Portiera gets wild: Genome instability provides insights into the evolution of both whiteflies and their endosymbionts.

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1 Supplementary Material and Methods

1.1 Mitochondrial cytochrome oxidase 1 (mtCOI) gene analyses

For each whitefly species collected, the 5' region of the mtCOI gene was ampli-fied using the universal primers LCO1490 (F) and HCO2198 (R) [\(Folmer](#page-9-0) *et al.*, [1994\)](#page-9-0). In cases were this set of primers failed to amplify, the C1-J-2195 (F) and L2-N-3014 (R) primer set targeting the 3' region was used [\(Frohlich](#page-9-1) *et al.*, [1999\)](#page-9-1). In species were both sets of primers failed to amplify and $mtCOI$ sequences were available at public databases, species-specific sets were designed (Table S2). For PCR amplification, primers (0.5 mM each) were mixed with the KAPA2G Robust HotStart ReadyMix (Kapa Biosystems) inside a DNA/RNA UV-Cleaner cabinet (UVC/T-AR). PCR was performed using the following general profile: 95°C for 5 min, $[95°C$ for 30 sec, Tm°C for 15 sec, 72°C for 1 min|x35, 72°C for 5 min. Annealing temperature (Tm) was set up for each primer set according to Primer3 predictions (Table S2). When required, the temperature was adjusted trying 5◦C above or below of the predicted Tm.

The primers sets targeting the $mtCOI$ gene had lower efficiency and produced the expected PCR fragments in 18 of the 26 samples. The LCO1490/HCO2198 set produced a PCR fragment in 15 samples but two of them were parasitoid wasp sequences instead of whitefly sequences. The C1-J-2195/L2-N-3014 produced a PCR fragment in one sample. The other four successful amplifications used species-specific $mtCOI$ primers. The $mtCOI$ amplicon presented saturation values that were higher than those calculated for the five amplified Portiera

genes which did not show signatures of substitution saturation in their phylogenetic signal (Table S3). Moreover, the third codon positions of the mtCOI full gene and amplicon were found to be completely saturated.

1.2 Transcriptome assembly and data retrieval

Dialeurodes citri (SRR2856996) and B. tabaci SSA1 (SRR5109958) transcriptomes were downloaded from the SRA. BLASTN searches against *D. citri* transcriptome were used to retrieve genes of interest in Portiera. B. tabaci SSA1 reads were quality filtered with Trimmomatic v0.33 (TruSeq2-PE.fa:2:30:10 LEAD-ING:3 TRAILING:3 SLIDINGWINDOW:4:25 MINLEN:98) [\(Bolger](#page-9-2) et al., [2014\)](#page-9-2). Surviving paired-end reads were classified using Kraken v2.0.6-beta with a custom database [\(Wood and Salzberg, 2014\)](#page-10-0). The Kraken2 custom database included several RefSeq databases (archaea, bacteria, viral, fungi, and protozoa), all sequenced endosymbionts from whiteflies, the genomes of B. tabaci MEAM1 and Acyrthosiphon pisum, and all complete mitogenomes from whiteflies. Reads classified as Portiera were selected and assembled with SPAdes v3.13.0 in RNASeq mode using default parameters [\(Bankevich](#page-9-3) et al., [2012;](#page-9-3) [Bushmanova](#page-9-4) et al., [2019\)](#page-9-4). Resulting *Portiera* transcripts larger than 1 Kb were de-replicated with CD-HIT (EST mode, 96% minimum identity) (Fu [et al.](#page-9-5), [2012\)](#page-9-5), and annotated with Prokka v1.14.5 (–metagenome –gram neg) [\(Seemann,](#page-10-1) [2014\)](#page-10-1) to recover the five target genes.

Annotated Portiera genomes of B. tabaci MEAM1 (NC_018677.1), MED-Q2 (NC 018676.1) (same sequencing procedures as MEAM1), and Asia II 3 (NZ CP016327.1) species, Trialeurodes vaporariorum (LN649236.1), Aleurodicus dispersus (LN649255.1), and A. floccissimus (LN734649.1) were downloaded from the RefSeq/GenBank and target genes were extracted from each genome.

1.3 Portiera lineages divergence dating

BEAST v2.5.2 was used to infer a Bayesian posterior consensus tree and the divergence time of the different nodes [\(Bouckaert](#page-9-6) *et al.*, [2014\)](#page-9-6). Evolutionary models for each of the pruned alignments were calculated with IQTREE (-m TESTONLY) [\(Nguyen](#page-9-7) *et al.*, [2015\)](#page-9-7). The best model for each alignment was selected based on the Bayesian Information Criterion. BEAUti was used to prepare the requited xml files using the pruned alignments and the obtained evolutionary models. Datasets were partitioned by gene. A lognormal relaxed clock with a Yule speciation process was selected as a prior based on a previous work [\(Santos-Garcia](#page-10-2) et al., [2015\)](#page-10-2). The divergence between the subfamilies Aleyrodinae and Aleurodicinae (125-135 Mya) [\(Drohojowska and Szwedo, 2015\)](#page-9-8) was used as a calibration point using a uniform distribution. Both datasets were first run under the priors to check their possible impact on the estimated dates. Then, four independent runs were conducted for 500 million generations, sampling every 50,000 generations and allowing a pre-burn-in of 1,000 generations. Convergence of the different runs was checked with Tracer v1.6, ensuring that at least an ESS larger than 200 was accomplished for each parameter estimated in each run. Log and Tree files were combined and trimmed with LogCombiner v2.5.2. Combined Tree files were used as input for TreeAnnotator v2.5.2 to obtain the topologies of the trees and their associated parameters, including divergence times and their confidence intervals. Trees were plotted with FigTree

v1.4.3 (<https://github.com/rambaut/figtree>).

1.4 Portiera lineages molecular evolution

Synonymous (dS) and non-synonymous (dN) substitution ratios and omega (ω) values were calculated in Codeml from PAML v4.7 package [\(Yang, 2007\)](#page-10-3). To avoid redundancy, only one representative of the B. tabaci lineage, the MEAM1 species, was included in the analysis. After quality filtering, 232 of the 235 identified single-copy core OCPs were codon-aligned with MACSE v2.03 as described above and pruned with Gblocks v0.91b (-t=c -b5=n, no gaps allowed). Three branch models available in Codeml were computed: M0 (one ω), M1 (free ω ratios in each branch) and M2 (two ω , setting *Portiera* from B. tabaci and S. simplex as the foreground clade). All models were run using a constrained tree option that utilized the species tree obtained with OrthoFinder v2.3.3. Each model was run three times, keeping only the run with the largest likelihood. Likelihood ratio tests (LTR) were used to select the best fitting model, first by comparing model M1 against M2, and later against model M0. Bonferroni correction (two tests, p-value \leq 0.025) was used for multiple testing. The pipeline described was implemented in a custom python script.

Divergence times were obtained from the tree that was based on five Portiera genes (Figure 1). These estimates were used to calculate the number of nucleotide substitutions per site per year $(dS/t \text{ and } dN/t)$ in each whitefly lineage. Before any statistical test, OCPs with dS, dN or ω values below percentile 1 or above percentile 99 were discarded. Also, OCPs with omega values greater than 10 were discarded. Raw and log-transformed data were tested for normality and homoscedasticity (Shapiro's and Levene's test, respectively). As dS/t , dN/t , and ω values were not normally distributed or homoscedastic, the nonparametric Kruskal-Wallis rank-sum and post-hoc pairwise Wilcoxon rank sum tests (with Benjamini & Hochberg correction) were used. All statistical analyses were performed in R.

1.5 Repeats and intergenic regions analysis

Representative genomes of endosymbionts fro insects with reported large intergenic regions, genome instability, or the lack of $dnaQ$ were downloaded: $Ca.$ Tremblaya princeps (NC_01729) - the primary endosymbiont of the citrus mealybug *Planococcus citri*, Ca. Uzinura diaspidicola (NC_020135) - the primary endosymbiont of scale insects from the family Diaspididae, and Ca. Hodgkinia cicadicola TETUND1 and 2 (CP007232, CP007233) - bacterial symbionts of cicada species of the genus Tettigades. We also included Portiera genomes from B. tabaci MEAM1 (NC $0.018677.1$) and MED (NC $0.018676.1$), and T. vaporariorum (LN649236.1). For standardization purposes, UGENE v1.28.1 was used to predict not only direct and inverted repeats (ugene find-repeats –identity=95 –inverted=[true—false] –max-distance=500000 –min-length=50 – thread-count=12 –exclude-tandems=true), but also tandem repeats (UGENE GUI Find Tandems wit Tandem presets: Mini-satellite, length 7-30 nt, mini-mum tandem size 9 nt, minimum repeat count 3) [\(Okonechnikov](#page-9-9) et al., [2012\)](#page-9-9). Intergenic regions were extracted with a custom python script and their length and GC content were computed with infoseq from EMBOSS v6.6.0.0 (Rice *[et al.](#page-9-10)*,

[2000\)](#page-9-10). As length distributions were found not to be normal and homoscedastic, non-parametric tests were used as described above) Statistical analyses were performed in R.

1.6 Mitochondrion assembly, annotation, and molecular evolution

For accurate assembly of the mitochondrial genomes of S. simplex and P. mori. reads classified as "Insect" by Kraken2 were extracted and assembled with SPAdes v3.13.0 (–sc –careful). $mtCOIs$ fragments obtained by PCR screening were used as a query for a BLASTN search against the assembly. Two contigs larger than 15Kb containing a full $mtCOI$ gene were recovered. The first contig presented a full $mtCOI$ gene with a nucleotide identity higher than 97% to P. mori (LR739216). The second contig harboring a full $mtCOI$ gene had Acaudaleyrodes rachipora (LR739211) and B. reyesi (LR739074) as the two best hits. Further confirmation was conducted with the BOLD Identifica-tion System [\(Ratnasingham and Hebert, 2013\)](#page-9-11). The first $mtCOI$ full gene was classified again as P. mori (98.97% similarity to BOLD record GMESH030- 14). The second $mtCOI$ full gene was classified as S. simplex (100\%) similarity to BOLD record GBMHH7908-15). Both contigs were circularized with $Gap5$ and corrected with Pilon v1.23 [\(Walker](#page-10-4) *et al.*, [2014\)](#page-10-4) as described above. Mitochondrial genomes annotation was performed with MITOS v2 web server (<http://mitos2.bioinf.uni-leipzig.de>) setting the genetic code to Invertebrate. Annotations were downloaded and manually revised in Artemis v16 [\(Rutherford](#page-9-12) et al., [2000\)](#page-9-12).

A. dispersus (KR063274), T. vaporariorum (NC 006280), and B. tabaci MED (MH205752) mitogenomes were downloaded from NCBI. Full genes were extracted from the downloaded and the newly assembled P. mori and S. simplex mitogenomes. Due to annotation differences, only 12 mitochondrial genes were shared between the different genomes. Extracted genes were codon-aligned with MACSE v2.03 (genetic code set up to 5) and pruned with Gblocks v0.91b. Saturation of the phylogenetic signal was assessed with DAMBE v7.2.3 as described above. Finally, pruned alignments were used as an input for Codeml to calculate dS, dN, and ω values. Since only one Aleurodicus species was included, the divergence of this lineage was set up to 129.35 Myr (the estimated time for the split between the Aleurodicinae and the Aleyrodinae families). Divergence times of the other four lineages were the same as described in the main text document. Statistical analyses and data cleaning were conducted as described above but this time the data were normally distributed and one-way ANOVA with Tukey's post-hoc tests were applied when required.

2 Supplementary Figures

Figure S1: DNA polymerase III proofreading subunit $(dnaQ)$ presence or absence using the two *Portiera* genes-based tree (the $16S$ and $23S$ rRNA genes). The ancestral state for each node was estimated using the ace function form the ape package [\(Paradis and Schliep, 2019\)](#page-9-13) in R [\(R Core Team, 2018\)](#page-9-14). Pie charts at the nodes represent the posterior probability for the presence (blue), absence (red), or unknown state (yellow). Filled circles at the tips represent $dnaQ$ successful amplifications (blue), no amplification (red), or no data/untested (yellow).

Figure S2: Syntenyc blocks shared by Bemisia tabaci MEAM1 species genome and B. tabaci SSA1 species recovered transcripts. Syntenic blocks were computed using the progressive Mauve aligner snapshot 2015-02-13 [\(Darling](#page-9-15) et al., [2011\)](#page-9-15).

Intergenic Lenght Distribution in Long−Term Endosymbionts

Figure S3: Length distribution of the intergenic regions from selected Portiera aleyrodidarum, Uzinura diaspidicola, Tremblaya princeps, and Hodgkinia cicadicola genomes. Different letters indicate significant statistical differences between intergenic regions length distributions (non-parametric Kruskal-Wallis and Wilcoxon post-hoc pairwise tests).

Figure S4: A) Upset plot showing the core, shared, and specific Orthologous Clusters of Proteins (OCPs) between Portiera from Aleurodicus floccissimus (AlFi), A. dispersus (AlDi), Trialeurodes vaporariorum (TeVa), Pealius mori (PeMo), Singhiella simplex (SiSi), and Bemisia tabaci (BeTa) MED-Q1, MEAM1, and AsiaII3 species. B) SEED profiles of the different Portiera. Abbreviations are the same as in A).

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