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Modeling dynamics of plant RNA viral population in a host plant

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Abstract:

Most plant RNA viruses colonize host leaf tissues by moving from infected cells to uninfected cells through channels called “plasmodesmata”, which traverse the cell walls and connect cytoplasms of adjacent cells. We recently found that only 5-6 genomes of a plant RNA virus can establish infection after cell-to-cell movement, by statistically analyzing our experimental data. This limitation on the number of viral genomes that establish infection was expected to work as genetic bottlenecks. Using the size of genetic bottlenecks as a variable, we developed a simple mathematical model that describes dynamics of viral population in a host plant. This model explained the possible important role of the bottlenecks in enhancing selection on variations in viral trans-acting genes, of which products are shared among viral intracellular population; it also indicated several possible requirements for maintenance of defective RNAs in a viral population in a host plant. Now we are trying to obtain means to modulate the size of bottlenecks, with the ultimate aim to establish effective systems to control and utilize plant RNA viruses basing on our mathematical model.

参加自由です。皆様のお越しをお待ちしております。

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