPEELWRNGACDPVKLFIKGEPHSQKRIVQGFLR 195
HuSRV_HbscleroV  VIPLSSPGAFWSKL--GSDNRTVV-A------L--HRPLFVRVVVERICILSSGD--F----T-SLSALEMVQQGLTDPVKLFTKGEPHSASKLAEGRLR 212
TroV_SobemoV     LNGKASPGVFLSSI--AAKNEVLV-T------R--HLDFLVHAVVQRLFHLSDEI---LP--E-KPSPEWLVSQGYCDPVRVFVKDEPHPLRKLDEGRVR 191
XYDV_SobemoV     VNRDASPGVFLAIL--GTKNGVVL-D------Q--HHDLYVEAVWARLEALAQAD---L---SPQQDPVSLVVNGLCDPVRLFVKDEPHPKRRLENGRVR 191
RYMV_SobemoV     VNSASSPGVFLAGL--ANSNGEVR-G------L--ARDLYCLAVVERLNALASVD---PRQH--NWTPRELVEKGLCDPVFVKDEPHPRKKLLERRFR 193
PLYV_SobemoV     VNQRASPGVFLSVF--GSSNGAVL-D------K--HRDLYVTAVVARLNLLSEKI---I-----DYDPVQLVQFGYCDPVFVKDEPHSLKKITEGRFR 188
SNMoV_SobemoV    INDKASPGSFWSKL--AERNGLLL-N------S--FGDFYVEAVVQRILKLAAWDPT-DL--L-MLKPSAMVRMGLVDPARVVFVKDEPHTNKKLSEGRYR 195
SBMV_SobemoV     INEKASPGVFLSRL--ASTNKDLL-K------R--HLELVALCVTERLFLLSEAE--DL--L-DESPVDLVFVKDEPHSASRKVREGRFR 192
PnLV_PolemoV     LELDAGIGVFYIGYG-YPTHRGWV-E------NPRLLPVLSRLVYARLQRLATL----SV--D-GKTPEELVRDGLVDPVRVFVKDEPHSQSKLDEGRYR 203
CYDV_PoleroV     LQLDAGVGIFMITAG-LPTHRGWV-E------DPDLLPVPARLTFDRLLTMSKA----SL--E-TRSPEQLVKENLCDPIRLFVKQEPHSQSKLDEGRYR 202
PLRV_PoleroV     LELDAGVGIFYIAYG-LPTHRGWV-E------DHKLLPVFTQLTFDRLQKMSEA----SF--E-DMSAEELVQEGLCDPIRLFVKDEPHSKLDEGRYR 203
TuYV_PoleroV     LEFDAGIELFYIAYG-KPTHRGWV-E------DQKLLPILAQLTFFRLQKMLEV----NF--E-DMGPEELVRNGACDPVRLFIKGEPHKQALDEGRYR 203
BChV_PoleroV     LELDAGVGVFYIAYG-TRTHRDWV-F------NQELLPVLTRLTFNRLQKMLEV----NS--D-DLNAEQLVQHGLCDPIRLFVKDEPHKVSKLEEGRYR 203
BMYV_PoleroV     LELEAGVGVFYVAYG-RRTHRGWI-E------DPDLLPVLARFTFDRLQKLSEA----RF--E-HMSPEQLVQHGLCDPIRLFVKDEPHSQSKLDEGRYR 203
CaBYV_PoleroV    LEMDAGIGVFYIAYG-KPTHRGWV-E------DKKLLPIFARLTFNRLQKMLEV----RY--V-DLSPAELVRRGLCDPIRVFVKGEPHKQAKLDEGRYR 203
GREnV_EnamoV     VTMDSGAGVFYASFLNRKINQKWL-D------SEDKVEAVWDLVRARLERMLTY----SW-----VSPEQAVLDGVCDPVRVVFVKGEPHKVALLEGRFR 202
CVEV_EnamoV      LKPDSGSGLFFAAFYNRTTHSDWC-Y------DDASFEAIFDLVWARLRSG----SF-----RNPVQAQLVDGLVDPIRLFVKDEPHSVEPHQRFR 201
AlEV_EnamoV      LKGQAGSGVFYAAFSNRRTNDKWV-F------DHESTEDIWETVRDRLFRLLNG----EF-----IDPVQAVKDGLVDPIRLFVKMEKIRNKRYR 201
PeMV_EnamoV      LKGQAGSGVFYAAFSGRKTNDKWV-F------DHESTEDIWETVRDRLFRLLNQ----DF-----IDPVQAVKDGLVDPIRLFVKDEPHKMEKIRNKRYR 201

ScTV1_OutGroup   IIDWTSSPGYFYML-R-HVNNGQFFSCKD-GVPSQERLDAVWSMVQQRLLKG-----------------------DADPIRLFVKPEAHSEKKLLKSEKYR 180
SoTV5_OutGroup   IIDMNSSPGFFYLY-E-YTTNKEFFGARD-GVKDEARVEAVWSKVLSRIQAR-----------------------DSDPIRLFIKPEPHKKKLVEGRLR 178
HyPV1_OutGroup   LNRQASPGYFYLL-Q-YTTNEQMFCIGEDGKIPEYICKEYYDMIMERIQDE----------------------TYDPIRLFIKPEAITKKYYQHRER 179
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Motif F

Picky finger domain

Figure 5B

Figure 6

(A)

(B)

Years before present

Figure 7

(A)

(B)

Motif G : (T/S)SxGxP

Motif F : KxExxxxxxxK

Sobarna-

Polena-

206-207

288-290

Motif A : Dx(S/T)xxD

Motif B : SGxxxTxxxN(S/T)

Motif C : GDD

381-383

Motif D :

Motif E :

520   523

545-547