

# SOYBEAN CYST NEMATODE, *HETERODERA GLYCINES*, RESISTANCE GENES IN PI 89772 AND PI 209332 SOYBEAN

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## ABSTRACT

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The number of resistance genes in PI 89772 and PI 209332 conferring resistance to *H. glycines* race 3 is not well defined. Crosses of PI 89772 × 'Lee 68', PI 88788 × PI 89772, and 'Lee 68' × PI 209332 were made in the field and greenhouse. Several F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> families from each cross, 98 F<sub>3</sub> families from cross PI 89772 × 'Lee 68', 74 F<sub>3</sub> families from cross PI 88788 × PI 89772, and 80 F<sub>3</sub> families from cross 'Lee 68' × PI 209332 were tested with an inbred line of *H. glycines* developed on PI 88788 to determine the level and inheritance of resistance. Approximately 8,000 individual plants growing in pots containing 200 cm<sup>3</sup> of sterilized sand were inoculated with 4,000 eggs and J2/pot. Thirty days after inoculation the number of females that developed on each plant was determined. Cluster analysis revealed sets of families with a low mean number of females and low variance, intermediate means and high variance, and high means with a low variance, indicating F<sub>3</sub> plants came from, respectively, homozygous resistant, heterozygous or segregating, and homozygous susceptible F<sub>2</sub> plants. Thus, resistance classes were considered as quantitative parameters having different levels of resistance as opposed to only two classes, either resistant or susceptible. Chi-square analysis of segregation of phenotypic data indicated two genes confer resistance to race 3 of *H. glycines*. The three *H. glycines*-resistant parents have at least two genes that express resistance to *H. glycines*. One gene acts as a major gene (*Rhg<sub>x</sub>*) and the other a minor gene (*Rhg<sub>y</sub>*) in conferring resistance of the parents PI 89772 (*Rhg<sub>Sx11</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sx17</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy11</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy17</sub>*), PI 88788 (*Rhg<sub>Sx27</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sx21</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy27</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy21</sub>*), and PI 209332 (*Rhg<sub>Sx37</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sx31</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy37</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy31</sub>*) to *H. glycines* race 3. The same genes may occur in PI 209332 as in PI 89772, but support for this hypothesis must be obtained by studying the cross PI 209332 × PI 89772. The same major (*Rhg<sub>x</sub>*) and minor (*Rhg<sub>y</sub>*) genes occur in PI 89772 (*Rhg<sub>Sx11</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sx17</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy11</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy17</sub>*) and PI 88788 (*Rhg<sub>Sx27</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sx21</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy27</sub>, Rhg<sub>Sy21</sub>*). The phenotypic ratios obtained in this research indicate that epistasis occurs between gene *Rhg<sub>x</sub>* and gene *Rhg<sub>y</sub>*. Results from this analysis indicated that the sensitivity of resistant genotypes to the environment is different from that of susceptible genotypes. In addition, a maternal effect was found for the inheritance of resistance of PI 88788 to *H. glycines* race 3, but not for PI 89772.

*Key words:* environmental effects, epistasis, genetics, *Glycine max*, *Heterodera glycines*, maternal inheritance, resistance, resistance genes, soybean, soybean cyst nematode.

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## RESUMO

Assunção, M. S., N. Atibalentja e G. R. Noel. 2004. Estudo de genes na PI 89772 e PI 209332 visando resistência ao nematóide de cisto da soja, *Heterodera glycines*. *Nematropica* 34:165-181.

O número de genes de resistência nas PI 89772 e PI 209332 que confere resistência á *H. glycines* raça 3 ainda não está bem definido. Foram feitos cruzamentos das PI 89772 × 'Lee 68', PI 88788 × PI 89772, e 'Lee 68' × PI 209332 em casa de vegetação e em campo. Várias famílias F<sub>1</sub> e F<sub>2</sub> de cada cruzamento, 98 famílias F<sub>3</sub> do cruzamento PI 89772 × 'Lee 68', 74 famílias F<sub>3</sub> do cruzamento PI 88788 × PI 89772 e 80 famílias F<sub>3</sub> do cruzamento 'Lee 68' × PI 209332 foram testadas com uma linhagem de *H. glycines* desenvolvida na PI 88788. Aproximadamente 8.000 plantas individuais desenvolvidas em

vasos de cerâmica contendo 200 cm<sup>3</sup> de areia esterilizada foram inoculados com 4.000 ovos e J2/vaso. Foi determinado o número de fêmeas que desenvolveram em cada planta aos 30 dias após a inoculação. Análise estatística de agrupamento (Cluster Analysis) revelou grupos de famílias com baixo número médio de fêmeas e com baixa variância, intermediário número de fêmeas e altas variâncias e alto número médio de fêmeas com baixa variância, indicando que plantas F<sub>3</sub> vieram, respectivamente, de plantas homozigotas resistentes, heterozigotas ou segregando e homozigotas susceptíveis. Portanto, as classes de resistência foram consideradas parâmetros quantitativos tendo diferentes níveis de resistência, opondo-se à tradicional denominação de duas classes resistente ou susceptível. Teste de Chi-quadrado dos dados da segregação fenotípica indicaram que dois genes conferem resistência à raça 3 de *H. glycines*. Os três parentais com resistência *H. glycines* têm pelo menos dois genes que expressam resistência a esta raça de *H. glycines*. Um gene age como gene principal (*Rhg<sub>s</sub>*) e outro de menor efeito (*Rhg<sub>y</sub>*) conferindo resistência a *H. glycines* raça 3 nos parentais PI 89772 (*Rhg<sub>s17</sub>Rhg<sub>s11</sub>Rhg<sub>y17</sub>Rhg<sub>y11</sub>*), PI 88788 (*Rhg<sub>s27</sub>Rhg<sub>s21</sub>Rhg<sub>y27</sub>Rhg<sub>y21</sub>*), e PI 209332 (*Rhg<sub>s37</sub>Rhg<sub>s31</sub>Rhg<sub>y37</sub>Rhg<sub>y31</sub>*). Pode ser que os mesmos genes que ocorrem na PI 209332 também ocorra na PI 89772, entretanto para confirmação desta hipótese, deve ser estudado o cruzamento PI 209332 × PI 89772. Os mesmos genes principais (*Rhg<sub>s</sub>*) e os de menor efeito (*Rhg<sub>y</sub>*) ocorrem nas PI 89772 (*Rhg<sub>s17</sub>Rhg<sub>s11</sub>Rhg<sub>y17</sub>Rhg<sub>y11</sub>*) e PI 88788 (*Rhg<sub>s27</sub>Rhg<sub>s21</sub>Rhg<sub>y27</sub>Rhg<sub>y21</sub>*). A taxa fenotípica obtida no presente trabalho indica que ocorre epistase entre os genes *Rhg<sub>s</sub>* e o gene *Rhg<sub>y</sub>*. Os resultados desta análise indicaram que a sensibilidade de genótipos resistentes ao ambiente é diferente aos genótipos susceptíveis. Adicionalmente, observouse que ocorreu um efeito materno para a herança da resistência na PI 88788 a *H. glycines* raça 3, mas não para a PI 89772.

*Palavras chaves:* efeito ambiental, epistase, gene de resistência, genética, *Glycine max*, herança maternal, *Heterodera glycines*, nematóide de cisto da soja, resistência, soja.

## INTRODUCTION

Soybean cyst nematode (SCN), *Heterodera glycines* Ichinohe, is the most serious disease of soybean, *Glycine max* (L.) Merr., in the United States and also is a serious pest of soybean in Argentina and Brazil, two other major soybean producing countries. A study of soybean yield loss in the North Central United States from 1989 to 1991 showed *H. glycines* caused an annual loss of 1.33 million t (Doupnik, 1993). From 1996 to 2000 estimated crop loss in the United States caused by *H. glycines* ranged from 3.86 million to 7.59 million t (Wrather, 2002). If the price of soybean is \$5.00 per bushel (60 lbs. Avdp.) this crop loss would be \$700 million to \$1.4 billion/year.

Planting resistant cultivars to control *H. glycines* is used widely, and finding durable resistance remains a top research prior-

ity. Since the 1960s, researchers have studied cultivars and plant introductions (PI) resistant to *H. glycines* to determine the inheritance of resistance, which would provide a better understanding of how *H. glycines*-resistant soybean expresses different levels of resistance to various populations of *H. glycines*. The first of these studies reported resistance to *H. glycines* is controlled by three independent recessive genes known as *rhg<sub>1</sub>*, *rhg<sub>2</sub>*, and *rhg<sub>3</sub>* (Caldwell *et al.*, 1960). Another study determined the dominant gene *Rhg<sub>s</sub>*, which also is linked to the *i* recessive allele that codes for black seed coat in Peking, provides a high level of resistance to races 1 and 3 of *H. glycines* (Matson and Williams, 1965). Other studies have demonstrated that certain lines have the same resistance genes to some populations of *H. glycines*. For example, PI 88788 and PI 416762 are resistant to races 3 and 14 (Anand, 1982), and

Peking and PI 438489B share the same genes for resistance to *H. glycines* race 3 (Rao-Arelli and Anand, 1988). Hancock *et al.* (1985) reported PI 88788 has a dominant gene controlling resistance to race 14. A single dominant ( $Rc_1$ ) and two recessive ( $rc_1$ ,  $rc_2$ ) genes were reported to confer resistance to *H. glycines* race 14 (Myers and Anand, 1991). A study that evaluated crosses among PI 88788, PI 90763, Peking and the susceptible cv. Essex, indicated at least four genes, two dominant and two recessive, function in the resistance to *H. glycines* race 3 (Rao-Arelli *et al.*, 1992). The genetic pattern of resistance to *H. glycines* race 5 found in cv. Peking and PI 90763 is conditioned by two recessive genes  $rb_1$  and  $rb_2$  (Anand and Rao-Arelli, 1989). The *H. glycines*-resistant soybeans PI 424595, PI 438342, PI 90763, and PI 437654 have the same group of genes for resistance to race 5 (Young and Kileen, 1994). Results thus far indicate there are three dominant resistant genes ( $Rc_1$ ,  $Rc_2$ ,  $Rc_3$ ) in PI 437654 (Myers and Anand, 1991).

After the discovery of variability in *H. glycines* populations, researchers realized resistance to *H. glycines* acted in a race specific manner. However, classification of the parasitic ability of populations (races and Hg types) has not proven completely satisfactory (Golden *et al.*, 1970; Niblack *et al.*, 2002; Riggs and Schmitt, 1988; Riggs *et al.*, 1988). The distinction between resistance and susceptibility is not always clear due to several factors including: a) different gene frequencies for parasitism in different *H. glycines* populations of the same race; b) different levels of inoculum used in experiments; c) different experimental conditions; d) genetic variability within the differential lines used by researchers; and e) the use of different criteria when evaluating resistance and susceptibility.

In most of the studies concerning *H. glycines* resistance, researchers worked with

heterogeneous field populations. However, Faghihi *et al.* (1995) used an inbred *H. glycines* race 3 population to study resistance genes in cv. Hartwig (PI 437654 source of resistance). They reported that resistance in cv. Hartwig is controlled by one dominant and one recessive gene.

At present there are 700 cultivars marketed in the U.S. as being resistant to *H. glycines* (Shier, 2004). Most of the resistance for *H. glycines* in soybean cultivars available at present comes from a few resistant plant introductions (Diers *et al.*, 1997; Dong *et al.*, 1997). In the central United States, greater than 95% of the public and private varieties resistant to SCN derived their resistance from Fayette (PI 88788 source of resistance; Bernard *et al.*, 1988). A search for new sources of resistance genes and alleles is important to increase the gene pool of resistance to *H. glycines* in commercial cultivars. *Heterodera glycines* exists in heterogeneous field populations, and it is important to identify new sources of resistance to control *H. glycines* in fields with populations having different parasitic abilities. Efficacy of gene deployment as a management tactic requires knowledge of nematode parasitic ability and also the resistance genes available (Noel and Edwards, 1996). Thus, a clear understanding of the number of resistant gene(s) and their interaction(s) is highly desirable. Genetic variability of resistance in soybean to *H. glycines* also plays an important role in providing yield stability against the large spectrum of variability encountered in field populations of *H. glycines*. Since resistance to *H. glycines* race 3 in PI 89772 and PI 209332 is not well defined (Rao-Arelli, 1994), the objectives of this research were: (i) to develop a genetic model for the number of genes that confer resistance in PI 89772 and PI 209332; and (ii) to determine whether PI 89772 and PI 88788 have resistance genes in common.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The research reported herein was accomplished by evaluating parents,  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  generations from three crosses, PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68', PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, and 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332, against an inbred population of *H. glycines* developed on PI 88788. Both PI 89772 and PI 88788 are considered resistant and PI 209332 moderately resistant to the *H. glycines* inbred population utilized in this research (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992). 'Lee 68' was used for all crosses, but sufficient seed could not be obtained to complete the research. 'Lee 74' was used as the susceptible standard for all evaluations of parasitism and did not differ in its susceptibility to the *H. glycines* population used in this study (data not shown). Due to the destructive nature of the screening process, the  $F_2$  plants evaluated could not generate  $F_3$  families. Therefore, plants of  $F_{2,3}$  families ( $F_2$  derived  $F_3$  families) evaluated against *H. glycines* were obtained from a random sample of  $F_2$  seeds.

### *Development of Crosses, $F_1$ , and Segregating Progenies*

The crosses PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68', PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, and 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332 were made in May 1998 in the greenhouse. The reciprocal crosses 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 89772 and PI 89772  $\times$  PI 88788, were made to determine possible maternal effects. Insufficient seed of the PI 209332  $\times$  'Lee 68' were obtained. The same crosses also were made in the field during the 1998 growing season. Seeds from  $F_1$  plants were planted in the greenhouse and advanced to  $F_2$  in the winter of 1998/99.

The  $F_1$  plants were threshed individually and approximately 400  $F_2$  seeds were harvested from each cross. A portion of the  $F_2$  seeds was saved for evaluation against *H. glycines*, and the remaining planted and advanced to the  $F_3$  in the spring of 1999.

Each  $F_2$  generation was derived from a single  $F_1$  plant. A total of 150  $F_2$  plants were grown from the crosses PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68', PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, and 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332. Randomly selected plants were obtained from  $F_2$  plots to produce  $F_{2,3}$  families for each cross. The  $F_2$  plants from the three crosses, PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68', PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, and 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332, were harvested and threshed individually resulting in 98, 74, and 80  $F_3$  families, respectively.

### *Verification of $F_1$ Hybrids*

Flower color (when available) was used to verify that an  $F_1$  plant came from a cross and not a selfed plant. 'Lee 68', PI 89772, and PI 209332 have purple flowers, and PI 88788 has white flowers. Therefore, flower color was utilized in PI 89772  $\times$  PI 88788 cross, which segregated for flower color in the  $F_2$  and  $F_3$  generations.

The simple sequence repeat (SSR) marker BARC-Satt 307 (Cregan *et al.*, 1999a) was used to confirm that  $F_1$  plants were heterozygous plants instead of homozygous selfed plants. The hybrids analyzed were: PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772; PI 89772  $\times$  PI 88788; 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332; PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68'; 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 89772; PI 209332, PI 89772, PI 88788, and 'Lee 74'. Soybean DNA was extracted from small trifoliates following a modified CTAB method (Kisha *et al.*, 1997). The SSR marker analysis was done using the primer Satt 307, obtained from Research Genetics (Huntsville, Alabama). Amplification of DNA was done according to published procedures (Cregan and Quigley, 1997), and PCR products were separated in 3% metaphor agarose gel (FMC-Bio Products, Rockland, Maine).

### *Development of the Inbred Nematode Line and Inoculum*

An inbred population of *H. glycines* was developed on PI 88788 by sib matings (P.

Esbenshade, pers. comm.). A cyst was crushed and eggs and J2 were inoculated onto a PI 88788 root system. This plant was transferred to hydroponic culture where males could be collected from the bottom of the container. Upon development of immature females on the roots, the roots were excised so that one female was on each root piece. The root piece with one female was transferred onto agar in a petri plate. A male collected from the bottom of the hydroponic solution was placed next to the female, and the nematodes were allowed to mate. The female was then added to a plant growing in fine sand. Infection by second-stage juveniles (J2) was allowed to occur for several days, and then plants were placed in the hydroponic culture. This procedure was repeated for approximately 12 generations, producing a highly inbred line of *H. glycines*.

The inbred *H. glycines* population was maintained on 'Lee 74' soybean. Females were extracted by gravity screening using nested 850- $\mu\text{m}$  and 180- $\mu\text{m}$ -pore sieves (Cobb, 1918) followed by a modified (50% sucrose) centrifugal flotation technique (Jenkins, 1964), crushed, and eggs and J2 were added to 'Lee 74' soybean. Approximately 30 days after inoculation, females were harvested as described above, and the procedure repeated as needed to ensure fresh inoculum of eggs and J2 during the evaluation phase.

#### *Phenotype Evaluations and Genetic Study*

The phenotypic evaluation for *H. glycines* was made on parents, F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>3</sub> generations of the three crosses, PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68', PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, and 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332. The evaluation for *H. glycines* resistance was conducted in the greenhouse, from October 1999 to May 2000. Soil temperatures ranged from 24 to 28°C. The large number of plants evalu-

ated (ca. 8,000), precluded planting of soybean and processing of *H. glycines* females at the same time. Therefore, the parents, F<sub>1</sub>, F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>3</sub> plants were divided into sets containing 300-550 plants depending on the generation and cross evaluated.

PI 89772, PI 88788, and PI 209332, and the F<sub>1</sub> hybrids originating from crosses among these PIs as female parents, have a black seed coat. Some segregating progenies originated from the cross PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68' also had black seed coats. All seeds with a black seed coat were scarified prior to germination. Seeds were germinated on paper towels for 48 hours at room temperature, and then one seedling was transplanted into a 7 cm-diameter clay pot containing 200 cm<sup>3</sup> of sterilized sand. Each of the three crosses, parents and F<sub>1</sub> hybrids were evaluated in the same set of plants, and the F<sub>2</sub> and F<sub>3</sub> progenies were evaluated sequentially in sets. Controls during each evaluation consisted of one set of seven replications of the four differential lines ('Peking', 'Pickett 71', PI 88788, PI90763, (Golden *et al.*, 1970)), the susceptible 'Lee 74', and resistant parents PI 89772 and PI 209332. These lines were evaluated to monitor the reproductive index of the nematode population and also to serve as the "anchor" for the cluster analysis. Approximately 10 days after transplanting, pots were infested with 4010  $\pm$  68 eggs and J2/pot. The number of females on each plant was determined 30 days after inoculation.

Females were extracted using gravity sieving (Cobb, 1918). All females from each plant were counted using a stereoscopic microscope, and an index of parasitism (IP) was calculated where:

$$\text{IP} = (\text{number of females from candidate plant} / \text{number of females from 'Lee 74'}) \times 100.$$

### Data Analysis

For the genetic study, attempts were made to classify  $F_3$  families and parental genotypes into discrete groups of reaction to *H. glycines* based on the mean number of females per plant. Since discrete classification based on a quantitative variable such as the number of females per plant can be highly subjective, cluster analysis was done to provide an objective partitioning of the data (Johnson and Wichern, 1998). In the present study, segregation of  $F_2$  populations was investigated using cluster analysis (SAS, Inc., Cary, NC) based on means and standard errors of the mean of  $F_2$ -derived  $F_3$  families, rather than on single  $F_2$  plants (Sebastian and Nickell, 1985). Therefore, to define the ratio of homozygous or heterozygous  $F_2$  plants, 20  $F_3$  plants within each family of the three crosses (98  $F_3$  families from cross PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68', 74  $F_3$  families from cross PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, and 80  $F_3$  families from cross 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332) were planted. The means for number of females that developed for each  $F_3$  family in each of the three crosses was partitioned into classes to determine the genotype of the  $F_2$  plant produced by that family. Thus, it was possible to determine whether the  $F_3$  families were derived either from heterozygous or homozygous  $F_2$  plants.

The component of variance due to environment was estimated through the variance of the parents and  $F_1$  hybrids. To estimate this variance, seven replications of the parents, and at least nine replications for each  $F_1$  hybrid, were evaluated in each set of an experiment for a total of 10 sets for crosses PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68', PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, and 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332, and their progenies. Since there was only one replicate for each  $F_2$  plant, it was not possible to distinguish with accuracy the homozygous and heterozygous genotypes. The assumptions made for the present

research are based on  $F_3$  families with low mean and low variance, intermediate mean and high variance, and high mean with low variance, indicating that the  $F_3$  plants came from, respectively, homozygous resistant, heterozygous or segregating, and homozygous susceptible  $F_2$  plants.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The *H. glycines* inbred used in this study was identified as race 3 using the host differentials 'Peking', 'Pickett 71', PI 88788, and PI 90763, where the IPs were, respectively,  $0 \pm 0$ ,  $0 \pm 0$ ,  $5.6 \pm 0.9$ , and  $0 \pm 0$  (Riggs and Schmitt, 1988). This population was able to develop on PI 209332 (IP =  $17.5 \pm 5.1$ ), which was reported as resistant to race 3 (Diers *et al.* 1997), but did not develop on PI 89772 (IP =  $0 \pm 0$ ). Thus, the population also was classified as HG Type 5 (Niblack *et al.*, 2002). Based on the scheme of Schmitt and Shannon (1992), PI 209332 was classified as moderately resistant to this inbred population of *H. glycines*. The population of *H. glycines* was highly virulent on 'Lee 74' as shown by the high level of development ( $\bar{x} = 577 \pm 20$  females/plant) when inoculated with 4,010 eggs and J2.

The  $F_2$  populations for the three crosses (PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68', PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, and 'Lee 68'  $\times$  PI 209332) studied in the present research exhibited a wide range of reactions to the inbred population of *H. glycines* race 3. A two-gene model of one major gene and one minor gene was hypothesized to explain the expression of resistance in PI 89772, PI 88788, and PI 209332 as illustrated in Table 1. Whether the loci and alleles proposed in this study are the same as reported previously is not known. Molecular markers have been developed to identify quantitative trait loci conferring resistance to some races of *H. glycines* (Concibido *et al.*, 1997; Webb *et al.*, 1995; Yue *et al.*, 2001). The *rhgI* locus, which confers resistance to *H. glycines* race 3,

Table 1. Model for F<sub>2</sub> segregation and F<sub>3</sub> family means for resistance to *Heterodera glycines* race 3.<sup>z</sup>

F <sub>2</sub> Genotype	Frequency	Number of females/F <sub>2</sub> plant	F <sub>3</sub> family mean number of females	Variance of F <sub>3</sub> family mean number of females
<i>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	1/16	low	low	low
<i>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	2/16	low	low	low
<i>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	1/16	intermediate	intermediate	low
<i>Rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	2/16	intermediate	intermediate	high
<i>Rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	4/16	intermediate	intermediate	high
<i>Rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	2/16	intermediate	intermediate	high
<i>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	1/16	intermediate	intermediate	low
<i>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	2/16	high	high	low
<i>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub></i>	1/16	high	high	low

<sup>z</sup>Adapted from Sebastian and Nickell (1985). The model assumes the genotypes are *Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>Rhg<sub>x</sub>* and *rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>rhg<sub>x</sub>*, respectively, for the resistant and the susceptible parents.

on linkage group G has been confirmed in PI 88788 and PI 209332 used in this study, and the allele for partial resistance controlled 36% and 50% of the variation in PI 88788 and PI 209332, respectively (Caldwell *et al.*, 1960; Concibido *et al.*, 1997; Cregan *et al.*, 1999b). Studies also have identified other putative resistance loci on other linkage groups (Concibido *et al.*, 1994; Concibido *et al.*, 1996). However, data necessary to determine whether the gene in PI 89772 is *rhg1* was not conclusive (Yue *et al.*, 2001). Additionally, Yue *et al.* (2001) did not find the *Rhg4* locus on linkage group A2 in PI 89772 (Matthews *et al.*, 1998; Weisemann *et al.*, 1992), and concluded resistance at *Rhg4* was not required for race 3 or had a small, undetected effect. Therefore, symbols for *H. glycines* resistance genes are used but the genes are given the temporary labels *Rhg<sub>x</sub>* or *Rhg<sub>y</sub>* (Anon., 1997). The model assumes the genotypes of parents are *rhg<sub>x0?</sub>rhg<sub>x0?</sub>rhg<sub>y0?</sub>rhg<sub>y0?</sub>*, *Rhg<sub>x1?</sub>Rhg<sub>x1?</sub>Rhg<sub>y1?</sub>Rhg<sub>y1?</sub>*, *Rhg<sub>x2?</sub>Rhg<sub>x2?</sub>Rhg<sub>y2?</sub>Rhg<sub>y2?</sub>* and *Rhg<sub>x3?</sub>Rhg<sub>x3?</sub>Rhg<sub>y3?</sub>Rhg<sub>y3?</sub>*, respectively, for 'Lee 68', PI 89772, PI 88788, and PI 209332, with *Rhg<sub>x1?</sub>* dominant over *rhg<sub>x0?</sub>* and *Rhg<sub>y1?</sub>* dominant over *rhg<sub>y0?</sub>*, *Rhg<sub>x1?</sub>* dominant over

*Rhg<sub>x2?</sub>* and *Rhg<sub>y2?</sub>* dominant over *Rhg<sub>y1?</sub>*, *Rhg<sub>x3?</sub>* dominant over *rhg<sub>x0?</sub>* and *Rhg<sub>y3?</sub>* dominant over *rhg<sub>y0?</sub>*.

#### Verification of F<sub>1</sub> Hybrid Plants

Segregation for flower color was observed in the F<sub>2</sub> progenies for the cross PI 89772 × PI 88788, thus, confirming this population resulted from a successful cross. However, as expected, segregation of flower color was not present in the crosses PI 89772 × 'Lee 68' and 'Lee 68' × PI 209332.

The electrophoretogram (data not shown) using the marker BARC-Satt 307 showed one band for the parents PI 209332, PI 89772, PI 88788, and 'Lee 68', and for the F<sub>1</sub> hybrid PI 88788 × PI 89772. In contrast, two bands indicating successful crosses were observed for F<sub>1</sub> hybrids 'Lee 68' × PI 209332 and PI 89772 × 'Lee 68'.

Another indication that F<sub>2</sub> progenies came from a hybrid F<sub>1</sub> instead of a selfed plant was the wide segregation of reaction to the *H. glycines* race 3 population obtained in the F<sub>2</sub> generations in the three

crosses (Figs. 2A, 4A, and 6A). Since the  $F_2$  progenies represented a wide range of variability to *H. glycines*, the  $F_1$  plants resulted from a successful crossing.

#### Evaluation of Cross PI 89772 × 'Lee 68'

The mean number of females for the  $F_1$  hybrid PI 89772 × 'Lee 68' was  $318.0 \pm 58.7$  (IP =  $55.1 \pm 10.8$ ), and for the reciprocal hybrid, 'Lee 68' × PI 89772, the number of females was  $240.2 \pm 34.6$  (IP =  $41.6 \pm 6.0$ ). These two means did not differ ( $t = 1.10$ ;  $P = 0.29$ ), indicating no maternal effect in the inheritance of resistance in PI 89772 to *H. glycines* race 3. Therefore, an overall mean number of females,  $281.4 \pm 35.4$  (IP =  $48.7 \pm 6.4$ ), was calculated from all the 17  $F_1$  plants involved in the cross PI 89772 × 'Lee 68'. This number of females was intermediate to both parents (Fig. 1).

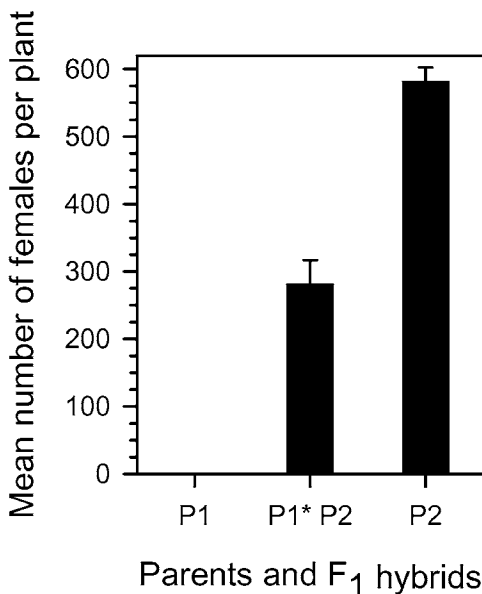


Fig. 1. Mean number of females per plant for parents PI 89772 (P1) and Lee 68 (P2), respectively, resistant and susceptible to *Heterodera glycines* race 3, and for the  $F_1$  hybrid PI 89772 × Lee 68. Bars indicate standard error of the mean.

The number of females that developed on the 222  $F_2$  progenies ranged from 0 to 678, with a frequency distribution (Fig. 2A) not normally distributed as expected ( $P = 0.0001$ ). The frequency distribution of 98  $F_3$  families, and the mean number of females and IPs for these families are presented in Figure 2B and Table 2, respectively. In both generations, a wide range of nematode development was observed. The initial cluster analysis revealed that the 98  $F_3$  families could be partitioned into two classes. The first class included 89  $F_3$  families with IPs ranging from 0 to 60, and the second class was comprised of nine  $F_3$  families with IPs greater than 60. This partition fits a 15:1 ratio based on  $F_3$  family means and not individual  $F_3$  plants ( $\chi^2 = 1.44$ ;  $P = 0.23$ ;  $R^2 = 0.32$ ), which supported a two-gene model. The 15:1 ratio was also supported ( $\chi^2 = 0.64$ ;  $P = 0.42$ ;  $R^2 = 0.75$ ) by cluster analysis of the 222  $F_2$  plants, which formed one group of 211 plants with IPs ranging from 0 to 90, and another group of 11 plants with IPs greater than 90. However, cluster analysis was used to further partition the 89  $F_3$  families of the "15 class" into three classes as follows: 7  $F_3$  families with  $0 \leq \text{IP} \leq 10$ , 14  $F_3$  families with  $10 \leq \text{IP} < 30$  and 68  $F_3$  families with  $30 \leq \text{IP} \leq 60$ . Consequently the 98  $F_3$  families from the cross PI 89772 × 'Lee 68' were grouped into four classes of reaction to *H. glycines* race 3. These four classes as shown in Table 2 are referred herein as resistant (R):  $0 \leq \text{IP} < 10$ ; moderately resistant (MR):  $10 \leq \text{IP} < 30$ ; moderately susceptible (MS):  $30 < \text{IP} \leq 60$ ; and susceptible (S):  $\text{IP} > 60$  (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992). The later partition, which accounted for most of the variability in  $F_3$  families ( $R^2 = 0.88$ ), fits a 12:2:1:1 segregation ratio (Table 5) and also suggests a model of two resistance genes ( $Rhg_{sl1}$  and  $Rhg_{sl2}$ ) from PI 89772. The IPs resulting from the cross PI 89772 × 'Lee 68' supported the proposal for ranking resistance



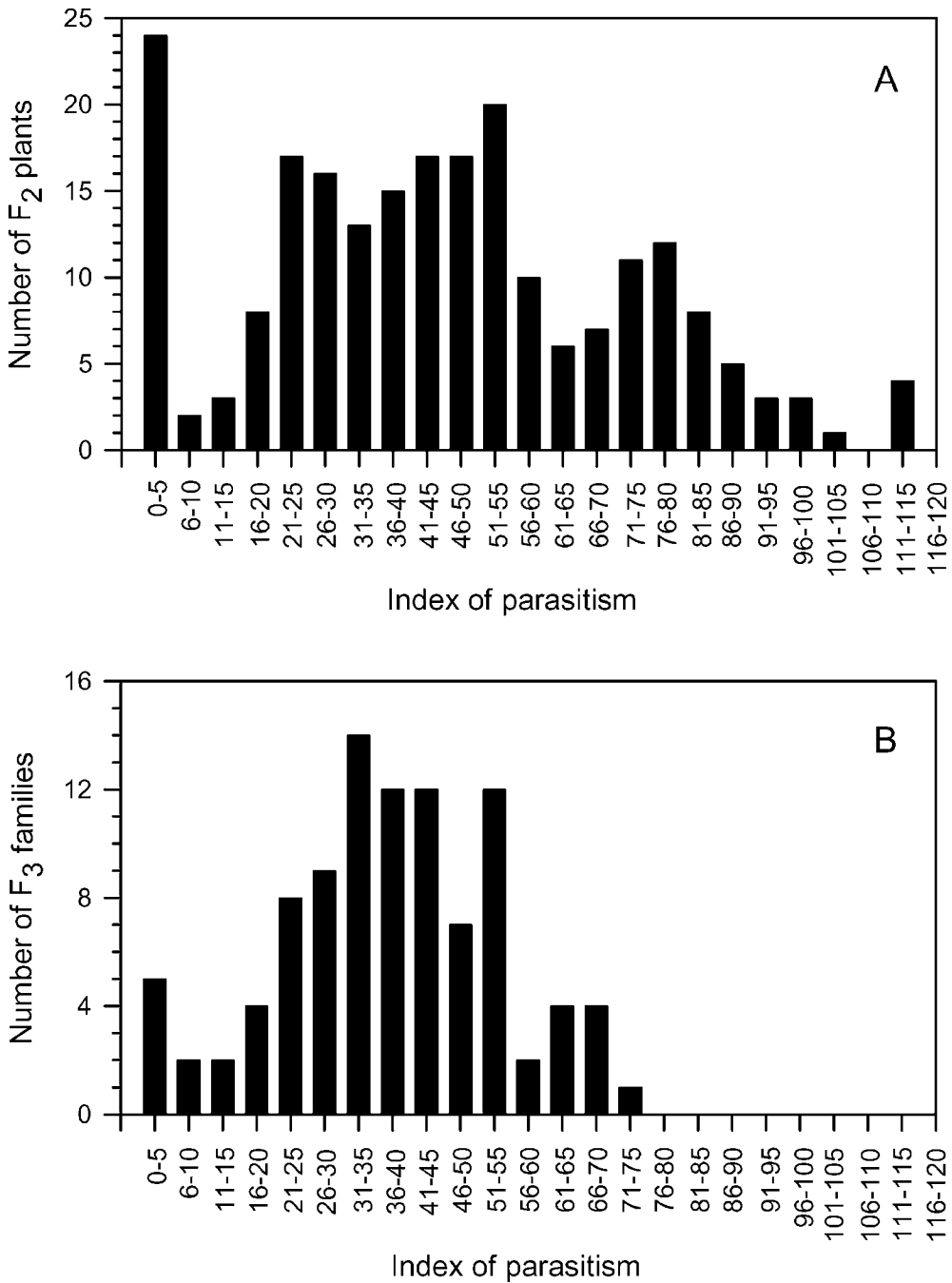


Fig. 2. (A) Frequency distribution of the index of parasitism (IP) of 222 F<sub>2</sub> soybean plants from the cross PI 89772 and Lee 68, resistant and susceptible, respectively, to *Heterodera glycines* race 3, where IP = [(number of females developed on the candidate plant)/(mean number of females developed on Lee 74) × 100]. (B) Frequency distribution of 98 F<sub>3</sub> families from the same cross.

Table 2. Partition of 98  $F_3$  families from the cross PI 89772 (resistant)  $\times$  'Lee 68' (susceptible) into four classes of reaction to *Heterodera glycines* race 3.<sup>y</sup>

$F_3$ Families	Index of parasitism ( $\bar{x} \pm S_x$ )	
	Resistant <sup>r</sup>	
1...7	0.2 $\pm$ 0.0	5.6 $\pm$ 2.5
	Moderately resistant	
8...21	16.0 $\pm$ 1.8	29.9 $\pm$ 4.9
	Moderately susceptible	
22...89	31.4 $\pm$ 4.1	61.1 $\pm$ 5.4
	Susceptible	
90...98	67.2 $\pm$ 6.6	79.1 $\pm$ 5.3

<sup>y</sup>Cluster analysis was based on  $F_3$  family means and standard error of the mean. The index of parasitism (IP) = (number of females developed on a candidate plant)/(mean number of females developed on 'Lee 74')  $\times$  100, and the mean number of females for the parents were 0.2  $\pm$  0.1 (IP = 0  $\pm$  0) and 506.3  $\pm$  9.9 (IP = 100.0  $\pm$  3.9), respectively, for PI 89772 and 'Lee 68'. <sup>r</sup>Classification of levels of resistance are defined as: resistant (R): 0  $\leq$  IP < 10; moderately resistant (MR): 10  $\leq$  IP < 30; moderately susceptible (MS): 30 < IP  $\leq$  60; and susceptible (S): IP > 60 (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992).

of soybean genotypes based on reproduction of *H. glycines* on host differentials (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992). The categorization of IPs of soybean cultivars as resistant, moderately resistant, moderately susceptible and susceptible to *H. glycines* are nearly identical to the cluster analysis resulting from crossing the immune PI 89772 with the susceptible 'Lee 68'.

#### Evaluation of Cross PI 88788 $\times$ PI 89772

The mean number of females for the  $F_1$  hybrid (PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772) was 22.3  $\pm$  2.6 (IP = 3.9  $\pm$  0.5), and this result was different ( $t = 3.7$ ;  $P = 0.001$ ) from that of the reciprocal hybrid, 38.0  $\pm$  3.5 (IP = 6.6  $\pm$  0.6). Since the environmental variances data for these reciprocal crosses were low,

the difference for these two hybrids indicates a maternal effect in the inheritance of resistance of PI 88788 to *H. glycines* race 3 (Fig. 3). This result contrasts with the cross PI 89772  $\times$  'Lee 68' in which no maternal effect was observed. The mean number of females for the  $F_1$  hybrid from the cross PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772 (22.3  $\pm$  2.6) was closer to the PI 88788 parent (32.1  $\pm$  8.0; Fig. 3).

In the  $F_2$  generation for the cross PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772, the number of females varied from 0 to 100, with a skewed distribution ( $P = 0.0001$ ) toward the most resistant parent PI 89772 (Fig. 4A). The partition of the 74  $F_3$  families using cluster analysis resulted in two classes: the first included 69  $F_3$  families with IPs ranging from 0 to 17, and the second class grouped five  $F_3$  families with IPs ranging from 20 to 30 (Table 3). This partition fits a 15:1 ratio ( $\chi^2 = 0.03$ ;

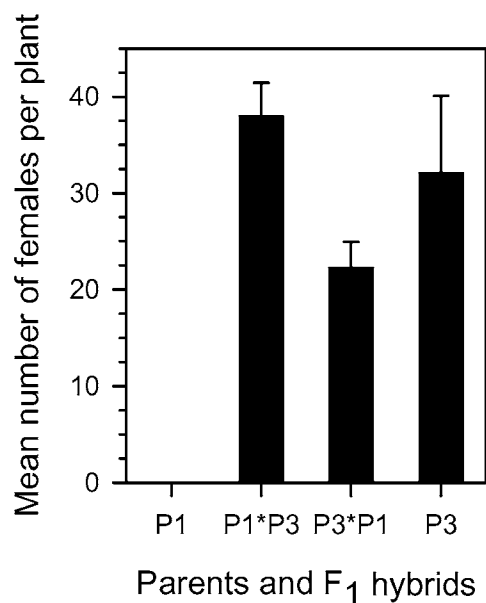


Fig. 3. Mean number of females per plant for parents PI 89772 (P1), and PI 88788 (P3), two lines resistant to *Heterodera glycines* race 3, and  $F_1$  hybrids PI 89772  $\times$  PI 88788 (P1  $\times$  P3), and PI 88788  $\times$  PI 89772 (P3  $\times$  P1). Bars indicate standard error of the mean.

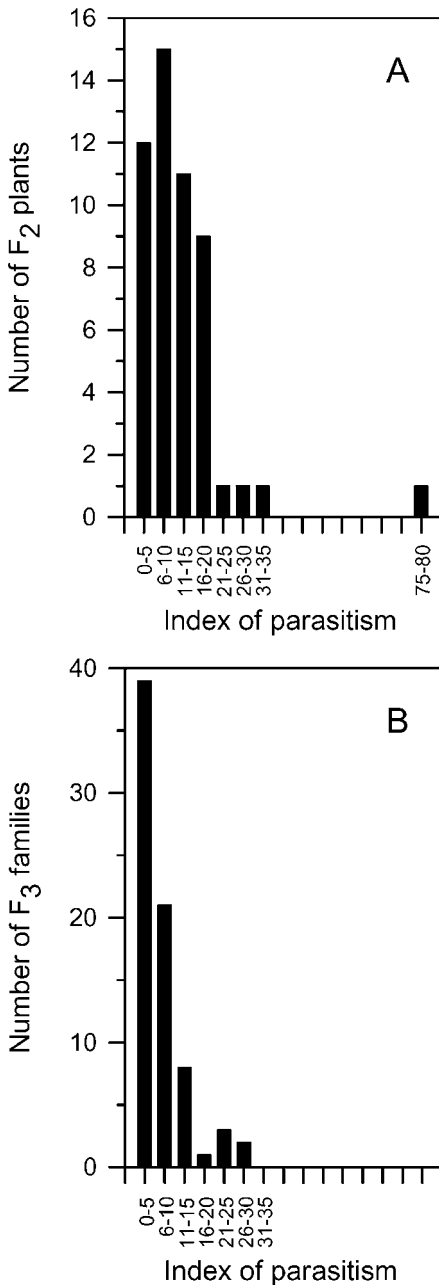


Fig. 4. (A) Frequency distribution of the index of parasitism (IP) of 164 F<sub>2</sub> soybean plants from the cross PI 89772 and PI 88788, two lines resistant to *Heterodera glycines* race 3, where IP = [(number of females developed on the candidate plant)/(mean number of females developed on 'Lee 74') × 100]. (B) Frequency distribution of 74 F<sub>3</sub> families from the same cross.

$P = 0.86$ ;  $R^2 = 0.87$ ; Table 5) based on F<sub>3</sub> family means and not individual F<sub>3</sub> plants. Results from the analysis of F<sub>3</sub> families also were supported by the analysis of 164 F<sub>2</sub> plants, although to a lesser extent ( $\chi^2 = 5.47$ ;  $P = 0.02$ ;  $R^2 = 0.92$ ). Since both parents (PI 89772 and PI 88788) had different levels of resistance, the phenotypic classes formed from the cross PI 88788 × PI 89772 are not as diverse as the ones formed in the cross PI 89772 × 'Lee 68', due to the narrow range of IPs for *H. glycines* (Fig. 4B). The cluster analysis resulted in two groups (resistant and moderately resistant) and the coefficient of variation ( $R^2$ ) explained 87% of the variation in the F<sub>3</sub> families (Table 5). This model suggests both parents share the same two loci ( $Rhg_x$  and  $Rhg_y$ ) for resistance to *H. glycines*, but have different alleles. Results reported herein are not in complete agreement with previous reports indicating PI 88788 has two dominant genes

Table 3. Partition of 74 F<sub>3</sub> families from the cross PI 88788 × PI 89772, both resistant to *Heterodera glycines* race 3, into two classes of resistance.<sup>y</sup>

F <sub>3</sub> Families	Index of parasitism ( $\bar{x} \pm S_x$ )	
	Resistant to lower	moderately resistant <sup>t</sup>
1...69	0.0 ± 0.0	... 16.8 ± 5.9
	Upper moderately resistant	
70...74	20.8 ± 2.1	... 30.2 ± 3.5

<sup>y</sup>Cluster analysis was based on F<sub>3</sub> family means and standard error of the mean. The index of parasitism (IP) = (number of females developed on the candidate plant)/(mean number of females developed on 'Lee 74') × 100, and the mean number of females for the parents were 0.4 ± 0.2 (IP = 0.1 ± and 18.2 ± 2.5 (IP = 5.9 ± 0.8), respectively, for PI 89772 and PI 88788.

<sup>t</sup>Classification of levels of resistance are defined as: resistant (R): 0 ≤ IP < 10; moderately resistant (MR): 10 ≤ IP < 30; moderately susceptible (MS): 30 < IP ≤ 60; and susceptible (S): IP > 60 (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992).

Table 4. Partition of 80 F<sub>3</sub> families from the cross 'Lee 68' (susceptible) × PI 209332 (moderately resistant), into four classes of reaction to *Heterodera glycines* race 3.<sup>†</sup>

F <sub>3</sub> Families	Index of parasitism ( $\bar{x} \pm S_x$ )	
	Upper resistant to lower moderately resistant <sup>‡</sup>	
1...4	8.0 ± 0.9	17.7 ± 1.7
	Upper moderately resistant to mid moderately susceptible	
5...57	21.6 ± 3.0	47.8 ± 3.4
	Upper moderately susceptible to mid susceptible	
58...77	50.7 ± 6.2	76.1 ± 5.1
	Upper susceptible	
78...80	83.5 ± 4.7	88.0 ± 6.2

<sup>†</sup>Cluster analysis was based on F<sub>3</sub> family means and standard error of the mean. The index of parasitism (IP) = (number of females developed on a candidate plant)/(mean number of females developed on 'Lee 74') × 100, and the mean number of females for the parents were 418.7 ± 30.5 (IP = 100.0 ± 7.3) and 68.2 ± 9.9 (IP = 16.3 ± 2.4), respectively, for 'Lee 68' and PI 209332.

<sup>‡</sup>Classification of levels of resistance are defined as: resistant (R): 0 ≤ IP < 10; moderately resistant (MR): 10 ≤ IP < 30; moderately susceptible (MS): 30 < IP ≤ 60; and susceptible (S): IP > 60 (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992).

(*Rhg<sub>1</sub>* and *Rhg<sub>2</sub>*) and one recessive (*rhg*) that confer resistance to race 3 (Rao-Arelli and Anand, 1988; Myers and Anand, 1991; Rao-Arelli *et al.*, 1992.). Those reports relied on the "10 per cent rule" (Golden *et al.*, 1970) for resistance vs. susceptibility and used selected but not inbred nematode lines. Analysis of the PI 88788 × 'Lee 68' cross using the inbred *H. glycines* race 3 would provide additional insight into the total number of genes and gene action that controls resistance in this widely used source of resistance to *H. glycines*.

#### Evaluation of Cross 'Lee 68' × PI 209332

The mean number of females for the F<sub>1</sub> hybrid was 170.7 ± 27.6 (IP = 31.1 ± 5.0), which is closer to the PI 209332 parent (Fig. 5). A total of 176 F<sub>2</sub> plants was evaluated from this cross. The range in number of females developed per plant was large, varying from 6 to 692. The frequency distribution of the F<sub>2</sub> plants was skewed ( $P = 0.0001$ ) toward the moderately resistant parent PI 209332 (Fig. 6A). The frequency distribution of the 80 F<sub>3</sub> families for this cross (Fig. 6B) was almost normal ( $P = 0.035$ ). The partition of the 80 F<sub>3</sub> families derived from cluster analysis is presented in Table 4. Initially, partitioning the 80 F<sub>3</sub> families using cluster analysis formed two different classes: one class with four F<sub>3</sub> families with IPs ranging from 0 to 20, and the second class with 76 F<sub>3</sub> families with IPs ranging from 21 to 88. This partition fits a 15:1 ratio ( $\chi^2 = 0.21$ ;  $P = 0.64$ ;  $R^2 = 0.75$ ) based on F<sub>3</sub> family means but not individual F<sub>3</sub> plants and supported a two-gene model. The F<sub>2</sub> analysis utilizing the 15:1 ratio supported the F<sub>3</sub> partition ( $\chi^2 = 3.49$ ;  $P = 0.061$ ;  $R^2 = 0.78$ ). Additional analysis further partitioned the 76 F<sub>3</sub> families into groups of 54, 19 and 3 F<sub>3</sub> families. The 80 F<sub>3</sub> families were partitioned into four classes of reaction to *H. glycines* race 3, classified herein as: a) upper-R to lower-MR, where IP = 8-20; b) upper-MR to Mid-MS, where IP = 21-50; c) upper-MS to mid-S, where IP = 51-80; and d) upper-S, where IP > 80 (Table 4). The entire group of 80 F<sub>3</sub> families fit the ratio 9:5:1:1 and explained the most variability ( $R^2 = 0.93$ ) for the F<sub>3</sub> families in this cross (Table 5 and Fig. 6) and also supported a two-gene model.

Since the crosses PI 209332 × PI 89772 and PI 209332 × PI 88788 were not analyzed in this research, it was not possible to determine if PI 209332 may have gene(s) in common with both PI 89772 and PI

Table 5. Models for inheritance of soybean resistance to *Heterodera glycines* race 3, based on the reaction of 98, 74, and 80 F<sub>3</sub> families, respectively, from crosses PI 89772 (resistant) × ‘Lee 68’ (susceptible), PI 88788 (resistant) × PI 89772, and ‘Lee 68’ × PI 209332 (moderately resistant), as determined by cluster analysis.<sup>a</sup>

Cross	Genetic model <sup>b</sup>	Observed/expected ratio	$\chi^2$	<i>P</i> value	<i>R</i> <sup>2c</sup>
PI 89772 × ‘Lee 68’	12:2:1:1 <sup>s</sup>	68:14:7:9/74:12:6:6	2.14	0.54	0.88
PI 88788 × PI 89772	15:1 <sup>r</sup>	69:5/69.4:4.6	0.03	0.86	0.87
‘Lee 68’ × PI 209332	9:5:1:1 <sup>r</sup>	54:19:3:4/45:25:5:5	4.24	0.24	0.93

<sup>a</sup>The analysis was based on F<sub>3</sub> family means and standard error of the mean, although the reaction classes are described here in terms of index of parasitism (IP), where IP = (number of females developed on a candidate plant)/(mean number of females developed on ‘Lee 74’) × 100.

<sup>b</sup>The models assume the genotype of parents are  $rhg_{S_{01}}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}$ , and  $Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}$ , respectively, for Lee 68, PI 89772, PI 88788, and PI 209332, with  $Rhg_{S_{11}}$  dominant over  $Rhg_{S_{21}}$  and  $Rhg_{S_{21}}$  dominant over  $Rhg_{S_{31}}$ .

<sup>c</sup>*R*<sup>2</sup> = proportion of variation explained by the suggested partition.

<sup>s</sup> $Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01} + Rhg_{S_{11}}, rhg_{01} - + rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, Rhg_{S_{11}} - = 12/16$  [moderately susceptible (MS): 30 ≤ IP ≤ 60];  $Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, rhg_{01} = 2/16$  [moderately resistant (MR): 10 ≤ IP < 30];  $Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}} = 1/16$  [resistant (R): 0 ≤ IP < 10]; and  $rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01} = 1/16$  [susceptible (S): IP > 60] (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992).

<sup>r</sup> $Rhg_{S_{11}} - - - + Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{21}} - Rhg_{S_{21}} = 15/16$  [R to lower-MR (10 ≤ IP < 20, i.e., PI 209332-type of reaction)]; and  $Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}} = 1/16$  [upper-MR (20 ≤ IP < 30)] (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992).

<sup>r</sup> $Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}} - rhg_{01} + Rhg_{S_{31}}, rhg_{01}, Rhg_{S_{31}} - = 9/16$  [upper-MR to mid-MS (40 ≤ IP ≤ 50)];  $Rhg_{S_{31}}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01} + rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, Rhg_{S_{31}} - = 5/16$  [upper-MS (50 < IP ≤ 60) to mid-S];  $rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01}, rhg_{01} = 1/16$  [upper-S (IP > 80)]; and  $Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}} = 1/16$  [upper-R (8 ≤ IP < 10, i.e., PI 88788-type of reaction) to lower-MR] (Schmitt and Shannon, 1992).

88788. However, the simplest model would explain that the same loci identified in the crosses PI 89772 × ‘Lee 68’ and PI 88788 × PI 89772 confer resistance in PI 209332 parent. Therefore, the major gene  $Rhg_{S_{11}}$  and minor gene  $Rhg_{S_{21}}$  from parents PI 89772 and PI 88788, were considered as different alleles ( $Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}$ ), which confer a moderate level of resistance to PI 209332.

Bartlett’s test for homogeneity of variance (Gomez and Gomez, 1984) was used to estimate the environmental standard error of the mean number of females per plant, based on variance of parents and F<sub>1</sub> hybrids. The various estimates were as follows: 27.4 ( $\chi^2 = 7.92$ ; *P* = 0.0190), 2.5 ( $\chi^2 = 5.54$ ; *P* = 0.0628) and 15.1 ( $\chi^2 = 0.33$ ; *P* = 0.8463), respectively, for PI 89772 × ‘Lee 68’, PI 88788 × PI 89772, and ‘Lee 68’ × PI 209332. Since these three estimates were not homogeneous ( $\chi^2 = 87.29$ ; *P* < 0.0001)

no attempt was made to combine them into a pooled estimate of the component of variance due to the environment. Results from this analysis clearly indicated that the sensitivity of resistant genotypes to the environment is different from that of susceptible genotypes (Figs. 1, 3, and 5). Differing sensitivity to environment questions the common practice of estimating the component of variance due to the environment from the variances of parents and F<sub>1</sub> hybrids, a practice that assumes that all genotypes are equally sensitive to the environment, which is not true (Falconer, 1996).

Assuming the genotypes of the three resistant parents, PI 89772, PI 88788 and PI 209332, carry the homozygous genes  $Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{11}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}, Rhg_{S_{21}}$ , and  $Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}, Rhg_{S_{31}}$ , respectively, and also applying the two gene model for these parents as outlined in Table 1, several geno-

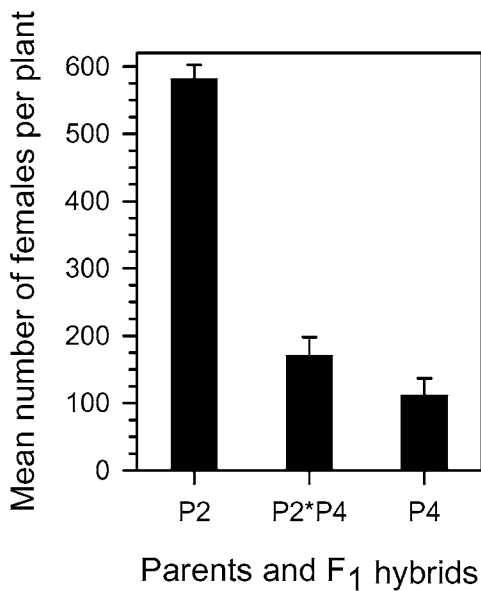


Fig. 5. Mean number of females per plant for parents Lee 68 (P2), and PI 209332 (P4), respectively, susceptible and moderately resistant to *Heterodera glycines* race 3, and for the F<sub>1</sub> hybrid Lee 68 × PI 209332 (P2 × P4). Bars indicate standard error of the mean.

types for the offspring from each cross studied in this research are presented in Table 5. To understand how the *H. glycines* resistant gene model functions in the proposed models for the three crosses, a major gene (*Rhg*) and minor (*Rhg*) were assigned to the parents and the genotypes for the crosses PI 89772 × 'Lee 68', PI 88788 × PI 89772, and 'Lee 68' × PI 209332 are as shown on Table 5. The model of two resistant genes for PI 89772 and PI 209332 proposed in this research indicates that a major and minor gene not a dominant and recessive (*Rhg*, *rhg*) confer resistance (Rao-Arelli, 1994). However, the F<sub>2</sub> results suggesting the dominant and recessive model were not supported by F<sub>3</sub> family partitioning obtained within the same cross. Cluster analysis reported herein resulted in sets within F<sub>3</sub> families, in which the homozygous resistant families have low means of females and low

variance; heterozygous or segregating families have intermediate means of females and high variance, and the homozygous susceptible families have high means of females and low variance. The array of phenotypes obtained from crosses between these genotypes may have intermediate levels of either resistance or susceptibility, depending on how one gene interacts in the presence or absence of the other. Categorizing soybean response to *H. glycines* based on single F<sub>2</sub> plants is not as precise as using data obtained from F<sub>3</sub> families. The results reported herein used means and standard error of the mean in the F<sub>3</sub> families arrayed according to cluster analysis, and grouped genotypes as  $Rhg_{s1?}rhg_{s0?}Rhg_{s1?}rhg_{s0?}$  and  $Rhg_{s1?}rhg_{s0?}Rhg_{s1?}Rhg_{s1?}$  or  $Rhg_{s3?}rhg_{s0?}Rhg_{s3?}rhg_{s0?}$  and  $Rhg_{s3?}Rhg_{s3?}Rhg_{s3?}Rhg_{s3?}$ . Cluster analysis was important in avoiding grouping of discrete levels of resistance into qualitative phenotypes based on arbitrary definitions of resistance and susceptibility. Since the three crosses produced a non-significant Chi-square ratio of 15:1, the data herein suggest a duplicate dominant epistatic gene effect for the resistant genes for the PIs between the two loci as opposed to dominant and recessive epistasis, ratio 13:3, reported previously (Rao-Arelli, 1994).

The two-gene model provided the best explanation of the data obtained in the research reported herein. The three parents studied in this research have at least two genes that confer resistance to *H. glycines*. One gene acts as a major gene (*Rhg*) and the other acts as a minor gene (*Rhg*) in conferring resistance of the parents PI 89772 ( $Rhg_{s1?}Rhg_{s1?}Rhg_{s1?}Rhg_{s1?}$ ), and PI 209332 ( $Rhg_{s3?}Rhg_{s3?}Rhg_{s3?}Rhg_{s3?}$ ) to *H. glycines* race 3. The same genes may occur in PI 209332 as in PI 89772, but support for this hypothesis must be obtained by studying the cross PI 209332 × PI 89772. The same major ( $Rhg_{s1?}Rhg_{s1?}$ ) and minor ( $Rhg_{s1?}Rhg_{s1?}$ ) genes occur in PI 89772

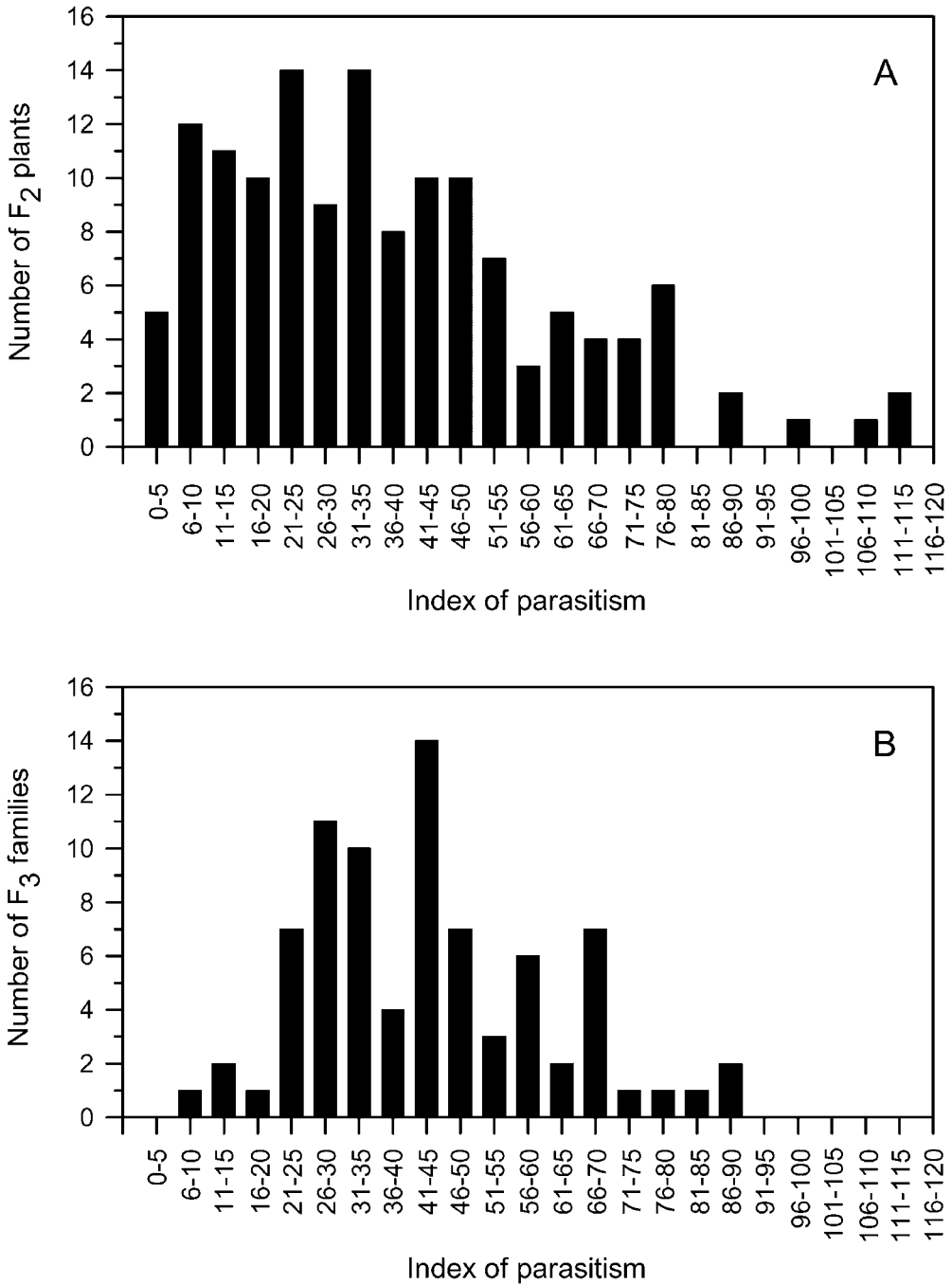


Fig. 6. (A) Frequency distribution of the index of parasitism (IP) of 176 F<sub>2</sub> soybean plants from the cross PI 209332 × Lee 68, moderately resistant and susceptible, respectively, to *Heterodera glycines* race 3, where IP = [(number of females developed on the candidate plant) / (mean number of females developed on Lee 74) × 100]. (B) Frequency distribution of 80 F<sub>3</sub> families from the same cross.

( $Rhg_{x1}$ ,  $Rhg_{y1}$ ,  $Rhg_{x1}$ ,  $Rhg_{y1}$ ) and PI 88788 ( $Rhg_{x2}$ ,  $Rhg_{y2}$ ,  $Rhg_{x2}$ ,  $Rhg_{y2}$ ). Also, the phenotypic ratios obtained in this research indicate epistasis occurs between gene  $Rhg_x$  and gene  $Rhg_y$ .

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