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## Abstract

Genomoviruses (family *Genomoviridae*) are circular single-stranded DNA viruses that have been mainly identified through metagenomics studies in a wide variety of samples from various environments. Here, we describe 98 genomes of genomoviruses found associated with members of 19 plant families from Australia, Brazil, France, South Africa and the USA. These 98 genomoviruses represent 29 species, 26 of which are new, in the genera *Gemykolovirus* (n = 37), *Gemyduguvirus* (n = 9), *Gemygorvirus* (n = 8), *Gemykroznavirus* (n = 6), *Gemycircularvirus* (n = 21) and *Gemykibivirus* (n = 17).

The family *Genomoviridae* was established in 2016 [15] following the identification and characterization of the

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single-stranded DNA (ssDNA) virus Sclerotinia sclerotiorum hypovirulence-associated DNA virus 1 (SsHADV-1) [24] and further isolation of several similar sequences from a wide variety of samples [22] including plants [3, 5, 6, 9, 14, 16, 18, 19]. SsHADV-1 was found infecting and causing

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hypovirulence in the plant fungal pathogen *Sclerotinia sclerotiorum* and currently is the only genomovirus that has been experimentally associated with a host; the other isolated genomoviruses have no further host confirmation. The family *Genomoviridae* has been divided into nine genera based on the phylogeny of their replication-associated protein (Rep) amino acid sequence. These genera are *Gemycircularvirus*, *Gemyduguivirus*, *Gemygorvirus*, *Gemykibivirus*, *Gemykolovirus*, *Gemykrogvirus*, *Gemykroznavirus*, *Gemytonvirus* and *Gemyvongvirus* [22].

Genomovirus genomes are circular, between ~2.0 and 2.3 kb in length, and have at least three large open reading frames (ORFs). These ORFs encode a Rep on the complementary-sense genome strand that is likely expressed from a spliced transcript, a putative RepA protein on the complementary strand, and a putative capsid protein (CP) on the virion strand. The Reps of genomoviruses are evolutionarily most closely related to those of plant-infecting viruses of the family *Geminiviridae* [22]. Unlike geminiviruses, however, genomoviruses have no recognizable movement protein genes, and their capsid proteins (CPs) have no easily detectable homology to those of any other classified viruses [25].

While the vast majority of known plant viruses have been discovered in cultivated plants, less is known about the diversity and pathogenicity of viruses infecting non-cultivated plants (i.e., wild plants, including weeds) [23]. Additional information on the diversity of viruses associated with non-cultivated plants will provide critical new information on the ecology and evolution of plant viruses beyond the few cultivars tested to date.

In this study, we report the identification of 98 genomovirus genomes associated with 88 plant samples representing 19 plant families collected between 2008 and 2018 in Australia, Brazil, France, South Africa and the USA (Table 1). In the Western Cape Region of South Africa, plants were sampled randomly between 2010 and 2012 regardless of infection symptoms within a 4.5 km × 4.5 km plot [2]. In Northeast Brazil, both viral symptomatic and asymptomatic plants were collected between 2008 and 2015. In Australia, France and the USA, plants were opportunistically sampled regardless of symptoms. The genera and species of sampled plants were identified by expert botanists and from the sequences obtained by high-throughput sequencing. The virion-associated nucleic acids (VANA) method was used to process the samples collected in South Africa as described previously [2, 10]. Total DNA from the Australian, Brazilian, French and US samples was extracted using the Dellaporta method [7] and enriched for small circular DNA molecules by rolling-circle amplification (RCA) using TempliPhi (GE Healthcare, USA). RCA products were pooled according to sampling location and the taxonomic plant family from which the samples were obtained, and these pooled samples were then sequenced at Macrogen Inc. (South Korea) using the

Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform with 2 × 150 bp paired-end sequencing. The paired-end reads were assembled *de novo* using ABySS 2.0 [12], and contigs > 750 nt were compared to the viral GenBank sequence database using BLASTx [1]. Abutting primers were designed for contigs displaying detectable homology to known genomoviruses, and these were used to recover the full genomovirus genomes using PCR employing Kapa Hotstart HiFi polymerase (Kapa Biosystems, USA) and RCA products from the different plant samples as templates with the thermal cycler conditions recommended by Kapa Biosystems and an annealing temperature of 60 °C. Amplicons of ~2 kb were resolved on a 0.7% agarose gel, excised, and eluted using a MEGAquick-spin™ Total Fragment DNA Purification Kit (iNtRON Biotechnology, South Korea). The resulting DNA fragments were then cloned in pJET 1.2 (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA), and the corresponding recombinant plasmid was sequenced by the Sanger method at Macrogen Inc. (South Korea). Finally, Geneious v11.1.4 [13] was used to assemble the sequence and annotate the genomovirus genome sequences.

All 416 full-length genomovirus genome sequences available in GenBank on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2020 were analyzed together with the 98 genome sequences determined in this study. Genome-wide pairwise nucleotide sequence identities, and pairwise amino acid sequence identities of Rep and CP were determined using SDT v1.2 [20]. The 98 genomovirus genomes represent 29 species (26 of which are new) based on the currently accepted genomovirus pairwise nucleotide sequence identity species demarcation threshold of 78% [22] (Supplementary Table 1 and Supplementary Table 2). The genomoviruses recovered in this study have been tentatively named “plant-associated genomovirus (PaGmV) 1 - 29”. These new PaGmV sequences range in size from ~2.1-2 to 4 kb and, as with other known genomoviruses, have a conserved nonanucleotide within their intergenic regions that is the likely origin of virion-strand replication (Table 1). Also, as with other known genomovirus sequences, the new sequences also encode a probable CP on their presumed virion strand and both a putatively spliced Rep and a RepA on their presumed complementary strands.

A maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree was inferred from the aligned Rep sequences using PHYML [11] with the rtRev+G amino acid substitution model (determined to be the best-fitting model by ProtTest [4]). Branches with approximate likelihood ratio test (aLRT) support <0.8 were collapsed using TreeGraph 2 [21]. Geminivirus Rep sequences were used to root the phylogenetic tree. The resulting phylogenetic tree shows that the PaGmVs could be classified as belonging to six out of the nine recognized genomovirus genera. PaGmV 7-10 (n = 37) were tentatively assigned to the genus *Gemykolovirus*, PaGmV 4-5 (n = 9) to the genus *Gemyduguivirus*, PaGmV 1 and 26 (n = 8) to the genus *Gemygorvirus*, and PaGmV 23-24 (n = 6) to the

**Table 1** Information about the 98 genomoviruses recovered in this study, including their accession numbers. For each genome, the country, year of collection, associated plant genus and family are given. Also presented are the nonanucleotide sequence at the presumed origin of virion-strand replication and the inferred Rep motifs necessary for endonuclease and helicase activity

Accession number	Plant genomavirus	Collection year	Country	Plant species	Plant family	Nomanucleotide	Motif I	Motif II	GRS	Motif III	Walker A	Walker B	Motif C
<b>Gemycirculavirus</b>													
MH939384	PaGmV 11*	2017	US	Solanaceae	sp.	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	IHLHV	DVFVYGGCHPNVKCG	YAIK	GESRLGKT	VFDDM	WLAN
MH939425	PaGmV 12	2017	US	<i>Larrea tridentata</i>	Zygophyllaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	IHLHV	NFFDVGGHHHPNITPSR	YAVK	GPSRLGKT	VFDDM	WLAN
MH939427	PaGmV 13*	2012	ZA	<i>Willdenowia</i>	Restionaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	IHLHV	DYFDVQGHHPNIVPSR	YATK	GASRLGKT	VFDDM	WLAN
MH939434	PaGmV 13*	2012	ZA	<i>Asparagus declinatus</i>	Asparagaceae	TAACACTGT	LLTYSQ	IHLHV	DYFDVQGHHPNIVPSR	YATK	EASDLMP	VFDDM	WLAN
MH939452	PaGmV 14*	2012	ZA	<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Poaceae	TAACACTGT	LLTYAQ	IHLHV	DVFVDGCHPNIVPSR	YAVK	GASRLGKT	IFDDM	WLAN
MH939377	PaGmV 15*	2008	BR	<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i>	Leguminosae	TAACACTGT	LLTYSQ	IHLHV	DIFDVDRGHPNIVGSY	YAIK	GNSRTGKT	IFDDI	WLSN
MH939378	PaGmV 15*	2008	BR	<i>Ipomoea batatas</i>	Convolvulaceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYSQ	IHLHV	DIFDVDRGHPNIVGSY	YAIK	GNSRTGKT	IFDDI	WLSN
MH939379	PaGmV 15*	2008	BR	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	Leguminosae	TAATATTAT	LLTYSQ	IHLHV	DIFDVDRGHPNIVGSY	YAIK	GNSRTGKT	IFDDI	WLSN
MH939380	PaGmV 15*	2008	BR	<i>Ipomoea alba</i>	Convolvulaceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	IHLHV	DIFDVDRGHPNIEQSY	YAIK	GNSRTGKT	IFDDI	WLSN
MH939396	PaGmV 16*	2012	ZA	<i>Phalaris minor</i>	Poaceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYSQ	LHLHV	DILDVDRGHRANVEPSA	YAIK	GGTRTRGKT	VFDDI	WVCN
MH939397	PaGmV 17*	2012	ZA	<i>Sarcocornia perennis</i>	Amaranthaceae	TAATGTTAT	LVTYAQ	LHLHV	DILDVDRGHPNLAPIK	YAIK	GRSRTGKT	VFDDI	WVCN
MH939432	PaGmV 18*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena sativa</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	VHLHV	DVFVDRGHPNISPSK	YAIK	GESRTGKT	VFDDL	YLAN
MH939447	PaGmV 18*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena sativa</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	VHLHV	DVFVDRGHPNISPSK	YAIK	GESLTGKT	VFDDL	YLAN
MH939448	PaGmV 18*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena sativa</i>	Poaceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	VHLHV	DVFVDRGHPNISPSK	YAIK	GESRTGKT	VFDDL	YLAN
MH939451	PaGmV 18*	2012	ZA	<i>Raphanus sp.</i>	Brassicaceae	TAACATTGT	LLTYAQ	VHLHV	DVFVDRGHPNISPSK	YAIK	GESRTGKT	VFDDL	YLAN
MH939446	PaGmV 19*	2012	ZA	<i>Dischisma capitatum</i>	Scrophulariaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYPQ	IHLHV	RAFDVDRGHPNVPSK	YATK	GOSRLGKT	IFDDI	FGCQ
MH939431	PaGmV 20*	2012	ZA	<i>Lebeckia</i> sp.	Leguminosae	TAATATTAT	LLTYSQ	IHFHA	RDWDIEGHIPNIKKGG	YACK	GESRLGKT	VFDDI	WVAN
MH939436	PaGmV 21*	2012	ZA	<i>Asparagus sp.</i>	Asparagaceae	TAATGTTAT	LFETYAH	VHYHV	DCFDVAGFHFPNTVASR	YAIK	GDTKLGKT	VFDDI	WVAN
MH939442	PaGmV 22*	2012	ZA	<i>Hypocharis sp.</i>	Asteraceae	TAATGTTAT	LVTYSH	IHYHV	DIFDVHGFHPNINPSR	YVIK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDI	WWSN
MH939445	PaGmV 22*	2012	ZA	<i>Tribolium uniolae</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	LVTYSH	IHYHV	DIFDVHGFHPNINPSR	YVIK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDI	WVSN
MK947372	PaGmV 25*	2018	FR	<i>Opuntia</i> sp.	Cactaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	IHLHV	TVFDVGGCHPNIEKSR	YAIK	GSQLGKT	IMDDI	WCCN

Table 1 (continued)

Accession number	Plant genomovirus	Collection year	Country	Plant species	Plant family	Nonanucleotide	Motif I	Motif II	GRS	Motif III	Walker A	Walker B	Motif C
<i>Gemyduguivirus</i>													
MH939370	PaGmV 4*	2015	BR	<i>Macrorhizum</i> sp.	Leguminosae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDVGHHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
MH939417	PaGmV 5*	2008	BR	Apocynaceae sp.	Apocynaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDIDTYHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
MH939418	PaGmV 5*	2008	BR	<i>Vigna</i> sp.	Leguminosae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDIDTYHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
MH939419	PaGmV 5*	2008	BR	<i>Merremia aegipita</i>	Convolvulaceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDIDTYHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
MH939420	PaGmV 5*	2008	BR	<i>Phaseolus lunatus</i>	Leguminosae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDIDTYHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
MH939421	PaGmV 5*	2008	BR	<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	Asteraceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDIDTYHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
MH939422	PaGmV 5*	2008	BR	Apocynaceae sp.	Apocynaceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDIDTYHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
MH939423	PaGmV 5*	2008	BR	Apocynaceae sp.	Apocynaceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDIDTYHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
MH939424	PaGmV 5*	2008	BR	Apocynaceae sp.	Apocynaceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	THYHA	RIFDIDTYHPNILRGR	YATK	GPSRTGKT	VFDI	WCNN
<i>Gemgorivirus</i>													
MH939361	PaGmV 1*	2015	BR	Poaceae sp.	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	LFTYAQ	THLHA	RRFDVGFFHPNVSPSR	YAIK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDM	WLSN
MH939362	PaGmV 1*	2015	BR	<i>Stylosanthes</i> sp.	Leguminosae	TAATGTTAT	LFTYAQ	THLHA	RRFDVGFFHPNVSPSR	YAIK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDM	WLSN
MH939367	PaGmV 1*	2015	BR	Poaceae sp.	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	LFTYAQ	THLHA	RRFDVGFFHPNVSPSR	YAIK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDM	WLSN
MH939368	PaGmV 1*	2015	BR	<i>Stylosanthes</i> sp.	Leguminosae	TAATGTTAT	LFTYAQ	THLHA	RRFDVGFFHPNVSPSR	YAIK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDM	WLSN
MH939371	PaGmV 1*	2015	BR	<i>Manihot</i> sp.	Euphorbiaceae	TAATGTTAT	LFTYAQ	THLHA	RRFDVGFFHPNVSPSR	YAIK	GPTRTGKT	VFDDM	WLSN
MH939372	PaGmV 1*	2015	BR	<i>Centraherium punctatum</i>	Asteraceae	TAATGTTAT	LFTYAQ	THLHA	RRFDVGFFHPNVSPSR	YAIK	GPTRTGKT	VFDDM	WLSN
MH939373	PaGmV 1*	2015	BR	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	Solanaceae	TAATGTTAT	LFTYAQ	THLHA	RRFDVGFFHPNVSPSR	YAIK	GPTRTGKT	VFDDM	WLSN
MK947373	PaGmV 26*	2018	FR	<i>Opuntia</i> sp.	Cactaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	IHLHA	RFADVEGRHPNVQPGF	YAIK	GPTRLGKT	VFDDM	WLGN
MH939363	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	Poaceae sp.	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPPNVVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MH939364	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Sida</i> sp.	Malvaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPPNVVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MH939365	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Mimosa</i> sp.	Leguminosae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPPNVVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MH939366	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Sida</i> sp.	Malvaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPPNVVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MH939411	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Sida</i> sp.	Malvaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPPNVVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN

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MH939412	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Adenoclymma</i> sp.	Bignoniaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPNVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MH939413	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Sida</i> sp.	Malvaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPNVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MH939414	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Ipomoea</i> sp.	Convolvulaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPNVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MH939415	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Sida</i> sp.	Malvaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYAQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPNVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MH939416	PaGmV 2*	2015	BR	<i>Bidens pilosa</i>	Asteraceae	TAATATTAT	LLTYAQ	VHLHA	RVFDVAGRHPNVAGY	YATK	GDTRLGKT	VFDDM	YCCN
MK947374	PaGmV 27*	2015	US	<i>Cylindropuntia ramosissima</i>	Cactaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYPQ	VHLHA	RIFDVDMHMPNVVRGY	YAIK	GPTRLGKT	IFDDM	YISN
MK947375	PaGmV 28*	2017	US	<i>Carnegia gigantea</i>	Cactaceae	TAACACTGT	LLTYPQ	LHLHA	RVFDVGKHPNVVRGY	YACK	GGTRLGKT	IFDDM	YIAN
MK947376	PaGmV 29*	2017	US	<i>Carnegia gigantea</i>	Cactaceae	TAATGTTAT	LEFTYAQ	THLHA	DIFDVGGFFHPNVPSR	YATK	GPSRKGKT	VFDDM	YLAN
MH939438	PaGmV 3*	2012	ZA	<i>Cynodon</i> sp.	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYPQ	VHLHA	RVFDVGDGHHPNVSRGY	YAIK	GTTRLGKT	IFDDV	WLAN
MH939439	PaGmV 3*	2012	ZA	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Asteraceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYPQ	VHLHA	RVFDVGDGHHPNVSRGY	YAIK	GTTRLGKT	IFDDV	WLAN
MH939369	PaGmV 6	2015	BR	<i>Manihot</i> sp.	Euphorbiaceae	TAATAATAT	LLTYSQ	THLHA	SIFDVDNHHPNVSATH	YACK	GPSRMGKT	IFDDL	WISN
MH939453	PaGmV 6	2012	ZA	<i>Vicia faba</i>	Leguminosae	TAATATTAT	LLTYSQ	THLHA	SVFDVDNCHPNVSATH	YACK	GPSRMGKT	IFDDI	WISN
<b>Gemyklovirus</b>													
MH939386	PaGmV 10	2015	AU	<i>Solanum mauritium</i>	Solanaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHLHA	ATFKIGTRVENIRVRR	YVGK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDM	FICN
MH939387	PaGmV 10	2015	AU	<i>Solanum mauritium</i>	Solanaceae	AAAAAATTAA	MLTYPT	PHLHA	ATFKIGTRYPNIRVRR	YVGK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDM	FICN
MH939388	PaGmV 10	2015	AU	<i>Solanum mauritium</i>	Solanaceae	TAATATTAT	MLTYPT	PHLHA	ATFKIGTRVNIRVRR	YVGK	GPTRTGKT	IFDDM	FICN
MH939374	PaGmV 7*	2015	BR	<i>Poaceae</i> sp.	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	PHFHC	SLFFFVGGRANIRRES	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IFDDI	WLGN
MH939375	PaGmV 7*	2015	BR	<i>Ipomoea</i> sp.	Convolvulaceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	PHFHC	SLFFFVGGRANIKRFS	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDI	WLGN
MH939376	PaGmV 7*	2015	BR	<i>Herissantia</i> sp.	Malvaceae	TAATACTAT	LLTYSQ	PHFHC	SLFFFVGGRANIKRFS	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDI	WLGN
MH939410	PaGmV 7*	2015	BR	<i>Passiflora edulis</i>	Passifloraceae	TAATGTTAT	LLTYSQ	PHFHC	SLFFFVGGRANIKRFS	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IFDDI	WLGN
MH939381	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRIPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN

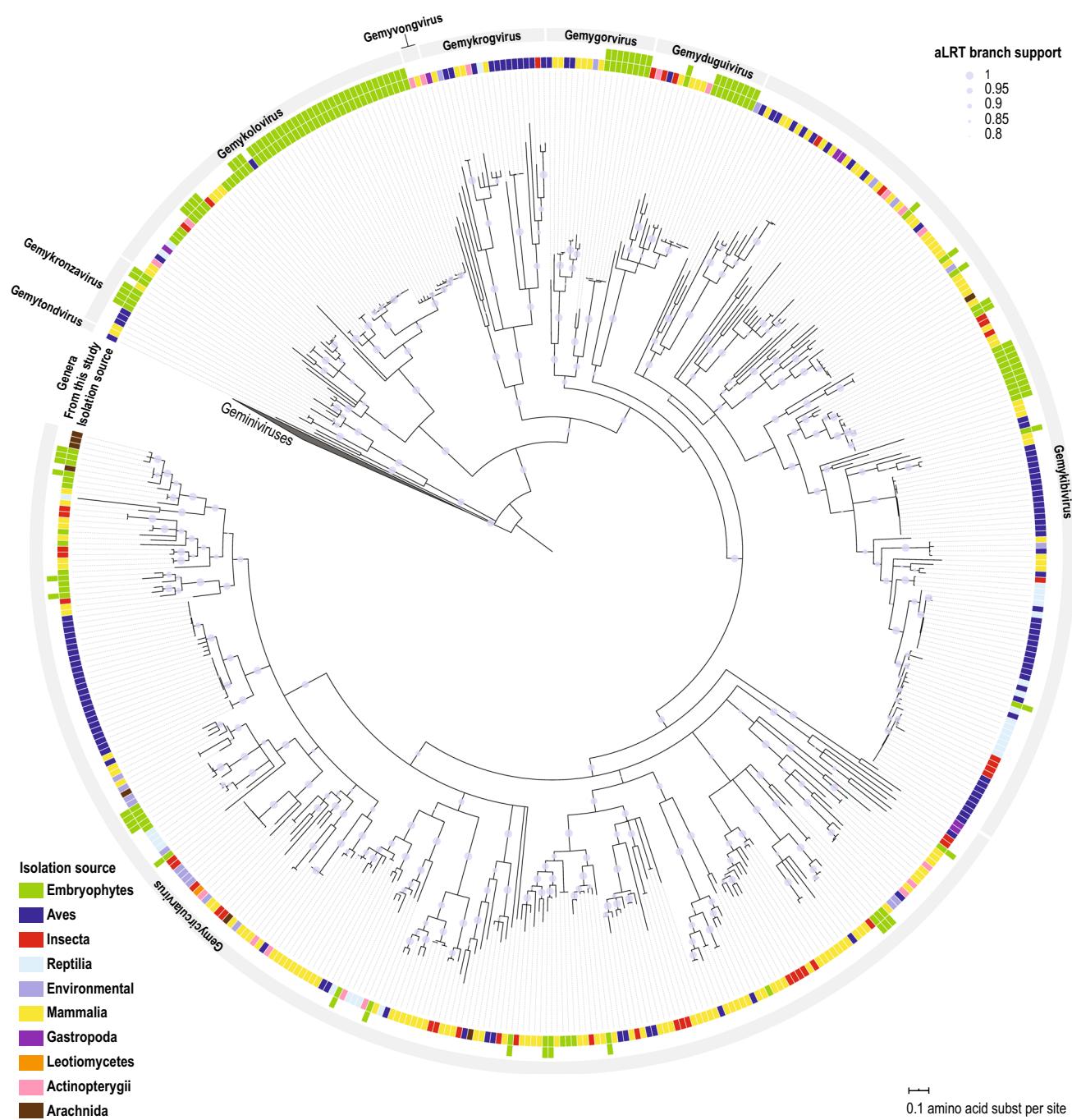
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	Accession number	Plant genomovirus	Plant collection year	Country	Plant species	Plant family	Nonanucleotide	Motif I	Motif II	GRS	Motif III	Walker A	Walker B	Motif C
MH939389	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939391	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Helichrysum revolutum</i>	Asteraceae	TAAAGATTCC	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRLPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939393	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRLPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939395	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939399	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena fatua</i>	Poaceae	TAATACTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939400	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Asparagus rubicundus</i>	Asparagaceae	TAACATTGT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRLPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939403	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Sarcocornia perennis</i>	Amaranthaceae	TAATATTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRIPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939404	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRLPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939405	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Manulea altissima</i>	Scrophulariaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939433	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Asparagus declinatus</i>	Asparagaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRPNIRVRR	YVGK	GAIWLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939441	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	<i>Emex australis</i>	Polygonaceae	TAACATTGT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRIPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939443	PaGmV 8*	2012	ZA	Poaceae sp.	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRLPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	IWDDM	FICN	
MH939382	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAATATTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	
MH939383	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	
MH939390	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Cyclopia genistoides</i>	Leguminosae	TAACATTGT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	
MH939392	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Lolium perenne</i>	Poaceae	TAATATTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	
MH939394	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	
MH939398	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	
MH939401	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Poaceae	TAACATTGT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	
MH939402	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAACAGGG	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGARVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	
MH939406	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAACCAGGG	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGARVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN	

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MH939407	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN
MH939408	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAATATTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN
MH939409	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena byzantina</i>	Poaceae	TAAGGTTCA	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN
MH939426	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	Poaceae sp.	Poaceae	TAATATTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	PTFTVGTRVNIRVRL	YVAK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN
MH939428	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena sativa</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN
MH939429	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena sativa</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTIGTRVNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN
MH939430	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Avena sativa</i>	Poaceae	TAATATTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN
MH939437	PaGmV 9*	2012	ZA	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	MLTYPT	PHFHA	RTFTVGTRVPNIRVRR	YVGK	GATRLGKT	VFDDM	FICN
<b>Gemykronavirus</b>													
MH939385	PaGmV 23*	2017	US	Solanaceae sp.	Solanaceae	TAATACTAT	FLTYSQ	HHYHV	RTFDVGCHPNFKSVR	YCLK	GRSRLGKT	VMDDI	WCSN
MH939440	PaGmV 23*	2012	ZA	<i>Ehrharta longiflora</i>	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	FLTYSQ	HHYHV	RVFDVGCHPNFKSVR	YCLK	GNSRLGKT	VMDDI	WCSN
MH939449	PaGmV 23*	2012	ZA	<i>Raphanus</i> sp.	Brassicaceae	TAATGTTAT	FLTYSQ	HHYHV	RVFDVGCHPNFKSVR	YCLK	GNSRLGKT	VMDDI	WCSN
MH939450	PaGmV 23*	2012	ZA	<i>Raphanus</i> sp.	Brassicaceae	TAATGTTAT	PVCIPL	PQFYF	RVFDVGCHPNFKSVR	YCLK	GNSRLGKT	VMDDI	WCSN
MH939435	PaGmV 24*	2012	ZA	Poaceae sp.	Poaceae	TAATGTTAT	FLTYSQ	HHYHV	RTFDVGCHPNFKSVR	YCLK	GOSRLGKT	VMDDI	WCTN
MH939444	PaGmV 24*	2012	ZA	<i>Salvia africana-coerulea</i>	Lamiaceae	TAATACTAT	FLTYSQ	HHYHV	RTFDVGCHPNFKSVR	YCLK	GOSRLGKT	VMDDI	WCTN

\* members of new species based on the current demarcation threshold for the family *Genomoviridae*

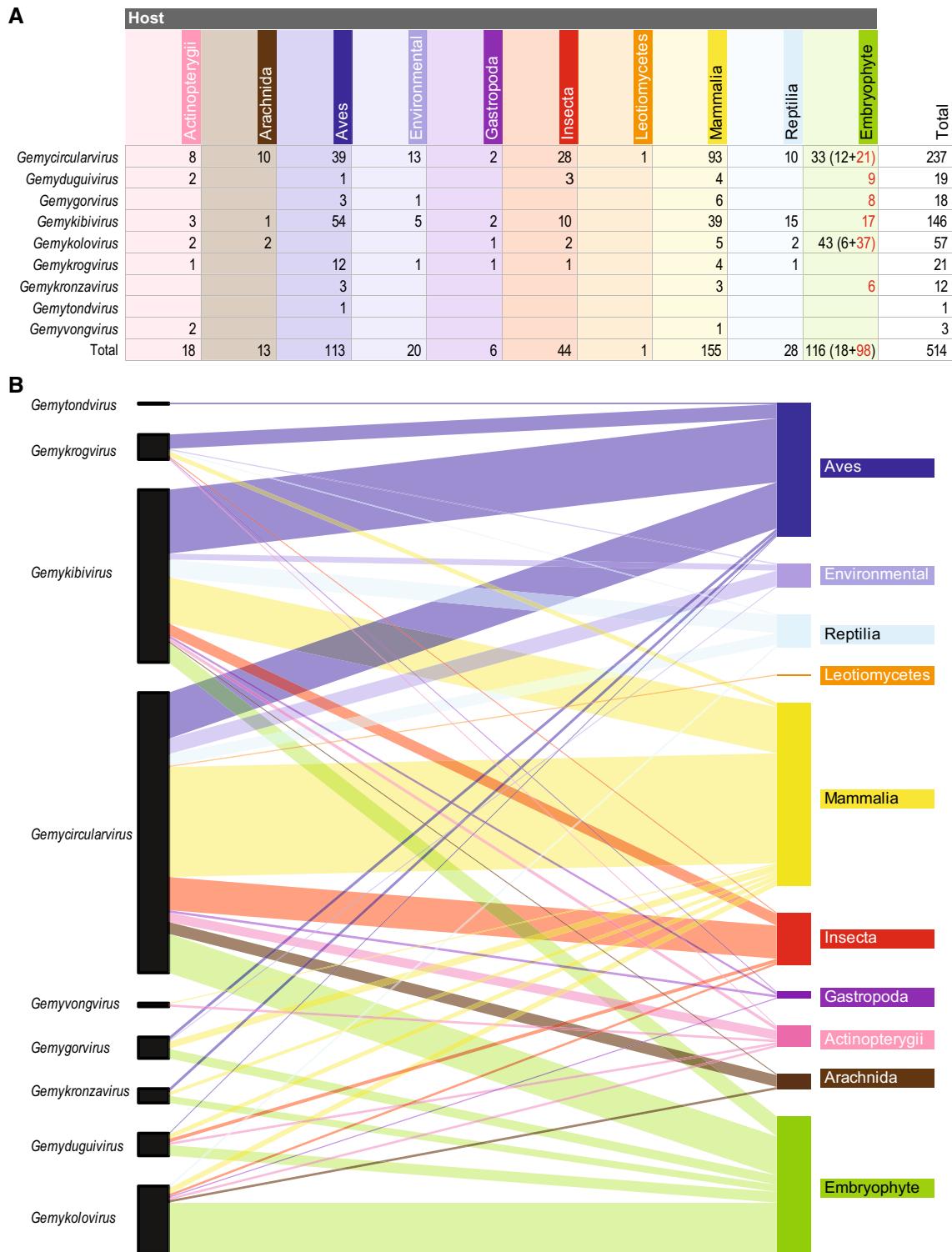


**Fig. 1** Maximum-likelihood phylogenetic tree of the Rep amino acid sequences encoded by the gemomoviruses from this study in relation to those of other gemomoviruses available in the GenBank database (downloaded 1 Feb 2020). The tree was rooted with Rep amino acid sequences from the family *Geminiviridae*. Branches with < 0.8 aLRT

support have been collapsed. The tree is further demarcated by the source from which sequences were obtained: Actinopterygii ( $n = 18$ ), Arachnida ( $n = 13$ ), Aves ( $n = 113$ ), Embryophyte ( $n = 116$ ); environmental ( $n = 20$ ), Gastropoda ( $n = 6$ ), Insecta ( $n = 44$ ), Leotiomycetes ( $n = 1$ ), Mammalia ( $n = 155$ ), and Reptilia ( $n = 28$ )

genus *Gemykronzavirus* (Fig. 1). The other PaGmVs were tentatively assigned to two of the larger gemomavirus genera with PaGmV 11-22, PaGmV 25 ( $n = 21$ ) to the genus *Gemycircularvirus*, and PaGmV 2-3 and 27-29 ( $n = 17$ ) to

the genus *Gemykibivirus*. The phylogenetic analysis showed that there is no clear correlation between the gemomavirus genera and the sample type from which the sequences were obtained (Fig. 1 and Fig. 2B).



**Fig. 2** **A.** Summary table of the number of viruses identified in this study (highlighted in red font) in relation to those from other sample sources and their genus assignments. **B.** Bipartite plot of the host/virus species associations inferred using R with the bipartite graph package [8]

The inferred Rep proteins encoded by the PaGmVs all contain the conserved motifs necessary for endonuclease and helicase activity (Table 1) that are present in most

other evolutionarily related Rep proteins. The genome sequences of the PaGmVs share >63.3% pairwise identity with other genomoviruses. The Rep amino acid sequence

of the PaGmVs share >63.7% identity with those of other genomoviruses, while those of their CPs share >37.9% identity (Supplementary Table 1).

This study further highlights the broad diversity of genomoviruses that are associated with plants. Before this study, no viruses in the genera *Gemykroznavirus*, *Gemygorvirus*, *Gemyduguivivirus* or *Gemykibivirus* had been found associated with plants. Our research has identified six species of *Gemykroznavirus*, eight species of *Gemygorvirus*, nine species of *Gemyduguivivirus*, and 17 species of *Gemykibivirus* associated with plants (Fig. 2). Additionally, the 37 gemykoloviruses identified here demonstrate that plant-associated viruses are the predominant members of this genus (Fig. 2). Although there are no confirmed hosts for any of the genomoviruses discovered here, it is likely that they infect fungi that are associated with the plants from which they were obtained, but it is also possible that they infect both fungi and their plants hosts. It is probable that additional diverse plant-associated genomoviruses will be identified, especially given the close association between plants and fungi. Furthermore, it is also likely that multipartite genomo-like viruses will be identified that are similar to the tripartite ssDNA virus recently reported infecting *Fusarium graminearum*, whose Rep shares 24–33% amino acid sequence identity with genomovirus Reps [17].

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