

Cucurbit Genetics Cooperative Report Author Guidelines (August 2020)

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Example of what a CGC Report submission should look like:

Non-transmission of PRSV and ZYMV through Resistant *Cucurbita moschata* Genotypes

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Introduction (note: do not include an abstract!)

Surveys conducted in 2001 and 2002 (Paz-Carrasco and Wessel-Beaver, 2002) and in 2006 to 2011 (Rodrigues et al., 2012) found a high incidence of *Zucchini yellow mosaic virus* (ZYMV) and *Papaya ringspot virus* (PRSV) in cucurbits in Puerto Rico. Severe virus and virus vector outbreaks are associated with low yields and limitations to growing cucurbits.

‘Nigerian Local’ and ‘Menina’ are two well-known sources of resistance to PRSV and ZYMV in *Cucurbita moschata*. At least five loci are thought to be involved in controlling resistance to ZYMV, and the genes involve vary depending on the source of resistance (Pachner et al., 2011). ‘Nigerian Local’ carries two dominant genes for resistance (*Zym-0* and *Zym-4*), while resistance in ‘Menina’ is conferred by *Zym-1*.

Materials and Methods

Cotyledons of six-days-old plants of resistant genotypes ‘Menina’ and ‘Nigerian Local’ were mechanically inoculated with either PRSV or ZYMV. Eighteen days post-inoculation, tissue from these plants (three plants each of ‘Menina’ inoculated with PRSV, ‘Menina’ inoculated with ZYMV, ‘Nigerian Local’ inoculated with PRSV, and ‘Nigerian Local’ inoculated with ZYMV) was ...

Results and Discussion

No virus symptoms were observed on the inoculum source plants (‘Menina’ and ‘Nigerian Local’ inoculated with each virus) nor the test plants (‘Waltham’ and ‘Moschata 166’). Source plants had weakly positive ELISA readings in some cases. ‘Menina’ source plants inoculated with PRSV or ZYMV had average ELISA readings of 0.374 and 0.671, respectively, on tissue sampled from the fourth leaf. ‘Nigerian Local’ source plants inoculated with PRSV or ZYMV had average ELISA readings of 0.462 and 0.360, respectively. Susceptible genotypes ‘Waltham’ and ‘Moschata 166’ had negative ELISA readings when inoculated with fresh inoculum from resistant genotypes ‘Menina’ and ‘Nigerian Local’ that had been previously inoculated with PRSV (Table 1).

In this experiment resistant genotypes ‘Menina’ and ‘Nigerian Local’ did not have the capacity to transmit PRSV or ZYMV to susceptible genotypes ‘Waltham’ and ‘Moschata 166’. ‘Menina’ and ‘Nigerian Local’, when mechanically inoculated with PRSV and ZYMV, are not suitable hosts for replication of these two viruses...

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Table 1. Mean *Papaya ringspot virus* (PRSV) ELISA readings (A_{405nm}) of susceptible genotypes ‘Waltham’ and ‘Moschata 166’ inoculated with sap from plants of ‘Menina’ and ‘Nigerian Local’ inoculated with PRSV

Inoculum Source	Tested Genotype	PRSV ELISA Reading
Menina	Waltham	0.310 a
	Moschata 166	0.275 a
Nigerian Local	Waltham	0.339 a

	Moschata 166	0.259 a
Mean		0.296
Genotype F-test		0.0723
Source of inoculum F-test		0.8182
