

Trade-offs between host tolerances to different pathogens in plant-virus interactions

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34 **Abstract**

35 Although accumulating evidence indicates that tolerance is a plant defence strategy against
36 pathogens as widespread as resistance, how plants evolve tolerance is poorly understood.
37 Theory predicts that hosts will evolve to maximize tolerance or resistance, but not both.
38 Remarkably, most experimental works failed in finding this trade-off. We tested the hypothesis
39 that the evolution of tolerance to one virus is traded-off against tolerance to others, rather than
40 against resistance, and identified the associated mechanisms. To do so, we challenged
41 eighteen *Arabidopsis thaliana* genotypes with *Turnip mosaic virus* (TuMV) and *Cucumber*
42 *mosaic virus* (CMV). We characterized plant life-history trait modifications associated with
43 reduced effects of TuMV and CMV on plant seed production (fecundity tolerance) and life
44 period (mortality tolerance), both measured as a norm of reaction across viral loads (range
45 tolerance). Also, we analysed resistance-tolerance and tolerance-tolerance trade-offs. Results
46 indicate that tolerance to TuMV is associated with changes in the length of the pre-reproductive
47 and reproductive periods, and tolerance to CMV with resource reallocation from growth to
48 reproduction; and that tolerance to TuMV is traded-off against tolerance to CMV in a virulence-
49 dependent manner. Thus, this work provides novel insights on the mechanisms of plant
50 tolerance and highlights the importance of considering the combined effect of different
51 pathogens to understand how plant defences evolve.

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58 **Keywords**

59 *Arabidopsis thaliana*; *Cucumber mosaic virus* (CMV); Evolution of tolerance; Resistance;
60 Tolerance-tolerance trade-offs; *Turnip mosaic virus* (TuMV).

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70 Introduction

71 Parasitism is a lifestyle chosen by 50% of all known organisms (*Poulin & Morand, 2000*). This
72 means that, along their lifespan, hosts will be recurrently challenged by parasites. Parasites
73 may be pathogens, causing diseases that have a negative impact on the fitness of infected
74 hosts, i.e., virulence (*Read, 1994; Anderson et al., 2004*). To cope with pathogens, hosts have
75 developed a variety of defence mechanisms to avoid/limit infection and its negative effects
76 (*Agnew et al., 2000*), which have relevant consequences for the fitness of both interacting
77 partners (*Woolhouse et al., 2002*). Thus, investigating the evolution and the mechanistic basis
78 of these defences is central to understand the dynamics of host-pathogen interactions (*Jones*
79 *& Dangl, 2006; Pagán & García-Arenal, 2018*).

80 The two main host defences against pathogens are resistance, i.e., the host's ability to
81 limit pathogen multiplication (*Clarke 1986; Strauss & Agrawal, 1999*), and tolerance, i.e., the
82 host's ability to reduce the effect of infection on its fitness at a given pathogen load (*Little et al.*
83 *2010; Råberg, 2014*). They represent two different strategies to deal with pathogens:
84 resistance reduces the risk of infection and the multiplication rate of the pathogen, whereas
85 tolerance does not. Hence, it is predicted that if hosts evolve resistance the prevalence of the
86 pathogen in the host population will decrease, whereas tolerance will increase prevalence (*Roy*
87 *& Kirchner, 2000*). Consequently, both resistance and tolerance may have significant, but
88 different, impact on the dynamics of host and pathogen populations (*Roy & Kirchner, 2000;*
89 *Pagán & García-Arenal, 2018*). Researchers have devoted considerable effort to understand
90 the molecular basis and evolutionary consequences of resistance to pathogens. However,
91 tolerance has received comparatively less attention, and the processes shaping its evolution
92 are only partially understood (*Little et al., 2010; Pagán & García-Arenal, 2018*).

93 A body of mathematical work has modelled the conditions in which tolerance evolves.
94 Early models assumed that resources are limited and can be diverted into resistance or
95 tolerance, but not both, and predicted that tolerance or resistance would prevail because they
96 were mutually exclusive (*van der Meijden et al., 1988; Herms & Mattson, 1992*). More recent
97 models incorporated the idea that resistance and tolerance might not be fully exchangeable,
98 and predicted that both defence mechanisms would coexist, with host fitness maximized: (i)
99 only at maximum tolerance or maximum resistance (*Mauricio et al., 1997; Boots & Bowers,*
100 *1999*), or (ii) at intermediate levels of both (*Restif & Koella, 2003,2004; Fornoni et al., 2004*).
101 In none of these scenarios tolerance and resistance can be maximized simultaneously. Hence,
102 the common idea underlying the theory on the evolution of tolerance is that there is a trade-off
103 between resistance and tolerance. However, there is remarkably little experimental support for
104 such trade-off in host-pathogen, and particularly in plant-pathogen, interactions. Indeed, most
105 studies on plant viruses (*Carr et al., 2006; Pagán et al., 2007,2009; Montes et al., 2019*),

106 bacteria (*Kover & Schaal, 2002; Goss & Bergelson, 2006*) and fungi (*Simms & Triplett, 1994*)
107 failed in finding a resistance-to-tolerance negative association.

108 A possible explanation for this lack of support of a resistance-tolerance trade-off is that
109 other forces might come into play in shaping the evolution of plant defences. In nature, plant
110 populations are challenged by multiple pathogens (*Syller, 2012*), not necessarily coinfecting
111 the same individuals, and the evolution of tolerance to one pathogen may depend on the
112 interaction with tolerances to others. According to the Life-History Theory, hosts may achieve
113 tolerance to pathogens through modifications of their life-history (*Minchella, 1985; Stearns,*
114 *1992*). These changes may respond to two contrasting mechanisms: Highly virulent pathogens
115 will induce shorter host pre-reproductive, and longer reproductive, periods in order to produce
116 progeny before resource depletion, castration or death. Conversely, less virulent pathogens
117 will induce host resource reallocation from growth to reproduction, and/or a delay in host
118 reproduction, which would allow compensating the pathogen effect on host fitness (*Hochberg*
119 *et al., 1992; Gandon et al., 2002*). Hence, depending on the pathogen's virulence, tolerance
120 may require markedly different, even opposed, host responses that likely are difficult to
121 maximize simultaneously. As a consequence, trade-offs between tolerances to different
122 pathogens might be important forces for the evolution of plant defences (*Figure 1*). Interestingly,
123 such trade-offs have seldom been considered nor in mathematical models, or in experimental
124 analysis (*Kutzer & Armitage, 2016; Pagán & García-Arenal 2018*).

125 To address this central question to understand how plant defences against pathogens
126 evolve, we utilized *Turnip mosaic virus* (TuMV, *Potyviridae*) and *Cucumber mosaic virus* (CMV,
127 *Bromoviridae*), and *Arabidopsis thaliana* (from here on "Arabidopsis", Brassicaceae). Both
128 viruses are commonly found in wild populations of Arabidopsis at up to 80% prevalence (*Pagán*
129 *et al., 2010*), indicating that the Arabidopsis–TuMV and Arabidopsis–CMV interactions are
130 significant in nature. CMV infection moderately reduces seed production, rarely inducing
131 sterility, and has little effect on plant life period (*Pagán et al., 2007,2008; Hily et al., 2016;*
132 *Montes et al., 2019*). Thus, CMV can be considered as a moderately virulent virus. On the
133 other hand, TuMV infection affects Arabidopsis flower and silique viability, which may severely
134 affect plant fertility and often leads to sterility (*Sánchez et al., 2015*). Moreover, this virus
135 greatly reduces plant life period (*Vijayan et al., 2017*). Therefore, TuMV can be regarded as a
136 highly virulent pathogen in Arabidopsis, although milder TuMV genotypes exist (*Sánchez et al.,*
137 *2015*). Interestingly, although both viruses have high prevalence and share common vectors
138 (e.g., *Fujisawa, 1985*), in Arabidopsis CMV+TuMV mixed infections occurred at low frequency
139 (*Pagán et al., 2010*), opening the possibility of evolving different tolerance responses to these
140 two viruses that vary in virulence. Tolerance to CMV varies across Arabidopsis genotypes as
141 a quantitative trait; and long-lived genotypes with low seed production to total biomass ratio
142 (Group 1 genotypes) are generally more tolerant than short-lived genotypes that have high

143 seed to biomass ratio (Group 2 genotypes) (*Pagán et al., 2008; Hily et al., 2016*). Tolerance to
144 CMV in Group 1 genotypes is attained through modifications of life-history traits, mainly the
145 reallocation of resources from growth to reproduction and, to a lesser extent, elongation of the
146 pre-reproductive period (*Pagán et al., 2008; Shuckla et al., 2018*). Virus-induced resource
147 reallocation appears to be CMV-specific, and it is not triggered upon TuMV infection (*Shuckla*
148 *et al., 2018*). However, these authors used a reduced set of Arabidopsis genotypes, and did
149 not test virulence-specific modifications of other life-history traits that would confer tolerance,
150 and their potential trade-offs.

151 The key variables for measuring tolerance may vary depending on each plant-pathogen
152 interaction (*Day, 2002; Rohr et al., 2010*). For instance, pathogens may affect plant fecundity
153 directly or through reducing survival. In plants infected by a sterilizing pathogen such as TuMV,
154 enhanced survival may represent the difference between reproducing or dying during the
155 growth period. Thus, considering both the effect of infection on plant progeny production
156 (fecundity tolerance) and survival (mortality tolerance) may be equally important to understand
157 the evolution of tolerance. Conversely, plant mortality tolerance might be less relevant upon
158 infection with a milder pathogen such as CMV, as infected plants generally reach the adult
159 stage and reproduce. However, in most experimental analyses of tolerance to plant pathogens
160 host fitness was measured only as progeny production (*Pagán & García-Arenal, 2018*), and
161 the relationship between fecundity tolerance and mortality tolerance have been seldom
162 analysed (*Pagán et al., 2008; Shuckla et al., 2018*). Another point under debate in the literature
163 on plant tolerance is how it is quantified. Most often, tolerance has been measured as the
164 effect of infection at a given pathogen load (i.e., point tolerance) (*Pagán & García-Arenal,*
165 *2018*). At odds, it has been proposed that a more informative approach is quantifying tolerance
166 as the slope of a regression of host fitness against pathogen load (i.e., range tolerance); the
167 steeper the slope, the lower the tolerance, which cannot be measured on a single plant but
168 across individuals of a given host type (e.g. genotype) (*Little et al., 2010; Kutzer & Armitage,*
169 *2016*). Notably, range tolerance to plant pathogens has been seldom analysed to date (*Pagán*
170 *& García-Arenal, 2018*).

171 Herein, we analyse whether Arabidopsis achieves (range) tolerance to TuMV infection
172 and if such tolerance is related to modifications of plant life-history traits. Specifically, we
173 analysed the association between the effect of infection on plant progeny production (fecundity
174 tolerance) and life period (mortality tolerance) with resource reallocation from growth to
175 reproduction and with modifications in the length of the growth and reproductive periods. We
176 also analysed resistance-tolerance trade-offs upon infection by TuMV and CMV, and if
177 tolerance to TuMV is traded-off against tolerance to CMV.

178 Results

179 **Virus multiplication in Arabidopsis.** The level of UK1-TuMV, LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV RNA
180 accumulation was used to evaluate Arabidopsis resistance to virus infection. Accumulation
181 differed according to the virus (Wald $\chi^2_{2,448}=211.52$, $P=1\times 10^{-4}$), and the interaction between
182 virus and host genotype was significant (Wald $\chi^2_{34,448}=475.28$, $P<1\times 10^{-4}$). Thus, we analysed
183 accumulation for each virus separately, considering plant genotype and allometric group as
184 factors. For all three viruses, accumulation significantly differed between Arabidopsis
185 genotypes (Wald $\chi^2\geq 137.17$, $P<1\times 10^{-4}$), but not between allometric groups (Wald $\chi^2\leq 0.41$,
186 $P\geq 0.524$) ([Supplementary Table S1](#)). Thus, the allometric group did not affect the level of
187 resistance.

188 Broad-sense heritability of virus accumulation ranged from moderate to high depending
189 on the virus: $h^2_b=0.43$, 0.60 and 0.68, for UK1-TuMV, LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV, respectively
190 ([Supplementary Table S2](#)). Therefore, there is significant genetic variation among the studied
191 Arabidopsis genotypes for the ability to sustain virus multiplication.

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193 **Arabidopsis fecundity and mortality tolerance to virus infection.** Fecundity and mortality
194 tolerances (slopes of the *SW* and *LP* to virus accumulation regression, respectively) differed
195 depending on the virus (Wald $\chi^2_{2,48}\geq 143.28$, $P\leq 1\times 10^{-4}$). Both tolerance measures were
196 smallest to UK1-TuMV and greatest to LS-CMV, with tolerances to JPN1-TuMV showing
197 intermediate values ([Figure 2 and Supplementary Table S1](#)). The interaction between virus
198 and Arabidopsis allometric group was also significant (Wald $\chi^2_{2,48}\geq 24.36$, $P\leq 1\times 10^{-4}$). Thus,
199 fecundity and mortality tolerances were analysed for each virus independently. From here on,
200 results will be presented firstly for the two viruses at the tolerance extremes (UK1-TuMV and
201 LS-CMV), and lastly for the intermediate state (JPN1-TuMV).

202 In general, viruses significantly reduced Arabidopsis fecundity ($SW_i/SW_m<1$) ([Figure 3](#)).
203 Exceptions were LS-CMV-infected Cum-0 and LI-0 plants (Group 1) that overcompensated the
204 effect of virus infection ($SW_i/SW_m>1$) ([Supplementary Table S1](#)). Upon UK1-TuMV infection,
205 fecundity tolerance varied according to the allometric group (Wald $\chi^2_{1,16}=23.68$, $P<1\times 10^{-4}$). The
206 negative slope was steeper for Group 1 genotypes, with none of the infected plants producing
207 seeds, than for Group 2 ones, with only 61.8% of sterilized plants and fertile individuals in 8/11
208 genotypes ([Figure 2 and Supplementary Table S1](#)). Thus, Group 2 plants had higher fecundity
209 tolerance. All LS-CMV-infected plants were fertile, with steeper negative slopes of the *SW* to
210 virus accumulation regression for Group 2 genotypes (lower fecundity tolerance) than for
211 Group 1 ones (Wald $\chi^2_{1,16}=12.34$, $P<1\times 10^{-4}$). At odds with UK1-TuMV and LS-CMV infected
212 plants, in JPN1-TuMV-infected plants the slope of the *SW* to virus accumulation regression did
213 not differ between allometric groups (Wald $\chi^2_{1,16}=0.83$, $P=0.362$). However, Group 1 genotypes

214 showed a bimodal response: In Cum-0, Kas-0 and LI-0 (Subgroup 1a), 50-70% of infected
215 individuals were sterilized and regression slopes were steep. Conversely, infected Cad-0,
216 Cdm-0, Kas-2 and Kyo-1 plants (Subgroup 1b) produced seeds and regression slope were
217 shallower than for Subgroup 1a (Wald $\chi^2_{1,5}=46.19$, $P<1\times 10^{-4}$) (Figure 2 and Supplementary
218 Table S1). Group 2 genotypes, where 92% of infected plants produced seeds, showed
219 intermediate and significantly different slope values than the two Group 1 subsets (Wald $\chi^2_{1,6}\geq$
220 4.61, $P\leq 0.040$) (Figure 2).

221 UK1-TuMV also reduced plant survival ($LP_i/LP_m<1$) (Figure 3), with mortality tolerance
222 differing between allometric groups (Wald $\chi^2_{1,16}=29.69$, $P=1\times 10^{-4}$). Mortality tolerance was
223 smaller (steeper negative slope of the LP to virus accumulation regression) for Group 1 than
224 for Group 2 plants (Wald $\chi^2_{1,16}=29.69$, $P=1\times 10^{-4}$) (Figure 2). In contrast, LS-CMV infection had
225 little effect on Arabidopsis survival: No differences between allometric groups were observed
226 in the slope of the LP to virus accumulation regression (Wald $\chi^2_{1,16}=0.02$, $P=0.900$), indicating
227 similar mortality tolerance, with very little effect of virus infection on LP as denoted by LP_i/LP_m
228 values near one (Figures 2 and 3). As for JPN1-TuMV-infected plants, mortality tolerance did
229 not vary between allometric groups (Wald $\chi^2_{1,16}=1.25$, $P=0.263$). However, again Group 1
230 plants presented a bimodal response to infection: the slope of the LP to virus accumulation
231 regression was significantly steeper in Subgroup 1a than in Subgroup 1b (Wald $\chi^2_{1,5}=14.25$,
232 $P=1\times 10^{-3}$) and in Group 2 genotypes (Wald $\chi^2_{1,13}=8.34$, $P=0.004$), which showed similar
233 mortality tolerance (Wald $\chi^2_{1,13}=0.83$, $P=0.363$), (Figure 2 and Supplementary Table S1). Note
234 that upon infection by UK1-TuMV and LS-CMV Group 1 genotypes did not show this bimodal
235 distribution (Wald $\chi^2_{1,6}\leq 0.49$, $P\geq 0.483$) (Supplementary Table S1).

236 Because fecundity and mortality tolerances are genotype-specific rather than plant-
237 specific variables, by definition heritability for these traits could not be calculated.

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239 **Relationship between modifications of Arabidopsis life-history traits and tolerance to**
240 **virus infection.** For each virus, the effect of infection on Arabidopsis growth and reproduction
241 was quantified as the ratios of rosette, inflorescence and seed weights between infected and
242 mock-inoculated plants (RW_i/RW_m , IW_i/IW_m and SW_i/SW_m , respectively) (Figure 3A-C and
243 Supplementary Table S1). In general, virus infection reduced RW , IW and SW (Wald $\chi^2_{1,68}\geq 49.52$;
244 $P<1\times 10^{-4}$), this reduction always depending on the Arabidopsis genotype (Wald $\chi^2_{1,68}\geq 388.79$;
245 $P<1\times 10^{-4}$). For UK1-TuMV-infected plants, all ratios also depended on the allometric group
246 (Wald $\chi^2_{1,168}\geq 25.87$; $P<1\times 10^{-4}$). In groups 1 and 2, RW_i/RW_m was greater than IW_i/IW_m (Wald
247 $\chi^2_{1,168}\geq 20.04$; $P<1\times 10^{-4}$) and SW_i/SW_m (Wald $\chi^2_{1,168}\geq 50.20$; $P<1\times 10^{-4}$) suggesting no resource
248 reallocation from growth to reproduction. Indeed, $(IW/RW)_i/(IW/RW)_m$ and

249 $(SW/RW)_i/(SW/RW)_m$ were always smaller than one (Wald $\chi^2_{1,168} \geq 21.35$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$) (Figure 3G
250 and Supplementary Table S1). The effect of LS-CMV on RW and SW (Wald $\chi^2_{1,163} \geq 4.33$,
251 $P \leq 0.037$), but not on IW (Wald $\chi^2_{1,163} = 1.955$, $P = 0.162$), varied according to the allometric group.
252 For Group 1, the effect of LS-CMV infection on RW was larger than on SW (Wald $\chi^2_{1,49} = 10.89$,
253 $P = 1 \times 10^{-3}$), whereas the opposite was observed in Group 2 (Wald $\chi^2_{1,102} = 13.90$, $P = 2 \times 10^{-4}$).
254 $(SW/RW)_i/(SW/RW)_m$ differed between allometric groups (Wald $\chi^2_{1,163} = 11.77$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$),
255 values being greater than one only for Group 1 (Wald $\chi^2_{1,60} = 7.11$, $P = 0.008$) (Figure 3H and
256 Supplementary Table S1). Similar trends were observed in JPN1-TuMV-infected plants (Figure
257 3C), for which $(IW/RW)_i/(IW/RW)_m$ (Wald $\chi^2_{1,161} = 2.66$, $P = 0.003$) and $(SW/RW)_i/(SW/RW)_m$
258 (Wald $\chi^2_{1,161} = 17.18$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$) were also greater for Group 1 than for Group 2 plants, values
259 being similar or greater than one only for Group 1 (Figure 3I and Supplementary Table S1).
260 These results would be compatible with resource reallocation from growth to reproduction in
261 LS-CMV- and JPN1-TuMV-infected Group 1 plants. Again, JPN1-TuMV-infected Group 1
262 genotypes showed a bimodal distribution: RW_i/RW_m , IW_i/IW_m and SW_i/SW_m were smaller for
263 Subgroup 1a than for Subgroup 1b (Wald $\chi^2_{1,161} \geq 5.65$, $P \leq 0.017$) (Figure 3C), and the same
264 was observed for $(SW/RW)_i/(SW/RW)_m$ (Wald $\chi^2_{1,161} = 5.76$, $P = 0.016$) (Figure 3I). This ratio was
265 greater than one only for Subgroup 1b genotypes (Wald $\chi^2_{1,35} = 80.95$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$), indicating that
266 resource reallocation was associated with fecundity tolerance in this subgroup (Figure 3I and
267 Supplementary Table S1).

268 We also quantified the effect of infection on the plant growth, reproductive and post-
269 reproductive periods (GP_i/GP_m , RP_i/RP_m and PRP_i/PRP_m , respectively) (Figure 3D-F and
270 Supplementary Table S1). Upon UK1-TuMV infection, GP_i/GP_m depended on the allometric
271 group (Wald $\chi^2_{1,166} = 17.95$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$), this ratio being smaller for Group 1 than for Group 2
272 plants. Interestingly, in Group 2 genotypes the effect of infection on GP was greater than the
273 effect on RP (Wald $\chi^2_{1,39} = 52.46$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$): GP_i/GP_m was significantly smaller (Wald
274 $\chi^2_{1,39} = 9.73$, $P = 0.002$), and RP_i/RP_m greater (Wald $\chi^2_{1,39} = 7.55$, $P = 0.006$), than one. Thus, upon
275 UK1-TuMV infection more tolerant Group 2 genotypes shortened their growth period but
276 elongated the time dedicated to reproduction, as indicated by $(RP/GP)_i/(RP/GP)_m$ values
277 greater than one in this subgroup (Figure 3G and Supplementary Table S1). Note that in Group
278 1 genotypes RP and PRP could not be quantified because plants did not produce mature
279 siliques (Figure 3D and Material and Methods). On the other hand, LS-CMV infection did not
280 affect GP , RP and PRP (Wald $\chi^2_{1,166} \leq 1.94$, $P \geq 0.164$) their ratios being always near one in both
281 allometric groups (Wald $\chi^2 \leq 0.76$, $P \geq 0.383$) (Figure 3E). Accordingly, $(RP/GP)_i/(RP/GP)_m$ and
282 $(PRP/GP)_i/(PRP/GP)_m$ were also near one (Wald $\chi^2 \leq 2.47$, $P \geq 0.116$) (Figure 3H and
283 Supplementary Table S1). Exception to this rule was Subgroup 1a, which included Arabidopsis

284 genotypes that overcompensated the effect of LS-CMV infection on *SW*. These genotypes
285 significantly elongated *GP*, as indicated by GP_i/GP_m values higher (Wald $\chi^2_{1,59}=11.885$,
286 $P=6\times 10^{-4}$), and $(RP/GP)_i/(RP/GP)_m$ and $(PRP/GP)_i/(PRP/GP)_m$ values smaller (Wald
287 $\chi^2_{1,59}\geq 6.77$, $P\leq 0.009$), than one. Finally, in JPN1-TuMV-infected plants GP_i/GP_m , RP_i/RP_m and
288 PRP_i/PRP_m did not depend on the allometric group (Wald $\chi^2_{1,166}\leq 0.88$, $P\geq 0.349$) (Figure 3F
289 and Supplementary Table S1). Also, $(RP/GP)_i/(RP/GP)_m$ and $(PRP/GP)_i/(PRP/GP)_m$ did not
290 differ between groups 1 and 2 and showed values smaller than one (Wald $\chi^2\leq 0.52$, $P\geq 0.470$)
291 (Figure 3I and Supplementary Table S1). The effect of infection on all plant developmental
292 traits was similar in subgroups 1a and 1b (Wald $\chi^2_{1,166}\leq 3.77$, $P\geq 0.070$).

293 In summary, *Arabidopsis* fecundity and mortality tolerances to UK1-TuMV are
294 associated with modifications of the plant developmental schedule, whereas fecundity
295 tolerance to LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV is accompanied by resource reallocation from growth
296 to reproduction. Interestingly, broad-sense heritability of the effect of UK1-TuMV infection on
297 *GP*, *RP* and *PRP* was higher than that of the effect of infection on *RW* and *IW* ($h^2_b=0.58-0.83$
298 vs. 0.40-0.58), whereas the opposite was observed for LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV infected
299 plants ($h^2_b=0.17-0.39$ vs. 0.38-0.41 and 0.50-0.61 vs. 0.68-0.87, respectively) (Supplementary
300 Table S2). Thus, the plant life-history traits associated with the tolerance response to a given
301 virus have higher host dependency than those not related to tolerance to that particular virus.

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303 **Trade-offs between *Arabidopsis* defences to virus infection.** To analyse *Arabidopsis*
304 resistance-tolerance trade-offs to each virus, bivariate relationships between virus
305 accumulation and the slope of the *SW* and *LP* to virus accumulation regression were explored,
306 a significantly negative association indicating a trade-off. No significantly negative association
307 was observed between resistance and the two measures of tolerance for any of the three
308 viruses, neither using the whole set of plant genotypes ($r\leq 0.23$; $P\geq 0.367$), nor for each
309 allometric group ($r\leq 0.40$; $P\geq 0.223$).

310 We used the same approach to analyse fecundity tolerance-tolerance trade-offs
311 (Figure 4A-C). Bivariate analyses indicated a negative relationship between fecundity
312 tolerance to UK1-TuMV and to LS-CMV ($r=-0.62$; $P=0.007$). No association was found between
313 fecundity tolerance to UK1-TuMV and to JPN1-TuMV ($r=-0.20$; $P=0.418$), but this was just due
314 to the three Subgroup 1a genotypes ($r=-0.90$; $P<1\times 10^{-4}$). Finally, no association was detected
315 between fecundity tolerance to JPN1-TuMV and LS-CMV ($r=0.25$; $P=0.325$), but again removal
316 of Subgroup 1a genotypes resulted in a positive association ($r=0.65$; $P=0.001$) (Figure 4A-C).
317 Because our previous results strongly suggested that trade-offs between tolerance to different
318 viruses were linked to plant allometry, we also analysed such trade-offs by GzLMs virus
319 pairwise comparisons of the slope of the *SW* to virus accumulation regression considering

320 virus and allometric group as factors. A significant interaction was taken as indicative of a
321 tolerance-tolerance trade-off. When fecundity tolerance upon UK1-TuMV infection was
322 compared with that upon infection by the other two viruses, a significant virus per allometric
323 group interaction was observed (Wald $\chi^2_{1,34} \geq 35.12$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$). On the other hand, the virus
324 genotype per allometric group interaction was not significant when comparing JPN1-TuMV and
325 LS-CMV (Wald $\chi^2_{1,34} = 1.87$, $P = 0.275$) (Figure 2A). Given the bimodal distribution of fecundity
326 tolerance in Group 1 JPN1-TuMV infected plants, we also performed pairwise comparisons
327 considering subgroups 1a and 1b. When fecundity tolerance upon UK1-TuMV and LS-CMV
328 infection was compared between subgroups 1a and 1b, and Group 2, a significant interaction
329 between factors was observed (Wald $\chi^2_{1,28} \geq 24.89$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$) (Figure 2A). The comparison of
330 JPN1-TuMV and LS-CMV infected plants yielded a significant interaction only between
331 Subgroup 1a and Group 2 (Wald $\chi^2_{1,28} = 12.34$, $P = 4 \times 10^{-4}$) (Figures 2A). Conversely, the
332 comparison of UK1-TuMV and JPN1-TuMV infected plants indicated a significant interaction
333 between virus genotype and plant allometry for the combination of Subgroup 1b and Group 2
334 (Wald $\chi^2_{1,28} = 35.97$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$) (Figure 2A). Altogether, these results indicate trade-offs
335 between fecundity tolerance to UK1-TuMV and to the other two viruses.

336 Bivariate analyses indicated a significant negative association between mortality
337 tolerance to UK1-TuMV and to LS-CMV ($r = -0.51$; $P = 0.044$), and between tolerance to UK1-
338 TuMV and to JPN1-TuMV when excluding Subgroup 1a genotypes ($r = -0.56$; $P = 0.031$). No
339 significant association was observed between mortality tolerance to JPN1-TuMV and to LS-
340 CMV ($r = 0.12$; $P = 0.627$) even excluding Subgroup 1a genotypes (Figure 4D-F). In addition, the
341 comparison of slope of the *LP* to virus accumulation regression between plants infected by
342 UK1-TuMV and by the other two viruses showed a significant virus per allometric group
343 interaction (Wald $\chi^2 \geq 29.69$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$), whereas no such interaction was detected between
344 JPN1-TuMV and LS-CMV (Wald $\chi^2_{1,34} = 1.26$, $P = 0.261$) (Figure 2B). When Group 1 plants were
345 divided into Subgroups 1a and 1b, the only significant interaction was between Subgroup 1b
346 and Group 2 genotypes for comparisons of mortality tolerance to UK1-TuMV and JPN1-TuMV
347 (Wald $\chi^2_{1,29} = 22.35$, $P < 1 \times 10^{-4}$) (Figure 2B). These results indicate trade-offs between mortality
348 tolerance to UK1-TuMV and to the other two viruses.

349 For each virus, we also analysed potential mortality-fecundity tolerance trade-offs. No
350 significant bivariate associations were found when considering all plant genotypes together, or
351 each allometric group separately in any of the three viruses ($r \leq 0.64$; $P \geq 0.119$). Exception were
352 UK1-TuMV infected plants when analysed as a whole, in which both tolerances showed a
353 positive association ($r = 0.57$; $P = 0.013$). Thus, when associated, higher mortality tolerance
354 increases fecundity tolerance to a given virus.

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357 **Discussion**

358 Accumulating evidence indicates that tolerance is as widespread as resistance as a plant
359 defence strategy, and therefore central to understand plant-pathogen (including plant-virus)
360 interactions. However, the mechanisms by which tolerance is achieved and the forces shaping
361 its evolution are still poorly understood (*Baucom & de Roode, 2011; Pagán & García-Arenal,*
362 *2018*). Using plant-virus interactions, we tested the hypotheses that tolerances to pathogens
363 with different virulence levels are associated with modifications of different plant life-history
364 traits, and that the evolution of tolerance to a given pathogen depends on trade-offs established
365 with the level of tolerance to others.

366 We showed that *Arabidopsis* displays genotype-specific fecundity tolerance to the
367 highly virulent virus UK1-TuMV, with plants of the allometric Group 2 having higher tolerance
368 than Group 1 ones. In *Arabidopsis*, UK1-TuMV infection often prevents seed production
369 (*Sánchez et al., 2015; Vijayan et al., 2017*; this work), such that this virus can be considered
370 as a sterilizing pathogen. Because sterilizing pathogens have an enormous impact on the host
371 fitness, hosts are expected to evolve defences against this type of pathogens (*Lafferty & Kuris,*
372 *2009*). Theoretical models on the evolution of host defences predict that infection by a
373 sterilizing pathogen promotes tolerance rather than resistance. Resistance restricts pathogen
374 multiplication and, through repeatedly paying the price to control the pathogen's growth,
375 resistance would come at infinite cost. Conversely, tolerance would compensate the effect of
376 infection without attempting to control pathogen's multiplication, thus being less costly (*Restif*
377 *& Koella, 2004; Best et al., 2010*). Although we did not analyse the costs of resistance and
378 tolerance, our results would support this prediction in that *Arabidopsis* evolves tolerance to a
379 sterilizing virus rather than resistance: Firstly, half of the *Arabidopsis* genotypes were not
380 sterilized by UK1-TuMV regardless of virus multiplication, which by definition increases
381 tolerance. Secondly, the level of resistance did not relate with plant fitness, and extreme
382 resistance (immunity) was not detected, indicating that resistance is not associated with the
383 effect of UK1-TuMV on progeny production.

384 It should be noted that upon UK1-TuMV infection, infected plants of tolerant
385 *Arabidopsis* genotypes produced on average 30% of the seeds produced by mock individuals.
386 It could be argued that this level of fecundity tolerance is not effective, i.e., seed production of
387 infected plants is far from that of uninfected ones (*Shuckla et al., 2018*). However,
388 mathematical models on the evolution of tolerance to sterilizing pathogens predict that optimal
389 levels of tolerance will not surpass 50% of the progeny produced by uninfected individuals,
390 regardless of tolerance being modelled as a function of host mortality, lifespan or transmission
391 rate (*Restif & Koella, 2004; Hall et al., 2007; Best et al., 2010*). Even if we consider 30% of
392 progeny production upon UK1-TuMV infection as a low level of fecundity tolerance, it would be

393 selectively advantageous for Arabidopsis, as it makes the difference between leaving progeny
394 or not. Indeed, various models showed that this level of fecundity tolerance drives the host
395 population out of the pathogen-driven extinction margins, especially at high levels of pathogen
396 prevalence (*Boots & Sasaki, 2002; Antonovics, 2009*). Accordingly, experimental analyses in
397 other host-sterilizing pathogen interactions reported similar fecundity tolerance levels
398 (*Fredensborg & Poulin, 2006; Vale & Little, 2012*). It is relevant to mention that Arabidopsis
399 fecundity and mortality tolerances to UK1-TuMV were positively associated, whereas upon
400 infection by milder viruses they were not. This observation would agree with models predicting
401 that, for highly virulent parasites, fecundity tolerance is a saturating function of mortality
402 tolerance (*Best et al., 2010*), provided that our data is in the linear part of the curve. Altogether,
403 to our knowledge these results would represent the first example of plant tolerance to a
404 sterilizing virus.

405 Fecundity tolerance to UK1-TuMV was associated with genotype-specific modifications
406 of the plant developmental schedule. Particularly, upon UK1-TuMV infection more fecundity-
407 tolerant Group 2 genotypes showed shorter growth, and longer reproductive, periods than
408 mock-inoculated plants. This observation agrees with the prediction of the Life-History Theory
409 that bringing forward the age at maturity allows infected hosts to reproduce before they
410 experience the full cost of infection, thus compensating (at least partly) the effect on host
411 fitness (*Hochberg et al., 1992; Gandon et al., 2002*). These results are also in agreement with
412 experimental analyses of life-history modifications upon infection by highly virulent parasites
413 in animals (e.g., *Agnew et al., 2000; Ebert et al., 2004; Fredensborg and Poulin, 2006*).
414 Bringing forward the age at maturity may have important consequences for Arabidopsis
415 population dynamics. Early progeny production would allow seeds from infected plants to
416 germinate and occupy the most suitable niches before uninfected individuals produce theirs,
417 which represents a competitive advantage (*Akiyama & Agren, 2014; Gioria et al., 2018*). This
418 could contribute to compensate the smaller progeny production of infected plants, provided
419 that virus infection does not affect seed viability as shown here. Shorter growth, and longer
420 reproductive, periods of Group 2 genotypes were also associated with higher mortality
421 tolerance to UK1-TuMV. It has been proposed that larger host growth periods caused by
422 pathogen-mediated sterilization allows the storage of reproduction-liberated resources into
423 host growth until the pathogen can exploit them (*Jaenike, 1996; O'Keefe & Antonovics, 2002*).
424 This hypothesis is based on the assumption that host resources can be allocated to either host
425 or pathogen reproduction. Thus, resources dedicated to host reproduction become unavailable
426 for pathogen growth, reducing the effects of infection. This would be the case for the
427 Arabidopsis-UK1-TuMV interaction: Early age at maturity of Group 2 genotypes and
428 subsequent reproduction would reduce the resources available for virus multiplication,
429 limiting/delaying the full cost of infection on plant survival.

430 Arabidopsis fecundity tolerance to LS-CMV was higher in Group 1 than in Group 2
431 genotypes, which was associated with resource reallocation from growth to reproduction, an
432 extensively studied response (*Pagán et al. 2007,2008,2009, Hily et al., 2014,2016; Shuckla et*
433 *al., 2018*). Notably, our results are in agreement with these previous works even if we
434 quantified tolerance as the slope of the fitness to virus load regression rather than at a single
435 pathogen load, and support the Life-History Theory prediction that hosts would evolve
436 tolerance to milder pathogens (as CMV) through resource reallocation from growth to
437 reproduction (*Hochberg et al. 1992; Gandon et al. 2002*). Thus, it could be concluded that
438 Arabidopsis tolerance to plant virus infection is virulence-dependent, which is another
439 prediction of the Life-History Theory. However, our results could be also explained if
440 Arabidopsis life-history trait modifications were virus species-specific, rather than depend on
441 virulence. Indeed, using six Arabidopsis genotypes *Shuckla et al., (2018)* concluded that
442 fecundity tolerance through resource reallocation was specific to CMV, but these authors only
443 considered a highly virulent TuMV isolate. The effect of a milder TuMV genotype (JPN1-TuMV)
444 on Arabidopsis might shed light on this question. Upon JPN1-TuMV infection, half of the Group
445 1 genotypes showed higher mortality and fecundity tolerances than Group 2 genotypes, all
446 infected plants being fertile, and tolerance being associated with resource reallocation from
447 growth to reproduction. In the other half of Group 1 genotypes, JPN1-TuMV sterilized over
448 50% of the plants and no tolerance response was observed. Therefore, Arabidopsis Group 1
449 genotypes in which JPN1-TuMV infection has lower virulence display similar responses to
450 those observed upon LS-CMV infection, whereas in plant genotypes for which JPN1-TuMV
451 virulence is higher the effect of infection resembles to that of UK1-TuMV. This strongly
452 suggests that tolerance is virulence-dependent rather than virus-specific. Note that the
453 subdivision of Group 1 genotypes resulted in 3 to 4 genotypes per subgroup, and the generality
454 of our observations should be validated in a larger number of Arabidopsis genotypes, and in
455 other pathogens and hosts.

456 We failed in finding a negative association between plant resistance and tolerance to
457 the same virus across Arabidopsis genotypes, which indicates the absence of trade-offs
458 between these two defence mechanisms. On the other hand, Arabidopsis could not optimize
459 at the same time tolerances to viruses displaying different virulence levels (negative
460 association between these tolerances), with LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV (lower virulence)
461 inducing different and mutually exclusive life-history modifications than UK1-TuMV (higher
462 virulence). A number of experimental works reported that pathogen-driven changes in host life-
463 history traits can be either genetically determined or the consequence of phenotypic plasticity
464 (*Michalakis & Hochberg, 1994; Schlichting & Pigliucci, 1998; McLeod & Day, 2015*). Thus, it
465 could be hypothesized that one or both of these two types of determinisms may be involved in
466 the observed tolerance-tolerance trade-offs. Our data indicates that trade-offs are influenced

467 by two main factors: (i) Virus virulence: Plant genotypes showed different responses in different
468 environments (i.e., virulence levels), which is indicative of phenotypic plasticity (*Michalakis &*
469 *Hochberg, 1994*). (ii) Plant allometry: Group 1 genotypes showed tolerance to less virulent
470 viruses through resource reallocation, whereas Group 2 genotypes showed tolerance to the
471 most virulent one by altering plant development. Arabidopsis Group 1 genotypes have bigger
472 rosettes and smaller inflorescences than Group 2 ones. That is, in Group 1 genotypes most
473 resources are diverted into growth, whereas in Group 2 resources are primarily dedicated to
474 reproduction. Hence, Group 1 plants would have a relatively wide margin to reallocate growth
475 resources into reproduction; this margin being much narrower, and therefore less efficient, for
476 Group 2 genotypes. In addition, bringing forward the age at maturity requires accelerated
477 rosette growth rates, as Arabidopsis needs to reach a minimum rosette size to flower (*Méndez-*
478 *Vigo et al., 2010*). Group 1 genotypes typically show faster rosette growth rates (*Hily et al.,*
479 *2016*), and therefore have less margin to accelerate it, than Group 2 genotypes. Thus, the two
480 allometric groups have particular characteristics that are genetically determined (*Manzano-*
481 *Piedras et al., 2014*), and that could influence the evolution of tolerance. In support of this
482 genetic determinism, our results indicated that heritability in tolerance-related plant traits was
483 always medium-high. Therefore, although fecundity tolerance is a phenotypically plastic
484 response, the type of response depends on the genetic background of the plant, and tolerance-
485 tolerance trade-offs likely have both genetic and phenotypic plasticity components. This
486 combination of phenotypic plasticity and genetic determinism for tolerance has been also
487 shown in response to other factors such as the moment of plant inoculation, light, temperature
488 and plant density (*Pagán et al. 2007,2009; Hily et al., 2016; Montes & Pagán, 2019*), factors
489 that would modulate the tolerance-tolerance trade-offs observed here, which would be an
490 interesting avenue for future research.

491 Tolerance-tolerance trade-offs may have important implications for understanding the
492 evolution of host defences. To date, most mathematical models on this subject are built on the
493 assumption that tolerance evolves in single-host-pathogen interactions (*Kutzer & Armitage,*
494 *2016; Pagán & García-Arenal, 2018*). These models predict that tolerance would be selectively
495 advantageous for both the host and the pathogen, as tolerance will increase its prevalence,
496 such that genes conferring tolerance will become fixed in the host population (*Rausher, 2001;*
497 *Råberg et al., 2009*). This is generally applicable to mortality tolerance because it increases
498 the infectious period but would only apply to fecundity tolerance if the pathogen is vertically
499 transmitted (*Best et al., 2008*). In Arabidopsis, CMV and TuMV are seed-transmitted (*Pagán*
500 *et al. 2014; Montes & Pagán, 2019*). However, our results suggest polymorphisms for both
501 fecundity and mortality tolerance. Increasing evidence indicate that in nature host populations
502 are invaded by more than one pathogen, occurring in single and mixed infections (*Syller, 2012*).
503 Thus, host defences often evolve in a multi-pathogen context. Our results indicate that, in this

504 scenario, the evolution of both fecundity and mortality tolerance to a given virus comes at the
505 cost of higher susceptibility to other(s), which may impose a selection pressure on tolerance
506 and prevent fixation. Hence, more realistic analyses on the evolution of host defences should
507 consider the combined effects of more than one pathogen, and not necessarily in coinfection.

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509 **Materials and methods**

510 **Viruses and Arabidopsis genotypes.** Viruses UK1-TuMV (Acc.N. AB194802), JPN1-TuMV
511 (Acc.N. KM094174), and LS-CMV (Acc.N. AF127976) were used. JPN1-TuMV was obtained
512 from a field-infected plant of *Raphanus sativus* (Brassicaceae) and propagated in *Nicotiana*
513 *benthamiana* plants. UK1-TuMV and LS-CMV were derived from biologically active clones
514 ([Zhang et al., 1994](#); [Sánchez et al., 1998](#)) by *in vitro* transcription with T7 RNA polymerase
515 (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, USA), and transcripts were used to infect *N. benthamiana*
516 plants for virus multiplication. We used a single CMV isolate because previous analyses
517 indicated that, in Arabidopsis, the fraction of the variance in virulence/tolerance explained by
518 the CMV isolate is very low (4%) ([Pagán et al., 2007](#)), which is not the case for TuMV. Indeed,
519 UK1-TuMV and JPN1-TuMV have different levels of virulence in Arabidopsis ([Sánchez et al.,](#)
520 [2015](#); [Montes & Pagán, 2019](#)). This allowed exploring whether variation in tolerance to TuMV
521 and CMV were species-specific or virulence-dependent.

522 We used ten genotypes representing the Eurasian geographic distribution of the
523 species and eight representing its distribution in the Iberian Peninsula, a Pleistocene glacial
524 refuge for Arabidopsis ([Sharbel et al., 2000](#)) ([Table 1](#)). Seeds were stratified for seven days at
525 4°C in 15cm-diameter pots, 0.43l volume containing 3:1, peat:vermiculite mix. Afterwards, pots
526 were moved for seed germination and plant growth to a greenhouse at 22°C, 16h light
527 (intensity: 120-150 mol s/m²), with 65-70% relative humidity. In these conditions, plant
528 genotypes conformed two allometric groups ([Table 1 and Supplementary Figure S1](#)) as
529 previously described ([Pagán et al., 2008](#)). Because plant allometry has been repeatedly
530 reported as a relevant factor to understand Arabidopsis tolerance to virus infection ([Pagán &](#)
531 [García-Arenal, 2018](#)), allometric group was considered as a factor in all analyses. Plants were
532 mechanically inoculated, either with *N. benthamiana* TuMV- and CMV-infected tissue ground
533 in 0.1M Na₂HPO₄+0.5M NaH₂PO₄+0.02% DIECA, or with inoculation buffer for mock-
534 inoculated plants. Inoculations were done when plants were at developmental stages 1.05-
535 1.06 ([Boyes et al., 2001](#)). After inoculation, all individuals were randomized in the greenhouse.
536 For each Arabidopsis genotype, seven to ten plants per virus were inoculated, and other seven
537 were mock inoculated.

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539 **Quantification of virus multiplication.** Virus multiplication was quantified as viral RNA
540 accumulation 15 days post-inoculation via qRT-PCR and was used as a measure of plant

541 resistance to virus infection. For each plant, four leaf disks of 4mm in diameter from four
542 systemically-infected rosette leaves were collected. Total RNA extracts were obtained using
543 TRIzol® reagent (Life Technologies, Carlsbad, USA), and 0.32ng of total RNA were added to
544 the Brilliant III Ultra-Fast SYBR Green qRT-PCR Master Mix (Agilent Technologies, Santa
545 Clara, USA) according to manufacturer's recommendations. Specific primers were used to
546 amplify a 70nt fragment of the TuMV, and a 106nt fragment of the CMV, coat protein (CP)
547 gene, respectively ([Lunello et al., 2007](#); [Hily et al., 2014](#)). Each sample was assayed by
548 triplicate on a Light Cycler 480 II real-time PCR system (Roche, Indianapolis, USA). Absolute
549 viral RNA accumulation was quantified as ng of viral RNA/μg of total RNA utilizing internal
550 standards. For the two TuMV isolates, internal standards consisted in ten-fold dilution series
551 of plasmid-derived RNA transcripts of the same 70nt CP fragment from UK1-TuMV. For LS-
552 CMV, ten-fold dilution series were prepared using purified viral RNA. Internal standards ranged
553 from 2×10^{-3} ng to 2×10^{-7} ng.

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555 **Effect of infection on plant growth and reproduction.** Aboveground plant structures were
556 harvested at complete senescence. The weights of the rosette (*RW*), inflorescence (*IW*), and
557 seeds (*SW*) were obtained. *RW* was used to estimate plant resources dedicated to growth,
558 and *IW* and *SW* were utilized to estimate plant resources dedicated to reproduction ([Thompson
559 & Stewart, 1981](#)). The effect of virus infection on these traits was quantified by calculating
560 infected to mock-inoculated plants ratios for each of them, dividing the value of each infected
561 plant by the mean value of the mock-inoculated plants of the same genotype ($Trait_i/Trait_m$, *i*
562 and *m* denoting infected and mock-inoculated plants, respectively). Following [Pagán et al.,
563 \(2008\)](#), resource reallocation from growth to reproduction upon virus infection was analysed
564 by calculating $(IW/RW)_i/(IW/RW)_m$ and $(SW/RW)_i/(SW/RW)_m$ ratios. Values of these ratios
565 greater than one were considered as indicative of such resource reallocation. Seed viability,
566 estimated as per cent germination, did not significantly differ between mock-inoculated (93.0-
567 99.3%) and infected (91.0-99.7%) plants ($\chi^2 \leq 2.16$; $P \geq 0.096$). Also, virus infection did not affect
568 the weight of a single seed (Wald $\chi^2 \leq 0.99$; $P \geq 0.110$) ([Supplementary Table 3](#)). Thus, *SW*
569 similarly reflects the number of viable seeds in both mock-inoculated and infected plants.

570
571 **Effect of infection on plant development.** We recorded growth period (*GP*), as days from
572 inoculation to the opening of the first flower; reproductive period (*RP*), as days from the opening
573 of the first flower to the shattering of the first silique; and plant post-reproductive period (*PRP*),
574 as days from the shattering of the first silique to plant senescence. In *Arabidopsis*, the opening
575 of the first flower co-occurs with the end of the rosette growth, and the shattering of the first
576 silique co-occurs with the end of flower production ([Boyes et al., 2001](#)). The total life period

577 (*LP*) was quantified as the sum of the three periods. The effect of virus infection on *GP*, *RP*
578 and *PRP*, was quantified as infected to mock-inoculated plants ratios. The $(RP/GP)_i/(RP/GP)_m$
579 and $(PRP/GP)_i/(PRP/GP)_m$ ratios were used to analyse virus-induced alterations of plant
580 development.

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582 **Tolerance measure.** Following [Little et al., \(2010\)](#) and [Råberg \(2014\)](#), range fecundity and
583 mortality tolerances of each *Arabidopsis* genotype were calculated as the slope of the linear
584 regression of *SW* and *LP*, respectively, to virus accumulation considering both infected and
585 mock-inoculated plants.

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587 **Statistical analysis.** Analysed traits were not normally distributed, and variances were
588 heterogeneous. Therefore, differences between viruses, plant genotypes and allometric
589 groups/subgroups were analysed by Generalized Linear Mixed Models (GzLMMs) considering
590 virus as fixed factor, and *Arabidopsis* genotype as random factor, which was nested to
591 allometric group/subgroup (considered as fixed factor). Trade-offs between resistance,
592 fecundity tolerance and mortality tolerance were analysed using Spearman's test. Tolerance-
593 tolerance trade-offs according to virus and plant allometric group/subgroup were analysed
594 using Generalized Linear Models (GzLMs), considering both as fixed factors. Broad-sense
595 heritability was estimated as $h^2_b = V_G/(V_G + V_E)$, where V_G is the among-genotypes variance
596 component and V_E is the residual variance. Variance components were determined using
597 GzLMMs by the REML method ([Lynch & Walsh, 1998](#)). GzLMMs and GzLMs were performed
598 using R-libraries lme4, nlme and lmerTest ([Douglas et al., 2015](#), [Kuznetsova et al., 2017](#),
599 [Pinheiro et al., 2018](#)). Statistical analyses were conducted using R version 3.5.0 ([R Core Team,](#)
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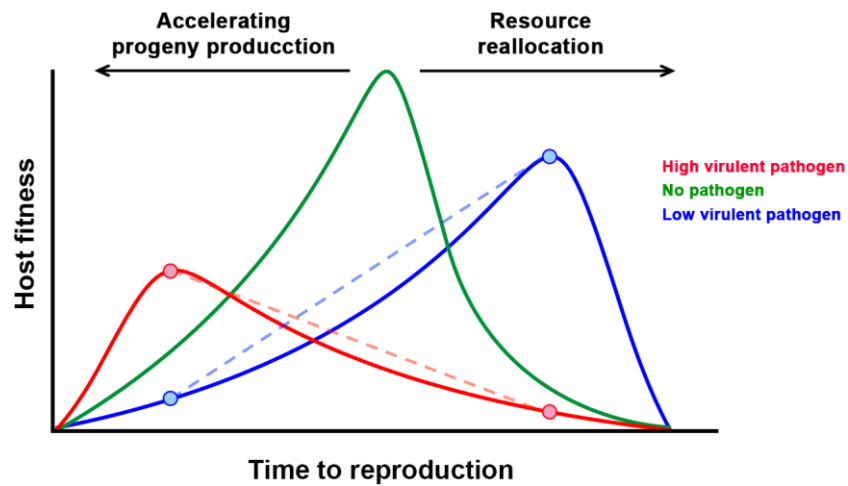


Figure 1. Which way to go? According to the Life-history Theory, hosts would modify their time to reproduction in opposite ways in order to achieve tolerance: when infected by a highly virulent pathogen (red line), hosts would bring forward reproduction to produce progeny before death; and when infected by a low virulent pathogen (blue line), host would delay reproduction so they can reallocate resources from growth to reproduction. These strategies would maximize fitness in the presence of one virus at the cost of reducing fitness in the presence of the other (crossed dotted lines), establishing a tolerance-tolerance trade-off.

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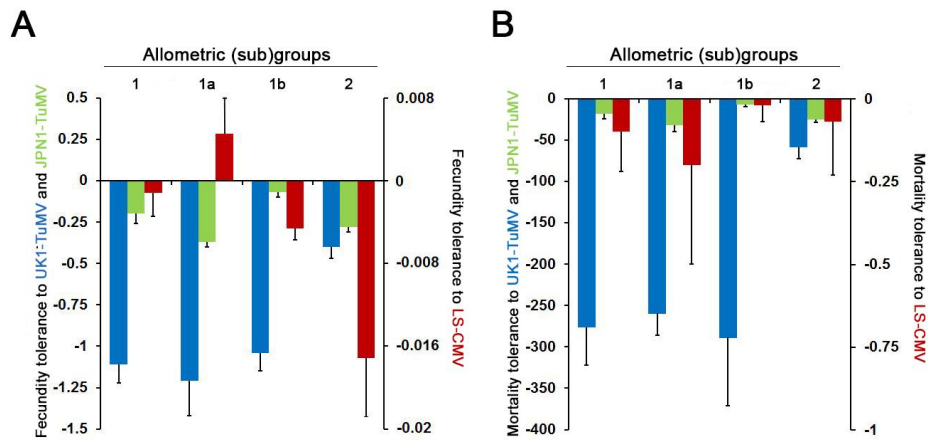
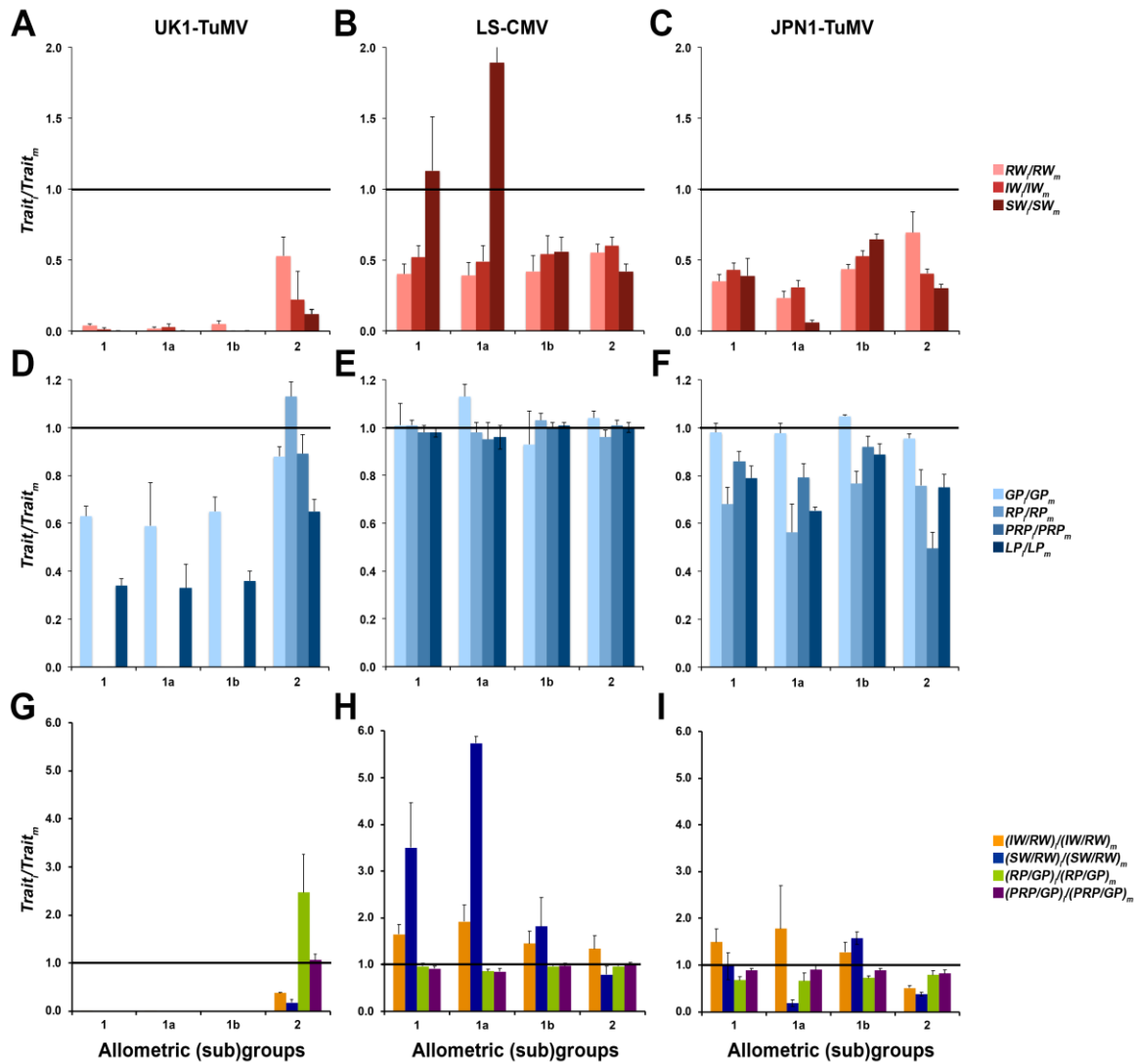


Figure 2. Arabidopsis fecundity and mortality tolerance to UK1-TuMV, LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV. Panel A: Values of fecundity tolerance to UK1-TuMV (blue), to JPN1-TuMV (green) and to LS-CMV (red) measured as the slope of the *SW* to virus accumulation linear regression. Panel B: Values of mortality tolerance to the same three viruses measured as the slope of the *LP* to virus accumulation linear regression. Data are presented for allometric groups 1 and 2, and for subgroups 1a and 1b, and are mean \pm standard errors across plant genotypes.



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893 **Figure 3. Effect of UK1-TuMV, LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV infection on life-history traits for**

894 **Arabidopsis allometric groups and subgroups.** Panels A-C: Effect of viral infection on

895 rosette weight (*RW*), inflorescence weight (*IW*) and seed weight (*SW*). Panels D-F: Effect of

896 viral infection on growth period (*GP*), reproductive period (*RP*) and post-reproductive period

897 (*PRP*). Panels G-I: Effect of infection on the ratios *IW/RW*, *SW/RW*, *RP/GP* and *PRP/GP*. All

898 effects were estimated as the ratio between infected (i) and mock-inoculated (m) plants. Data

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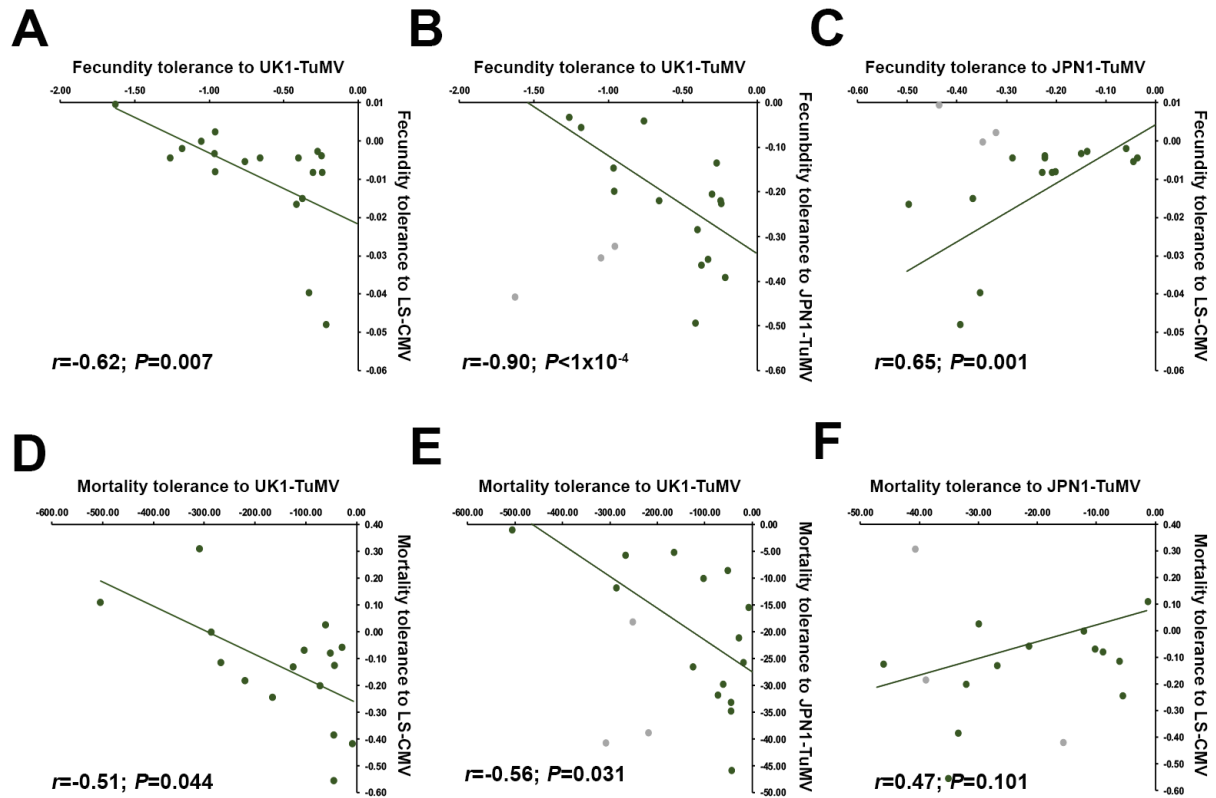
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908 **Figure 4. Trade-offs between Arabidopsis tolerances to UK1-TuMV, LS-CMV and JPN1-**

909 **TuMV.** Panels A-C: Pairwise linear regressions between fecundity tolerance to UK1-TuMV,

910 LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV. Panels D-F: Pairwise linear regressions between mortality

911 tolerance to UK1-TuMV, LS-CMV and JPN1-TuMV. Data are slope of the SW (fecundity

912 tolerance) and LP (mortality tolerance) to virus accumulation regression for each Arabidopsis

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928 **Table 1.** Arabidopsis genotypes used in this work, their geographical origin and allometric
929 group/subgroup.

Genotype	Origin	Allometric group (subgroup)
Cum-0	Cumbres Mayores (Spain)	Group 1(a)
Kas-0	Kashmir (India)	Group 1(a)
LI-0	Llagostera (Spain)	Group 1(a)
Cad-0	Candelario (Spain)	Group 1(b)
Cdm-0	Caldas de Miravete (Spain)	Group 1(b)
Kas-2	Kashmir (India)	Group 1(b)
Kyo-1	Kyoto (Japan)	Group 1(b)
An-1	Amberes (Belgium)	Group 2
Bay-0	Bayreuth (Germany)	Group 2
Col-0	Columbia (Unknown)	Group 2
Cvi	Cape Verde Islands	Group 2
Fei-0	Santa María da Feira (Portugal)	Group 2
Ler	Landsberg (Poland)	Group 2
Cen-1	Centenera (Spain)	Group 2
Mer-0	Mérida (Spain)	Group 2
Pro-0	Proaza (Spain)	Group 2
Shak	Shakdara (Tadjikistan)	Group 2
Ver-5	Verin (Spain)	Group 2

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