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1 **A unique race of the wheat stem rust pathogen with virulence on *Sr31* identified in Spain**
2 **and reaction of wheat and durum cultivars to this race**

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26 **ABSTRACT**

27 Wheat stem rust, caused by *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*, is a re-emerging disease,
28 posing a threat to wheat production. In Spain, stem rust has been rarely detected since 1970s, but
29 infection was observed in wheat fields in 2018. We analyzed six stem rust samples collected in
30 Rota, Cádiz province and one from Monteagudo del Castillo, Teruel province. All the samples
31 from Rota were typed as race TKTTF, whereas the sample from Monteagudo del Castillo,
32 collected in a wheat field adjacent to barberry bushes, was typed as race TKHBK. This race has a
33 unique and significant virulence combination that includes virulence to *Sr31*, *Sr33*, *Sr53* and
34 *Sr59*, and is avirulent to Rusty, a durum line developed for universal susceptibility to the wheat
35 stem rust pathogen. TKHBK is the first race outside the Ug99 race group with virulence to *Sr31*
36 and the first known race with virulence to *Sr59*. Genotyping studies indicate that race TKHBK
37 does not belong to the Ug99 or TKTTF race groups and constitutes a previously unknown
38 lineage. Two hundred bread and durum wheat cultivars and breeding lines from Spain were
39 evaluated against TKHBK and TKTTF and six additional races. Resistance was observed to all
40 the races evaluated. Molecular markers confirmed the presence of *Sr38*, *Sr31*, *Sr24*, *Sr7a*, and
41 *Sr57* in bread wheat, and *Sr13* in durum wheat. The re-emergence of wheat stem rust in Spain
42 and the occurrence of unique virulences underscore the need to continue surveying and
43 monitoring this disease.

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45 1. INTRODUCTION

46 Wheat stem rust, caused by *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* (*Pgt*), is a devastating disease
47 of bread (*Triticum aestivum* L.) and durum (*T. turgidum* ssp. *durum* (Desf.) Husn.) wheat. For
48 several decades, wheat crops have been protected globally from this disease by the widespread
49 use of effective resistance genes and the eradication of the alternate host, common barberry
50 (*Berberis vulgaris* L.) in the United States and western Europe (Hermansen, 1968; Roelfs, 1985).
51 Wheat stem rust is a re-emerging disease, exemplified by the occurrence, evolution into new
52 virulent variants, and rapid spread of races in the Ug99 race group (Newcomb et al., 2016; Singh
53 et al., 2015). This race group is of special concern because it possesses virulence on *Sr31*, a gene
54 of rye origin that has been globally deployed mostly through germplasm developed by the
55 CIMMYT wheat breeding program (Singh et al., 2006). *Sr31* remained effective for over six
56 decades and likely contributed to the global decline of stem rust (Singh et al., 2006). In addition,
57 severe epidemics and localized outbreaks caused by races outside of the Ug99 race group have
58 been reported in recent years in east Africa (Olivera et al., 2015), Central Asia (Skolotneva et al.,
59 2020), the Caucasus region of Eurasia (Olivera et al., 2019), and Europe (Berlin, 2017; Olivera
60 Firpo et al., 2017). Many of these recent outbreaks have been associated with highly diverse
61 pathogen populations and novel virulence combinations (Berlin, 2017; Olivera et al., 2019),
62 indicating that the alternate host is likely playing an important role in pathogen variation and
63 disease epidemiology.

64 In Spain, stem rust was an important disease of wheat, with several epidemics occurring
65 in the period between the 1940s and 1960s (Martínez-Moreno & Solís, 2019; Zadoks, 1967). The
66 rapid replacement of low productive and susceptible local varieties ('Aragon 03', 'Pane 237') by
67 short-cycle and partially resistant cultivars from CIMMYT ('Siete Cerros 66', 'Cajeme',

68 ‘Yecora’, and ‘Anza’) in the 1970’s (Lupton, 1992) resulted in a drastic reduction of stem rust
69 infections in Spanish wheat crops (Martínez-Moreno & Solís, 2019). Although this disease has
70 been rarely detected for almost five decades, infections started being observed in wheat fields in
71 recent years (Martínez-Moreno & Solís, 2019).

72 As stem rust has not been a problem in Spain since the 1970s, limited effort was put towards
73 breeding for resistance to this disease, and information is currently unavailable for stem rust
74 resistance in the cultivars that have been grown in the country during the last 50 years. As this
75 disease is being detected more frequently in Spain and other European countries, it is crucial to
76 understand and improve stem rust resistance in the local bread and durum wheat varieties. The
77 objectives of this study were to: 1) analyze stem rust samples collected at two locations in Spain
78 in 2018, and 2) evaluate bread and durum wheat cultivars and breeding lines for resistance to stem
79 rust races identified in Spain and elsewhere that carry important virulence combinations.

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81 **2. MATERIALS AND METHODS**

82 **2.1 Race typing of wheat stem rust samples**

83 Seven samples of stem rust infected tissue were collected from bread wheat at two
84 locations: six samples from a wheat nursery at the Rota Station in the province of Cádiz
85 (36.88°N, 6.29°W, altitude = 50 m) and one from a farmer’s field adjacent to rust-infected
86 barberry (*B. garciae* Pau) bushes in Monteagudo del Castillo in the province of Teruel (40.46°N,
87 0.81°W, altitude = 1,420 m). Dried samples were mailed to the USDA-ARS Foreign Disease-
88 Weed Science Research Unit (FDWSRU) in Ft. Detrick, MD (USA) following the shipping and
89 receiving protocols according to the USDA APHIS PPQ permit conditions for handling
90 international *Pgt* cultures. Samples received at FDWSRU were increased on the susceptible

91 wheat ‘McNair 701’ (CItr 15288), collected in gelatin capsules (size 00), and stored in a –80°C
92 freezer. After December 1st, cultures were shipped to Cereal Disease Laboratory (CDL) in St.
93 Paul, MN (USA) and stored in a -80°C freezer until processing.

94 Race identification was based on the North American stem rust differential set (Jin et al.,
95 2008). All samples and isolates were further characterized on additional monogenic lines
96 carrying the following resistance genes: *Sr7a*, *Sr13c*, *Sr22*, *Sr25*, *Sr26*, *Sr27*, *Sr32*, *Sr33*, *Sr35*,
97 *Sr37*, *Sr39*, *Sr40*, *Sr43*, *Sr47*, *Sr50*, *Sr51*, *Sr52*, *Sr53*, *Sr59*, *Sr8155B1*, *SrSatu*, and *Sr1RS^{Amigo}*
98 (Olivera Firpo et al., 2017). Durum cultivars Iumillo (*Sr9g, I2,+*) and Leeds (*Sr9e, I3b,+*), and
99 barley line Q21861A (*Rpg1, rpg4, Rpg5*) were also included in the evaluation. One isolate
100 (18SPA092-1) derived from the sample collected in Monteagudo del Castillo was evaluated on
101 two additional wheat lines carrying *Sr31* (DK42-2 and Line E/Kavkaz-2) and a set of eight
102 universal susceptible bread and durum wheat lines.

103 Each sample was first inoculated onto the differentials and the additional monogenic
104 lines set and two single-pustule isolates were derived from each original sample. Experimental
105 procedures for inoculation, incubation, and disease assessment were performed as described by
106 Jin et al. (2007). Single-pustule–derived cultures were increased in isolation on susceptible wheat
107 ‘McNair 701’. Each increased isolate was evaluated on the differential lines and the set of
108 additional resistance lines. Race designation was based on the letter code proposed by Roelfs &
109 Martens (1988). Urediniospores from all pure cultures were increased in isolation on ‘McNair
110 701’ and stored at -80°C.

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112 **2.2 Genotyping of isolate 18SPA092-1**

113 DNA was extracted from *Pgt*-infected leaf tissue following the protocol described by
114 Olivera et al. (2015). Genotyping was performed using a custom Illumina single nucleotide
115 polymorphism (SNP) array (PgtSNP 3.0k chip) and data was filtered as described by Olivera et
116 al. (2019). After removing loci with monomorphic or missing data, a final data set containing
117 1,838 SNP loci was used for the phylogenetic analysis. Analysis was performed using R (version
118 3.4.3: R Core Team, Vienna, Austria) with the package Poppr version 2.6.1 (Kamvar et al.,
119 2015). A distance matrix was calculated using Prevosti's distance (Prevosti et al., 1975) and
120 Neighbor-joining analysis (Saitou & Nei, 1987) was used to construct a phylogenetic tree.
121 Bootstrap values were calculated using 5,000 sample replicates and a 75% cutoff using the `boot`
122 function. A set of 25 reference isolates from previously defined clades I (Ug99 race group), II
123 (race JRCQC), III (races TRTTF and TTRTF), IV (TKTTF race group), and V (isolates from
124 Georgia and Germany 2013) (Olivera et al., 2015; 2019; Olivera Firpo et al., 2017) were
125 included in the analysis (Supplementary Table S1).

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127 **2.3 Germplasm evaluation for stem rust response**

128 A total of 120 bread wheat and 80 durum wheat cultivars and breeding lines were
129 evaluated for stem rust response at the seeding stage. The 120 bread wheat genotypes included
130 59 varieties currently cultivated in Spain, 44 breeding lines from the Institute of Agrifood
131 Research and Technology (IRTA) breeding program, and 17 old varieties from the IRTA
132 program that are no longer deployed. The 80 durum wheat genotypes included 40 current
133 varieties cultivated in Spain, 18 breeding lines from IRTA program, and 22 old varieties from
134 different breeding programs including IRTA. These 200 genotypes were evaluated against two
135 *Pgt* races recovered from the stem rust samples collected in Rota and Monteagudo del Castillo,

136 and six additional races. These additional *Pgt* races included: two variants in the Ug99 race
137 group, TTKSK (carrying *Sr31* + *Sr38* virulence) and TTKTT (carrying *Sr31* + *Sr38* + *Sr24* +
138 *SrTmp* virulence) (Newcomb et al., 2016); two races with combined virulence on *Sr9e* and *Sr13b*
139 (JRCQC and TTRTF) (Olivera et al., 2019); TTTTF, the race with the broadest virulence
140 spectrum in the United States and race QFCSC, the predominant race in the United States in the
141 last decade. Five seedlings per entry were inoculated on fully expanded primary leaves 8 to 9
142 days after planting. Experimental procedures in inoculation and disease assessment were
143 performed as described by Jin et al. (2007). Wheat cultivar McNair 701 was used as the
144 susceptible control. Disease evaluation was repeated once. The presence of specific stem rust
145 resistance genes was postulated based on race specificity and infection types at the seeding stage.

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147 **2.4 Molecular marker analysis**

148 Genomic DNA from 117 bread wheat and 80 durum wheat genotypes was isolated from 8
149 to 9-day-old seedlings following a modified cetyltrimethylammonium bromide extraction
150 method (Rouse et al., 2012). The amount and purity of DNA was determined using a NanoDrop
151 ND-1000 (NanoDrop Products). For bread wheat genotypes, DNA markers specific to resistance
152 genes *Sr24* (Mago et al., 2005), *Sr31* (Mohler et al., 2001), *Sr38* (Helguera et al., 2003), and
153 *Sr57/Lr34/Yr18/Pm38* (Lagudah et al., 2009) were assessed to confirm their presence or absence
154 in the evaluated germplasm. We developed two Kompetitive Allele-Specific Polymorphism
155 (KASP) markers to predict the presence of *Sr7a*: *KASP-IWB12146* and *KASP-IWB47019*. Both
156 markers were derived from molecular markers in a custom 90K SNP Illumina array (Wang et al.,
157 2014) that were identified as linked to *Sr7a* in a genome-wide association study of United States
158 spring wheat (Bajgain et al., 2015). The primer sequences for *KASP-IWB12146* are allele-

159 specific sequences 5'-GGAAGACGCCGATGGTGCCAA, 5'-
160 GAAGACGCCGATGGTGCCAG, and common primer 5'
161 CATTTCGGGTCCGTGAAGCTGAATT. The primer sequences for *KASP-IWB47019* are
162 allele-specific sequences 5'-CACATCTGTTGAATCATTACACTA, 5'-
163 CACATCTGTTGAATCATTACACTG, and common primer 5'-
164 GGAAGACAATCCTTCGAGCGTACAT. The KASP markers were assayed as described for
165 other KASP markers developed in our lab (Nirmala et al., 2017). For durum wheat genotypes
166 we used KASP markers developed by S. Dreisigacker as described on the MASWheat webpage
167 (<https://maswheat.ucdavis.edu/protocols/Sr13>) to discriminate the *Sr13* alleles (*a*, *b*, and *c*) based
168 on the corresponding *Sr13* resistant haplotypes (Zhang et al., 2017).

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170 3. RESULTS

171 Two races were recovered from the samples collected in Spain in 2018: TKTTF and
172 TKHBK. Race TKTTF was recovered from the samples collected in Rota Station, whereas race
173 TKHBK was identified from the sample collected in Montegudo del Castillo. Race TKTTF
174 produced high infection types on differentials carrying *Sr5*, *Sr6*, *Sr7b*, *Sr8a*, *Sr9a*, *Sr9b*, *Sr9d*,
175 *Sr9e*, *Sr9g*, *Sr10*, *Sr17*, *Sr21*, *Sr30*, *Sr36*, *Sr38*, *SrTmp*, and *SrMcN* (Table 1). Isolates of race
176 TKTTF were avirulent on all the additional stem rust resistance genes tested in this study (Table
177 2). Race TKHBK produced high infection types on *Sr5*, *Sr6*, *Sr7b*, *Sr8a*, *Sr9b*, *Sr9e*, *Sr9g*, *Sr17*,
178 *Sr21*, *Sr31*, *Sr38*, and *SrMcN* (Table 1; Table 2). It has also exhibited virulence on lines carrying
179 *Sr33*, *Sr53*, and *Sr59* (Table 2; Figure 1). In addition, the isolate of race TKHBK was avirulent
180 on Rusty, a durum wheat line bred for stem rust susceptibility (Table 3).

181 Isolate 18SPA092-1 was genotyped with a custom PgtSNP 3.0k chip, and a phylogenetic
182 analysis was performed with 25 reference isolates representing the previously defined clades. It
183 had a unique multilocus genotype and formed a sister branch to clades I (Ug99 race group) and II
184 (JRCQC race group) that was well supported (Figure 2).

185 Seedling resistance was observed in bread wheat cultivars and breeding lines to races
186 TKHBK and TKTTF (Table 4). Fifty-one (67.1%) cultivars and 40 (90.9%) breeding lines were
187 resistant to race TKHBK, whereas 29 (38.2%) and 20 (45.5%) cultivars and breeding lines
188 exhibited a resistant response to race TKTTF, respectively. Resistance in bread wheat was also
189 observed to the other six races evaluated. For bread wheat cultivars, the percentage of resistance
190 ranged between 17.1% and 90.1% (Table 4). The lowest frequencies of resistance were to the
191 two variants in the Ug99 race group; 17.1% and 18.4% for TTKSK and TTKTT, respectively
192 (Table 4). Similar percentage of resistance was observed with races TTRTF (69.7%) and TTTTF
193 (67.1%), whereas the greatest frequencies of resistance observed were to races JRCQC (88.2%)
194 and QFCSC (90.1%). The percentage of resistance in bread wheat breeding to races TTKSK and
195 TTKTT was 27.3% and 22.7%, respectively (Table 4). Twenty-two (50.0%) and 14 (33.3%)
196 breeding lines were resistant to races TTRTF and TTTTF, respectively. The highest percentage
197 of resistance in bread wheat breeding lines was to races QFCSC (100%) and JRCQC (97.7%).
198 Nine (12.0%) cultivars and five (11.8%) breeding lines were resistant to all races evaluated
199 (Table 4).

200 All the durum wheat cultivars and breeding lines were resistant to race TKHBK, whereas
201 39 (62.9%) cultivars and 10 (55.6%) breeding lines were resistant to race TKTTF (Table 5).
202 Resistance was also observed to the other six races evaluated, and the percentage of resistance
203 for each race was comparable between the cultivars and breeding lines. Thirty-eight (61.3%) and

204 37 (59.7%) durum cultivars exhibited a resistant response to races TTKSK and TTKTT, whereas
205 nine (50%) breeding lines were resistant to both races (Table 5). The highest percentages of
206 resistance were to races QFCSC (96.8% and 100% for cultivars and breeding lines, respectively),
207 followed by race TTRTF (83.3% for cultivars and 75.8% for breeding lines). Resistance to races
208 JRCQC and TTTTF was between 50% and 60% for both cultivars and breeding lines. Twenty-
209 six (41.9%) durum wheat cultivars and six (33.3%) breeding lines were resistant to the eight
210 races evaluated (Table 5).

211 Based on disease reaction to the eight races evaluated, we postulated three *Sr* genes
212 alone or in combination in the 120 bread wheat cultivars and breeding lines evaluated. The most
213 predominant gene was *Sr38*, postulated in 23 cultivars and 11 breeding lines (Table 6). *Sr31* was
214 postulated to be present in 15 cultivars and 4 breeding lines, whereas *Sr24* was postulated in only
215 one cultivar. The presence of additional resistance genes was postulated in 41 genotypes carrying
216 either *Sr31* (17 entries) or *Sr38* (24 entries) (Table 6). Thirty-seven of these postulated genes,
217 that were not able to be identified with the eight races used in this study, were effective against
218 race TKHBK. Alleles of *Sr13* (*a/c* and *b*) were postulated to be present in 11 durum cultivars and
219 three breeding lines. *Sr13a/c* alleles were postulated in three cultivars, whereas *Sr13b* allele was
220 postulated in five cultivars and three breeding lines (Table 7).

221 We used DNA markers to confirm the presence of *Sr38*, *Sr31*, *Sr24* and *Sr7a* genes in
222 bread wheat genotypes. *Sr38* was confirmed in 33 (43.4%) cultivars and 17 (38.6%) breeding
223 lines (Table 6; Figure 3). All the cultivars and lines that were postulated to carry *Sr38* based on
224 seedling phenotypes were confirmed with the DNA marker. Seventeen cultivars and breeding
225 lines that were not postulated to carry *Sr38*, tested positive for the DNA marker, suggesting the
226 presence of additional stem rust resistance genes in these genotypes. *Sr31* was confirmed with

227 DNA markers in 12 (15.8%) bread wheat cultivars and four (9.1%) breeding lines (Table 6;
228 Figure 3). Two cultivars ('Balsamina' and 'Variety 39'), postulated to carry *Sr31* based on
229 seedling phenotypes, tested negative for the DNA marker (Table 6). The presence of *Sr24* in
230 'Variety 52' was confirmed with the DNA marker. *Sr7a* was detected in six bread wheat
231 cultivars and five breeding lines (Table 6; Figure 3). One cultivar ('Variety 20') of the eleven
232 that tested positive for the *Sr7a* marker, displayed a seedling phenotype that didn't match with
233 the *Sr7a*-positive genotype. We also ran the DNA marker corresponding to adult plant resistance
234 gene *Sr57* and tested positive in 10 (13.2%) and four (9.1%) cultivars and breeding lines,
235 respectively (Table 6; Figure 3). The three effective alleles (*a*, *b*, and *c*) of *Sr13* gene were
236 confirmed by DNA markers in both durum cultivars and breeding lines. *Sr13a*, *b*, and *c* were
237 detected in five (8.1%), eight (12.9%), and 14 (22.6%) durum cultivars, respectively (Table 7;
238 Figure 4). *Sr13a* and *c* alleles were detected in two (11.1%) breeding lines, whereas *Sr13b* was
239 confirmed in five lines (27.8%). All the genotypes postulated to carry the *Sr13b* allele based on
240 seedling phenotypes were confirmed with the DNA marker (Table 7). All but one genotype
241 postulated to carry *Sr13a* or *c*, which cannot be distinguished with the *Pgt* races used in this
242 study, were confirmed to carry one of these alleles. 'Variety 38', that was postulated to carry
243 *Sr13a/c*, was confirmed by DNA marker to carry the *Sr13b* allele (Table 7). Eighteen cultivars
244 and breeding lines resistant to all races evaluated tested positive for the *a*, *b* or *c* allele with the
245 *Sr13* DNA marker, indicating the presence of additional effective resistance genes in these
246 genotypes.

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248 4. DISCUSSION

249 Wheat stem rust is a reemerging disease, causing significant impact in many bread and
250 durum wheat-growing regions in the world. During the last 50 years, European countries have
251 not experienced significant stem rust outbreaks as a result of the barberry eradication programs
252 in western Europe (Hermansen, 1968) and the widespread use of broad-spectrum fungicides.
253 However, recent outbreaks and epidemics reported in Germany (Olivera Firpo et al., 2017), Italy
254 (Nocente et al., 2011), and Sweden (Berlin, 2017) are a strong indication that once again stem
255 rust poses a threat to wheat production in Europe.

256 *Pgt* race TKTTF is widely distributed in the Middle East and East Africa (Singh et al.,
257 2015) and has caused a devastating epidemic in Ethiopia in 2013-2014 (Olivera et al., 2015). In
258 Europe, isolates of race TKTTF were first identified in Germany in 2013, where unusual stem
259 rust infestations were observed in spring wheat nurseries (Olivera Firpo et al., 2017). Now, race
260 TKTTF appears to be widely distributed in Europe (Hovmøller, 2021). It has also been detected
261 in Morocco (Olivera & Jin, *unpublished*). It is not surprising that race TKTTF was identified in
262 both Morocco and south-western Spain (Cádiz) as the southwesterly winds along the Atlantic
263 coast from Morocco into Spain play a significant role in dispersing rust spores from north-west
264 Africa into Europe (Zadoks, 1967).

265 Virulence to *Sr31* has been recognized as a distinct phenotypic feature of the Ug99 race
266 group, as thus far, only races in this group have been reported to have virulence to this important
267 gene (Newcomb et al., 2016; Singh et al., 2015). Although the variants of the Ug99 race group
268 have been observed only in Africa and the Middle East, the occurrence of *Pgt* isolates in Spain
269 with virulence on *Sr31*, raised concerns about the potential incursion of Ug99 into Europe.
270 Isolate 18SPA092-1 with a novel race designation TKHBK, is the first race outside the Ug99
271 race group with virulence on *Sr31*. It is also the first *Pgt* race to be avirulent to ‘Rusty’, a durum

272 wheat line developed as universal susceptible to all known *Pgt* races (Klindworth et al., 2006).
273 Furthermore, race TKHBK is not genotypically related to *Pgt* isolates that have been recently
274 reported in Europe (TKTTF race group, clade IV; or TTRTF, clade III-B), and to other races
275 belonging to previously described clades (JRCQC, clade II; races from sexual population from
276 Georgia, clade V) (Olivera et al., 2105; 2019; Olivera Firpo et al., 2017). TKHBK is the first
277 known race with virulence to *Sr59*, a recently identified gene of rye origin. These unique and
278 highly unusual virulence/avirulence combinations and multilocus genotype strongly suggested
279 that race TKHBK is likely a product of sexual origin from the alternate host. The impact of
280 barberry in stem rust epidemiology has been documented previously in Spain; barberry (*Berberis*
281 sp.) was recognized as a source of local stem rust inoculum and pathogen variability (Salazar &
282 Brañas,1973). The identification of race TKHBK motivated an interest to investigate further the
283 current role of barberry in stem rust epidemiology in several regions in Spain (Villegas et al.,
284 *unpublished*).

285 To assess crop vulnerability to wheat stem rust, we evaluated 120 bread wheat and 80 durum
286 wheat cultivars and breeding lines from Spain for resistance to races TKTTF and TKHBK, and
287 to six other races with significant virulence combinations. Results show that resistance is present
288 in common and durum wheat. Stem rust resistance genes were postulated in the 120 bread wheat
289 genotypes evaluated and confirmed with DNA markers. The most frequent gene was *Sr38*,
290 present in ~40% of the cultivars and breeding lines. However, *Sr38* does not confer protection to
291 the races responsible for the recent outbreaks in Europe, including TKTTF and TTRTF (Olivera
292 et al., 2015; 2019). It is also ineffective against all variants in the Ug99 race group (Newcomb et
293 al., 2016; Jin et al., 2007) and race TKHBK identified in this study. *Sr31* was detected in 12
294 bread wheat cultivars and four breeding lines and, may have been introduced into Spain when

295 CIMMYT cultivars ('Siete Cerros 66', 'Cajeme', 'Yecora', and 'Anza') were broadly adapted by
296 local farmers in the 1970's (Lupton, 1992; Martínez-Moreno and Solís, 2019). *Sr7a* effective
297 against some isolates of race TKTTF was detected at a low frequency in bread wheat cultivars
298 and breeding lines. Adult plant resistance gene *Sr57* was detected in low frequency in both
299 cultivars and breeding lines. As this set of cultivars and breeding lines were only tested at the
300 seedling stage, field evaluations for stem rust response are necessary to confirm the marker
301 results.

302 The frequency of resistance to all the races evaluated was comparable between both
303 cultivars and breeding lines of bread wheat. These results confirm that stem rust has not been a
304 priority in the national breeding programs, because of the low occurrence observed in the last
305 decades (Martínez-Moreno & Solís, 2019). The knowledge generated in this study is a valuable
306 tool for breeders to help designing crossing strategies to improve stem rust resistance in the
307 future. A higher frequency of resistance was observed in Spanish durum wheat compared to
308 bread wheat for all the races evaluated except for JRCQC. Race TKHBK was avirulent to all the
309 durum wheat genotypes evaluated. Similarly, 13 durum cultivars susceptible to all the other six
310 races evaluated, were resistant to race TKHBK. This avirulence, including that to Rusty, is
311 highly unique and currently being investigated.

312 Three phenotypic alleles (*a*, *b* and *c*) of the *Sr13* gene were postulated to be present in this
313 durum wheat collection and confirmed with DNA markers. *Sr13* is a major component of stem
314 rust resistance in durum wheat worldwide (Klindworth et al., 2007; Singh et al., 2015). Therefore,
315 it is not surprising that this gene was detected in about half of the cultivars and breeding lines
316 evaluated. As with bread wheat, there was no significant increase in the level of stem rust resistance
317 in the durum breeding lines compared to the cultivars. The frequencies of resistance to all races

318 evaluated were comparable between both improvement categories, and only for *Sr13b* there was a
319 significant increase in its frequency in the breeding lines compared to the cultivars. An increase in
320 the frequency of *Sr13b* represents a risk to durum production as this gene is ineffective against
321 TTRTF (Olivera et al., 2019), a race responsible for the severe stem rust epidemic on durum wheat
322 in southern Italy (Patpour et al., 2018).

323 Wheat stem rust is re-emerging in Spain, following the same trend observed across Europe.
324 In addition to a virulent race (TKTTF) with broad distribution across Europe and other important
325 wheat growing regions in the world, this study identified a unique race (TKHBK) with significant
326 virulence combination. Barberry has historically played a significant role in stem rust
327 epidemiology in Spain, and the detection of race TKHBK is likely an indication that the alternate
328 host is active in generating new virulence combinations. Pathogen monitoring in the cereal and
329 alternate hosts is critical to detect new races that may overcome resistance in wheat varieties. In
330 addition, there is a need to better understand the basis of stem rust resistance in common and durum
331 wheat cultivars in Spain. This study provided the first effort in characterizing common and durum
332 wheat cultivars and breeding lines for resistance to races of the stem rust pathogen with significant
333 virulence. Our results indicate that resistance is available in both species, and cultivars resistant to
334 all the races evaluated can be a source of resistance genes to improve and diversify stem rust
335 resistance.

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347 The data that support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon
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453 **SUPPORTING INFORMATION LEGEND**

454 Supplementary Table S1. SNP genotypic clades of 25 reference isolates of *Puccinia graminis* f.
455 sp. *tritici*.

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457 **FIGURE LEGENDS**

458 **FIGURE 1.** Infection types on wheat lines carrying *Sr31*, *Sr33*, *Sr53*, and *Sr59* when evaluated
459 against race TKHBK at the seedling stage.

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461 **FIGURE 2.** Neighbor-joining phylogenetic analysis of isolate 18SPA092-1 from Spain and 25
462 reference isolates based on 1,838 single-nucleotide polymorphic loci. Isolate 18SPA092-1 is
463 indicated with a black arrow.

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465 **FIGURE 3.** Percentage of Spanish bread wheat cultivars and breeding lines that tested positive
466 for the DNA marker of the stem rust resistance genes *Sr38*, *Sr31*, *Sr24*, *Sr7a*, *Sr2*, and *Sr57*.

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468 **FIGURE 4.** Percentage of Spanish durum wheat cultivars and breeding lines that tested positive
469 for the DNA marker of the effective alleles *a*, *b* and *c* of the stem rust resistance gene *Sr13*.

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TKTTF



TKHBK



Sr31/6*
LMPG
(*Sr31*)

Sr31/6*
LMPG
(*Sr31*)

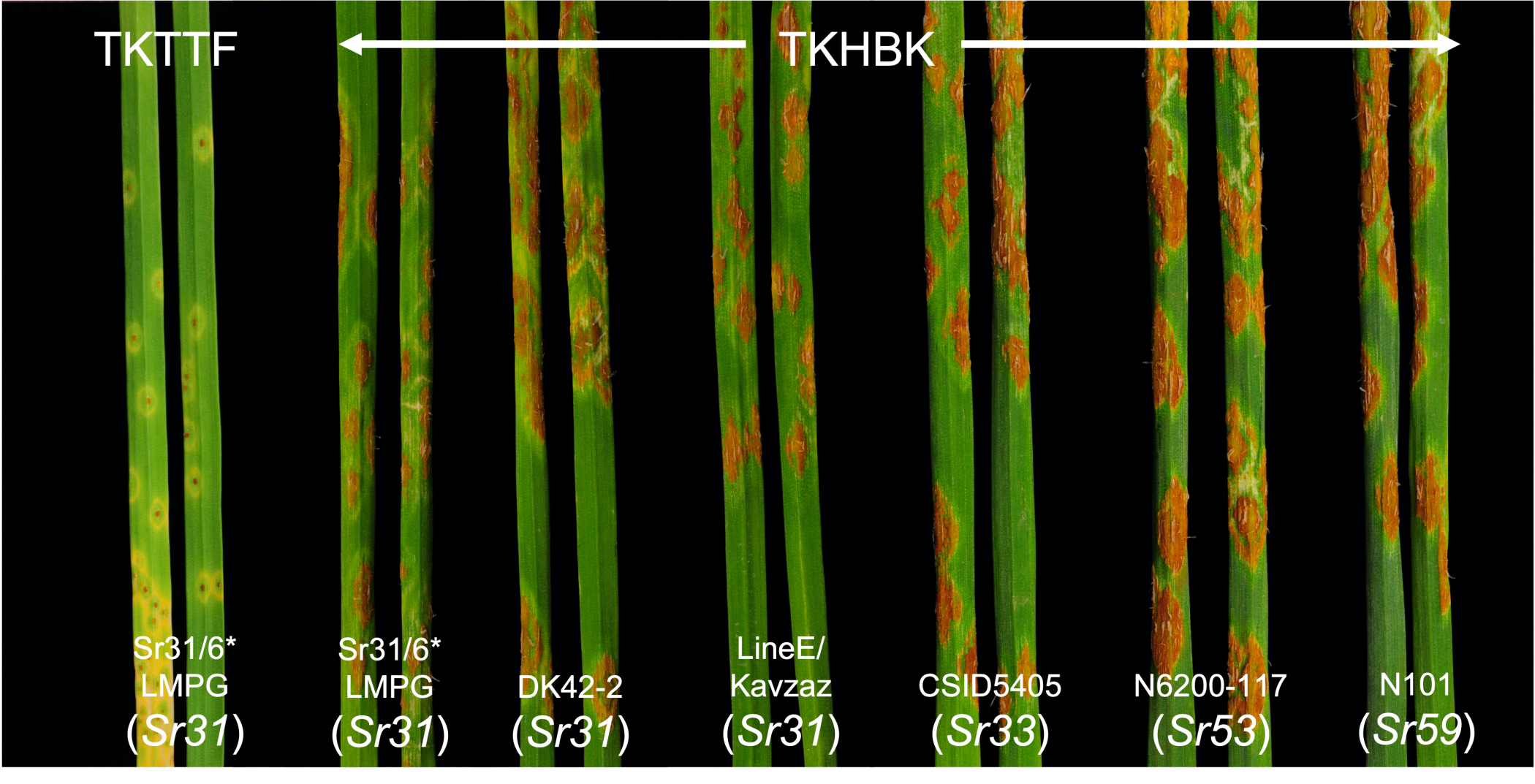
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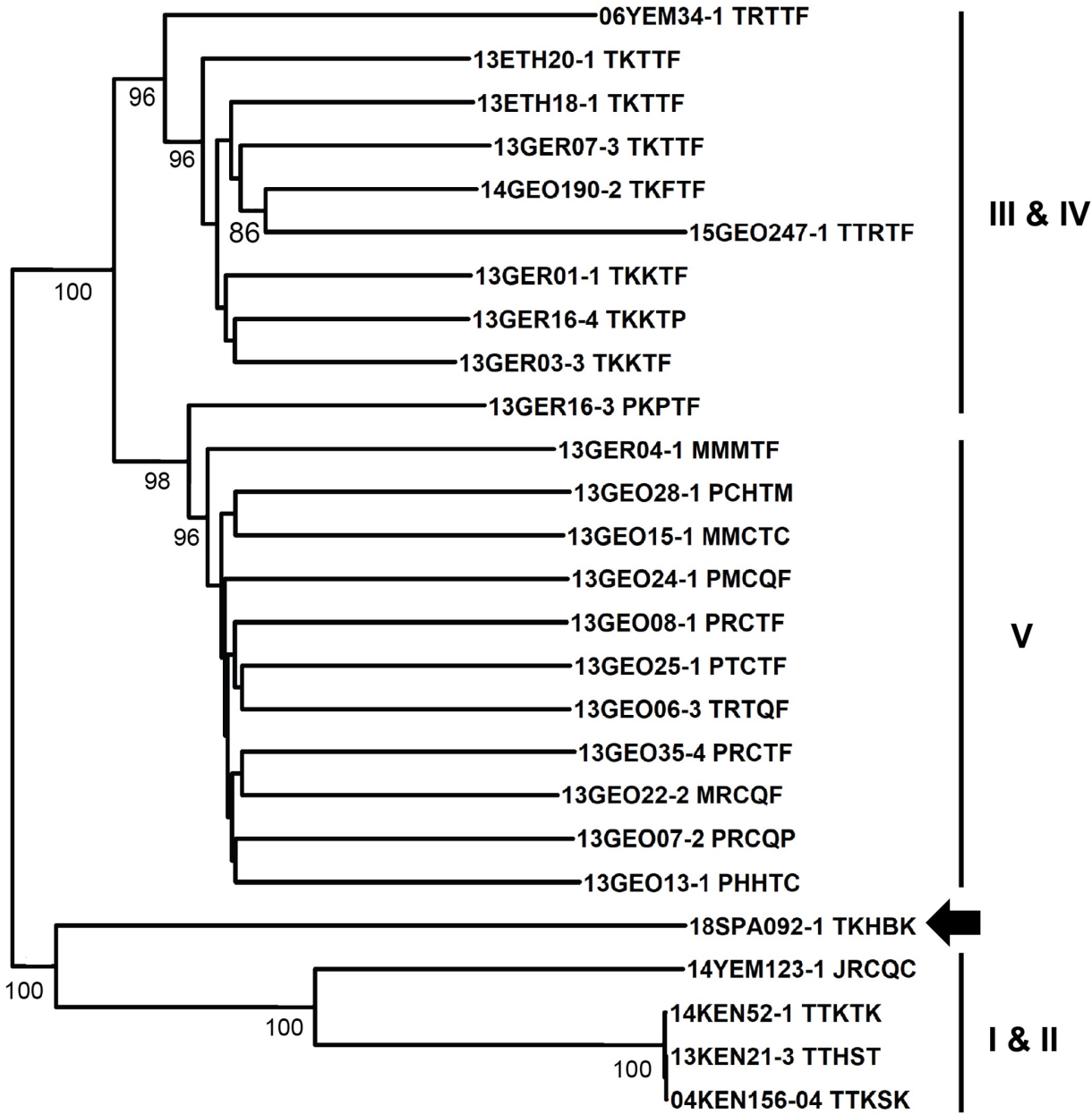
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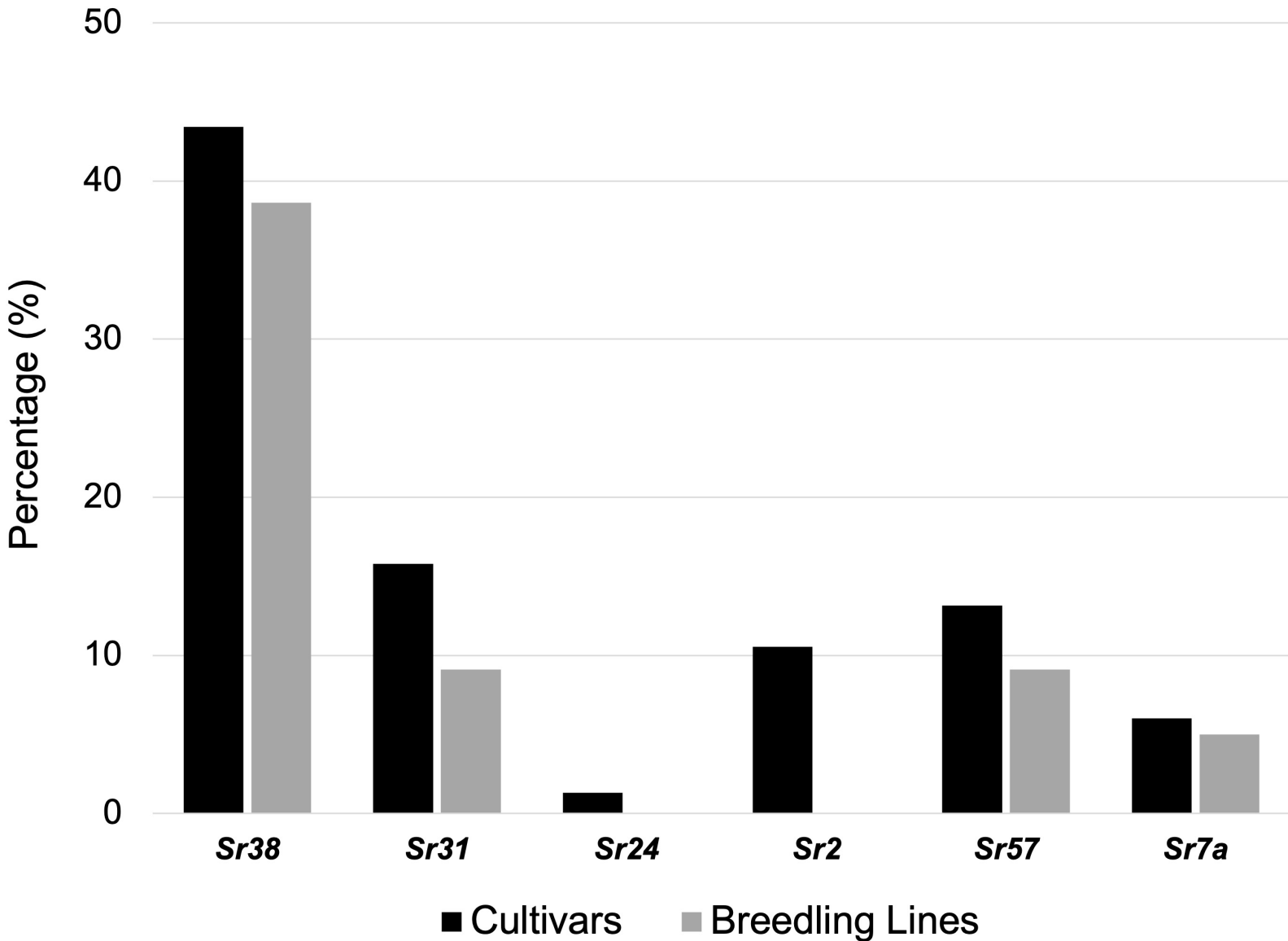
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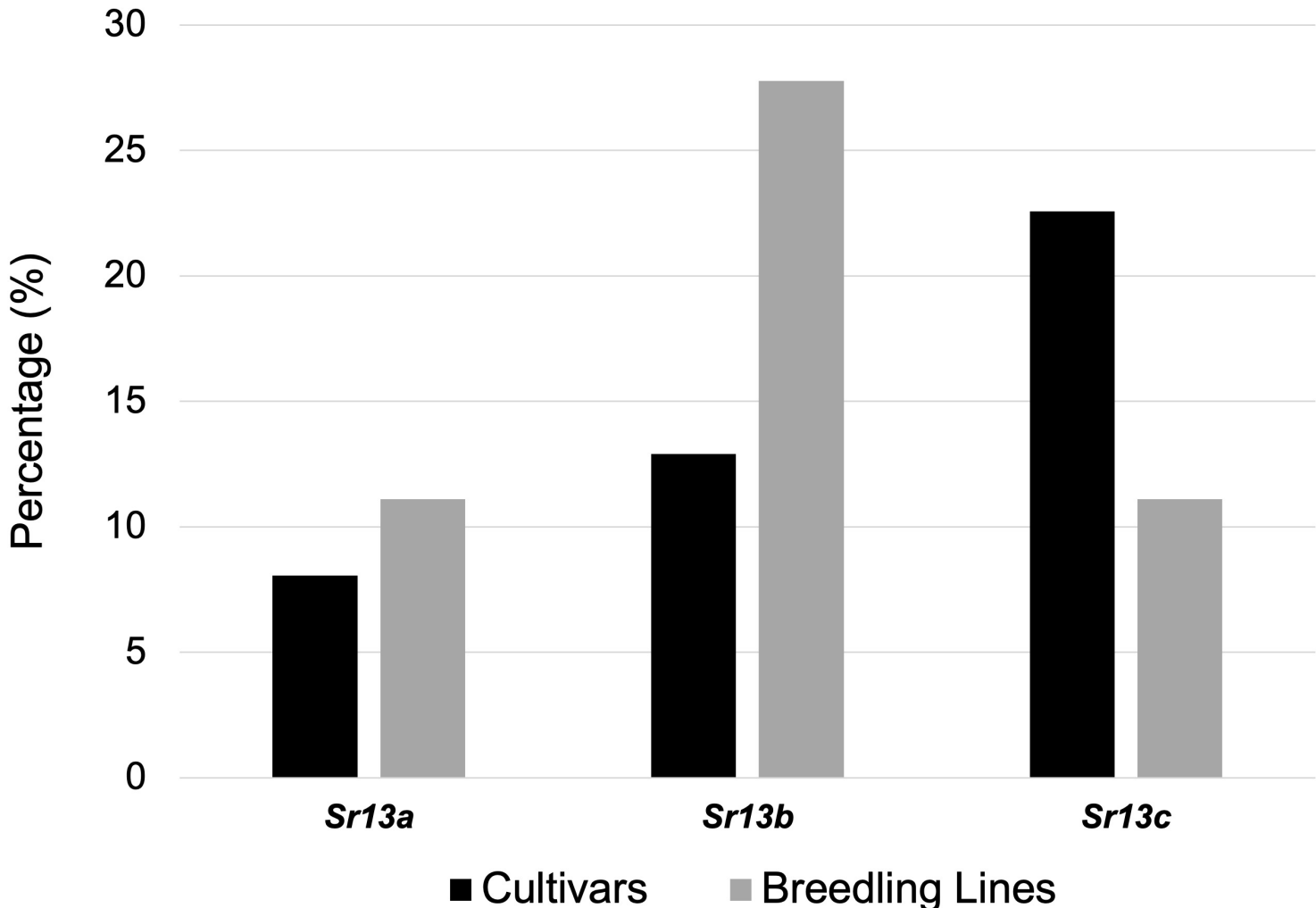


TABLE 1. Infection types observed in the 20 differential set lines caused by races TKTTF and TKHBK of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* collected in Spain in 2018

Line	Gene	TKTTF (18SPA055-1)	TKHBK (18SPA092-1)
ISr5-Ra	5	4	4 ^a
CnS_T_mono_deriv	21	3+	3+
Vernstine	9e	3+	3+
ISr7b-Ra	7b	3+	3+
ISr11-Ra	11	2-	2-
ISr6-Ra	6	3+	33+
ISr8a-Ra	8a	4	3+
CnSr9g	9g	4	4
W2691SrTt-1	36	3+	0;
W2691Sr9b	9b	3+	3+
BtSr30Wst	30	33+	2-
Combination VII	17+13a	2+	2+3
ISr9a-Ra	9a	4	2-
ISr9d-Ra	9d	4	2-
W2691Sr10	10	4	11-;
CnsSrTmp	Tmp	3+	2-;
LcSr24Ag	24	2-	2
Sr31/6*LMPG	31	2-	33+
VPM-1	38	33+	33+
McNair 701	McN	4	4

^a Infection types (ITs) observed on seedlings at 14 days after inoculation using the 0-4 scale according to Stakman et al. (1962), where ITs of 0, ;, 1, 2 or combinations thereof are considered as a low IT and ITs 3 or higher are considered as a high IT.

TABLE 2. Infection types observed on lines carrying stem rust resistance genes produced by races TKTTF and TKHBK of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici* collected in Spain in 2018

Line	Gene	TKTTF (18SPA055-1)	TKHBK (18SPA092-1)
DK42-2	31	n.d. ^a	33+ ^b
Line E/Kavkaz-2	31	n.d.	3+
NA101/MgSr7a	7a	13C	;1
ST464	13a	2	2-
SwSr22T.B.	22	2-	2-
Agatha/9*LMPG	25	2+	2-
Eagle	26	2-	2-;
73,214,3-1/9*LMPG	27	;1-	;
ER5155	32	2	22-
CSID5405	33	2-	3+
Mq(2)5XG2919	35	0;	;
W3563	37	;1	11+;
RWG1	39	2-	2-
RL6088	40	2	;
RWG34	43	1+3-	;
RWG35	47	2-	2-
AUS91434	50	2-	2-
TS1-38	51	;1-	;
F09-18-11	52	31C	11+
U6200-117	53	22-	3+
N101	59	22+	3+
TAM 107-1	<i>IRS^{Amigo}</i>	2-	;1-
8155-B1	<i>8155B1</i>	0;	1+13-
Satu	<i>Satu</i>	;	0;
Leeds	<i>9e,13b,+</i>	;	;
Iumillo	<i>9g,12,+</i>	;1N	;
Q21861A	<i>Rpg1,4,5</i>	0;	;

^a n.d. = no data.

^b Infection types (ITs) observed on seedlings at 14 days after inoculation using the 0-4 scale according to Stakman et al. (1962), where ITs of 0, ;, 1, 2 or combinations thereof are considered as a low IT and ITs 3 or higher are considered as a high IT.

TABLE 3. Infection types on universal susceptible bread and durum wheat lines produce by race TKHBK (isolate 18SPA092-1) of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*

Line / cultivar	Crop species	Infection type
Line E	Bread wheat	4 ^a
Morocco	Bread wheat	3+
Little club	Bread wheat	3+
Chinese Spring	Bread wheat	3+
W2691	Bread wheat	4
LMPG-6	Bread wheat	3
Baart	Bread wheat	4
Rusty	Durum wheat	2

^a Infection types (ITs) observed on seedlings at 14 days after inoculation using the 0-4 scale according to Stakman et al. (1962), where ITs of 0, 1, 2 or combinations thereof are considered as a low IT and ITs 3 or higher are considered as a high IT.

TABLE 4. Number and percentage of resistant bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) cultivars and breeding lines from Spain evaluated against eight races of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*

Race	Cultivars		Breeding lines	
	Number	%	Number	%
TKHBK	51	67.1	40	90.9
TKTTF	29	38.2	20	45.5
TTRTF	53	69.7	22	50.0
TTKSK	13	17.1	12	27.3
TTKTT	14	18.4	10	22.7
JRCQC	67	88.2	43	97.7
TTTTF	51	67.1	14	33.3
QFCSC	113	90.1	44	100.0
All races	9	12.0	5	11.8

TABLE 5. Number and percentage of resistant durum wheat (*Triticum turgidum* ssp. *Durum*) cultivars and breeding lines from Spain evaluated against eight races of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*

Race	Cultivars		Breeding lines	
	Number	%	Number	%
TKHBK	62	100.0	18	100.0
TKTTF	39	62.9	10	55.6
TTRTF	47	75.8	15	83.3
TTKSK	38	61.3	9	50.0
TTKTT	37	59.7	9	50.0
JRCQC	32	52.5	9	50.0
TTTTF	37	59.7	10	55.6
QFCSC	42	96.8	18	100.0
All races	26	41.9	6	33.3

TABLE 6. Infection type observed in 120 bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) breeding lines and cultivars from Spain in seedling stage evaluations against races TKHBK, TKTTF, TTKK, TTKTT, TTRTF, JRCQC, and TTTTF of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*, gene postulation based on seedling phenotypes, and DNA marker confirmation for *Sr24*, *Sr31*, *Sr38*, *Sr7a*, and *Sr57* genes

	RACES								Gene postulated	DNA Marker				
	TKHBK ^a	TKTTF	TTKSK	TTKTT	TTRTF	JRCQC	QFCSC	TTTTF		<i>Sr24</i>	<i>Sr31</i>	<i>Sr38</i>	<i>Sr7a</i>	<i>Sr57</i>
	18SPA092-1	13ETH18-1	04KEN156/04	14KEN58-1	14GEO189-1	09ETH08-3	06ND76C	02MN84A-1-2						
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BANDOLÍ	;	2-	3+	3	2-	0;	;2-	2-	Sr31+	-	+	-	-	-
BANER	0	3+	3+	3+	33+	2-	2-	4		-	-	-	-	-
BARBOL	2-	2-	2+	2+	2-	2-	2	2-		-	-	-	-	-
BAULA	0;	2-	3+	3	22-	2-	2-	2-	Sr31+	-	+	-	-	-
CATEDRAL	2	4	3+	3	3+	2	2	4		-	-	-	-	-
MAPEÑA	2-;	3+	33+	2+	2+	2	2	3		-	-	-	-	-
MONTCADA	22+	4	3+	2+	2+	2	3+	4		-	-	-	-	-
OSONA	22+	2-	3+	3+	2-	2-	;	2-	Sr31+	-	+	-	-	-
PEÑALON	0;	2-	3+	3+	2-	2-	;	2-	Sr31+	-	+	-	-	-
POTENCIANO	2	3+	4	3+	33+	2+	2-	4		-	-	-	-	-
BABUI	2	4	3+	3+	33+	2	2	4		-	-	-	-	-
BADINA	;	;	3+	3+	2-	0	0;	;	Sr31+	-	+	-	+	+
TRAMUNTANA	2-	2-	3	3+	2+3	2-	;	3+		-	-	-	-	-
VICTORINO	0;	2-	2+	3+	2-	2-	;	2-	Sr31	-	+	-	-	-
Variety 01	2-	2-	3+	3	2	0;	;	2	Sr31+	-	+	-	-	-
Variety 02	;	22+	2+3	2+	2	;	0;	2		-	-	+	-	-
Variety 03	;	3+	33+	3+	2+	2+	2-	2+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 04	0	3+	3+	3	2+2	0;	;	4	Sr38+	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 05	0;	32+	3+	3+	3+	;	;	3+	Sr38	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 06	22-	4	3+	3+	3+	2-;	11-;	4	Sr38+	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 07	0;	4	3+	3+	22+	;1-	;	4	Sr38+	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 08	0;	2	2-	2-	2+	;	0;	0		-	-	+	-	-
Variety 09	0	22-	2-	2-	2-	;	;	2		-	-	+	-	+
Variety 10	2-	11+;	3+	3+	2	;1-	;	;1	Sr31+	-	+	-	+	+
Variety 11	3+	3	2	2	33+	;1-	;1	2		-	-	+	-	-
Variety 12	2-	2	2-	2-	2	;1-	;	2-		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 13	2-;	4	4	3+	22+	;	;	4	Sr38+	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 14	2+	4	3+	3+	2	31+;	;13	3+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 15	;2-	2-	3+	3	2-	2-	2-	2-	Sr31+	-	+	-	-	-
Variety 16	2	2-	3+	3+	2-	2-	2-	2-	Sr31+	-	+	-	-	+
Variety 17	;	33+	3+	2+	2+	;	2-	33+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 18	2	3+	4	3+	3+	33+	2+	3+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 19	3	4	3+	3+	3+	1;	;	31	Sr38	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 20	3	3	4	3+	22+	0	;1-	33+	Sr38+	-	-	+	+	-
Variety 21	2-	3+	3+	3+	3+	11-;	;	4	Sr38+	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 22	2-	4	3+	4	3+	;	;	4	Sr38+	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 23	3+	4	4	3+	2+	22-	3+	4		-	-	-	-	+
Variety 24	;2-	4	3+	3+	3+	;	;	4	Sr38+	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 25	33+	2	2	2+3	3+	;	;	2-		-	-	+	-	-
Variety 26	2+	3+	3+	3	22+	;	11+;	3+	Sr38+	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 27	3+	4	3+	3+	3+	31;	1+1;	3+	Sr38	-	-	+	-	-

Variety 28	3+	4	3+	3+	3+	;1-	;1	3+	<i>Sr38</i>	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 29	2	4	3+	3+	22+	1+1;	;	3	<i>Sr38+</i>	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 30	2+3	4	3+	3+	3+	;	3+	3		-	-	-	-	+
Variety 31	4	4	33+	3+	2	11+;	;1+	3+	<i>Sr38+</i>	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 32	3	4	3+	3+	2+	13;	;	33+	<i>Sr38+</i>	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 33	3	4	3+	3+	3+	3;	;11+	4	<i>Sr38</i>	-	-	+	-	+
Variety 34	3	4	3+	3+	22+	31;	;1+1	3+	<i>Sr38</i>	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 35	4	4	4	3+	33+	13;	11+;	4	<i>Sr38</i>	-	-	+	-	+
Variety 36	3+	4	4	3+	3+	0;	;11+	4		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 37	33+	3	4	3+	22+	11+3;	;11+	4		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 38	2	3+	3+	3+	22+	11+;	;1+	3+	<i>Sr38+</i>	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 39	;	2-	3	3+	2-	;2-	;	11-C	<i>Sr31+</i>	-	-	-	+	-
Variety 40	3+	4	3+	3+	2+	3+	;	3+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 41	3+	4	4	3+	2	0;	3;	3+	<i>Sr38+</i>	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 42	4	4	4	3+	2+	4	4	3+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 43	3+	4	3+	3+	2	3+	4	3+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 44	3	4	3+	3+	2+	33+	31;	33+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 55	;	4	4	3+	31	;13	;	3+		-	-	+	-	-
Variety 46	32+	3+	4	3+	3+	;	;	1+1C		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 47	2-	2-	2+3	3	2+	;	;	;1		-	-	+	-	+
Variety 48	3+	4	3+	3+	3+3	3+	4	3+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 49	2-;	3+	3+	3+	2+	;1	0;	31		-	-	+	-	-
Variety 50	2-	2-	3+	3+	0;	;	;	0;	<i>Sr31+</i>	-	+	+	-	-
Variety 51	2-	2	2-	2-	22-	;11+	;2-	2-		-	-	+	-	-
Variety 52	2	2-	2-	2+3	2-	2-	2-	2-	<i>Sr24</i>	+	-	+	-	-
Variety 53	2-	2-	2-	2-	2	1;	;	2-		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 54	4	4	3+	3+	2	4	4	3+		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 55	3	4	4	3	2+	3	33+;	4		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 56	4	4	3+	3+	3+	1+1;	;11+	4	<i>Sr38</i>	-	-	+	-	-
Variety 57	;	1;	3	3	2+	11-;	;2=	;1		-	-	-	+	+
Variety 58	2-	3+	3+	3	2+	2	;11+	13		-	-	-	-	-
Variety 59	3+	4	4	3+	22+	3;	31;	3+		-	-	-	-	-
McNair 701	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4		-	-	-	-	-

^a Race nomenclature based on Jin et al. (2008).

^b Infection types (ITs) observed on seedlings at 14 days post-inoculation using a 0-4 scale according to Stakman et al. (1962), where ITs of 0, ;, 1, 2, or combinations thereof are considered as a low IT and ITs of 3 or higher are considered as a high IT. C denotes extensive chlorosis.

^c n.d. = no data.

TABLE 7. Infection type observed in 80 durum wheat (*Triticum durum* ssp. *durum*) breeding lines and cultivars from Spain in seedling stage evaluations against races TKHBK, TKTTF, TTKK, TTKTT, TTRTF, JRCQC, and TTTTF of *Puccinia graminis* f. sp. *tritici*, gene postulation based on seedling phenotypes, and DNA marker confirmation for *Sr13* alleles *a*, *b*, and *c*

Cultivar/line	RACE								Gene postulated	DNA marker <i>Sr13a, b, c</i>
	TKHBK ^a 18SPA092-1	TKTTF 13ETH18-1	TKSK 04KEN156/04	TKTT 14KEN58-1	TTRTF 14GEO189-1	JRCQC 09ETH08-3	QFCSC 06ND76C	TTTTF 02MN84A-1-2		
CB017	2-	3+	4	3	2-	4	;	3+	-	
CB021	;	2-N	2-N	2-	2-	2	2-;	;N2-	b	
CB023	;	2	2-	2-	2-	2	2-	;N2=	b	
CB047	2-	3+	4	3+	2+3	3+	;	3	-	
CB049	2-	2	2-	2-	2-	2	;	2-	c	
CB072	2+	4	4	3+	2+	4	;	3+	-	
CB086	;1	2-	2-	2	2+3	3+	;	2-	<i>Sr13b</i>	
CB171	;	2-	2-	2-	2+3	3+	;	;1-	<i>Sr13b</i>	
CB172	11-;	3+	3+	3	22+	2+3	;1-	2+	-	
CB193	11-;	4	4	3+	3+	4	;1-	3+	-	
CB194	22+	4	4	3+	2+	4	;	3+	-	
CB232	;	2-	2-	2-	2-	2	2-	2	a	
CB235	11+;	2-	2-	2	3	4	;	2-	<i>Sr13b</i>	
05D278 D1be	;2-	2	2-	2	;2-	2	;	2-	c	
08D010 D10cab	;	2	2-	2-	2	2	;	2	a	
07D057 D4fba	2-;	3+	4	3	2-	1+3;	;	4	-	
09D066 D8cab	;	2-	3	3	2+	2	;	3+	-	
09d069 d1dcf	;1	3+	33+	3-	3	3	;1	4	-	
BOLENGA	;2-	2-	2-	2-	2-	2	;	;2+	a	
BOLIDO	2-;	2	2-	2-	2	2+	;	2	a	
BOLO	;	2-	2	2	2	2	;	2-	c	
BOMBASI	2-;	2	2	2	2	22+	;	2-	c	
BORGIA	;	2+	4	3+	2+	2+	22-	3+	-	
BORLI	11-;	2-	2-	2	2-	2	;	1;	c	
ALTARAOS	;1-	2-	2	2	2-	2	;	2-	c	
HISPASANO	11-;	33+	4	3	2+	33+	;	3	-	
SEMOLERO	2;	33+	3+	3+	2+	32+	;	33+	-	
VALIRA	2-;	2	2-	2-	2	22+	;	2-	-	
VITRONERO	;1-	;1-	;1	0;1-	2+	1+C	;1-	;	-	
ANCALEI	1;	2	2	2-	22+	33+	;1-	2-	<i>Sr13a/c</i>	
HUALITA	;	2	2-	2-	2-	2	;	2	a	
CIRNO C 2008	1+1;	4	3+	3+	3+	3+	;	3+	-	
Variety 01	2-; ^b	22+	2-	2-	2	2+	;	2-	a	
Variety 02	;11+	3+	3+	3+	3+	4	3+	4	-	
Variety 03	2-	22+	2-	2	2-	2	2-	2	-	
Variety 04	2-;	3+	3+	2+3	2+	4	;	2+	-	
Variety 05	1+1;	3+	2-	3-	3	4	2-;	3+	-	

Variety 06	;	;N	2-N	2-	2-	2+	2-	2			b
Variety 07	;1	2-	2-	2-	32+	3+	2-;	2-	<i>Sr13b</i>		b
Variety 08	22-	2-	2	2	22+	22+	2-;	22-			c
Variety 09	0;	3	3+	3	2	3+	2-	4			-
Variety 10	11-;	2	2	2	2	2+	;	2-			c
Variety 11	1;	4	4	3-	32+	4	;2-	4			-
Variety 12	2-;	2	4	3	33+	2	;2-	3			-
Variety 13	2-	3+	3+	3	3+	3+	;	3			-
Variety 14	;1-	2-	22-	2	22-	2	;1-	11-			c
Variety 15	;1-	2	2-	2	2	2+	2-	2-			c
Variety 16	;1-	2	3+	3+	2+	2-;	2-	1+1			-
Variety 17	11-;	3+	3	3	2+	2+	;	3			-
Variety 18	;11-	3+	3	3	22+	3+	;	3+			-
Variety 19	;	2	3+	3	2+	22+	;	2			-
Variety 20	;11+	3+	3+	3+	2+3	3	;2-	33+			-
Variety 21	11+;	3+	3	3+	33+	33+	2-	3+			-
Variety 22	;11+	;	;	13	2+3	3+	;2-	4			-
Variety 23	;	0;	;2-	0;	2	2+	;	;2-			b
Variety 24	;	2	2	2	3	4	;	2-;	<i>Sr13b</i>		b
Variety 25	22-	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	;	3+			-
Variety 26	;1-	2	2-	2	2	2+3	1-;	2	<i>Sr13a/c</i>		c
Variety 27	1+3-	3+	3+	3+	3+	3+	2	3+			-
Variety 28	;1-	2	2-	2-	2-	2	;	0			c
Variety 29	;1-	33+	2-	2-	2+	3+	2-	2-;			a
Variety 30	;1-	2	2-	2-	3+	4	2-	2-	<i>Sr13b</i>		b
Variety 31	;11-	2-	2-	2-	2	2	;	2-			b
Variety 32	2-;	3+	4	3	3+	3+	;2-	4			-
Variety 33	;	2	2-	2-	2	22+	;	;			c
Variety 34	;1-	2	2-	2-	22-	2	;	2-			c
Variety 35	2	4	3+	3+	2+3	4	;	3+			-
Variety 36	;1	3+	4	3+	2+3	32+	3+	4			-
Variety 37	2	3+	4	3+	2+	3+	;	3+			-
Variety 38	11-;	22-	2-	2	2	4	;	;	<i>Sr13a/c</i>		b
Variety 39	1;	3+	4	3+	3+	3+	11+	4			-
Variety 40	;	2-	2-	2-	2+	2+	;	2-			-
Variety 41	;2-	3+	3+	3	33+	33+	;	3			-
Variety 42	;	22-	1+;	2	2-	22+	;	2-			-
Variety 43	;11+	2-	2-	2	2+	3+	2-	2-	<i>Sr13b</i>		b
Variety 44	;	11-	;	0;	33+	3+	;	3+			-
Variety 45	;11-	2	2-	2	2	2+	;	2-			c
Variety 46	1+;	22-	2-	2	3+	4	;	2-			b
Variety 47	;1-	2	2-	2	2	2+	;	2-			-
Variety 48	2	3+	33+	3	2+	3	;2-	4			-
McNair 701	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4			

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Supplementary Table S1. SNP genotypic clades of 25 reference isolates of *Puccinia graminis* f.

Isolate	Race	Clade	Reference
04KEN156-04	TTKSK	I	Olivera et al., 2015
13KEN21-3	TTHST	I	Newcomb et al., 2016
14KEN52-1	TTKTK	I	Newcomb et al., 2016
14YEM123-1	JRCQC	II	Olivera et al., 2015
06YEM34-1	TRTTF	III-A	Olivera et al., 2015
15GEO247-1	TTRTF	III-B	Olivera et al., 2019
13ETH18-1	TKTTF	IV-A-1	Olivera et al., 2015
13GER07-3	TKTTF	IV-A-2	Olivera Firpo et al., 2017
13ETH20-1	TKTTF	IV-B	Olivera et al., 2015
13GER16-3	PKPTF	IV-C	Olivera Firpo et al., 2017
13GER01-1	TKKTF	IV-D	Olivera Firpo et al., 2017
13GER16-4	TKKTP	IV-E-1	Olivera Firpo et al., 2017
13GER03-3	TKKTF	IV-E-2	Olivera Firpo et al., 2017
14GEO190-2	TKFTF	IV-F	Olivera et al., 2019
13GER04-1	MMMTF	V	Olivera Firpo et al., 2017
13GEO28-1	PCHTM	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO15-1	MMCTC	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO24-1	PMCQF	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO08-1	PRCTF	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO25-1	PTCTF	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO06-3	TRTQF	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO35-4	PRCTF	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO22-2	MRCQF	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO07-2	PRCQP	V	Olivera et al., 2019
13GEO13-1	PHHTC	V	Olivera et al., 2019

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