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4	Mutagenesis of wheat powdery mildew reveals a single gene
5	controlling both NLR and tandem kinase-mediated immunity
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16 Abstract

17 Blumeria graminis f. sp. tritici (Bgt) is a globally important fungal wheat pathogen. Some 18 wheat genotypes contain powdery mildew resistance (Pm) genes, encoding immune 19 receptors that recognize specific fungal-secreted effectors proteins, then defined as 20 avirulence (Avr) factors. Identifying Avr factors is vital for understanding the mechanisms, 21 function, and durability of wheat resistance. Here, we present AvrXpose, an approach to 22 identify Avr genes in Bqt by generating gain-of-virulence mutants on Pm genes. We first 23 identified six Bat mutants with gain of virulence on Pm3b and Pm3c. They all had point 24 mutations, deletions or insertions of transposable elements within the corresponding 25 AvrPm3^{b2/c2} gene or its promoter region. We further selected six mutants on Pm3a, aiming to identify the yet unknown AvrPm3^{a3} recognized by Pm3a, in addition to the previously 26 27 described AvrPm3^{a2/f2}. Surprisingly, *Pm3a* virulence in the obtained mutants was always 28 accompanied by an additional gain of virulence on the unrelated tandem kinase resistance 29 gene WTK4. No virulence towards 11 additional R genes tested was observed, indicating 30 that the gain of virulence was specific for Pm3a and WTK4. Several independently 31 obtained *Pm3a-WTK4* mutants have mutations in *Bgt-646*, a gene encoding a putative, 32 non-secreted ankyrin repeat-containing protein. Gene expression analysis suggests that 33 Bqt-646 regulates a subset of effector genes. We conclude that Bqt-646 is a common 34 factor required for avirulence on both a specific NLR and a WTK immune receptor. Our

- 35 findings suggest that, beyond effectors, another type of pathogen protein can control the
- 36 race-specific interaction between powdery mildew and wheat.
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39 Introduction

40 Plant pathogens secrete effector proteins that interfere with host metabolism and suppress its immune response (Dodds and Rathjen 2010; Lo Presti et al. 2015). Host 41 42 resistance (R) genes encode intracellular receptors that directly or indirectly recognize 43 pathogen effectors. This recognition results in effector-triggered immunity (ETI; Jones and 44 Dangl, 2006), and frequently culminates in a hypersensitive response (HR) and cell death. 45 Recognized effectors are also called avirulence (Avr) effectors and are considered 46 disadvantageous for the pathogen. Consequently, strong host resistance results in an 47 efficient selection for mutated (or deleted) effectors, or reduced effector expression to avoid recognition (Lo Presti et al. 2015; Sánchez-Vallet et al. 2018). Thus, there is a trade-48 49 off between avoidance of recognition and the loss of effector gene function, which could 50 result in a fitness cost (Sánchez-Vallet et al. 2018).

51 Powdery mildews form one of the most widespread group of plant pathogens, infecting 52 an estimated 10,000 plant species (Takamatsu 2004). Among them are crop plants, 53 including bread wheat, infected by wheat powdery mildew (Blumeria graminis f. sp. tritici, 54 Bqt) (Sánchez-Martín, Bourras, and Keller 2018). Powdery mildews are obligate biotrophic, 55 highly specialized pathogens that need living host tissue to proliferate. Previous work on 56 the wheat-Bgt pathosystem mostly focused on R genes encoding nucleotide-binding 57 leucine-rich repeat (NLR) immune receptors. One of the most studied NLR-encoding R 58 genes conferring resistance to Bqt is the allelic series Pm3 (Yahiaoui, Brunner, and Keller

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59 2006). It has been shown that different Pm3 allelic variants recognize sequence-unrelated effectors of *Bqt*. Pm3a and Pm3f recognize the same Avr, AvrPm3^{a2/f2} (Bourras et al. 2015), 60 61 while Pm3b and Pm3c recognize AvrPm3^{b2/c2} (Bourras et al. 2019). Pm3a and Pm3b have 62 an extended resistance spectrum compared to their companion alleles, Pm3f and Pm3c, 63 respectively (Stirnweis et al. 2014). Brunner et al. (2010) tested a large set of Bat isolates 64 and found that *Pm3a*-mediated resistance against 454 isolates, including all 173 isolates 65 avirulent on *Pm3f*, thus exhibiting an extended resistance spectrum compared to *Pm3f*. 66 Similarly, the *Pm3b* allele showed broader resistance than the narrow-spectrum *Pm3c* 67 allele. Genetic analysis in mapping populations suggested the existence of additional 68 pathogen components involved in different Pm3-AvrPm3 interactions, which may explain 69 the differences in the resistance spectra of the Pm3 alleles (Bourras et al. 2015, 2016). The 70 *Pm3-AvrPm3* interaction is further complicated by the presence of a suppressor gene of 71 avirulence in some mildew isolates (SvrPm3; Bourras et al. 2015; Parlange et al. 2015), 72 which was proposed to encode a general factor involved in all AvrPm3-Pm3 interactions 73 by masking the presence of AvrPm3 effectors, thus blocking a resistance response. In 74 addition, AvrPm3^{a2/f2} is present in multiple copies in different Bqt isolates (Müller et al. 75 2019). Pm3-AvrPm3 is not a unique case of a non-canonical gene-for-gene interaction: it 76 has been reported for other R genes, such as Pm1a (Hewitt et al. 2021; Kloppe et al. 2023), 77 that multiple pathogen components determine the interaction with the host. 78 In recent years, novel types of immune receptors have been described to confer race-

specific resistance in wheat (Sánchez-Martín and Keller 2021). These include, in the case 5

80 of wheat powdery mildew, tandem kinase proteins such as Pm24 (Lu et al. 2020) and WTK4 81 (Gaurav et al. 2022), and other kinase-fusion proteins, such as Pm4 (Sánchez-Martín et al. 82 2021). However, little is known about how these novel proteins function at the molecular 83 level. Rpg1, identified by Brueggeman et al. (2002), is the most studied tandem kinase 84 protein. It confers race-specific resistance to stem rust in barley and was observed to be 85 phosphorylated and degraded upon infection with avirulent rust spores. Two rust proteins, 86 a fibronectin type III and breast cancer type 1 susceptibility protein and a vacuolar protein, 87 were described as determinants of Rpg1 phosphorylation and hypersensitive response in 88 resistant cultivars (Nirmala et al. 2011). However, there is limited knowledge about the recognition mechanisms of other tandem kinase or kinase-fusion proteins and the specific 89 90 pathogen components with which they interact (Klymiuk et al. 2021). The identification of 91 the Avr components recognized by unconventional R proteins is essential for 92 understanding the activation of the plant immune system by these novel immune 93 receptors.

All *Bgt* Avr effectors identified to date are small (less than 159 amino acids), have a signal peptide, conserved cysteine residues at defined positions, and all share a predicted or confirmed RNAse-like 3D structure (McNally et al. 2018; Bourras et al. 2016, 2019; Praz et al. 2017; Cao et al. 2023). Genomic and transcriptomic GWAS, QTL mapping and effector benchmarking have been used to identify *Avr* genes in cereal powdery mildews. However, these methods have some limitations, such as the need to maintain and sequence large populations, the bias given by the reference genome(s), and the requirement for genetic

101 variability and recombination at the Avr loci. The lack of stable transformation protocols 102 for Bqt further hampers Avr identification and characterization. In other classes of obligate 103 fungal pathogens, some attempts have been made to obtain mutants with gain of 104 virulence: for example, by ethyl-methane sulfonate (EMS) treatment in wheat rusts and 105 barley powdery mildew (Sherwood, Slutsky, and Somerville 1991). EMS mutagenesis 106 allowed the identification of AvrSr35 in stem rust (Salcedo et al. 2017) while spontaneous 107 mutants contributed to the identification of AvrSr50 (Chen et al. 2017) and AvrSr27 108 (Upadhyaya et al. 2021). Recently, ultraviolet light (UV) mutagenesis has been used in 109 quasi-evolutionary experiments to study induced mutations involved in fungal viability 110 and pathogenesis in barley powdery mildew (Barsoum et al. 2020), but mutagenesis has 111 not been used to identify Avr factors in cereal powdery mildews.

112 In this work, we aimed to establish a methodology to identify Avr factors using UV 113 mutagenesis to circumvent some limitations of the other Avr identification approaches. As 114 a proof of concept, we first demonstrate the efficiency of our approach by identifying six and two mutants of the AvrPm3^{b2/c2} and AvrPm3^{a2/f2} avirulence genes, respectively, 115 116 revealing different molecular mechanisms of escape from recognition. Further, since 117 mutants virulent on Pm3f did not gain virulence on Pm3a, we used a Pm3f-virulent mutant 118 as a background to apply AvrXpose to the case of Pm3a, identifying six Pm3a virulent 119 mutants. Finally, we show that our approach can identify a pathogen factor controlling 120 avirulence on two different types of R genes, an NLR and a WTK. We conclude that classical

- 121 Avr effectors are only one type of pathogen factors contributing to the specificity of R-Avr
- 122 interactions.

123 **Results**

124 <u>Gain-of-virulence Bgt mutants on Pm3b and Pm3c generated by ultraviolet mutagenesis</u>

125 reveal different mechanisms of escape from recognition

We wanted to establish a pipeline based on UV irradiation to induce mutations in genes controlling avirulence on different alleles of the *Pm3* gene. We developed an approach which we named "AvrXpose". In three rounds, we mutagenized and propagated the *Bgt* isolate CHE_96224, avirulent on all tested *Pm3* alleles, on the powdery mildew susceptible line Kanzler. Mutagenized spore mixtures were then used to infect near-isogenic lines (NILs) containing one of the *R* genes *Pm3a*, *Pm3b*, *Pm3c*, *Pm3d*, *Pm3f* or a transgenic line containing *Pm3e* (E#2) to select *Pm3* allele gain-of-virulence mutants (**Figure 1**).

133 Since virulence to *Pm3c* was suggested to be determined by only one avirulence 134 component (AvrPm3^{b2/c2}; Bourras et al. 2015, 2019), we assumed that a gain of virulence 135 on *Pm3c* would result from a single mutation in the known *Avr*. Hence, we first tested the 136 feasibility of our method by identifying AvrPm3^{b2/c2} mutants. In addition, we also wanted 137 to determine if it was feasible to obtain mutants virulent on Pm3b, since it shows broader resistance than Pm3c (Stirnweis et al. 2014; Brunner et al. 2010). We obtained six 138 139 independent *Bat* mutants with simultaneous gain of virulence on both *Pm3b* and *Pm3c* 140 (hereafter, 3BC mutants) by selecting them on wheat lines containing either Pm3b or Pm3c 141 (Figure 2A). Notably, the 3BC mutants remained avirulent on the other Pm3 alleles tested 142 (Pm3a, Pm3d, Pm3e and Pm3f; Supplementary Figure S1). To further investigate the

specificity of the gain of virulence on other *Pm* resistance genes, we also infected NILs containing *Pm1a*, *Pm2*, *Pm4a*, *Pm4b*, *Pm8*, *Pm24* and three *Aegilops tauschii* lines containing *WTK4* with the mutants. We confirmed that the 3BC mutants were still avirulent on them as well, with the exception of *Pm1a* and *Pm8*, for which the parental isolate CHE_96224 is virulent (**Supplementary Figure S1**). This demonstrates that the mutants are affected specifically in avirulence to *Pm3b* and *Pm3c*.

149 Next, we wanted to determine the genetic cause of the gain of virulence. Illumina whole-150 genome sequencing followed by single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) calling to the 151 wild-type, non-mutated Bqt isolate CHE_96224, revealed between 253 and 975 SNPs and 152 small (<7 bp) InDels per Bqt isolate (**Table 1**). Among these SNPs, 41 to 503 were unique 153 mutations, i.e., present only in one mutant of the same mutant group (Table 1, 154 Supplementary Tables S1, S2, S3). We observed that the discrepancy between total and 155 unique SNPs was mostly due to SNP calling artefacts. In transposable element (TE)-rich, 156 repetitive, or low sequencing depth regions, there was a certain level of heterozygosity 157 and ambiguous mapping in the reads of all Bgt mutants, which led to some wrong SNP calling. Nonetheless, we eliminated most of these cases by filtering for unique mutations. 158 159 This issue was previously encountered by Barsoum et al. (2020), who also filtered 160 mutations by uniqueness and visually inspected all variants individually to exclude false 161 positives.

162 Additionally, we searched for gene deletions by examining the average depth of 163 sequencing coverage as well as TE insertions using the TE detection software *detettore*

164 (Stritt and Roulin 2021). We then compared all the variants from the six mutants with each165 other and examined the mutation overlap.

166 All 3BC mutants had a mutant variant in (or near) the known AvrPm3^{b2/c2} gene (Figure 2A, 167 Supplementary Table S4). Mutant 3BC_1 had a 1 base pair (bp) deletion in the gene's 168 coding sequence, causing a frameshift and a premature STOP codon at amino acid 169 position 67. Sequence coverage analysis showed that mutant 3BC_2 had a 9.5 kb 170 chromosomal deletion where the AvrPm3^{b2/c2} gene is embedded (Supplementary Table 171 S4). Detettore revealed that mutants 3BC_3 and 3BC_4 both had insertions of RII Itera 172 family non-LTR retrotransposons between 467 and 470 bp upstream of the ATG start codon of AvrPm3^{b2/c2} (Figure 2A, Table 2). By de-novo assembling the AvrPm3^{b2/c2} locus 173 174 in both mutants, we confirmed that they had independent TE insertions, because mutant 175 3BC 4 had an 80 bp DNA fragment from chromosome 1 inserted into the region in 176 addition to the RII Itera element. In contrast, in mutant 3BC_3, only the RII Itera element 177 was inserted (Supplementary Figure S2, Extended data). The RII_Itera family of 178 retrotransposons is present in high copy number in the genome of CHE_96224 (107 intact 179 copies with a length of more than 5,000 bp; Table 2). We de-novo assembled the 180 AvrPm3^{b2/c2} region for mutant 3BC 5 and confirmed that the gene coding sequence was 181 disrupted by a *Gypsy* LTR retrotransposon insertion (Figure 2A, Table 2, Supplementary 182 Figure S2). Part of the TE sequence present in the *de-novo* assembly allowed us to assign 183 the TE insertion to a novel TE family (newly named RLG_Stef). In contrast to RII_Itera,

RLG_Stef retrotransposons are present in low copy number in CHE_96224 (17 copies with
a length of more than 5,000 bp; **Table 2**).

186 For mutant 3BC 6, visual inspection of the genomic mapping file with IGV revealed an irregularity in the sequence of the AvrPm3^{b2/c2} promoter region, 1,186 bp before the start 187 188 of the gene, where a gap in sequence coverage was flanked by reads whose mate reads 189 mapped to a different chromosome, indicating an insertion in this region. Although the 190 detettore software did not indicate a TE insertion there, this pattern was highly similar to 191 the TE insertions of the three 3BC insertion mutants. Thus, we de-novo assembled the 192 AvrPm3^{b2/c2} region for mutant 3BC_6 and detected an insertion of a TE belonging to a previously uncharacterized family of Copia LTR retrotransposons (newly named RLC Lily) 193 194 (Supplementary Figure S2). We observed that RLC_Lily retrotransposons are also present 195 in low copy number in CHE 96224 (18 copies; Table 2).

196 We performed amplification experiments with long extension times to verify the putative 197 TE insertions. We designed primers to amplify the putative insertions in mutants 3BC_3 198 and 3BC_4 (Mix_3BC3/4), 3BC_5 (Mix_3BC5), and 3BC_6 (Mix_3BC6). As a control, part of 199 the AvrPm3^{b2/c2} gene was amplified (Mix_Avr; Figure 2B). As expected, no amplification in 200 the large deletion mutant 3BC 2 occurred with any of the primer mixes, and fragments of 201 the expected size were only amplified for CHE_96224 and the point mutation mutant 202 3BC_1. For the other 3BC mutants, the amplicon size was larger than expected in all 203 putative TE insertion sites, confirming the insertion of foreign DNA in the range of more 204 than 5,000 bp (Figure 2B), which is consistent with the average size of a full-length TE of

205 the detected TE families (Table 2). No amplification was observed with Mix 3BC6 in 206 mutant 3BC_6, suggesting that insertion size may be larger than in the other mutants. 207 Alternatively, the PCR conditions used were unsuitable for proper amplification of this 208 newly identified TE. We further analyzed the impact of the TE insertions on gene 209 expression. We observed a significant reduction in AvrPm3^{b2/c2} expression levels in all 3BC 210 mutants: more than 3-fold in 3BC_1 to up to 90-fold in 3BC_4 (Figure 2C). We concluded 211 that modifications of AvrPm3^{b2/c2} of different types, i.e., point mutations, deletions or TE 212 insertions causing reduced gene expression and gene disruption, can all lead to loss of 213 recognition by both *Pm3b* and *Pm3c*.

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215 Gain of virulence on *Pm3f* does not cause virulence on the companion *R* gene *Pm3a*

216 We then set out to identify Bat mutants with gain of virulence on Pm3f and Pm3a. We 217 found two Bqt mutants with gain of virulence on Pm3f (hereafter referred to as 3F 218 mutants), and both remained avirulent on *Pm3a* (Supplementary Figure S3), although 219 the two R genes have an overlapping resistance spectrum. This finding supported the 220 hypothesis that in addition to the commonly recognized AvrPm3^{a2/f2}, a second Avr is 221 recognized by Pm3a, but not by Pm3f (Bourras et al. 2015). Mutant 3F 1 had a 107kb 222 deletion in the AvrPm3^{a2/f2} locus, resulting in the loss of the two AvrPm3^{a2/f2} copies and 223 four additional genes (Supplementary Table S4), thus explaining the gain of virulence on 224 *Pm3f*. Interestingly, mutant 3F_2 had a single SNP in the coding region of $AvrPm3^{a2/f2}$ in 225 about 50% of the reads (F95Y). Visual inspection of the genomic mapping file of mutant

226 3F 2 was necessary to discover this point mutation, as the filtering criteria used for the 227 SNP call were too stringent, requiring the variant to be present in at least 70% of the reads 228 to be considered a SNP. Previous studies have shown that CHE 96224 has two copies of 229 AvrPm3^{a2/f2} based on examination of sequencing coverage (Müller et al. 2019). However, 230 distinguishing the two copies at the genome level is not possible with the available 231 assembly. We therefore hypothesized that in mutant 3F_2 one of the AvrPm3^{a2/f2} copies is 232 intact, while the other is mutated. McNally et al. (2018) found natural Bqt isolates with a 233 single point mutation at the same position (F95L) and defined it as a virulent allele, since 234 all isolates with this mutation were virulent on *Pm3f*. Although the natural mutation is 235 different from the one present in mutant 3F_2, our data support the hypothesis that a 236 single SNP in position 95 confers virulence, implying that this position is critical for the recognition of AvrPm3^{a2/f2} by Pm3f. Furthermore, the fact that in mutant 3F 2 one copy of 237 238 AvrPm3^{a2/f2} is still intact, while the other has a point mutation, indicates that one mutated 239 gene copy is sufficient to disrupt recognition. As the two mutants on Pm3f were still avirulent on Pm3a, we concluded that loss or mutation of AvrPm3a2/f2 results in disrupted 240 241 recognition by Pm3f, but it is not sufficient to avoid recognition by the broader resistance allele *Pm3a*. 242

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The *Pm3a* gain-of-virulence mutants show additional virulence on a tandem kinase *R* gene
 The fact that gain of virulence on *Pm3f* does not lead to virulence on *Pm3a* suggests that
 Pm3f specifically recognizes AvrPm3^{a2/f2}, whereas Pm3a can recognize AvrPm3^{a2/f2}, as well

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247 as an additional Avr component, hereafter defined as AvrPm3^{a3}, for consistency with 248 previous nomenclature (Bourras et al. 2015). To identify AvrPm3^{a3}, we used the large 249 deletion mutant 3F 1 as a parental isolate for a secondary UV mutagenesis to ultimately 250 obtain mutants with gain of virulence on both Pm3f and Pm3a (3F+A mutants). We 251 identified six 3F+A mutants that were fully virulent on Pm3a and Pm3f. We wanted to 252 investigate whether the gain of virulence of the 3F+A mutants on Pm3a was specific or 253 whether avirulence on other *Pm* genes was also compromised. Accordingly, we performed 254 phenotyping on different wheat NILs containing the resistance genes *Pm1a*, *Pm2*, *Pm3b*, 255 Pm3c, Pm3d, Pm3e, Pm4a, Pm4b, Pm8 and Pm24, the wheat 1AL.1RS translocation line 256 "Amigo", containing Pm17, and four Aegilops tauschii lines containing WTK4. All six 3F+A 257 mutants remained avirulent on the Pm genes encoding NLRs, indicating that NLR-based 258 immunity and recognition was specifically compromised only for Pm3a (Figure 3, 259 Supplementary Figure S4). Avirulence to the chimeric MCTP-kinase proteins Pm4a and 260 Pm4b, and to the tandem kinase protein Pm24 was also not affected. Surprisingly, all six 261 3F+A mutants, besides being virulent on *Pm3f* and *Pm3a*, showed a gain of virulence on 262 the Ae. tauschii accessions carrying the tandem kinase resistance gene WTK4 (Figure 3, 263 **Supplementary Figure S4**). These data suggest that there is a common pathway 264 specifically controlling avirulence on the NLR Pm3a and the tandem kinase immune 265 receptor WTK4.

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- 267 <u>Sequencing of *Pm3a* virulent mutants reveals mutations in *Bgt-646*, an ankyrin repeat-</u>
- 268 <u>containing gene conserved across different powdery mildew species</u>

269 We then wanted to determine the genetic cause of the gain of virulence on Pm3a and 270 WTK4. Whole genome sequencing and mutation overlap analysis revealed that three 271 independent 3F+A mutants, 3F+A_1, 3F+A_2 and 3F+A_3, had mutations in the Bqt-646 272 gene (Figure 4). In addition, 3F+A_4 had a SNP 2.7 kb upstream of Bqt-646 which, 273 however, did not affect its expression (Supplementary Figure S5), and, therefore, it is 274 unclear whether this mutation is causative for virulence on Pm3a. Mutants 3F+A_4, 3F+A_5 275 and 3F+A_6 did not have other commonly mutated genes (Supplementary Table S4). 276 None of the 3F+A mutants had reduced *Bqt-646* expression compared to the parental 277 isolate 3F_1 (Supplementary Figure S5). Since at least three of the 3F+A mutants have 278 Bqt-646 mutated, and no other common mutation was found, we conclude that this gene 279 plays a role in avirulence to Pm3a, and also WTK4.

280 Bqt-646 encodes a nuclear protein with a length of 939 amino acids, containing two 281 ankyrin repeat domains of 42 and 92 amino acids (Figure 4, Supplementary Figure S6). 282 Because no signal peptide is predicted and the protein is relatively large, Bqt-646 differs 283 considerably from previously described *Bat* avirulence components, which are mostly 284 small, secreted effector proteins (Praz et al. 2017; Bourras et al. 2016, 2015, 2019; McNally 285 et al. 2018). We examined the allelic diversity of *Bqt-646* using 102 representative isolates 286 from a global collection of 172 wheat powdery mildew isolates (Sotiropoulos et al. 2022), 287 and found that the gene is highly conserved, with only one isolate having a non288 synonymous SNP at position 376 (K376M). We also included 14 isolates collected on the 289 host plants Triticum dicoccum or Triticum turgidum subsp. durum and found among them 290 eight isolates with a non-synonymous SNP at position 4 (P4S) and one SNP in the intron 291 (Supplementary Table S5). A single homolog of *Bgt-646* was found in *Blumeria graminis* 292 f. sp. triticale, whereas two homologs were identified in B. g. f. sp. hordei (100, 97 and 97% 293 protein sequence identity, respectively; Figure 5, Supplementary Figure S7). In addition 294 to the homologs in cereal powdery mildews, we identified eight proteins with >70% amino 295 acid sequence identity to Bgt-646, all from different powdery mildew species: four from 296 Golovinomyces sp., three from Erysiphe sp. and one from Podosphaera aphanis, none of 297 which have been functionally studied (Figure 5, Supplementary Figure S7). To better 298 predict a possible function of Bqt-646, we searched for homologs in yeast. The closest 299 homolog in yeast is HOS4, which is involved in histone deacetylation. However, HOS4 300 shares 30% protein sequence identity with Bgt-646 only in a short region from amino acid 301 793 to 889, corresponding to the second ankyrin repeat domain (Figure 4), while the rest 302 of the protein has very low homology. Additionally, we used structural predictions to find 303 structural homologs of Bgt-646. The closest structural homolog of Bgt-646 predicted with 304 high confidence by the Phyre2 software (Kelley et al. 2015) is ANK2_HUMAN, a human ankyrin repeat protein involved in endocytosis and intracellular protein transport. 305 306 However, a list of more than 100 structural homologs with very high structural homology 307 was generated by Phyre2, possibly because ankyrin repeat proteins are ubiquitous and 308 have highly conserved structures even across different kingdoms despite having multiple 309 functions (Thi et al. 2015). We concluded that these structural predictions may not be 310 informative for Bgt-646 function. 311 We used additional bioinformatic analyses to gain more insight into the protein domain 312 structure of Bgt-646. DNABIND predicted that Bgt-646 is a DNA-binding protein 313 (Supplementary Table S6). Further analysis with DP-bind and DRNA-pred also revealed 314 several putative DNA binding sites at the N-terminus, mostly between amino acid residues 315 33 and 47 (Supplementary Table S7). Most of the predicted DNA binding sites overlap with a nuclear localization signal (NLS), predicted (with low confidence) by PROSITE and 316 317 (with high confidence) by WoLF PSORT and LOCALIZER (Figure 4, Supplementary Tables 318 **S8**, **S9**, **S10**). 319 We concluded that Bgt-646 is a conserved protein in powdery mildews, whose function 320 cannot be inferred based on functionally characterized homologous proteins. Still, 321 predictions suggest that it has a nuclear localization and can bind DNA. 322 323 The gain of virulence on *Pm3a* and *WTK4* is correlated with downregulation of specific 324 effector genes 325 Given that Bgt-646 does not have a predicted signal peptide, it is most likely not exported 326 from the fungus for uptake by plant cells. Moreover, the gain-of-virulence mutants have 327 lost avirulence on the two unrelated R genes, Pm3a and WTK4. These observations 328 suggest that Bgt-646 has a regulatory function in the fungal pathogen rather than 329 interacting (directly or indirectly) with either Pm3a or WTK4 proteins. Thus, based on its 18

330 predicted nuclear localization and DNA binding sites (Supplementary Tables S6, S7, S8, 331 **S9**, **S10**), we hypothesized that *Bqt*-646 might control avirulence by up- or down-332 regulating the expression of effector genes (e.g., the yet unidentified AvrPm3^{a3} and 333 AvrWTK4). Accordingly, we tested the expression of five Bat effectors belonging to 334 different effector families (Müller et al. 2019): AvrPm2, AvrPm3^{a2/f2}, SvrPm3, AvrPm3^{b2/c2} 335 and Bqt-55150 (the latter two from the same effector family). Since AvrPm3^{a2/f2} is absent 336 in all 3F 1-derived mutants, as expected, none of the mutants showed AvrPm3a2/f2 337 expression (Figure 6). A reduction in SvrPm3 expression was observed in all 3F+A mutants 338 tested, ranging from 25% to 50% of the expression level in the parental isolate 3F_1 339 (Figure 6). Similarly, *Bqt-55150* expression was reduced to 3-20% of the expression level 340 in 3F_1 for all 3F+A mutants tested. In contrast, AvrPm2 and AvrPm3^{b2/c2} expression did 341 not significantly differ from 3F 1 in all 3F+A mutants (Figure 6).

342 Thus, the downregulation of effectors appears to be specific, affecting only certain 343 effectors. Even effectors belonging to the same effector family and with high sequence 344 similarity (i.e., AvrPm3^{b2/c2} and Bqt-55150; Bourras et al. 2019) have differential expression 345 patterns in the 3F+A mutants. We can, therefore, infer that Bqt-646, along with the 346 unknown component(s) mutated in the other 3F+A mutants, potentially affects Bqt 347 avirulence by controlling the expression of putative Avr genes.

348 **Discussion**

349 <u>AvrXpose: a novel tool to identify avirulence determinants in powdery mildew</u>

350 Avr genes in cereal powdery mildews have been cloned through map-based cloning, 351 GWAS or by testing a large number of candidate genes in screening approaches (Bourras 352 et al. 2016, 2019). These methods require the sequencing and maintenance of large 353 pathogen populations, which is time-consuming, costly, and arduous for obligate 354 biotrophic pathogens such as *Bat*. Besides, these methods rely on natural genetic diversity, 355 which restricts the identification of conserved factors. Moreover, since these methods are 356 based on correlation rather than causation, they can be biased, especially when the 357 molecular interactions are more complex than a gene-for-gene interaction. AvrXpose 358 overcomes some of these limitations. This method only necessitates sequencing and 359 maintaining the reference isolate and the derived mutants, and because it is based on 360 causative mutations, it is less biased. Barsoum et al. (2020) already described the potential 361 of UV mutagenesis to induce phenotype-causing mutations in barley powdery mildew. By 362 adding a selection step after mutagenesis (Figure 1), we expand the method and make it 363 suitable for forward genetics and functional studies.

By identifying 3BC mutants with a gain of virulence on *Pm3b* and *Pm3c*, we confirmed the suitability of AvrXpose for finding *Avrs*. AvrXpose also allowed us to discover that variants causing gain of virulence are not only caused by SNPs or InDels, but also by larger deletions or TE insertions, which can only be uncovered using different and

368 complementary approaches (coverage analysis or TE detection by detettore; Stritt and 369 Roulin 2021). For instance, we found that TEs play a role in mildew's escape from 370 recognition, as they were the cause of the gain of virulence in the majority of the 3BC 371 mutants (four out of six). This might be due to the mechanism of AvrPm3^{b2/c2} recognition, 372 which appears to be easily and completely blocked by changes in the Avr expression level. 373 For many years, TE activity has been known to be a key player in pathogen evolution, 374 particularly in powdery mildews (Faino et al. 2016; Wicker et al. 2013; Frantzeskakis et al. 375 2018). This was also observed in other pathosystems, for example, in wheat blast, where 376 Inoue et al. (2017) described that the insertion of a retrotransposon upstream of the Avr 377 gene PWT3 caused the wheat blast isolate Br116.5 to gain virulence on Rwt3-containing 378 cultivars. The observation that four out of six 3BC mutants are virulent due to TE insertions near AvrPm3^{b2/c2} is intriguing and further highlights the relevance of TEs in pathogen 379 380 evolution. What we observe after UV light irradiation might mimic (likely with an increased 381 frequency) what also happens in natural settings, where TE induction often occurs due to 382 environmental stress, and contributes to evolution (Biémont and Vieira 2006). Our results 383 emphasize the importance of considering TE transpositions as phenotype-causing 384 mutations also in mutagenesis screenings.

Despite the advantages mentioned, AvrXpose also has some limitations. First, it relies on the quality of TE annotation and consensus sequences (Stritt and Roulin 2021). In the case of *Bgt*, this performed well because TEs are well characterized (Parlange et al. 2011; Wicker et al. 2013). However, this may limit this type of analysis in other organisms with poorer

389 TE annotations or for undescribed TEs. For instance, in the case of mutant 3BC 6, the family 390 of the TE inserted close to AvrPm3^{b2/c2} was not known, and only the fact that we already 391 knew the Avr locus allowed us to find the mutation (Table 2). Ideally, this issue could be 392 circumvented by conducting a global analysis to identify the differentially expressed 393 gene(s) in a specific mutant. Second, our mutant screen is far from saturation, potentially 394 limiting our ability to detect additional genetic components controlling avirulence. For 395 example, we did not find commonly mutated genes in at least two of the 3F+A mutants despite using different approaches. Regarding mutant 3F+A_4, it remains unclear whether 396 397 the SNP 2.7kb upstream of *Bqt*-646 is responsible for its phenotype, as it does not have 398 an impact on Bqt-646 expression at 48 hours after infection. The mutation may not 399 correlate with the virulence phenotype, for which the actual cause might be analogous to 400 that of mutants 3F+A 5 and 3F+A 6. In any case, our results suggest that there may be 401 more than one powdery mildew gene affecting specific avirulence, and the lack of 402 saturation in our mutagenesis did not allow us to mutate all of them. Nonetheless, 403 generating a larger number of *Bqt* gain-of-virulence mutants or, eventually, performing 404 more rounds of UV mutagenesis to generate more mutations (as done by Barsoum et al. 405 2020) could potentially overcome this limitation and allow to find multiple genetic 406 components governing avirulence.

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408 <u>The genetic complexity of avirulence differs for highly similar alleles of the *Pm3* immune
 409 <u>receptor</u>
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410 AvrXpose was straightforward to (re)identify AvrPm3^{b2/c2} as the Avr recognized by the 411 Pm3b and Pm3c pair. Interestingly, this was not the case for Pm3a and Pm3f, although it 412 was found that, like the Pm3b and Pm3c case, Pm3a has overlapping, but broader 413 resistance than Pm3f. Indeed, the 3F mutants were not virulent on Pm3a. Interestingly, 414 despite belonging to the same Pm3 allelic series, we never identified a gain-of-virulence 415 mutant on *Pm3d* or *Pm3e*. Bourras et al. (2015) suggested that, similar to *Pm3a*, avirulence 416 on *Pm3d* is determined by three distinct genetic components in the pathogen, among 417 which the suppressor SvrPm3 and the canonical effector AvrPm3d have been identified 418 (Bourras et al. 2019). The fact that we did not find *Pm3d*-virulent mutants supports the 419 hypothesis that Pm3d can recognize two Avrs, similar to what was observed also for Pm1a 420 (Kloppe et al. 2023). The case of *Pm3e* may also be similar to *Pm3d*, as *Pm3e* differs by 421 only three point mutations from *Pm3d* (Yahiaoui, Brunner, and Keller 2006). Identifying 422 avirulence components could be further complicated if they were multicopy genes. This 423 may be the case for AvrPm3^{a3} as well.

We conclude that the *Pm3-AvrPm3* system is much more complex than a single gene-forgene interaction, and further investigation is needed to unravel all the components involved from the pathogen side. Nevertheless, AvrXpose expands our knowledge of the *Pm3-AvrPm3* system by unraveling the genetics behind *Pm3* allelic specificity and recognition of different *Avr* components by clarifying the effect of specific mutations in some *Avrs* on *Pm3* race-specific avirulence.

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431 Bgt-646 is a novel, specific regulator of avirulence

432 Three independent mutants carrying mutations in *Bqt*-646 were virulent on both *Pm3a* 433 and WTK4. We confirmed the specificity of that gain of virulence by phenotyping several 434 *Pm* gene-containing lines, which remained resistant, confirming that *Bqt*-646 plays a role 435 in regulating avirulence specifically on Pm3a and WTK4. Notably, avirulence to Pm24, a 436 tandem kinase R gene like WTK4 (Lu et al. 2020), was also not affected in these mutants. 437 It seems unlikely that Bat-646 encodes for the effector recognized by Pm3a or WTK4 due 438 to its large size, the absence of a RNAse-like fold structure, and the lack of a predicted 439 signal peptide. The putative DNA binding capacity, the predicted nuclear localization, and 440 the expression downregulation of specific Bqt effectors led us to hypothesize that Bqt-646 441 controls race-specific avirulence in *Bqt* by influencing putative *Avr* gene expression (**Figure** 442 7). Experimental evidence showing subcellular localization and DNA binding capacity of 443 Bgt-646 could further clarify its role in expression regulation. Additional 3F+A mutants 444 with intact Bqt-646 indicate that, in addition to Bqt-646, there are one or more additional 445 components (shown as CoF6 in **Figure 7**) controlling avirulence specifically on both the 446 Pm3a and WTK4 R genes. Interestingly, regardless of the presence of an intact Bgt-646, all 447 3F+A mutants tested showed the same effector downregulation pattern, which is another 448 indication that both Bqt-646 and the unidentified component(s) (e.g. CoF6) contribute to 449 the same regulatory mechanism, which argues against the unidentified component(s) 450 being the recognized effector(s). Moreover, if Bqt-646 and the unidentified component 451 had the same function, we would not observe virulence when only one was mutated due Page 25 of 77

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452 to redundancy. Therefore, they may be part of a higher-order regulatory complex, and 453 both are required to regulate the expression of specific effectors. If either of them was 454 mutated, the result would be a loss of avirulence (**Figure 7**).

455 However, the mechanisms by which *Bqt*-646 affects expression remain unclear. It has been 456 previously described that knockout of a regulatory gene can affect the expression of 457 effector genes. For example, Sge1 is a known transcriptional regulator that specifically 458 downregulates effector expression in different pathogenic fungi (Santhanam and Thomma 459 2013; Michielse et al. 2009). On the other side, ankyrin repeat-containing proteins playing 460 a role in pathogenesis have been described, such as RARP-1, a periplasmic protein that supports infection of the bacterial pathogen Rickettsia parkeri (Sanderlin, Hanna, and 461 462 Lamason 2022). Ankyrin repeat proteins have often been shown to have transcriptional 463 functions, at least in plants (Thi et al. 2015). In fungi, a well-studied group of proteins with 464 transcriptional regulatory functions are the APSES family proteins, which have DNA-465 binding domains and additional domains, often ankyrin repeats (Zhao et al. 2015). 466 Although *Bqt-646* does not have the conserved DNA-binding domain of the APSES family, 467 the prediction of DNA-binding sites in Bqt-646 may indicate a similar expression-468 controlling function.

A chromosome-scale assembly of the 3F+A mutants could reveal whether there are additional mutated genes that we have not found with AvrXpose. Furthermore, a transcriptomic experiment comparing gene expression of the 3F+A mutants with their

472	avirulent parent would unravel the complete set of differentially regulated effectors, and
473	thus also support the identification of the still unknown $AvrPm3^{a3}$ and $AvrWTK4$.
474	This study aimed to develop a method for finding Avrs and unraveling additional genetic
475	components involved in avirulence on different Pm3 alleles. We demonstrated the
476	potential of AvrXpose to discover Avr effectors, as well as a conserved regulatory factor
477	(i.e. Bgt-646) and showed that this methodology also allows to unravel the different
478	mechanisms of recognition evasion in different Avr-R systems.

480 Materials and Methods

481 Plant and fungal material

Wheat cultivars Kanzler (accession number K-57220) and Chancellor (accession number K-482 483 51404) were used as mildew susceptible controls and to maintain the powdery mildew 484 isolates. isogenic lines (NILs) Asosan/8*Chancellor, Chul/8*Chancellor, Near 485 Sonora/8*Chancellor, Kolibri, W150 and Michigan Amber/8*Chancellor (described by 486 Brunner et al. 2010) were used to test for Pm3a-, Pm3b-, Pm3c-, Pm3d-, Pm3e and Pm3f-487 mediated resistance, respectively. The transgenic line E#2 was used to assess Pm3e-488 mediated resistance (Koller et al. 2018). To test the virulence specificity of the mutant 489 wheat mildew isolates, the wheat NILs Axminster/8*Chancellor, containing Pm1a 490 (described by Hewitt et al. 2020), Federation*4/Ulka, containing Pm2 (Sánchez-Martín et 491 al. 2016), Khapli/8*Chancellor//8*Federation, containing Pm4a, Federation*8/W804, containing Pm4b (described by Sánchez-Martín et al. 2021), Kavkaz/4*Federation, 492 493 containing Pm8 (Hurni et al. 2013), USDA Pm24 containing Pm24 and the 1AL.1RS 494 translocation line "Amigo", containing Pm17 (described by Müller et al. 2022), were used. 495 Aegilops tauschii accessions from a diversity panel (e.g. TOWWC063, TOWWC087, 496 TOWWC112 and TOWWC154; Arora et al. 2019) containing the resistance gene WTK4 497 were used to assess powdery mildew virulence on WTK4.

498 *Blumeria graminis* f. sp. *tritici* (*Bgt*) isolate CHE_96224 (Müller et al. 2019) and the derived 499 *Bgt* mutants were used for phenotyping experiments to evaluate gain-of-virulence

500 phenotypes. CHE_96224 is avirulent (no visible disease symptoms observed) on all 501 previously mentioned *R* gene containing wheat and *Ae. tauschii* accessions, except for the 502 *Pm1a* and *Pm8* containing lines, while all the *Bgt* mutants show virulence on one or more 503 of the previously described wheat lines.

504 Mutagenesis and phenotyping experiments

Plants used for mutagenesis and phenotyping experiments were grown (16 h light, 8 h dark, 18°C and 60% humidity) for 9-12 days in the case of wheat and 12-17 days for *Ae. tauschii* lines. Leaves were then cut into 3 cm fragments and placed in Petri dishes containing water agar supplemented with benzimidazole (5 ppm, MERCK, 51-17-2). They were then spray-inoculated with *Bgt* isolates as described by Hurni et al. (2013). At least three biological replicates were used per inoculation.

511 For mutagenesis, Bqt isolates CHE_96224 or 3F_1 were grown on the susceptible wheat 512 line Kanzler for 7 days, irradiated with UV-C light in a UV cabinet (Herolab Crosslinker CL-1, 513 254nm version) as described by Barsoum et al. (2020) and directly used for inoculation of 514 9-12 days old Kanzler leaf segments placed on Petri dishes as described above (Figure 1). 515 The irradiation time varied between 2 and 10 min and was adjusted to the time at which 50% leaf coverage by powdery mildew was achieved (usually between 4-6 min). For 516 517 example, if survival was too low after the first irradiation step (e.g., <20% coverage), we 518 irradiated for 2 min in the second step. Conversely, if survival was too high (>80% leaf 519 coverage), we increased the irradiation time to 10 min in the second step. This procedure

520 was repeated twice, resulting in three total rounds of UV irradiation. Finally, the irradiated 521 spore mixture was used to inoculate wheat or Ae. tauschii lines containing different R 522 genes. Bgt colonies growing on the resistant lines were propagated on freshly cut Kanzler 523 leaves placed on agar Petri dishes. After four days, leaf segments containing single 524 colonies were cut and transferred to a new Petri dish. This isolation procedure was 525 repeated twice to ensure genetic homogeneity of the isolated *Bqt* mutants. After obtaining 526 sufficient spores, the phenotype of the selected mutants was evaluated on a diverse panel 527 of wheat and Ae. tauschii lines containing different Pm genes to confirm their virulence 528 spectrum, and spores were collected for DNA extraction and subsequent sequencing. 529 Disease levels were assessed by eye 7-8 days after inoculation and the virulence was based 530 on the percentage of the leaf area covered by the fungal mycelia (avirulent: <25%, virulent: 531 >25% leaf coverage).

532 DNA extraction and whole genome sequencing

533 DNA extraction using a chloroform and CTAB-based protocol was performed as described 534 by Bourras et al. (2015). Library preparation and Illumina whole genome sequencing were 535 performed at the Functional Genomics Center (Zurich, Switzerland) and Novogene 536 (Cambridge, United Kingdom) using the NovaSeq 6000 technology. Paired-end sequence 537 reads of 150 base pairs (bp) and an insert size of approximately 350 bp generated 1.5 to 538 13 Gb of sequence data per *Bgt* isolate, resulting in an average genome coverage of 25x 539 to 150x. The other *Bgt* isolates described in this study were previously sequenced using

540 the same technology and DNA extraction protocol. Sequences of CHE 96224 and the 541 isolates used to examine Bqt-646 haplotype diversity (Supplementary Table S5) are 542 available at NCBI (Sotiropoulos et al. 2022; McNally et al. 2018). 543 Trimming, mapping, variant calling and transposable element detection 544 To prepare the Illumina reads for subsequent analysis, we trimmed and mapped the reads 545 as described in Sotiropoulos et al. (2022). Briefly, the obtained raw reads were first trimmed 546 for contamination from the Illumina oligo adapter and the sequence quality was checked 547 using Trimmomatic v. 0.39 (Bolger, Lohse, and Usadel 2014). The trimmed reads were then 548 mapped to the reference genome of the *Bqt* isolate CHE_96224, version 3.16 (Müller et al. 549 2019) using bwa mem v0.7 (Li and Durbin 2009). Finally, Samtools v1.9 (Li et al. 2009) was 550 used to sort and remove duplicates to subsequently generate and index the mapping 551 (bam) files used for haplotype calling. Mapping guality and coverage were visually 552 inspected using the integrative genomics viewer IGV (Robinson et al. 2011). 553 Haplotype calling was performed with Freebayes (Garrison and Marth 2012), applying the 554 parameters -p 1 -m 30 -g 20 -z 0.03 -F 0.7 -3 200 as described in Müller et al. (2019). Single

nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and insertions/deletions (InDels) were then filtered using Vcftools to obtain variants with less than 10% missing data (Danecek et al. 2011). The resulting vcf file was transformed into hapmap format using Tassel5 (Bradbury et al. 2007). TE insertions were detected using the software *detettore*, with default parameters (Stritt and Roulin 2021). Coverage analysis to detect possibly deleted or duplicated genes

560	was performed using an in-house Python script (retrievable from
561	https://gist.github.com/caldetas/24576da33d1ff91057ecabb1c5a3b6af). The annotation
562	version 4.20 of CHE_96224 was used to select variants less than 1.5 or 2 kb away (for SNPs
563	and TE insertions, respectively) from annotated genes. To avoid overlooking variants, we
564	also checked whether we found variants in one mutant close to variants in other mutants.
565	Only variants uniquely occurring in a mutant were retained for further analyses
566	(Supplementary Tables S1, S2, S3). All variants close to annotated genes were then
567	visually inspected and confirmed using IGV.

568 *Bgt-646* domains and motifs predictions

A variety of software programs were used to predict the protein domains and properties of *Bgt-646*. DNABIND, DP-bind and DRNA-pred were used to predict DNA binding residues (Hwang, Gou, and Kuznetsov 2007; Szilagyi and Skolnick 2006; Yan and Kurgan 2017). ScanPROSITE, LOCALIZER and WoLF PSORT were used to predict domains and subcellular localization (https://prosite.expasy.org/; Sperschneider et al. 2017; Horton et al. 2007). Details and prediction results are described in **Supplementary Tables S6, S7, S8, S9** and **S10**.

576 <u>Multiple sequence alignment and phylogenetic tree of *Bgt-646* homologs</u>

577 Homologs of Bgt-646 were searched in the NCBI database using Protein Blast with default 578 parameters (<u>https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</u>). A multiple sequence alignment was 579 performed using COBALT (Papadopoulos and Agarwala 2007), available directly from the

580 NCBI website. COBALT uses information from conserved domain and protein motif 581 databases, and sequence similarity based on RPS-BLAST, BLASTP, and PHI-BLAST. The 582 multiple alignment is shown in **Supplementary Figure S7**. A phylogenetic tree was 583 constructed using FastTree (Price, Dehal, and Arkin 2009), visualized and modified using 584 FigTree v1.4.4 (retrievable from https://github.com/rambaut/figtree/releases/tag/v1.4.4). 585 The Phyre2 web portal was used to predict structural homologs (Kelley et al. 2015). PCR, gPCR experiments and statistical analyses 586 587 PCRs for amplification of transposable element insertions were performed using Phusion[®] 588 High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (M0530S, New England BioLabs Inc.) according to the 589 manufacturer's recommendations, with an annealing temperature of 59 °C and an

590 extension time of 3 min.

591 To study the expression of specific genes, RT-qPCR experiments were performed 592 according to the MIQE guidelines (Bustin et al. 2009). mRNA samples were extracted from 593 infected leaf material obtained from three to five independent biological replicates 2 days 594 after Bgt infection, using the Dynabeads mRNA DIRECT Kit (Invitrogen). cDNA was then 595 synthesized using the Maxima H Minus First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (ThermoFisher), 596 according to the manufacturer. Fungal glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate dehydrogenase 597 (GAPDH_{Bat}) was used as an internal control to normalize gene expression. The KAPA SYBR 598 FAST qPCR kit (Kapa Biosystems) was used to amplify the gene of interest and the internal 599 control in a CFX384 Touch Real-Time PCR Detection System (Bio-Rad). Gene expression

600	was analyzed with the CFX Maestro software version 3.1 (Bio-Rad). To assess statistical
601	differences between groups an analysis of variance (ANOVA) was performed, followed by
602	a Tukey HSD test. The analyses were performed in R using the functions aov and
603	TukeyHSD, respectively. Letters corresponding to significance groups have been assigned
604	using <i>glht</i> and <i>cld</i> functions of the <i>multcomp</i> package (Bretz, Hothorn, and Westfall 2010).
605	The results of the statistical analyses are described in Supplementary Table S11 .
606	PCR and RT-qPCR primers for promoter regions, reference, and target genes of Bgt are
607	listed in Supplementary Table S12.
608	Data availability
609	Raw fasta sequences of all Bgt mutants generated in this study are available through

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1 Tables

2 **Table 1.** Number and types of sequence variants present in the 3BC, 3F and 3F+A Bqt

3 mutants.

Parental isolate	CHE_96224				3F_1									
Mutant group	3BC			3F		3F+A								
Mutant name	3BC_1	3BC_2	3BC_3	3BC_4	3BC_5	3BC_6	3F_1	3F_2	3F+A_1	3F+A_2	3F+A_3	3F+A_4	3F+A_5	3F+A_6
SNPs – whole genome ^a	582	253	572	321	267	381	973	640	831	754	899	975	822	822
Unique SNPs ^b	125	84	125	62	67	58	508	234	89	116	90	98	78	41
Gene-proximal variants (GPV) - Total د	23	7	5	9	3	6	13	26	8	24	8	14	10	4
GPV - SNPs	22	5	4	3	2	2	7	26	8	20	8	13	6	2
GPV - Copy number variations	-	1	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GPV -TE insertions		1	1	6	1	4	1	-	-	4	-	1	4	2

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5 ^a Total number of SNPs compared with the parental isolate (CHE_96224 or 3F_1) detected by Freebayes and filtered with quality criteria as described in Materials & Methods. In this 6 7 category are also included small insertions or deletions (max. 7bp), which can be detected 8 with Freebayes. Bigger deletions are listed in the category "Copy number variations". ^b Number of unique SNPs, e.g. SNPs only present in one isolate and not in any other isolate 9 of the same mutant group (Supplementary Tables S1, S2, S3). 10 11 ^c This list of gene-proximal variants (GPV) includes unique SNPs or deletions closer than 12 1.5 kb to genes, and TE insertions closer than 2 kb. All variants have been visually inspected 13 and confirmed with IGV and/or validated via PCR. The different categories of GPV are listed 14 in the following rows. The description of the affected genes can be found in

15 **Supplementary Table S4**.

Mutant	TE class	TE name	TE distance to AvrPm3 ^{b2/c2}	TE description ^a
3BC_3	non-LTR retrotransposon (LINE), <i>RII</i>	RII_Itera	470 bp	Consensus length: 5,392 bp; number of full copies present in CHE_96224: 107 (high copy TE)
3BC_4	non-LTR retrotransposon (LINE), <i>RII</i>	RII_Itera	467 bp	Consensus length: 5,392 bp; number of full copies present in CHE_96224: 107 (high copy TE). 80bp from chromosome 1 inserted additionally to the <i>RII_Itera</i> element.
3BC_5	LTR retrotransposon, <i>Gypsy</i>	RLG_Stef	0 bp (insertion in the CDS)	Consensus length: 5,723 bp; number of full copies present in CHE_96224: 17 (low copy TE)
3BC_6	LTR retrotransposon, <i>Copia</i>	RLC_Lily	1,186 bp	Not detected by <i>detettore</i> , only visual analysis. Length: 5,264 bp; number of full copies present in CHE_96224: 18 (low copy TE)

16 **Table 2**. Transposable element insertions in proximity of *AvrPm3^{b2/c2}* in the 3BC mutants.

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^a The consensus length indicates the length in bp of the consensus sequence of the TE,

19 retrievable from https://www.botinst.uzh.ch/en/research/genetics/thomasWicker/trep-

20 <u>db.html</u>. A TE was considered as a full copy when the blast hit was longer than 5,000 bp.

1 Figure Captions

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3 Figure 1. AvrXpose pipeline to isolate gain-of-virulence Bqt mutants and to unravel the 4 corresponding mutated genes. The first step of AvrXpose includes the identification of Bqt 5 mutants with gain of virulence on a specific R gene. This is followed by bioinformatic analyses, such as variant calling, transposable element insertion detection and coverage 6 7 analysis, and final visual confirmation using a genome viewer software (e.g. IGV). Variants 8 that potentially affect genes are selected. Finally, all the variants of *Bqt* mutants with the 9 same gain of virulence are compared, and variants affecting the same genes are selected. 10 These can be further studied and considered as putative avirulence components.

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12 Figure 2. The 3BC mutants reveal multiple mechanisms of loss-of-function modifications 13 of AvrPm3^{b2/c2}. A) Leaves of Chul/8*Chancellor (Pm3b; upper leaf) and 14 Sonora/8*Chancellor (Pm3c; lower leaf) infected with the corresponding isolate. TE 15 insertions are represented with red boxes. The grey and blue boxes indicate the fragments 16 amplified with the different primer mixes. The representation is not to scale. B) PCR 17 amplification of the AvrPm3^{b2/c2} promoter regions where some mutants have either a 18 deletion or a TE insertion. The expected fragment length of CHE_96224 is indicated with a 19 red arrow. C) The expression of AvrPm3^{b2/c2} is reduced in all 3BC mutants at 2 days post-20 infection (dpi). The expression normalized to the reference gene GAPDH is depicted on the y-axis. Significance groups were calculated with ANOVA followed by the Tukey HSD
test (Supplementary Table S11).

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24 Figure 3. The 3F+A mutants are virulent on Pm3a and WTK4, irrespective of Bqt-646 25 intactness. Two representatives of the 3F+A mutants, one having Bgt-646 mutated and 26 the other not, are shown. All other identified 3F+A mutants have comparable phenotypes; 27 **Supplementary Figure S4**. Where only the *R* gene is indicated, the corresponding NIL was used. Cultivars susceptible to CHE_96224 (Kanzler, Chancellor, the Pm1a NIL and the 28 29 *Pm8* NIL) are highlighted in grey. The NILs containing *Pm3* alleles are labelled in green, 30 and the four WTK4 containing Ae. tauschii lines in blue. The remaining Pm lines are in 31 white.

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Figure 4. Schematic representation of the mutations within the Bgt-646 protein or its regulatory region in four 3A+F mutants. The ankyrin repeat domains and the nuclear localization signal (NLS) domain are represented with two dashed and a dotted rectangle, respectively. The mutations in the 3F+A mutants are indicated with red lines.

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Figure 5. *Bgt-646* has homologs with more than 70% sequence identity in different powdery mildew species. Only BLAST hits with more than 97% sequence coverage were considered for constructing the phylogenetic tree. *Bgt-646* is highlighted in dark yellow. As an outgroup, the *Podosphaera aphanis* homologue was used.

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Figure 6. The 3F+A mutants have a reduced expression of specific *Bgt* effector genes. As a control, we tested *AvrPm3^{a2/f2}* expression, which is absent in the parental isolate, 3F_1, due to a large deletion and, consequently, in all 3F+A mutants. The expression normalized to the reference gene *GAPDH* is depicted on the Y-axis. Four biological replicates were tested. Significance and p-values were calculated with a two-sided ANOVA followed by a Tukey HSD test (**Supplementary Table S11**). A significance threshold of p<0.05 was chosen.

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51 Figure 7. Model of the regulation of Avr expression in the different mutants. The upper 52 left panel (A) represents an avirulent *Bqt* isolate (in grey) infecting a host cell (in green). 53 Bqt-646 (in yellow), together with a cofactor, here named CoF6 (in orange), activates the 54 transcription of different effectors, among them the yet unknown AvrWTK4 and AvrPm3^{a3}, 55 which are secreted and recognized by hosts having the corresponding R proteins, WTK4, 56 Pm3f or Pm3a, respectively. On the upper right panel (B), a 3F mutant lacking $AvrPm3^{a2/f2}$, 57 hence not detected by *Pm3f*-containing hosts, is represented. Since it still expresses 58 AvrPm3^{a3}, it will activate the immune response in Pm3a-containing hosts. In the lower 59 panel (C), a 3F+A mutant lacking AvrPm3^{a2/f2}, as well as Bgt-646 or CoF6, will not express 60 and secrete AvrWTK4 and AvrPm3^{a3}, making it unrecognizable by Pm3f-, Pm3a- or WTK4-61 containing hosts.



Figure 1. AvrXpose pipeline to isolate gain-of-virulence *Bgt* mutants and to unravel the corresponding mutated genes. The first step of AvrXpose includes the identification of *Bgt* mutants with gain of virulence on a specific *R* gene. This is followed by bioinformatic analyses, such as variant calling, transposable element insertion detection and coverage analysis, and final visual confirmation using a genome viewer software (e.g. IGV). Variants that potentially affect genes are selected. Finally, all the variants of *Bgt* mutants with the same gain of virulence are compared, and variants affecting the same genes are selected. These can be further studied and considered as putative avirulence components.

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Figure 2. The 3BC mutants reveal multiple mechanisms of loss-of-function modifications of AvrPm3^{b2/c2}. A) Leaves of Chul/8*Chancellor (Pm3b; upper leaf) and Sonora/8*Chancellor (Pm3c; lower leaf) infected with the corresponding isolate. TE insertions are represented with red boxes. The grey and blue boxes indicate the fragments amplified with the different primer mixes. The representation is not to scale. B) PCR amplification of the AvrPm3^{b2/c2} promoter regions where some mutants have either a deletion or a TE insertion. The expected fragment length of CHE_96224 is indicated with a red arrow. C) The expression of AvrPm3^{b2/c2} is reduced in all 3BC mutants at 2 days post-infection (dpi). The expression normalized to the reference gene GAPDH is depicted on the y-axis. Significance groups were calculated with ANOVA followed by the Tukey HSD test (Supplementary Table S11).

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Isolate	CHE_96224	3F_1	3F+A_5	3F+A_1
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Figure 3. The 3F+A mutants are virulent on *Pm3a* and *WTK4*, irrespective of *Bgt-646* intactness. Two representatives of the 3F+A mutants, one having *Bgt-646* mutated and the other not, are shown. All other identified 3F+A mutants have comparable phenotypes; **Supplementary Figure S4**. Where only the *R* gene is indicated, the corresponding NIL was used. Cultivars susceptible to CHE_96224 (Kanzler, Chancellor, the *Pm1a* NIL and the *Pm8* NIL) are highlighted in grey. The NILs containing *Pm3* alleles are labelled in green, and the four *WTK4* containing *Ae. tauschii* lines in blue. The remaining *Pm* lines are in white.

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Figure 4. Schematic representation of the mutations within the Bgt-646 protein or its regulatory region in four 3A+F mutants. The ankyrin repeat domains and the nuclear localization signal (NLS) domain are represented with two dashed and a dotted rectangle, respectively. The mutations in the 3F+A mutants are indicated with red lines.

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Figure 5. *Bgt-646* has homologs with more than 70% sequence identity in different powdery mildew species. Only BLAST hits with more than 97% sequence coverage were considered for constructing the phylogenetic tree. *Bgt-646* is highlighted in dark yellow. As an outgroup, the *Podosphaera aphanis* homologue was used.

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Figure 6. The 3F+A mutants have a reduced expression of specific *Bgt* effector genes. As a control, we tested *AvrPm3^{a2/f2}* expression, which is absent in the parental isolate, 3F_1, due to a large deletion and, consequently, in all 3F+A mutants. The expression normalized to the reference gene *GAPDH* is depicted on the Y-axis. Four biological replicates were tested. Significance and p-values were calculated with a two-sided ANOVA followed by a Tukey HSD test (**Supplementary Table S11**). A significance threshold of p<0.05 was chosen.

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Figure 7. Model of the regulation of Avr expression in the different mutants. The upper left panel (A) represents an avirulent Bgt isolate (in grey) infecting a host cell (in green). Bgt-646 (in yellow), together with a cofactor, here named CoF6 (in orange), activates the transcription of different effectors, among them the yet unknown AvrWTK4 and AvrPm3^{a3}, which are secreted and recognized by hosts having the corresponding R proteins, WTK4, Pm3f or Pm3a, respectively. On the upper right panel (B), a 3F mutant lacking AvrPm3^{a2/f2}, hence not detected by Pm3f-containing hosts, is represented. Since it still expresses AvrPm3^{a3}, it will activate the immune response in Pm3a-containing hosts. In the lower panel (C), a 3F+A mutant lacking AvrPm3^{a2/f2}, as well as Bgt-646 or CoF6, will not express and secrete AvrWTK4 and AvrPm3^{a3}, making it unrecognizable by Pm3f-, Pm3a- or WTK4-containing hosts.

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Extended data. Scaffolds and sequences of 3BC mutants → see separate Text document

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Supplementary Figure S1. Phenotyping of the 3BC mutants.

The 3BC mutants exhibit specific gain of virulence on *Pm3b* and *Pm3c* but show no virulence on other NILs for which their parental isolate CHE_96224 is avirulent. Possibly due to spore overload or seedstock contamination, all isolates (CHE_96224 and the 3BC mutants) show a slight growth on the *Pm4b* NIL, which however was not observed in repeated experiments. Mutant 3BC_2 died shortly after sequencing, therefore it was not possible to perform phenotyping on all the NILs, as done for the other mutants. Cultivars susceptible to CHE_96224 (Kanzler, Chancellor, the *Pm1a* NIL and the *Pm8* NIL) are highlighted in grey. The NILs containing *Pm3* alleles are labelled in green, and the three *WTK4* containing *Ae. tauschii* lines in blue. The remaining *Pm* lines are in white.





5'264 bp (consensus length)

Supplementary Figure S2. De-novo assemblies of TE insertion regions – 3BC mutants. Schematic representation of the TE insertions loci close to AvrPm3^{b2/c2} in mutants 3BC_3 (A), 3BC_4 (B), 3BC_5 (C) and 3BC_6 (D). In yellow are represented the different TE insertions (with the known sequence in the darker box, and the part derived from the consensus sequence in the brighter box), in bright blue the sequences obtained with PCR and in dark blue the scaffolds of the de-novo assembly. All scaffold and PCR sequences can be found in **Extended data**.

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Supplementary Figure S3. Phenotyping of the 3F mutants.

The 3F mutants exhibit a specific gain of virulence on *Pm3f*, and no virulence on other NILs for which their parental isolate CHE_96224 is avirulent. Due to spore overload, mutant 3F_1 shows a slight growth on some *Pm3* and *Pm4* NILs, which however was not observed in repeated experiments (e.g. **Supplementary Figure S4**). Cultivars susceptible to CHE_96224 (Kanzler and Chancellor) are highlighted in grey. The NILs containing *Pm3* alleles are labelled in green and *Pm4* lines in white.

Isolate	CHE_96224	3F_1	3F+A_6	3F+A_4	3F+A_2	3F+A_3
Bgt-646	intact	intact	intact	SNP in promoter	mutated	mutated
Pm1a Pm2a Pm3a Pm3b Pm3c Pm3d Pm3e (NIL) Pm3e (transgenic) Kanzler Pm3f Pm4a Pm4b						
Pm8 Pm17 (Amigo) Chancellor TOWWC063 TOWWC087 TOWWC112 TOWWC154 Pm24						

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Supplementary Figure S4. Phenotyping of the 3F+A mutants.

The 3F+A mutants exhibit specific gain of virulence on *Pm3a* and *WTK4* but show no virulence on other NILs for which their parental isolate 3F_1 is avirulent. Cultivars susceptible to CHE_96224 (Kanzler, Chancellor, the *Pm1a* NIL and the *Pm8* NIL) are highlighted in grey. The NILs containing *Pm3* alleles are labelled in green, and the four *WTK4* containing *Ae. tauschii* lines in blue. The remaining *Pm* lines are in white.





The expression of *Bgt-646* in the 3F+A mutants was not significantly different to *Bgt-646* expression in their parental isolate 3F_1 at 2 days post infection (dpi). The expression normalized to the reference gene *GAPDH* is depicted on the Y axis. Significance and P-values were calculated through analysis of variance (ANOVA) followed by a Tukey HSD test to estimate differences in expression between *Bgt* mutants and their parental isolate 3F_1 (**Supplementary Table S11**). A significance threshold of p<0.05 has been chosen.



Supplementary Figure S6. Domains of *Bgt-646* predicted by ScanPROSITE. The figure has been produced with the PROSITE online tool and is based on the predictions described in **Supplementary Table S8**.



* Truncated output for P. aphanis

Supplementary Figure S7. Alignment of Bgt-646 homologs.

Alignment of proteins with more than 70% protein identity with Bgt-646 using COBALT (Papadopoulos and Agarwala 2007). This alignment was used to produce the phylogenetic tree shown in **Figure 5**.

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#Extended data - Scaffolds and PCR fragments in the 3BC mutants (see Supplementary Figure S2)

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