

1 **Phylogeny and distinct properties of major intrinsic proteins in the genomes of six**
2 ***Phytophthora* species suggest their novel functions in *Phytophthora***

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31 **Highlights:**

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- Major intrinsic proteins (MIPs) family in *Phytophthora* species are divergent.

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- *Phytophthora* MIPs (PMIPs) were phylogenetically and structurally distinct from their counterparts in other taxonomic domains.

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- PMIPs might have novel functions.

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- The MIPs are suggested to be involved in host-pathogen interactions and could be considered attractive anti-*Phytophthora* targets.

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39 **ABSTRACT**

40 Major intrinsic proteins (MIPs), commonly known as aquaporins, transport water and other non-

41 polar solutes across membranes. MIPs are believed to be involved in host-pathogen interactions.

42 Herein, we identified 17, 24, 27, 19, 19, and 22 full-length MIPs, respectively, in the genomes of

43 six *Phytophthora* species, *P. infestans*, *P. parasitica*, *P. sojae*, *P. ramorum*, *P. capsici*, and *P.*

44 *cinnamomi*, which are devastating plant pathogens and members of oomycetes, a distinct lineage

45 of fungus-like eukaryotic microbes. Phylogenetic analysis showed that the *Phytophthora* MIPs

46 (PMIPs) formed a completely distinct clade from their counterparts in other taxa and were

47 clustered into nine subgroups. Sequence and structural analysis of homology models indicated

48 that the primary selectivity-related constrictions, including aromatic arginine (ar/R) selectivity

49 filter and Froger's positions in PMIPs were distinct from those in other taxa. The substitutions in

50 the conserved Asn-Pro-Ala motifs in loops B and E of many PMIPs were also divergent from

51 those in plants. We further deciphered group-specific consensus sequences/motifs in different

52 loops and transmembrane helices of PMIPs, which were distinct from those in plants, animals,

53 and microbes. The data collectively supported the notion that PMIPs might have novel functions

54 and could be considered attractive anti-*Phytophthora* targets.

55 **Keywords:** Major intrinsic proteins, *Phytophthora*, Phylogeny, Oomycetes and Substrate

56 specificity

57 **1. Introduction**

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59 The super family of major intrinsic proteins (MIPs) possesses channel-forming integral
60 membrane proteins that transport water and other non-polar small solutes, such as ammonia,
61 urea, boron, silicon, carbon dioxide, glycerol, hydrogen peroxide, antimony, and arsenite
62 (Gomes et al., 2009; Ishibashi et al., 2009; Azad et al., 2012; Verkman, 2012; Maurel et al.,
63 2015; Pommerrenig et al., 2015; Azad et al., 2016; Azad et al. 2018). They are found in all
64 living organisms from bacteria to mammals and are abundant in plants (Gomes et al., 2009;
65 Azad et al., 2011; Maurel et al., 2015). Orthodox aquaporins (AQPs), which transport only
66 water and aquaglyceroporins (AQGPs), that can transport other uncharged small solutes in
67 addition to water or without water, are prototype members of MIPs (Mukhopadhyay et al., 2014;
68 Maurel et al., 2015; Pommerrenig et al., 2015).

69 All AQPs share some structural features, although their amino acid sequences differ
70 substantially. Each monomer of MIP is composed of six transmembrane (TM) α -helices (H1-
71 H6) with five connecting loops (loops LA–LE) and cytoplasmic N- and C-termini. The pore of
72 the channel is characterized by two constrictions that theoretically specify the profile of
73 transport selectivity. The first constriction is formed at the center of the pore by two highly
74 conserved Asn-Pro-Ala (NPA) motifs on loops B and E because of the close opposition of their
75 asparagine residues (Wallace and Roberts, 2004). This constriction is involved in proton
76 exclusion (Tajkhorshid et al., 2002). The second constriction, called the aromatic/arginine (ar/R)
77 constriction or the selectivity filter, is formed toward the luminal side of the membrane by four
78 residues from helix 2 (H2), helix 5 (H5), and loop E (LE1 and LE2) (Fu et al., 2000; Sui et al.,
79 2001). Mutation at this ar/R selectivity filter is thought to determine the broad spectrum of
80 substrate conductance in plant AQPs (Wallace and Roberts, 2004; Gupta and

81 Sankararamakrishnan, 2009; Azad et al., 2012; Azad et al., 2016). Five relatively conserved
82 amino acid residues known as Froger's positions (FPs) and designed P1–P5 play roles in MIP
83 sub-grouping and substrate selectivity (Froger et al., 1998; Heymann and Engel, 2000; Azad et
84 al., 2016).

85 Although 13 different MIPs identified in mammals are divided into three major subfamilies,
86 the genomes of plants encode 2–5-fold or more MIPs, which are grouped into 4–7 subfamilies
87 (Maurel et al., 2015; Azad et al., 2016; Potokar et al., 2016). However, fungi genomes have up
88 to five MIPs with diversified subgroups (Pettersson et al., 2005; Verma et al., 2014). Algae have
89 1–6 MIPs, but are highly divergent and share only limited similarities with land plant MIPs
90 (Anderberg et al., 2011). In humans, MIPs play significant roles in brain-water balance, kidney
91 nephrons, cell migration, cell proliferation, neural activity, pain, epithelial fluid secretion, skin
92 hydration, adipocyte metabolism, and ocular function (Ishibashi et al., 2009; Verkman, 2012).
93 They are associated with many human diseases, such as glaucoma, cancer, epilepsy,
94 nephrogenic diabetes insipidus, and obesity (Ishibashi et al., 2009; Verkman, 2012), and
95 therefore, they have been potential drug targets (Soveral and Casini, 2017). In plants, MIPs are
96 involved in many physiological processes, such as motor cell movement, root and leaf hydraulic
97 conductance, diurnal regulation of leaf movements, rapid internode elongation, responses to
98 numerous biotic and abiotic stresses, temperature-dependent petal movement, and petal
99 development (Azad et al., 2004; Peng et al., 2007; Azad et al., 2008; Uehlein and Kaldenhoff,
100 2008; Gomes et al., 2009; Gao et al., 2010; Muto et al., 2011; Azad et al., 2013; Maurel et al.,
101 2015; Afzal et al., 2016; Sonah et al., 2017). MIPs also play important roles in host-parasite
102 interactions and numerous MIPs have been reported in several protozoan parasites, such as
103 *Plasmodium*, *Trypanosoma*, and *Leishmania* species (Hansen et al., 2002; Montalvetti et al.,
104 2004; Beitz, 2005; Fadiel et al., 2009; Kun and de Carvalho, 2009; Baker et al., 2012). These

105 MIPs are considered potential drug targets (Beitz, 2005; Fadiel et al., 2009; Kun and de
106 Carvalho, 2009). In mycorrhized plants, both plant and fungal MIPs play significant roles in
107 water and nutrient transport and in the drought resistance of plants (Giovannetti et al., 2012; Li
108 et al., 2013; Maurel et al., 2015). MIPs in pathogenic fungi may act as attractive targets for
109 antifungal drugs (Verma et al., 2014). However, no study has been conducted on the MIPs of
110 oomycetes, a distinct lineage of fungus-like eukaryotes with diverse microorganisms that are
111 related to organisms such as brown algae and diatoms (Beakes et al., 2012; Thines, 2014; Fawke
112 et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2016). Oomycetes are globally distributed and ubiquitous in marine,
113 freshwater, and terrestrial environments (Thines, 2014), and cause devastating diseases to both
114 plants and animals (Derevnina et al., 2016).

115 Among oomycetes, the *Phytophthora* genus comprises more than 117 species, which are highly
116 devastating to a wide range of agriculturally and ornamentally important plants, causing severe
117 economic losses (Martin et al., 2012; Kroon et al., 2004; Tyler et al., 2006; Beakes et al., 2012;
118 Thines, 2014; Fawke et al., 2015; Wang et al., 2016). *P. infestans*, the cause of late blight of
119 potato and tomato, resulted the Irish Potato Famine in the mid-19th century (Haas et al., 2009;
120 Yoshida et al., 2013; Thines, 2014; Wang et al., 2016), and *P. sojae* costs the soybean industry
121 millions of dollars each year (Tyler et al., 2006; Sahoo et al., 2017). *P. ramorum*, the cause of
122 death of oak trees in North America, has severe impact on natural ecosystem, and *P. cinnamomi*
123 is a substantial threat to natural eucalyptus forests in Australia (Tyler et al., 2006; Lamour et al.,
124 2012; Thines, 2014). *P. capsici* causes foot rot disease in black pepper and *Phytophthora* blight
125 in vegetable crops, which causes serious effects on the production of cucurbits, peppers,
126 eggplants, and numerous other important vegetables worldwide (Jackson et al., 2012; Hao et al.,
127 2016; Johnson et al., 2016; Liu et al., 2016). *P. parasitica* infects a broad range of plants, being
128 capable of infecting over 72 plant genera worldwide (Blackman et al., 2015; Meng et al., 2015).

129 The genome sequences of these six plant pathogenic *Phytophthora* species have been completed
130 (Tyler et al., 2006; Haas et al., 2009; Lamour et al., 2012; Fawke et al., 2015) and are available
131 in 'FungiDB' (<http://fungidb.org/fungidb/>). In the study reported herein, we identified and
132 characterized *MIP* genes in the genomes of these six *Phytophthora* species (*PinMIP*, *PpaMIP*,
133 *PsoMIP*, *PraMIP*, *PcaMIP*, and *PciMIP* genes of *P. infestans*, *P. parasitica*, *P. sojae*, *P.*
134 *ramorum*, *P. capsici*, and *P. cinnamomi*, respectively) by using bioinformatics tools. To the best
135 of our knowledge, this is the first report on MIPs of any organism of oomycetes. This report
136 showed that the genomes of *Phytophthora* species have several-fold greater number of MIP
137 homologues than those of algae, fungi, other parasites, and even more than in mammals. The
138 numbers of their MIP homologues are comparable to that of plants. Comprehensive analysis
139 with different bioinformatics tools revealed that the MIPs in *Phytophthora* species are
140 phylogenetically and structurally distinct from their counterparts in other taxa.

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142 **2. Materials and methods**

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144 *2.1. Identification of PinMIP, PpaMIP, PsoMIP, PrMIP, PcaMIP, and PciMIP genes*

145 The genomes of *P. infestans* T30-4, *P. parasitica* INRA-310, *P. sojae* strain P6497, *P. ramorum*
146 strain Pr102, *P. capsici* LT1534, and *P. cinnamomi* CBS 144.22 are available at FungiDB
147 (<http://fungidb.org/fungidb/>). In FungiDB, a search with the keyword 'aquaporin' revealed that
148 21, 26, 35, 32, 25, and 32 aquaporin hits were available for each strain of *P. infestans*, *P.*
149 *parasitica*, *P. sojae*, *P. ramorum*, *P. capsici*, and *P. cinnamomi*, respectively. We retrieved the
150 protein sequences of these available AQPs for every organism and checked the typical features
151 of AQPs in their primary protein structures. All of the AQP protein sequences available in every
152 *Phytophthora* species were used as queries for MIPs in the genome of a particular *Phytophthora*

153 species using TBLASTN and BLASTp tools. Furthermore, the genomes of the *Phytophthora*
154 species were searched for MIPs using TBLASTN and BLASTp tools with the protein sequences
155 of the complete set of 55 MIPs from *Populus trichocarpa* (PtMIP), 22 MIPs from
156 *Physcomitrella patens* (PpMIP), and 13 MIPs from humans (MAQPs) as queries so that XIPs
157 (uncharacterized X intrinsic proteins), GIPs (GlpF-like intrinsic proteins), HIPs (Hybrid intrinsic
158 proteins) or superaquaporins could be detected if they were encoded in the genomes of the six
159 *Phytophthora* species. MIPs in *P. infestans* (PinMIPs), *P. parasitica* (PpaMIPs), *P. sojae*
160 (PsoMIPs), *P. ramorum* (PraMIPs), *P. capsici* (PcaMIPs), and *P. cinnamomi* (PciMIPs) were
161 included until no more MIPs could be found from the corresponding species. Every sequence
162 from each *Phytophthora* species was individually compared to identify the maximum number of
163 MIPs for further analyses. Some of the MIP sequences might have been partial or might not
164 have had all the features associated with its MIP channel. To investigate this, we used the
165 multiple alignment program Clustal Omega (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/>) to align
166 all the sequences in an individual species. The multiple sequence alignment was used to
167 determine the following features specific to the MIP family: (i) presence of two NPA or NPA-
168 like motifs, (ii) presence of six TM α -helices, and (iii) two functionally important loops
169 possessing the features characteristically present in MIP channels. The TM α -helices were
170 predicted by SOSUI (<http://bp.nuap.nagoya-u.ac.jp/sosui/>), TMpred
171 (http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/TMPRED_form.html), and the tools of ExPASy
172 (<http://kr.expasy.org/tools/>). The genomic regions containing *MIP* genes were further used to
173 determine the gene structure using the program GeneMark.hmm ES-3.0 (Lomsadze et al., 2005)
174 (<http://exon.gatech.edu/GeneMark>), a self-training based algorithm for prediction of genes from
175 novel eukaryotic genomes. When short genes were found, their sequences with 1000 base
176 flanking regions were subjected to Genetyx_SV_RC_version 7 to investigate their protein

177 sequences.

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180 *2.2. Phylogenetic and domain analysis of PinMIPs, PpaMIPs, PsoMIPs, PrMIPs, PcaMIPs, and*

181 *PciMIPs*

182 To understand the diversity and evolution of PMIPs and to compare them with those in plants,

183 animals, fungi, and algae, we performed phylogenetic analysis of all MIPs in six *Phytophthora*

184 species using Molecular Evolution Genetic Analysis (MEGA) version 5.0 (Tamura et al. 2011).

185 PinMIPs, PpaMIPs, PsoMIPs, PrMIPs, PcaMIPs, and PciMIPs were aligned with all PtMIPs,

186 PpMIPs, and MAQPs, and five representative members from each of 10 subfamilies of MIPs in

187 fungi (Verma et al., 2014) and all MIPs in the genomes of nine algae (Anderberg et al., 2011)

188 using the Clustal Omega program (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/>) and a

189 phylogenetic tree was constructed with MEGA. The evolutionary history was inferred using two

190 different clustering algorithms, namely neighbor-joining and maximum parsimony methods

191 which are generally used for phylogenetic analysis of MIPs (Abascal et al. 2014; Verma et al.

192 2014; Danielson and Johanson 2010), and the genetic distance was estimated by the p-distance

193 method. Reliability of individual branches of the tree was estimated by performing

194 bootstrapping with 1000 replicates. To construct the phylogenetic tree with the MIPs in the six

195 *Phytophthora* species, all of their MIPs were aligned as above. The identified PinMIPs,

196 PpaMIPs, PsoMIPs, PrMIPs, PcaMIPs, and PciMIPs were classified into different subfamilies

197 and groups based on the phylogenetic tree constructed from them.

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199 *2.3. Prediction of subcellular localization and computation of Ka/Ks value*

200 The subcellular localizations of PMIPs were predicted *in silico* by using tools of WoLF PSORT

201 (<http://www.genscript.com/wolf-psort.html>) and Cello prediction system

202 (<http://cello.life.nctu.edu.tw/>) as described previously (Azad et al., 2016). The Ka/Ks values of
203 the *PMIPs* were calculated using an online Ka/Ks calculation tool at
204 <http://services.cbu.uib.no/tools/kaks>. A Ka/Ks value greater than one implied gene evolution
205 under positive or Darwinian selection; less than one indicated purifying (stabilizing) selection,
206 and a Ka/Ks value of one suggested a lack of selection or possibly a combination of positive and
207 purifying selections at different points that canceled each other out (Zhang et al., 2013).

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209 *2.4. Homology modeling*

210 Homology models were constructed using the Molecular Operating Environment software
211 (MOE 2009.10; Chemical Computing Group, Quebec, Canada), based on a segment-matching
212 procedure (Levitt, 1992) and a best-intermediate algorithm with the option to refine each
213 individual structure enabled. The sequence of each MIP homolog was aligned with the open
214 conformation of spinach PIP, SoPIP2;1 (PDB, Protein Data Bank ID: 2B5F) (Törnroth-
215 Horsefield et al., 2006), or other AQP templates as indicated, using the MOE software as
216 previously described (Azad et al., 2012). The alignment of each MIP homolog was based on
217 both sequence and structural homology with the structure of SoPIP2;1. The 3D structure models
218 were formed using the MOE homology program and the stereochemical quality of the templates
219 and models were assessed as previously described (Azad et al., 2011).

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221 *2.5. Determination of pore diameter and pore lining residues*

222 To analyze the MIP channels, the poreWalker server ([http://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/software/PoreWalker/)
223 [srv/software/PoreWalker/](http://www.ebi.ac.uk/thornton-srv/software/PoreWalker/)) (Pellegrini-Calace et al., 2009) was used, which is a fully automated
224 method designed to detect and characterize transmembrane protein channels from their 3D
225 structures. The 3D structure of each MIP was uploaded to the server, which generated its

226 specific pore characteristics; in particular, the conformation and the regularity of the channel
227 cavity, the corresponding pore lining residues and atoms, and the location of pore centers along
228 the channel. The pore diameter at the ar/R selectivity filter was determined from the PoreWalker
229 outputs as previously described (Azad et al., 2016). The pore lining residues, which are essential
230 for channel formation, were identified using the PoreWalker server.

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232 **3. Results**

233 *3.1. Genome-wide identification of PinMIP, PpaMIP, PsoMIP, PraMIP, PcaMIP, and PciMIP* 234 *genes*

235 The whole genome shotgun sequence (WGS) of *P. infestans*, *P. parasitica*, *P. sojae*, *P.*
236 *ramorum*, *P. capsici*, and *P. cinnamomi* available at FungiDB was searched for *PinMIP*,
237 *PpaMIP*, *PsoMIP*, *PraMIP*, *PcaMIP*, and *PciMIP* genes using TBLASTN. The query *PinMIP*,
238 *PpaMIP*, *PsoMIP*, *PtMIPs*, *PpMIPs* and *MAQPs* sequences resulted in 21, 27, and 33 hits for
239 *PinMIP*, *PpaMIP*, and *PsoMIP*, respectively. We further analyzed the *PinMIP*, *PpaMIP*, and
240 *PsoMIP* sequences for manual inspection of their amino acid sequences, TM domains, and
241 homology models. After all these analysis, we found that out of 21, 27, and 33 hits for *PinMIP*,
242 *PpaMIP*, and *PsoMIP*, respectively, 4, 3, and 6 were deemed to be pseudo *MIP* genes in *P.*
243 *infestans*, *P. parasitica*, *P. sojae*, respectively, and were discarded. Characteristics, such as short
244 sequences, N- or C-termini less, addition or deletion of sequences, and combinations thereof
245 were observed in the discarded *MIPs*. However, the query *PraMIP*, *PcaMIP*, and *PciMIP*
246 returned no hits in the TBLASTN and BLASTp searches. Therefore, we retrieved the *MIP*
247 sequences of *P. ramorum*, *P. capsici*, and *P. cinnamomi* from the FungiDB and analyzed them
248 as mentioned above. Out of 32 *MIP* sequences in each of *P. ramorum*, *P. capsici*, and *P.*
249 *cinnamomi*, 13 *MIPs* in the former two and 10 *MIPs* in the latter were deemed pseudo *MIPs* for

250 the reasons noted above and were discarded. We ultimately obtained 17, 24, 27, 19, 19, and 22
251 full-length PinMIP, PpaMIP, PsoMIP, PraMIP, PcaMIP, and PciMIP protein sequences from the
252 WGS of *P. infestans*, *P. parasitica*, *P. sojae*, *P. ramorum*, *P. capsici*, and *P. cinnamomi*,
253 respectively (Tables 1-6). The amino acid lengths of PinMIP, PpaMIP, PsoMIP, PrMIP,
254 PcaMIP, and PciMIP homologues with their maximum sequence identity with MIPs in other
255 *Phytophthora*, humans (taxid 9606), *Arabidopsis thaliana* (taxid 3702), fungi (taxid 4751), and
256 algae (taxid 3027) are tabulated in Tables 1–6. Although the MIPs of one *Phytophthora* species
257 exhibited a maximum 80–95% identity with those of other *Phytophthora* species (Tables 1-6),
258 the TBLASTN search revealed that their highest identity with MIPs of *Arabidopsis thaliana*
259 (taxid: 3702), *Homo sapiens* (taxid: 9606), fungi (taxid: 4751), and algae (taxid: 3027) was
260 within 33, 45, 52, and 32%, respectively (Tables 1-6). This result indicated that PMIPs have
261 higher identity with MIPs of fungi compared to those of animals, plants, and algae. This result
262 further supported the notion that PMIPs might have extensive divergence in their sequence and
263 structural properties compared to those in other taxonomic groups.

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265 The Ka/Ks value was >1 only for *PinMIPC1;2* and *PsoMIPG1;9*, indicating that the evolution
266 of these genes in *P. infestans* and *P. sojae*, respectively, was likely under positive or Darwinian
267 selection (Tables 1-6). The Ka/Ks value 0 for *PpaMIPC1;3*, *PsoMIPG1;8*, *PraMIPG1;2*, and
268 *PraMIPG1;3* indicated neutral selection. The remaining PMIPs showed Ka/Ks values <1,
269 demonstrating purifying selection. The score of the Cello prediction system showed that all
270 PMIPs might have been localized in the plasma membrane (Supplementary Table S1). However,
271 WoLF PSORT scores suggested that some PMIPs have possibility to localize in other
272 intragranular membranes, such as the cytoskeleton, endoplasmic reticulum, vacuole, golgi, and
273 mitochondria.

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275 3.2. Phylogenetic distribution and nomenclature of PMIPs

276 The sequence of PMIPs was routinely compared with the subfamilies of those in other
277 kingdoms by constructing multiple and/or pair-wise alignments using Clustal Omega and
278 EMBOSS Needle, respectively. To investigate the structural conservation of PMIPs with other
279 MIPs in plants, animals, and microbes, a 3D structural alignment was constructed with the
280 templates of human AQP1 (PDB ID, 1J4N), spinach plasma membrane intrinsic protein,
281 SoPIP2;1 (PDB ID, 2B5F), and *E. coli* glycerol facilitator, GlpF (PDB ID, 1FX8). All 3D
282 models constructed with these three templates showed the typical hourglass shaped AQPs with
283 six TM helices and five connecting loops (Figure 1). Superposition of the three models of each
284 PMIP showed that the helices superposed very closely. Deviation was observed only in the
285 loops. This structural alignment was used as a guide for sequence alignment. To classify the
286 PMIPs, their protein sequences were analyzed phylogenetically with representatives of
287 subfamilies of MIPs in two plant genomes, and a human, fungi, and algae genome, as described
288 in Materials and Methods. Although PtMIPs and PpMIPs were divided into five and seven
289 subfamilies, respectively (Danielson and Johanson, 2008; Gupta and Sankararamakrishnan,
290 2009), and those in fungi and algae were separated into 10 and seven subfamilies, respectively
291 (Anderberg et al., 2011; Verma et al., 2014), PMIPs formed a completely distinct clade (Figure
292 2). Despite one MIP in *P. parasitica*, which was associated with Delta AQGs of fungi (Verma
293 et al., 2014), no other PMIP was associated with any subfamilies of MIPs in other organisms in
294 the three domains of life. We therefore constructed a phylogenetic tree with all 126 MIP
295 homologues in the six *Phytophthora* species (Figure 3 and supplementary figure S1). The 126
296 MIPs were clustered into nine subgroups. Because the PMIPs were not phylogenetically

297 clustered with any subfamily or group of MIPs reported in plants, animals, fungi, algae, or
298 bacteria, these groups were arbitrarily named MIPA-MIPI. Each MIP homologue in every
299 *Phytophthora* species was named by taking the first letter (Upper case) from the genus and the
300 first two letters (lower case) of the species names with the MIP group (A to I), and the number
301 of the homologues in each group was stated consecutively, i.e., PsoMIPA1;1 for MIPA in *P.*
302 *sojae* and so on. MIPAs and MIPCs-MIPGs included one to several MIPs from each of the six
303 *Phytophthora* species. MIPBs contained five homologues of five species, except *P. capsici*, and
304 MIPHs consisted of four MIPs from three *Phytophthora* species. The MIPI group had only one
305 homologue, which was Delta AQGP, as previously mentioned. However, although these groups
306 included a small number of MIP homologues, they had a distinct ar/R constriction. The
307 characteristics of each of the nine PMIPs groups are detailed in the next sections.

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310 3.3. Sequence analysis of PMIPs

311 We calculated the pair-wise sequence identity and similarity among the intragroup and
312 intergroup PMIPs by using EMBOSS Needle (http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/psa/emboss_needle/).
313 The average identity and similarity among the intragroup PMIPs was 76% and 83%,
314 respectively, whereas those in the intergroup PMIPs were 40 and 52%, respectively
315 (Supplementary Table S2). However, the sequence identity and similarity of MIPHs to MIPA-
316 MIPGs was only 34 and 48%, respectively. Nevertheless, the intergroup average sequence
317 identity among MIPAs-MIPDs and MIPes-MIPGs was 46 and 50% and similarity was 64 and
318 62%, respectively. In contrast, the intergroup average sequence identity and similarity of PMIPs
319 from MIPAs-MIPDs to MIPes-MIPGs was 48 and 63%, respectively. These results indicated
320 that PMIPs of MIPAs-MIPDs were closer compared to those of MIPes-MIPGs and vice versa.
321 The intergroup sequence identity varied from 2 to 30% and similarity varied from 1 to 56%,

322 indicating that each group was divergent from the others.

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324 3.4. Gene structure of MIPs in *Phytophthora* species

325 All the full-length MIP sequences found in *P. infestans*, *P. parasitica*, *P. sojae*, *P. ramorum*, *P.*
326 *capsici*, and *P. cinnamomi* were analyzed for introns and exons (Figure 4). Interestingly, among
327 the 126 PMIPs, 107 homologues had no introns. This characteristic might be common to
328 prokaryotic genes. Thirteen PMIPs had one introns. Two introns were observed in four PMIP
329 genes, namely *PciMIPH1;1*, *PinMIPE1;1*, *PinMIPG1;2*, and *PsoMIPH1;1*. Three and five
330 introns were found only in *PciMIPA1;4* and *PinMIPC1;3*, respectively. Despite a few
331 disparities, conserved intron positions were not found in PMIPs (Figure 4).

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333 3.5. Analysis of ar/R selectivity filter and FPs of PMIPs

334 The amino acid residues in the ar/R selectivity filter and FPs are crucial for functional grouping
335 and substrate selectivity of MIPs (Froger et al., 1998; Heymann and Engel, 2000; Hove and
336 Bhave, 2011; Pommerrenig et al., 2015; Azad et al., 2016; Azad et al. 2018). To determine the
337 residues in the ar/R selectivity filter and FPs, we constructed 3D models of all PMIPs. The
338 structure-based alignments and multiple sequence alignments of PMIPs helped us to identify the
339 four amino acid residues at the ar/R selectivity filter, and the five residues in the FPs. The
340 residues at the ar/R selectivity filter and FPs in nine groups are shown in Figure 3. Although
341 MIPs in plants and fungi conserve group-specific ar/R selectivity filters and FPs (Wallace and
342 Roberts, 2004; Gupta and Sankararamakrishnan, 2009; Verma et al., 2014; Pommerrenig et al.,
343 2015; Azad et al., 2016), the ar/R filter and FPs were identical in several groups of PMIPs
344 (Figure 3). Despite a few disparities (*PciMIPA1;4*, *PsoMIPA1;4*, *PpaMIPA1;3*, and

345 PinMIPE1;2), the tetrad in the ar/R selectivity filter in MIPAs and MIPDs-MIPGs was WGYR,
346 which was found in β -AQPGs in fungi (Verma et al., 2014). However, MIPBs, MIPCs, MIPHs,
347 and MIPI contained group-specific ar/R selectivity filters, having the tetrad WGCR, WALR,
348 WSLR, and WTAR, respectively, which are not usually observed in MIPs of other taxonomic
349 groups. Nevertheless, the residue in the H5 position of the ar/R filter in PciMIPH1;1 and
350 PsoMIPH1;1 was deleted. The ar/R selectivity filter, as the name suggests, usually consists of an
351 aromatic residue and R, was found in the H2 and LE2 position, respectively. This was true for
352 all PMIPs, although exceptions have been reported in plants, fungi, and algae (Gupta and
353 Sankararamakrishnan, 2009; Anderberg et al., 2011; Verma et al., 2014; Azad et al., 2016). The
354 H5 position in PMIPs is occupied by small residues (G/A/S), which is generally the case in
355 many MIPs in plants (TIPs, NIPs, and SIPs), fungi, and algae (Anderberg et al., 2011; Verma et
356 al., 2014; Azad et al., 2016). However, all PIPs in plants, most of the AQPs in mammals, and
357 some groups of MIPs in algae conserved H, and some fungal, algal, and plant MIPs conserved
358 L/I/V in the corresponding position ((Anderberg et al., 2011; Azad et al., 2012; Verma et al.,
359 2014; Azad et al., 2016), Supplementary Figure S2). A/C/G/S/T residues are usually found in
360 the LE1 position in MIPs of plants, animals, fungi, and algae (Anderberg et al., 2011; Verma et
361 al., 2014; Azad et al., 2016). Except for some fungal MIPs, an aromatic residue is not usually
362 available at the LE1 position in eukaryotes. Interestingly, most of the PMIPs (MIPAs, MIPDs-
363 MIPGs) conserved the bulky hydrophobic aromatic Y in the LE1 position (Figure 3). The bulky
364 aromatic W and Y in the H2 and LE1 positions in many PMIPs in the five groups collectively
365 might have influenced the channel properties and their transport profile. Hydrophobic L, which
366 is not generally found in MIPs of plants, animals, and algae, but available in some fungal MIPs,
367 is conserved in homologues of MIPC and MIPH. This hydrophobic larger amino acid would
368 have changed the channel property and transport profile compared to MIPs that have A/C/G/S/T

369 in the same position. Superposition of the 3D models of PMIPs with crystal structures of
370 bacterial glycerol facilitator (Glps), bovine aquaporin 1 (AQP1), and spinach PIP, SoPIP2;1,
371 or that of intergroup homologues revealed that the architecture of the ar/R selectivity filter in
372 PMIPs would be influenced by the residue at the H5 and LE1 positions (Figure 5). However,
373 this might be one of the reasons for transport selectivity. The conserved residue WGYR in the
374 ar/R selectivity filter of PMIPAs and MIPDs-MIPGs indicated that their transport selectivity
375 might be caused by another mechanism or they have the same transport profile.

376 The FPs, P1 from H3, P2 and P3 from LE, and P4 and P5 from H6 as described by Froger
377 et al. (Froger et al., 1998) were YDRFW in MIPAs-MIPDs, excluding two homologues,
378 PsoMIPA1;4 and PsoMIPA1;5, in which the F was substituted by G and W, respectively (Figure
379 3). Although these FPs are diverse from MIPs in plants, animals, and algae, most of the groups of
380 fungal MIPs conserve them (Supplementary Figure S2). In MIPes-MIPHs, the P2-P5 positions
381 were conserved with DRFW, except PsoMIPF1;2, PpaMIPF1;3, PsoMIPF1;3, PcaMIPF1;2, and
382 PciMIPF1;3, in which the W in the P5 position was substituted by L. The P1 position in these
383 groups was diverse, Q/D in MIPes; D/N in MIPFs; Q in MIPGs; and H/N in MIPHs. The FPs in
384 the MIPI (PpaMIPI1;1) was FDRCW.

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386 *3.6. PMIPs with substituted NPA motifs*

387 The conserved NPA motifs in LB and LE were found in MIPAs, MIPBs, MIPDs, MIPI, and a
388 subgroup of MIPCs, except PciMIPA1;4, in which the P of the NPA in LE was substituted by S
389 (Figure 3). As reported for the small basic intrinsic proteins (SIPs) in all plants (Gomes et al.,
390 2009; Azad et al., 2016), the homologues of MIPes-MIPGs conserved a usual NPA motif in the
391 LE, but an unusual NPA motif in the LB, apart from PpaMIPG1;1 that contained the usual NPA
392 in both loops and PinMIPG1;1, in which the N of the NPA in LE was substituted by K. However,

393 unlike SIPs, MIPes-MIPGs have high molecular weight with longer amino acid sequences.
394 Moreover, although substitution of A by T or L in the NPA motif of LB is observed in SIPs
395 (Verma et al., 2014; Azad et al., 2016), P was substituted by T in all MIPes and MIPGs. In seven
396 homologues of MIPFs, P was substituted by C or S, and in six homologues of the same group, A
397 was substituted by S. Interestingly, two MIP homologues from each of the six *Phytophthora*
398 species had unusual NPA motifs both in LB and LE, and they were clustered as a subgroup in
399 MIPCs. More intriguingly, the NPA motifs of LB and LE in MIPHs were substituted with ISV
400 and S(P/V/I)N, respectively. The NIPs with unusual NPA motifs, where A was in LB and that in
401 LE were substituted by S and V, respectively, had characteristic R-rich C-termini (Azad et al.,
402 2016; Azad et al. 2018). However, MIPCs with both unusual NPA motifs had a RSxGPYE(Y/F)
403 C-terminus followed by the group-conserved GYHH motif. Although MIPHs' C-termini have no
404 such conserved sequences before the ExQH motif, they contain comparatively more charged
405 residues (Supplementary Figure S3).

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407 3.7. Group-specific consensus sequences/motif of PMIPs

408 We further compared the PMIPs sequences for group-specific consensus sequences. In the TM
409 regions, the intergroup similarities among the PMIPs were very high. The group-specific
410 deviation was particularly observed in the loops and N- and C-termini (Table 7). Most of the
411 homologues in MIPes-MIPGs had longer N-termini compared to MIPAs-MIPCs
412 (Supplementary Figure S3). Interestingly, MIPDs had short N- and C-termini. It is more
413 intriguing that excluding only three PMIPs in group E (PinMIPe1;1, PcaMIPe1;1, and
414 PpaMIPe1;1), all PMIPs conserved a positively charged histidine residue in the C-terminus.
415 With this conserved H residue, all PMIPs conserved a group-specific motif (Table 7). Except
416 MIPes and MIPHs, the C-termini in all PMIPs were H-enriched, to a greater extent in MIPAs

417 and MIPBs. The C-termini of MIPs were enriched with D and E and had di- or tri-acidic
418 residues. Despite the NPA motifs in LB and LE, every loop (LA-LE) had group-conserved
419 sequences (Table 7). However, the sequence shown in LB shared both TM2 and LB. In all
420 PMIPs, the LE was longer, where two group-conserved sequences were observed. The first one
421 composed of eight residues included the P2 position. The second consisted of six residues and
422 was located downstream of the P3 position. We further identified group-specific consensus
423 sequences, with one in each of TM3 and TM5, and two in TM4. In the upstream region of TM3,
424 there was a YxxxQ motif in all PMIPs, in which xxx contained group-specific residues. In the
425 consensus sequence composed of eleven residues (Pxxxxxxxx(M/S) in TM5, the interior
426 positions were blocked with group-wise preserved residues. Nevertheless, the first group-wise
427 conserved sequence located at the start of TM4 was composed of eight residues; and the second
428 one located before the end of the TM4 was composed of seven residues.

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430 **4. Discussion**

431 MIPs have a main role in water and solute transport and aid in homeostasis during plant stress
432 responses (Afzal et al., 2016). Recently, transcriptome data provided important clues about the
433 involvement of MIPs in host-pathogen interactions (Galindo-González and Deyholos, 2016;
434 Reeksting et al., 2016; Guo et al., 2017). Although there has been no study on PMIPs, in the
435 present study, we identified and characterized a total of 126 MIP homologues from the genomes
436 of six *Phytophthora* species, which cause severe economic losses because of devastating effects
437 on numerous agriculturally and ornamentally important plants (Tyler et al., 2006; Haas et al.,
438 2009; Lamour et al., 2012; Thines, 2014; Fawke et al., 2015; Derevnina et al., 2016; Wang et
439 al., 2016). This study provided comparative information in context of genome-wide number,
440 subclasses or groups, structural insight, and evolution of PMIPs relative to those in taxonomic

441 groups.

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443 *4.1. PMIPs are a new paradigm in microbial aquaporins*

444 Although the number of MIP homologues varies from organism to organism, plants
445 comparatively have more homologues than animals and microbes. Although bacterial genomes
446 have 1–2 and fugal and/or algal genomes have only 1–6 *MIP* genes (Wang et al., 2005;
447 Anderberg et al., 2011; Azad et al., 2011; Verma et al., 2014), this study showed that the
448 genomes of fungi-like *Phytophthora* species of oomycetes had 17–27 *MIP* genes (Tables 1-6).
449 The number of *MIP* genes in the genomes of *Phytophthora* species was higher than that even in
450 the human genome and almost similar to that in many plants (Maurel et al., 2015; Azad et al.,
451 2016; Potokar et al., 2016). The increase in the number of PMIPs might be have been caused by
452 gene duplication or horizontal gene transfer in addition to the polyploidy nature of *Phytophthora*
453 spp. (Bancroft, 2001; Moore and Purugganan, 2003; Bertier et al., 2013). More interestingly,
454 systematic searching and phylogenetic and structural analysis revealed that PMIPs were distinct
455 and did not cluster to those in taxonomic groups (Figures 2, 3). Data collectively indicated that
456 despite some fungal MIPs (Verma et al., 2014), PMIPs had distinct ar/R filter and FPs, and
457 substitution in the conserved NPA motifs in comparison with those in plants, animals, and algae
458 were divergent. The large numbers, phylogenetical and structural novelty of PMIPs reflected
459 their wide diversity in function and physiological relevance.

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461 *4.2. Group-specific characteristic C-termini and consensus motifs likely to be associated with* 462 *novel functions*

463 The uneven length of N- and C-termini of PMIPs groups (Table 7, Supplementary Figure 3)
464 might have affected their interaction with other molecules or physical interaction for

465 heteromerization of PMIPs (Fetter et al., 2004; Yaneff et al., 2014) because the protein termini
466 were generally exposed on the surface of protein structures making them available for
467 interaction (Jacob and Unger, 2007; Tanco et al., 2015). The physical interaction through
468 heteromerization is one of the mechanisms for regulation of intrinsic permeability of MIPs
469 (Yanef et al., 2014). The C-termini of proteins have been associated with diverse biological
470 functions and processes, such as membrane integration of proteins, protein activity, protein
471 sorting, post-translational modification, protein-protein interaction, or formation of protein
472 complexes (Chung et al., 2002; Azad et al., 2008; Tanco et al., 2015). The conserved positively
473 charged H residue in all PMIPs, which was included in the group-specific C-terminal motif
474 (Table 7), is a novel character not observed in other MIPs. Furthermore, despite MIPs that are
475 enriched with negatively charged D and E residues, the C-termini in most PMIPs were enriched
476 with positively charged H, although its extent is group-specific (Supplementary Figure 3).
477 Therefore, the distinctive C-termini in PMIPs might be associated with protein sorting, protein-
478 protein interaction, post-translation modification, or other novel functions. KDEL, HDEL, or
479 KKXX motifs in the C-termini of proteins are involved in the retention of protein in the
480 endoplasmic reticulum and prevent them entering into the secretory pathway (Chung et al.,
481 2002; Capitani and Sallese, 2009; Tanco et al., 2015). The NIPs with unusual NPA motifs in LB
482 and LE, have a characteristic R-rich C-termini, which are not seen in NIPs with only one
483 unusual NPA motif, and the R-rich C-termini are thought to be involved in structural
484 stabilization of MIPs (Ishibashi, 2006; Worth and Blundell, 2010; Azad et al., 2016). Although a
485 subgroup of MIPs with both unusual NPA motifs have no such R-rich C-termini, their
486 conserved RSxGPYE(Y/F) sequence would have been involved in the same function in addition
487 to the other aforementioned functions of C-termini because of having charged and
488 phosphorylatable residues. Similarly, MIPs having both unusual NPA motifs would have

489 different functions because of the presence of comparatively more charged (20–40%) residues in
490 the last 10 amino acids of the C-termini (Supplementary Figure 3). In contrast, SIPs with only
491 one unusual NPA motif have K-rich C termini (Azad et al., 2016), which is a potential
492 endoplasmic retention signal (Ishibashi, 2006; Gomes et al., 2009). However, MIPes-MIPGs
493 have no such K-rich C-termini. It is usually supposed that MIPs with unusual NPA motifs are
494 involved in non-aqua transport rather than water transport (Pommerrenig et al., 2015; Azad et
495 al., 2016). However, water transport activity has been demonstrated in two AtSIP1s, but not in
496 AtSIP2;1, and the latter is supposed to have non-aqua transport activity (Fetter et al., 2004).

497 Comparison of PMIPs with MIPs in other taxonomic groups revealed that the group-
498 specific motifs or consensus sequences in PMIPs shown in Table 7 are distinct from the
499 corresponding positions in MIPs of other domains of life (Supplementary Figure S2). However,
500 some of these motifs or consensus sequences are partly similar to some of the fungal MIPs.
501 Interestingly, the YxxxQ motif in TM3 is largely conserved in most MIPs of other taxonomic
502 groups. This might have important structural roles in MIPs as is reported for NPA motifs.
503 Some of the residues in the group-specific motif or consensus sequences are pore-lining
504 (Supplementary Figure 3), which in turn, may influence the transport profiles of PMIPs.
505 Experimentally proven non-aqua transporter MIPs in plants have substrate-specific signature
506 sequences (SSSS) or specificity-determining positions (SDPs) in the NPA regions, ar/R filters,
507 and FPs (Hove and Bhave, 2011; Azad et al., 2016). These SSSS and SDPs have been shown
508 to be used as tools to predict non-aqua transport profiles of plant MIPs (Hove and Bhave, 2011;
509 Azad et al., 2016; Azad et al. 2018). Based on the SSSS or SDPs in individual constrictions,
510 several PMIPs were predicted to be non-aqua transporters (Supplementary Table S3).
511 However, considering only the PMIPs commonly predicted by the SSSS or SDPs for all three
512 constrictions, no PMIP was predicted to be non-aqua transporter. This result indicated that the

513 SSSS and SDPs of PMIPs in the three constrictions might be structurally distinct, which in
514 turn, would have imparted novel functions to PMIPs. It will be interesting to conduct wet-lab
515 experiments to determine the transport activities and elucidate the structure-function
516 relationship of PMIPs.

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518 *4.3. PMIPs could be attractive targets for anti-Phytophthora disease*

519 As previously mentioned, *Phytophthora* spp. have been identified to cause devastating diseases
520 in wide range of plants, including agriculturally and economically important crops, such as rice,
521 potato, tomato, wheat, rye, barley, and fruits (Fawke et al., 2015; Reeksting et al., 2016; Wang
522 et al., 2016). These plant pathogens display resistance to existing fungicides, indicating the
523 necessity of new drugs to eradicate *Phytophthora* from crops. To develop new drugs and
524 treatments, the physiology of these pathogenic *Phytophthora* need to be studied in detail,
525 specifically the significance of membrane transporters such as MIPs in plant-*Phytophthora*
526 interactions. Understanding the plant-*Phytophthora* interactions and the infection mechanism is
527 tremendously important and will aid in developing anti-*Phytophthora* drugs. MIPs are known to
528 transport water, glycerol, and other physiologically important small-uncharged solutes
529 (Chaumont and Tyerman, 2014; Afzal et al., 2016; Azad et al., 2016). Our present study
530 revealed that PMIPs are phylogenetically and structurally distinct from their counterpart in other
531 taxonomic domains (Figures 2, 3). The ar/R selectivity filter of PMIPs is unique and
532 hydrophobic in nature and is likely to transport novel hydrophobic solutes. The distinctive FPs
533 and group-specific consensus motifs (Figure 3, Table 7) further support the same notion that
534 PMIPs might have novel transport profiles, which might include essential interactors for plant-
535 *Phytophthora* interactions. The nature of molecules that are transported through PMIPs and the
536 role of group-specific consensus motifs that might have regulated the channel function must first

537 be experimentally investigated. Hence, PMIP channels in disease causing *Phytophthora* can be
538 considered as attractive drug target like some AQP modulators that are promising agents for the
539 treatment of human disorders (Huber et al., 2012). However, the revelation of 3D structures and
540 crystallographic information of PMIPs will broaden the understanding of drug design against
541 *Phytophthora*-mediated plant diseases.

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543 **5. Conclusions**

544 After its discovery in the last decade of the twentieth century, the MIP has fascinated scientists
545 with its potential to aid in understanding the molecular physiology of organisms and
546 development of new innovative pharmacological agents for the treatment of human and plant
547 diseases, owing to their potential structure and functions. The host-pathogen interactions at
548 *Phytophthora*-induced infection require understanding at the molecular level. In this context,
549 understanding the evolution, structure, function, and diversity of PMIP channels might be very
550 significant. In the present study, a genome-wide identification of MIPs has been performed in
551 six *Phytophthora* species, which are devastating plant pathogens and members of oomycetes, a
552 distinct lineage of fungus-like eukaryotic microbes. Every *Phytophthora* genome encodes
553 several-fold MIP homologues compared to other eukaryotic microbes, such as fungi and algae,
554 even more than in the human genome, and a similar number of homologues as found in many
555 plants. The PMIPs were phylogenetically and structurally distinct from their counterparts in
556 other taxonomic domains. Sequence analysis and homology modeling studies indicated that the
557 ar/R selectivity filter, Froger's positions, and group-specific consensus sequences/motifs in
558 different loops and TM helices of PMIPs are distinct from those in other taxonomic domains.
559 The substitutions in the conserved NPA motifs of many PMIPs were also unique. The data
560 collectively support the notion that PMIPs might have novel functions and could be considered

561 attractive anti-*Phytophthora* targets. Currently, no functional studies are available on PMIPs.
562 The present study has provided a picture of PMIPs with distinct evolutionary relationships and
563 structural properties. However, wet-lab experiments are needed to find out the possible solutes
564 that are transported through the PMIP channels and the importance of these channels in the
565 *Phytophthora* life cycles.

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819 **Figure legends**

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821 **Figure 1.** Superposition of representative 3D models of PcaMIPC1;1 constructed with the
822 template AQP1 (red), GlpF (violet), and SoPIP2;1 (green). A and B are side and top views of
823 the superposed models, respectively. The 3D models of all PMIPs were first constructed
824 separately with AQP1, GlpF, and SoPIP2;1, and then the model of PcaMIPC1;1 as
825 representative of PMIPs was superposed. The TM α -helices (H1-H6) and loops (LA-LE) are
826 indicated. The NPA motifs in LB and LE are shown as sticks. The residues that form the
827 aromatic/arginine (ar/R) tetrad in the superposed structures are shown as sticks (B). The TM α -
828 helices and the loops to which these residues belong are indicated.

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830 **Figure 2.** Evolutionary relationship of MIPs in the six *Phytophthora* species. Phylogenetic
831 analysis of all PMIPs from the six *Phytophthora* species is shown along with MIPs from *Populus*
832 *trichocarpa* (PtMPs; PtPIPs, PtTIPs, PtNIPs, PtSIPs, and PtXIPs), *Physcomitrella patens*
833 (PpMIPs), and human (MAQP), and five representative members from each of 10 subfamilies of
834 MIPs in fungi (Verma et al. 2014; AQPs, Alpha AQGPs, Beta AQGPs, Gamma 1 AQGPs,
835 Gamma 2 AQGPs, Delta AQGPs, Fps like AQGPs, XIPs, SIP-like Fungus MIP, and Yfl054-like
836 AQGPs) and all MIPs in the genomes of nine algae (Anderberg et al. 2011; all homologues start
837 with 'A'). The deduced amino acid sequences of MIPs were aligned using the Clustal Omega
838 computer program and a phylogenetic tree was constructed using MEGA. The evolutionary
839 history was inferred using the Bootstrap Neighbor-Joining (1000 replicates) method and the
840 genetic distance was estimated by the p-distance method. PMIPs are shown with cyan
841 background. All PMIPs, except PpaMIP1;1, formed a distinct clade and did not cluster with any
842 subfamily or group of MIPs in plants, humans, fungi, or algae. Only PPaMIP1;1 clustered with
843 fungal MIP Delta AQGPs.

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845 **Figure 3.** Grouping of MIPs from *Phytophthora* species based on phylogeny showing ar/R
846 selectivity filter, NPA motifs, FPs, and diameter in the ar/R selectivity filter region. The
847 phylogenetic tree was generated as described in Figure 2. The residues in the ar/R selectivity
848 filter, NPA motifs, and the FPs were selected from the 3D models, as well as from the alignment
849 shown in Supplementary Figures S3. The pore diameter at the ar/R region, which is considered
850 one of the reasons for transport selectivity, was determined as described in the methods and
851 tabulated on the right side.

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853 **Figure 4.** Gene structure of MIPs from *Phytophthora* species. Exon-intron organizations of *MIP*
854 genes from *Phytophthora* species were depicted as described in the methods. The *PMIPs* having
855 introns are mentioned in the second column. The six TM regions are shown as black bars and
856 the loops B and E are shown in diamond shapes. The intron positions are indicated by inverted
857 triangles. The number within the parenthesis in the first column indicates the total number of
858 PMIP homologues.

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860 **Figure 5.** Superposition of 3D models of representative PMIP homologues of group A, B, C,
861 and H. The 3D models of all PMIPs were first constructed separately with SoPIP2;1, and then
862 the models of PciMIPA1;1 (red), PciMIPB1;1 (green), PciMIPC1;1 (yellow), and PciMIPH1;2
863 (cyan) were superposed (A). The 3D models of PciMIPA1;1 (B), PciMIPB1;1 (C),
864 PciMIPC1;1(D), and PciMIPH1;2 (E) were separately superposed with the template SoPIP2;1.
865 The SoPIP2;1 is shown in green and the PMIP models are in red (B-E). The residues that form
866 the aromatic/arginine (ar/R) tetrad in the superposed structures are shown as sticks. The TM α -
867 helices and the loops to which these residues belong are indicated.

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869 **Supplementary Figure S1: Grouping of MIPs from *Phytophthora* species based on**
870 **phylogeny.** The phylogenetic tree was generated as described in Figure 2. Each MIP group is
871 shown with a specific background color to distinguish them from others.

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873 **Supplementary Figure S2: Multiple alignment of MIPs shown in Figure 2.** The amino acid
874 sequences were aligned using the Clustal Omega program. The TM helices and the dual NPA
875 motifs are shown as gray and yellow, respectively. The residues in the ar/R selectivity filter and
876 FP are green and cyan boxed, respectively.

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878 **Supplementary Figure S3: Multiple sequence alignment of MIPs in the six *Phytophthora***
879 **species.** The amino acid sequences were aligned using the Clustal Omega program. Each MIP
880 group is shown with a specific background color to distinguish them from others. The TM
881 helices are shown within boxes with black lines and the dual NPA motifs are shown as gray.
882 The residues in the ar/R selectivity filter and FP are red and blue boxed, respectively. The region
883 of the TM helices and loops from which consensus sequences or motifs were depicted in Table 7
884 are green boxed. The pore-lining residues are indicated by arrows above the alignment and the
885 conserved residues are indicated by stars (*) at the bottom of the alignment.

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887 **Supplementary Table S1:** Predicted sub-cellular localization of PMIPs

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889 **Supplementary Table S2:** Average pairwise sequence identity and similarity between different
890 PMIP groups.

891 **Table 1: MIP genes in *P. infestans* identified from the whole genome shotgun (WGS).**

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Gene Name	Accession No.		Genomic location	PPL (aa)	Maximum identity with MIP (%) in					Ka/Ks Value
	Fungi DB	NCBI			Phytophthora	Human taxid 9606	<i>A. thaliana</i> taxid 3702	Fungi taxid 4751	Algae taxid 3027	
<i>PinMIPAI;1</i>	PITG_09354	XP_002903624	DS028131:2,512,989..2,513,854(+)	263	KUF83438 (83) ^c	BAA24864 (38)	OAO95087 (33)	XP_016613015 (47)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.2387
<i>PinMIPAI;2</i>	PITG_09355	XP_002903625	DS028131:2,546,498..2,547,370(+)	290	ETI40982 (96) ^a	BAA24864 (43)	NP_198598 (31)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.2434
<i>PinMIPAI;3</i>	PITG_09356	XP_002903626	DS028131:2,548,127..2,549,032(+)	301	ETP38902 (93) ^a	EAW53211(43)	AAF30303 (31)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.4144
<i>PinMIPBI;1</i>	PITG_09350	XP_002903621	DS028131:2,486,995..2,487,897(+)	300	XP_008894610 (95) ^a	XP_016870189(40)	NP_198597 (28)	XP_016613015 (47)	XP_005826812 (29)	0.5579
<i>PinMIPCI;1</i>	PITG_08296	XP_002903694	DS028130:793,924..794,826(+)	300	XP_002903695 (99) ^b	EAW53211 (39)	NP_174472 (29)	XP_016613015 (40)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.1783
<i>PinMIPCI;2</i>	PITG_08297	XP_002903695	DS028130:798,418..799,320(-)	300	XP_002903694 (99) ^b	EAW53211 (39)	NP_174472 (30)	XP_016613015 (41)	XP_005824571 (27)	3.4424
<i>PinMIPCI;3</i>	PITG_01100	XP_002909619	DS028118:6,345,258..6,347,464(-)	364	XP_002909620(81) ^a	XP_011508406 (37)	NP_198597 (29)	KIK26743 (40)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.8084
<i>PinMIPCI;4</i>	PITG_01101	XP_002909620	DS028118:6,347,827..6,348,720(+)	297	ETP27623 (98) ^a	EAW53211 (38)	NP_178191 (32)	KNE66934 (42)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.4934
<i>PinMIPDI;1</i>	PITG_09383	XP_002903644	DS028131:2,824,064..2,824,888(-)	274	XP_008894631(96) ^a	NP_066190 (42)	AAF30303 (33)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.1845
<i>PinMIPDI;2</i>	PITG_09384	XP_002903645	DS028131:2,825,233..2,826,057(-)	274	ETO69638 (98) ^a	NP_066190 (42)	OAO95087 (32)	KNE66934 (47)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.1479
<i>PinMIPDI;3</i>	PITG_09386	XP_002903646	DS028131:2,830,938..2,831,762(+)	274	ETK81038 (98) ^a	NP_066190 (43)	NP_198598 (28)	KNE66934 (46)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.118
<i>PinMIPEI;1</i>	PITG_09203	XP_002903501	DS028131:1,363,292..1,364,282(-)	295	KUF89515 (93) ^c	NP_004916 (36)	OAO95087 (30)	XP_016613015 (40)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.2632
<i>PinMIPEI;2</i>	PITG_09204	XP_002903502	DS028131:1,364,676..1,365,540(-)	270	XP_008894432(89) ^a	BAA24864 (40)	NP_174472 (31)	XP_016613015 (44)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.2192
<i>PinMIPFI;1</i>	PITG_09091	XP_002903420	DS028131:283,842..284,768(+)	308	ETP11188 (96) ^a	BAA24864 (40)	OAP08944 (33)	XP_016613015 (43)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.4186
<i>PinMIPGI;1</i>	PITG_09197	XP_002903496	DS028131:1,281,315..1,282,223(-)	302	ETO69869 (87) ^a	NP_066190 (39)	AAM61294 (30)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.2059
<i>PinMIPGI;2</i>	PITG_09196	XP_002903495	DS028131:1,266,835..1,267,745(-)	272	KUF89527 (85) ^c	CAG46822 (39)	CAA68906 (30)	CDO57616 (46)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.2134
<i>PinMIPGI;3</i>	PITG_09193	XP_002903492	DS028131:1,254,794..1,255,735(-)	313	ETP10991(95) ^a	EAW53211 (39)	AAM61294 (31)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.1653

893 PPL: polypeptide length, aa: amino acid.

894 ^a*P. parasitica*, ^b*P. infestans*, ^c*P. nicotianae*

895 Parenthesis indicates the percentage of identity at the amino acid level

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898 **Table 2: MIP genes in *P. parasitica* identified from the whole genome shotgun (WGS).**

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Gene Name	Accession No.		Genomic location	PPL (aa)	Maximum identity with MIP (%) in					Ka/Ks Value
	Fungi DB	NCBI			Phytophthora	Human taxid 9606	<i>A. thaliana</i> taxid 3702	Fungi taxid 4751	Algae taxid 3027	
<i>PpaMIPAI;1</i>	PPTG_21368	XP_008894870	KI669564:2,505,888..2,508,408(-)	294	ETM40999 (99) ^b	BAA24864 (43)	OAO95087 (33)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (31)	0.242
<i>PpaMIPAI;2</i>	PPTG_03679	XP_008894612	KI669564:2,503,959..2,504,957(-)	290	ETI40982 (99) ^b	BAA24864 (43)	NP_198598 (31)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.3506
<i>PpaMIPAI;3</i>	PPTG_03683	XP_008894614	KI669564:2,516,194..2,517,439(+)	311	KUF81753 (99) ^a	BAA24864 (43)	NP_174472 (33)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.28
<i>PpaMIPAI;4</i>	PPTG_03678	XP_008894611	KI669564:2,502,439..2,503,474(-)	301	ETP38902 (99) ^b	BAA24864 (42)	OAO95087 (31)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.2414
<i>PpaMIPBI;1</i>	PPTG_03677	XP_008894610	KI669564:2,500,793..2,501,695(+)	300	XP_002903621(99) ^c	NP_066190 (38)	NP_198597 (29)	XP_016613015 (47)	XP_005826812 (29)	0.4847
<i>PpaMIPCI;1</i>	PPTG_12775	XP_008908228	KI669595:679,441..680,883(-)	300	ETI42987 (99) ^b	EAW53211 (42)	NP_174472 (31)	XP_016613015 (42)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.3463
<i>PpaMIPCI;2</i>	PPTG_10261	XP_008903172	KI669579:270,346..271,914(-)	296	XP_008903173 (99) ^b	EAW53211 (39)	NP_178191 (31)	KNE66934 (42)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.6476
<i>PpaMIPCI;3</i>	PPTG_10262	XP_008903173	KI669579:273,175..274,136(+)	296	ETP27623 (99) ^b	EAW53211 (39)	NP_178191 (31)	KNE66934 (42)	XP_005824571 (26)	0
<i>PpaMIPDI;1</i>	PPTG_03700	XP_008894631	KI669564:2,594,866..2,595,834(-)	274	ETK81036 (99) ^b	BAA24864 (43)	NP_174472 (33)	XP_015224218 (46)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.226
<i>PpaMIPDI;2</i>	PPTG_03701	XP_008894632	KI669564:2,595,983..2,596,984(-)	274	ETP38884 (99) ^b	BAA24864 (41)	AAM65333 (31)	KNE66934 (48)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.1461
<i>PpaMIPDI;3</i>	PPTG_03702	XP_008894633	KI669564:2,598,571..2,599,395(+)	274	KUF96448 (99) ^a	BAA24864 (43)	NP_198598 (29)	KNE66934 (46)	005824571 (27)	0.1638
<i>PpaMIPEI;1</i>	PPTG_03509	XP_008894431	KI669564:1,787,887..1,789,461(-)	328	ETL87939 (99) ^b	CAG46822 (40)	NP_198597 (30)	XP_016613015 (44)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.2602
<i>PpaMIPEI;2</i>	PPTG_03510	XP_008894432	KI669564:1,789,897..1,790,946(-)	349	XP_002903502 (89) ^c	NP_066190 (42)	NP_174472 (29)	XP_016613015 (45)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.2728
<i>PpaMIPFI;1</i>	PPTG_03354	XP_008894280	KI669564:1,303,524..1,305,303(+)	309	KUF92657 (99) ^a	NP_536354 (41)	AAM61294 (30)	XP_016613015 (42)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.3905
<i>PpaMIPFI;2</i>	PPTG_03358	XP_008894285	KI669564:1,314,285..1,315,223(+)	312	ETP39322 (99) ^b	NP_536354 (40)	OAP08944.1 (32)	XP_018224918 (43)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.2058
<i>PpaMIPFI;3</i>	PPTG_03512	XP_008894434	KI669564:1,792,870..1,793,826(-)	318	ETL87944 (99) ^b	NP_066190 (41)	AAM61294 (31)	XP_016613015 (41)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.3234
<i>PpaMIPGI;1</i>	PPTG_03508	XP_008894430	KI669564:1,785,403..1,786,911(-)	311	ETO69869 (99) ^b	EAW53211 (41)	AAM61294 (31)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.2455
<i>PpaMIPGI;2</i>	PPTG_03502	XP_008894424	KI669564:1,774,974..1,776,155(-)	298	ETO69896 (99) ^b	EAW53211 (43)	NP_174472 (32)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005836263 (32)	0.286
<i>PpaMIPGI;3</i>	PPTG_03507	XP_008894429	KI669564:1,784,034..1,785,409(-)	346	ETI41209 (99) ^b	NP_004916 (43)	NP_198597 (27)	XP_016613015 (45)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.425
<i>PpaMIPGI;4</i>	PPTG_03504	XP_008894426	KI669564:1,780,246..1,781,526(+)	317	ETP10991 (99) ^b	EAW53211 (38)	AAM61294 (30)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.2374
<i>PpaMIPHI;1</i>	PPTG_03511	XP_008894433	KI669564:1,791,348..1,792,473(-)	322	KUF89513 (95) ^a	BAA24864 (35)	NP_198597 (26)	XP_016613015 (36)	XP_005840893 (25)	0.6009
<i>PpaMIPII;1</i>	PPTG_14248	XP_008909057	KI669599:124,031..125,191(-)	386	ETL88792 (99) ^b	NP_536354 (26)	CAA16760 (27)	OAJ43010 (34)	XP_005826812 (26)	0.6177

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905 **Table 3: MIP genes in *P. sojae* identified from the whole genome shotgun (WGS).**

Gene Name	Accession No.		Genomic location	PP L (aa)	Maximum identity with MIP (%) in					Ka/Ks Value
	Fungi DB	NCBI			Phytophthora	Human taxid 9606	<i>A. thaliana</i> taxid 3702	Fungi taxid 4751	Algae taxid 3027	
<i>PsoMIPAI;1</i>	PHYSODRAFT_339641	XP_009535925	JH159160:2,208,709..2,209,590(-)	293	XP_009535926 (92) ^b	CAG46822 (48)	OAO95087 (30)	XP_016613015 (52)	XP_005824571 (31)	0.1184
<i>PsoMIPAI;2</i>	PHYSODRAFT_288735	XP_009535926	JH159160:2,210,235..2,211,326(-)	294	KUF83438 (92) ^d	NP_004916(45)	OAO95087 (32)	XP_016613015 (52)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.247
<i>PsoMIPAI;3</i>	PHYSODRAFT_525185	XP_009535924	JH159160:2,206,900..2,207,772(-)	290	ETI40982 (96) ^a	CAG46822 (48)	XP_016613015 (52)	XP_016613015 (52)	XP_005824571 (31)	0.373
<i>PsoMIPAI;4</i>	PHYSODRAFT_525056	XP_009535927	JH159160:2,214,127..2,215,062(+)	311	ETP38886 (86) ^a	EAW53211(42)	NP_198597 (31)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.2643
<i>PsoMIPAI;5</i>	PHYSODRAFT_525520	XP_009535923	JH159160:2,205,229..2,206,137(-)	302	XP_002903626(80) ^c	NP_004916(45)	OAO95087(31)	XP_016613015(49)	XP_005824571(30)	0.2899
<i>PsoMIPBI;1</i>	PHYSODRAFT_355956	XP_009535922	JH159160:2,203,313..2,204,352(+)	300	XP_008894610(88) ^a	NP_001161 (38)	NP_198597 (28)	XP_016613015 (44)	XP_005826812 (29)	0.6376
<i>PsoMIPCI;1</i>	PHYSODRAFT_330305	XP_009525250	JH159153:10,045,045..10,045,959(+)	304	XP_009529571(75) ^b	EAW53211(40)	NP_174472 (33)	XP_016613015 (39)	XP_005824571(30)	0.2843
<i>PsoMIPCI;2</i>	PHYSODRAFT_334026	XP_009529571	JH159155:4,679,293..4,680,189(+)	298	XP_008908228 (95) ^a	NP_536354(40)	CAA68906 (31)	XP_016613015 (40)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.2371
<i>PsoMIPCI;3</i>	PHYSODRAFT_468333	XP_009514460	JH159151:2,362,247..2,363,155(-)	302	XP_009514453 (75) ^b	CAG46822 (42)	NP_198597 (27)	XP_016613015 (40)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.3452
<i>PsoMIPCI;4</i>	PHYSODRAFT_477070	XP_009514453	JH159151:2,342,386..2,343,285(-)	299	XP_002909620 (83) ^a	EAW53211(38)	NP_198597 (27)	KNE66934 (41)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.461
<i>PsoMIPDI;1</i>	PHYSODRAFT_525349	XP_009535952	JH159160:2,282,738..2,283,562(-)	274	XP_008894631 (97) ^a	BAA24864 (43)	AAF30303 (32)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.4964
<i>PsoMIPDI;2</i>	PHYSODRAFT_524483	XP_009535953	JH159160:2,283,997..2,284,821(-)	274	XP_002903645 (96) ^c	BAA24864 (42)	OAO95087 (32)	KNE66934 (49)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.2716
<i>PsoMIPDI;3</i>	PHYSODRAFT_339665	XP_009535954	JH159160:2,286,447..2,287,271(+)	274	ETK81038 (95) ^a	BAA24864 (41)	NP_198598 (29)	KNE66934 (47)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.158
<i>PsoMIPEI;1</i>	PHYSODRAFT_339490	XP_009535744	JH159160:1,691,393..1,692,387(-)	319	ETL87939 (82) ^a	NP_536354(36)	NP_198597 (29)	XP_016613015 (47)	XP_005826794 (25)	0.361
<i>PsoMIPFI;1</i>	PHYSODRAFT_252268	XP_009535532	JH159160:1,090,627..1,091,388(+)	253	ETP11188 (88) ^a	CAG46822 (41)	AAM61294 (32)	XP_016613015 (47)	XP_005826812 (31)	0.1857
<i>PsoMIPFI;2</i>	PHYSODRAFT_259896	XP_009535755	JH159160:1,719,459..1,720,510(+)	340	XP_009535748 (71) ^b	BAA24864 (39)	OAP08944 (32)	XP_016613015 (39)	XP_005826812 (31)	0.2486
<i>PsoMIPFI;3</i>	PHYSODRAFT_549775	XP_009535748	JH159160:1,700,410..1,703,096(-)	323	XP_008894434 (88) ^a	EAW53211(41)	NP_198597 (30)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005826794 (25)	0.3053
<i>PsoMIPGI;1</i>	PHYSODRAFT_355937	XP_009535743	JH159160:1,687,843..1,688,930(-)	304	ETO69869 (89) ^a	NP_066190(40)	NP_174472 (30)	XP_016613015 (52)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.6348
<i>PsoMIPGI;2</i>	PHYSODRAFT_524694	XP_009535734	JH159160:1,659,268..1,660,167(-)	299	KUF84847 (91) ^d	EAW53211(41)	NP_180986 (29)	XP_016613015 (48)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.3263
<i>PsoMIPGI;3</i>	PHYSODRAFT_549767	XP_009535742	JH159160:1,685,479..1,686,495(-)	265	ETI41209 (93) ^a	CAG46822 (44)	NP_198597 (28)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005824571 (24)	0.1758
<i>PsoMIPGI;4</i>	PHYSODRAFT_355919	XP_009535727	JH159160:1,644,341..1,647,821(-)	312	KUF89525 (89) ^d	EAW53211(40)	AAM61294 (30)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.4995
<i>PsoMIPGI;5</i>	PHYSODRAFT_339474	XP_009535728	JH159160:1,647,826..1,648,716(-)	296	KUG01632 (89) ^d	EAW53211 (39)	AAM61294 (30)	XP_016613015 (48)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.5854
<i>PsoMIPGI;6</i>	PHYSODRAFT_549764	XP_009535739	JH159160:1,671,210..1,672,275(-)	322	XP_009535740 (97) ^b	EAW53211 (39)	NP_192776 (30)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.3187
<i>PsoMIPGI;7</i>	PHYSODRAFT_524365	XP_009535740	JH159160:1,682,070..1,683,032(+)	320	XP_009535739 (97) ^b	EAW53211(40)	NP_198597 (29)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005826794 (27)	0.1838
<i>PsoMIPGI;8</i>	PHYSODRAFT_451744	XP_009535736	JH159160:1,664,850..1,665,770(-)	307	XP_009535737 (99) ^b	CAG46822 (40)	NP_198597 (29)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005824571 (25)	0
<i>PsoMIPGI;9</i>	PHYSODRAFT_452243	XP_009535737	JH159160:1,666,625..1,667,545(+)	307	XP_009535736 (99) ^b	CAG46822 (40)	NP_198597 (29)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005824571 (25)	1.6327
<i>PsoMIPHI;1</i>	PHYSODRAFT_259868	XP_009535754	JH159160:1,717,811..1,718,779(+)	247	XP_008894433 (54) ^c	BAA24864 (33)	AAM61294 (28)	XP_016613015 (33)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.4791

906 PPL: polypeptide length, aa: amino acid; ^a*P. parasitica*, ^b*P. sojae*, ^c*P. infestans*, ^d*P. nicotianae*, parenthesis indicates the percentage of identity at the amino acid level

907 **Table 4: MIP genes in *P. ramorum* identified from the whole genome shotgun (WGS).**

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Gene Name	Accession No.		Genomic location	PPL (aa)	Maximum identity with MIP (%) in					Ka/Ks Value
	Fungi DB	N C BI			Phytophthora	Human taxid 9606	<i>A. thaliana</i> taxid 3702	Fungi taxid 4751	Algae taxid 3027	
<i>PraMIPAI;1</i>	PSURA_84475	-	PramPr-102_SC0114:47,366..48,247(-)	293	KUF83438 (92) ^d	BAA24864 (41)	NP_198598 (31)	XP_016613015 (31)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.1842
<i>PraMIPAI;2</i>	PSURA_84474	-	PramPr-102_SC0114:45,578..46,447(-)	289	ETI40982 (96) ^a	BAA24864 (35)	NP_198598 (31)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.171
<i>PraMIPAI;3</i>	PSURA_84476	-	PramPr-102_SC0114:50,260..51,177(-)	305	ETP38886.1 (88) ^a	EAW53211 (41)	NP_198597 (30)	XP_016613015 (45)	XP_005826794 (27)	0.2641
<i>PraMIPBI;1</i>	PSURA_72233	-	PramPr-102_SC0114:42,371..43,273(+)	300	XP_008894610 (94) ^a	NP_066190 (38)	NP_198597 (29)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005826812 (30)	0.5878
<i>PraMIPCI;1</i>	PSURA_71169	-	PramPr-102_SC0006:392,090..392,875(+)	261	XP_008908228 (94) ^a	EAW53211 (40)	AAM61294 (31)	XP_016613015 (41)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.439
<i>PraMIPCI;2</i>	PSURA_72183	-	PramPr-102_SC0102:39,914..40,669(-)	251	XP_009514460 (94) ^b	CAG46822 (41)	AAM61294 (31)	XP_016613015 (39)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.1716
<i>PraMIPCI;3</i>	PSURA_72182	-	PramPr-102_SC0102:33,841..34,596(+)	251	XP_009514453 (84) ^b	CAG46822 (41)	AAM61294 (30)	KNE66934 (42)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.212
<i>PraMIPDI;1</i>	PSURA_72235	-	PramPr-102_SC0114:104,901..105,626(-)	241	XP_009535952 (96) ^b	BAA24864 (44)	NP_174472 (33)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.1736
<i>PraMIPDI;2</i>	PSURA_72236	-	PramPr-102_SC0114:106,106..106,930(-)	274	XP_002903645 (96) ^c	NP_066190 (40)	OAO95087 (31)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.1811
<i>PraMIPDI;3</i>	PSURA_72237	-	PramPr-102_SC0114:108,512..109,339(+)	275	XP_009535954 (95) ^b	NP_066190 (41)	NP_198598 (29)	KNE66934 (47)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.2497
<i>PraMIPFI;1</i>	PSURA_80174	-	PramPr-102_SC0046:362,803..363,804(+)	333	XP_008894431 (87) ^a	BAA24864 (40)	NP_198597 (32)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.4705
<i>PraMIPFI;2</i>	PSURA_95006	-	PramPr-102_SC0029:82,759..83,706(+)	315	ETP11188 (80) ^a	BAA24864 (39)	AAM61294 (31)	XP_016613015 (47)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.1983
<i>PraMIPFI;3</i>	PSURA_80164	-	PramPr-102_SC0046:326,376..327,332(+)	318	ETP11188 (83) ^a	BAA24864 (38)	AAM61294 (31)	XP_016613015 (44)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.2214
<i>PraMIPGI;1</i>	PSURA_71778	-	PramPr-102_SC0046:367,948..368,772(-)	274	ETO69869 (93) ^a	NP_536354 (42)	AAM61294 (30)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.2148
<i>PraMIPGI;2</i>	PSURA_87677	-	PramPr-102_SC2368:1,241..2,140(-)	299	XP_009535734 (93) ^b	EAW53211 (41)	NP_180986 (31)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005826794 (25)	0
<i>PraMIPGI;3</i>	PSURA_72426	-	PramPr-102_SC0716:5,808..6,707(-)	299	XP_009535734 (93) ^b	EAW53211(41)	NP_180986 (31)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005824571 (25)	0
<i>PraMIPGI;4</i>	PSURA_71777	-	PramPr-102_SC0046:365,813..366,649(-)	278	ETI41209 (91) ^a	CAG46822 (42)	NP_198597 (31)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005841067 (30)	0.29
<i>PraMIPGI;5</i>	PSURA_72419	-	PramPr-102_SC0660:6,538..7,374(+)	278	KUF89525.1 (91) ^d	EAW53211(41)	AAM61294(29)	XP_016613015 (48)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.252
<i>PraMIPGI;6</i>	PSURA_72425	-	PramPr-102_SC0716:955..1,704(-)	249	XP_009535728 (92) ^b	NP_004916 (43)	NP_192776 (31)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.4837

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913 **Table 5: MIP genes in *P. capsici* identified from the whole genome shotgun (WGS).**

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Gene Name	Accession No.		Genomic location	PPL (aa)	Maximum identity with MIP (%) in					Ka/Ks Value
	Fungi DB	N C B I			Phytophthora	Human taxid 9606	<i>A. thaliana</i> taxid 3702	Fungi taxid 4751	Algae taxid 3027	
<i>PcaMIPAI;1</i>	PHYCA_530062	-	PcapLT1534_SC054:141,263..142,555(-)	293	KUF83438 (95) ^d	CAG46822 (45)	OAO95087 (32)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (32)	0.288
<i>PcaMIPAI;2</i>	PHYCA_510138	-	PcapLT1534_SC054:139,634..140,630(-)	288	XP_009535925 (94) ^b	CAG46822 (44)	OAO95087 (33)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (31)	0.2203
<i>PcaMIPAI;3</i>	PHYCA_553594	-	PcapLT1534_SC054:138,017..138,944(-)	291	XP_009535924 (96) ^b	NP_066190 (43)	OAO95087 (32)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (31)	0.1602
<i>PcaMIPAI;4</i>	PHYCA_553588	-	PcapLT1534_SC054:136,640..137,545(-)	301	ETP38902 (90) ^a	EAW53211 (43)	NP_178191 (32)	XP_016613015 (48)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.4023
<i>PcaMIPCI;1</i>	PHYCA_6911	-	PcapLT1534_SC015:427,750..438,233(-)	280	XP_008908228 (87) ^a	EAW53211 (35)	NP_567572 (30)	XP_016613015 (39)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.425
<i>PcaMIPCI;2</i>	PHYCA_123018	-	PcapLT1534_SC049:168,741..169,683(+)	297	XP_009514460 (90) ^b	EAW53211 (38)	NP_198597 (26)	XP_016613015 (40)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.2412
<i>PcaMIPCI;3</i>	PHYCA_509760	-	PcapLT1534_SC049:192,973..193,950(+)	299	XP_002909620 (91) ^c	EAW53211 (39)	NP_198597 (27)	KNE66934 (40)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.3848
<i>PcaMIPDI;1</i>	PHYCA_553631	-	PcapLT1534_SC054:213,802..214,626(-)	274	XP_009535952 (97) ^b	BAA24864 (42)	AAF30303 (32)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.2115
<i>PcaMIPDI;2</i>	PHYCA_510151	-	PcapLT1534_SC054:214,814..215,848(-)	274	XP_002903645 (97) ^c	NP_066190 (42)	NP_198597 (33)	KNE66934 (48)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.1879
<i>PcaMIPDI;3</i>	PHYCA_124758	-	PcapLT1534_SC054:222,559..223,383(+)	274	ETK81038 (96) ^a	BAA24864 (42)	NP_001330234 (29)	KNE66934 (47)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.2442
<i>PcaMIPEI;1</i>	PHYCA_130684	-	PcapLT1534_SC096:30,774..31,649(-)	291	XP_008894431 (95) ^a	CAG46822 (41)	OAO95087(31)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.2135
<i>PcaMIPEI;2</i>	PHYCA_130620	-	PcapLT1534_SC096:32,191..33,045(-)	284	XP_008894432 (92) ^a	BAA24864 (39)	NP_174472 (29)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.2094
<i>PcaMIPFI;1</i>	PHYCA_125677	-	PcapLT1534_SC059:215,629..216,567(+)	312	ETP11193 (88) ^a	NP_001161 (38)	OAP08944 (33)	XP_016613015 (41)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.2323
<i>PcaMIPFI;2</i>	PHYCA_130673	-	PcapLT1534_SC096:35,031..35,984(-)	317	XP_008894434 (86) ^a	BAA24864 (42)	AAM61294 (29)	XP_016613015 (42)	XP_005826812 (31)	0.2055
<i>PcaMIPGI;1</i>	PHYCA_511729	-	PcapLT1534_SC096:27,663..28,733(-)	274	ETO69869 (93) ^a	EAW53211 (41)	AAM61294 (32)	XP_016613015 (52)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.188
<i>PcaMIPGI;2</i>	PHYCA_511737	-	PcapLT1534_SC096:84,419..89,905(-)	300	XP_009535734 (92) ^b	EAW53211 (41)	AAM61294 (31)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.2582
<i>PcaMIPGI;3</i>	PHYCA_511725	-	PcapLT1534_SC096:15,964..17,034(-)	304	ETI41209 (87) ^a	NP_004916 (39)	CAA68906 (29)	XP_016613015 (44)	XP_005841067 (32)	0.1959
<i>PcaMIPGI;4</i>	PHYCA_512201	-	PcapLT1534_SC669:271..1,219(+)	297	XP_009535 27 (80) ^b	EAW53211 (38)	AAM61294 (29)	CDO57616 (46)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.2401
<i>PcaMIPGI;5</i>	PHYCA_130634	-	PcapLT1534_SC096:96,478..97,393(+)	268	XP_009535727 (85) ^b	EAW53211 (38)	NP_192776 (27)	XP_016613015 (42)	XP_005826794 (27)	0.6911

915 PPL: polypeptide length, aa: amino acid; ^a*P. parasitica*, ^b*P. sojae*, ^c*P. infestans*, ^d*P. nicotianae*; parenthesis indicates the percentage of identity at the amino acid level

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928 **Table 6: MIP genes in *P. cinnamomi* identified from the whole genome shotgun (WGS).**
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Gene Name	Accession No.		Genomic location	PPL (aa)	Maximum identity with MIP (%) in					Ka/Ks Value
	Fungi DB	N C B I			Phytophthora	Human taxid 9606	<i>A. thaliana</i> taxid 3702	Fungi taxid 4751	Algae taxid 3027	
<i>PciMIPAI;1</i>	PHYCI_94066	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:223,255..224,286(+)	294	XP_009535926 (94) ^a	CAG46822 (45)	NP_198598(30)	XP_016613015 (52)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.3049
<i>PciMIPAI;2</i>	PHYCI_94067	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:224,851..225,867(+)	293	XP_009535925 (91) ^a	BAA24864 (44)	OAO95087 (32)	XP_016613015 (51)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.1199
<i>PciMIPAI;3</i>	PHYCI_229810	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:226,809..227,681(+)	290	ETI40982 (97) ^c	CAG46822 (47)	NP_198598 (31)	XP_016613015 (52)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.1787
<i>PciMIPAI;4</i>	PHYCI_9455	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:220,189..222,911(+)	381	XP_009535927 (76) ^a	NP_004916 (39)	OAO95087 (28)	XP_016613015 (44)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.3056
<i>PciMIPAI;5</i>	PHYCI_313549	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:228,193..229,286(+)	301	XP_009535923 (89) ^a	BAA2486 (45)	OAO95087 (31)	XP_016613015 (49)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.3364
<i>PciMIPBI;1</i>	PHYCI_229797	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:231,204..232,106(-)	300	XP_009535922 (91) ^a	NP_066190 (37)	NP_198597 (29)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005826812 (29)	0.8309
<i>PciMIPCI;1</i>	PHYCI_93687	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0055:271,156..272,257(-)	298	XP_009529571 (96) ^a	EAW53211 (39)	NP_567572 (29)	XP_016613015 (39)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.331
<i>PciMIPCI;2</i>	PHYCI_91871	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0024:340,304..341,393(-)	302	XP_009514460 (95) ^a	NP_004916 (41)	NP_198597 (25)	ESA22038(40)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.1932
<i>PciMIPCI;3</i>	PHYCI_91869	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0024:333,891..335,020(+)	299	XP_009514453 (97) ^a	EAW53211 (38)	NP_198597 (26)	KNE66934 (39)	XP_005824571 (24)	0.486
<i>PciMIPDI;1</i>	PHYCI_313498	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:137,089..138,034(+)	274	XP_009535952 (99) ^a	BAA24864 (43)	AAF30303 (32)	XP_016613015 (50)	XP_005824571 (30)	0.2961
<i>PciMIPDI;2</i>	PHYCI_94042	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:135,806..136,774(+)	275	XP_002903645 (97) ^b	NP_066190 (41)	OAO95087 (33)	KNE66934 (48)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.2372
<i>PciMIPDI;3</i>	PHYCI_9427	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0062:133,313..134,252(-)	289	XP_009535954 (97) ^a	NP_066190 (41)	NP_198598 (30)	KNE66934 (47)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.1816
<i>PciMIPEI;1</i>	PHYCI_254750	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0271:71,261..72,250(+)	329	XP_009535744 (88) ^a	EAW53211 (40)	NP_198597 (32)	XP_016613015 (44)	XP_005824571(27)	0.2887
<i>PciMIPEI;2</i>	PHYCI_254766	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0271:69,814..70,674(+)	265	XP_002903502 (88) ^b	BAA24864 (38)	NP_174472 (31)	XP_016613015 (43)	XP_005824571 (29)	0.194
<i>PciMIPF1;1</i>	PHYCI_92025	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0027:233,171..234,286(-)	314	ETP11188.1 (83) ^c	BAA24864 (38)	OAP08944(32)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005824571 (27)	0.243
<i>PciMIPF1;2</i>	PHYCI_437341	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0271:58,255..59,614(-)	311	ETP11188 (79) ^c	NP_066190 (39)	AAM61294 (32)	XP_016613015 (46)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.2497
<i>PciMIPF1;3</i>	PHYCI_328142	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0271:66,502..67,452(+)	316	XP_009535748 (88) ^a	BAA24864 (40)	AAM61294 (30)	XP_016613015 (41)	XP_005824571 (26)	0.3537
<i>PciMIPGI;1</i>	PHYCI_98973	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0271:77,191..78,471(+)	360	ETI41209 (84) ^c	NP_004916 (39)	NP_198597 (29)	XP_016613015 (43)	XP_005841067 (30)	0.2493
<i>PciMIPGI;2</i>	PHYCI_319932	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0114:181,147..182,144(+)	302	XP_009535727 (88) ^a	NP_004916 (43)	AAM61294 (30)	XP_016613015 (45)	XP_005824571 (25)	0.211
<i>PciMIPGI;3</i>	PHYCI_319929	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0114:178,016..179,052(-)	314	XP_008894426 (86) ^c	EAW53211 (39)	NP_192776 (29)	XP_016613015 (44)	XP_005826794 (28)	0.1665
<i>PciMIPH1;1</i>	PHYCI_254774	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0271:47,972..49,023(-)	281	XP_009535754 (81) ^a	BAA24864 (32)	AAM61294 (29)	KJX95442 (33)	XP_005824571 (28)	0.2739
<i>PciMIPH1;2</i>	PHYCI_34767	-	PcinCBS144-22_SC0271:68,054..69,058(+)	321	XP_008894433 (82) ^b	BAA24864 (38)	NP_566271 (28)	XP_013271045(38)	XP_005825107 (33)	0.4769

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933 **Table 7:** PMIP group-specific consensus sequences/motif in the corresponding regions in different TM helices and loops.

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PMIPs Group	N-termini	LA	LB*	LC	LD	LE	TM3	TM4	TM5	C-termini
MIPAs	-	QV(V/T)LS	GIH(V/A)(S/C) GGVS	P(M/L)(F/I)x(H/V/T) (I/T/V)D	GDE(L/M)NKP	GMN(T/S)G(Y/F)AI AGWGS(R/E)	Y(I/V)(I/V) (A/S)Q	(V/I/T)GTCF(L/M)TE LL(L/M/V)(G/C)(G/C)(I/L)FA	P(G/S)AVALLVVAIGM	E(H/Q)HH
MIPBs	-	QSILS	GIHI(A/G) GGVS	PLLN(V/A/V)D	LDQHNRP	SVNTGCAI AGWGSH	YVAAQ	NF(I/V)AFLTE LVGGIFA	PSAVALLVVGIGM	GHHH
MIPCs	-	QV(T/V)LS	GI(T/S)(V/I) (G/V)GGVS	P(M/L)(E/L)N (E/I)VD	(L/Q)DQHNRP	(G/A)MNTGLAI (A/V)GWGS(R/H)	Y(I/L)L(V/N)Q	NFTCFLTE L(V/I)(V/L)G(I/F)LA	P(P/A)A(I/V)G(V/A)LVS (A/T)IAM	GYHH
MIPDs ^a	Short	QFVLS	G(V/I)HF(S/A) GGVS	PW(F/L)D(I/L/V) (V/H/Q)D	(G/C)DQ(L/I)NKP	GL(D/N)TGYAL (A/G)GWGWK	Y(F/I)(V/I)AQ	NW _x (A/G)(L/F)ANE LV(S/G)GIFA	P(G/A)AV(A/G)L(M/L)LT (C/G)(I/V)GM	Ex(H/F)H
MIPEs ^b	Long	QVNLS	GVYVAEGIS	Q(R/N)(L/I)M (D/E)ED	TDERNRG	GMNTGYAL AG(F/Y)GPK	YAxAQ	NLTAFYSE LL(M/I/L)AIYA	PFAF(A/S)(L/M)LFMGLGM	Q(L/T)QH
MIPFs	-	QVxLS	GVYCSEGVs	Q(K/R)(I/L)xKxD	TDQ(N/R)NRS	GMNTGYAM AGYGSK(W/F)	Y(W/C/V) (L/V/A)(S/A)Q	NxTAFYTE LLC(I/V)YA	PFAFALMIMALGM	QxQH
MIPGs	Long	QVTNS	GVYCSEGIS	QNLNV(I/V)D	TD(K/Q/T)RNR(P/S/A)	GMNTGYA(V/I) AGWGSK	YMxSQ	NYTAFYTE L(V/L)L(G/S/A)(I/V)YA	(P/A)FAF(C/A)L(M/L)I(M/W) ALGM	E(I/M)HH
MIPHs		QVA(L/I) (S/W)	G(T/V)x(V/T)x (V/T)A(D/E)VS	(Q/E)((K/N)I(R/S) (R/A) (E/G)D	KD(K/R)RNRW	SLNTGLGx (A/I)GY(H/K)- (M/E)	YMxAQ	NYTAFYTE (I/L)MLASYA	PFALALLVTAIS	ExQH
MIPi	-		ATFIASPGS		R-QPVQP	TPFTQACL	YMLFQ	AGGAFFLE FVLVHRV	PLYIGSALAALTM	

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936 ^aPMIP group containing MIPs of short C-termini.937 ^bPMIP group containing MIPs of D and E-enrich C-termini

938 *Sequence shares TM2 and LB

939 LE, the first sequence is from the upstream of NPA motif and the second sequence is from five residues downstream of the P3.

940 LC motif starts one residue downstream of P1

941 TM4, the first sequence starts the TM4 and the second sequence is just before the last residue the TM4.

942 C-termini, adjacent to the TM6

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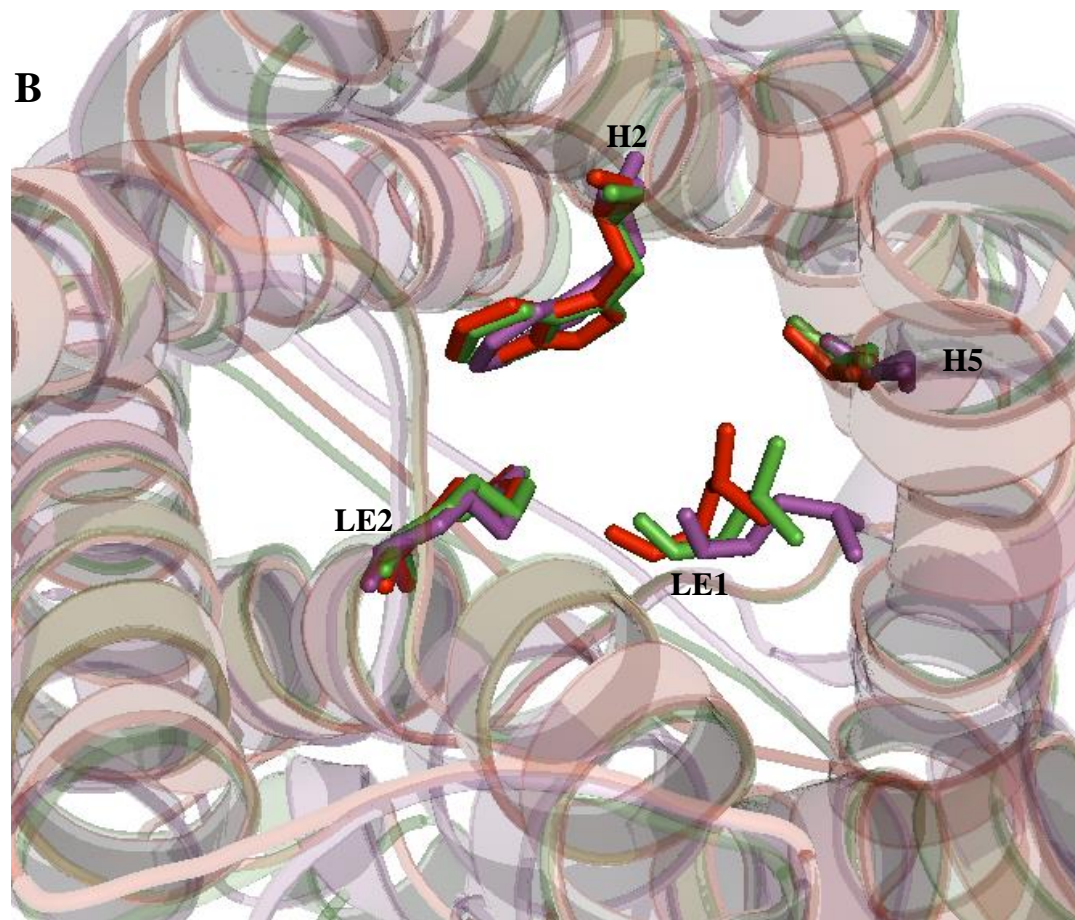
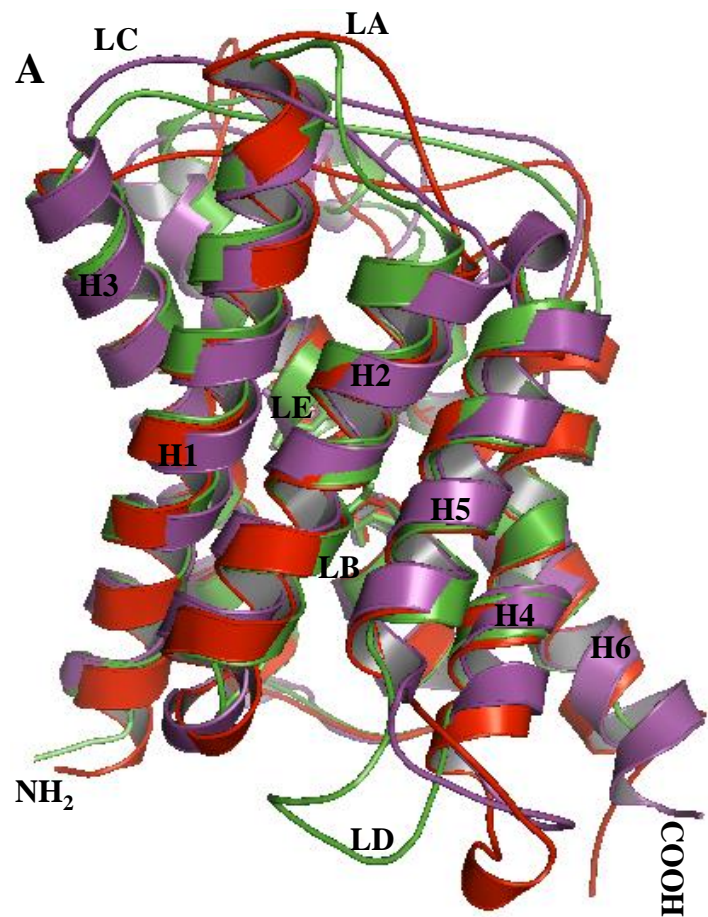


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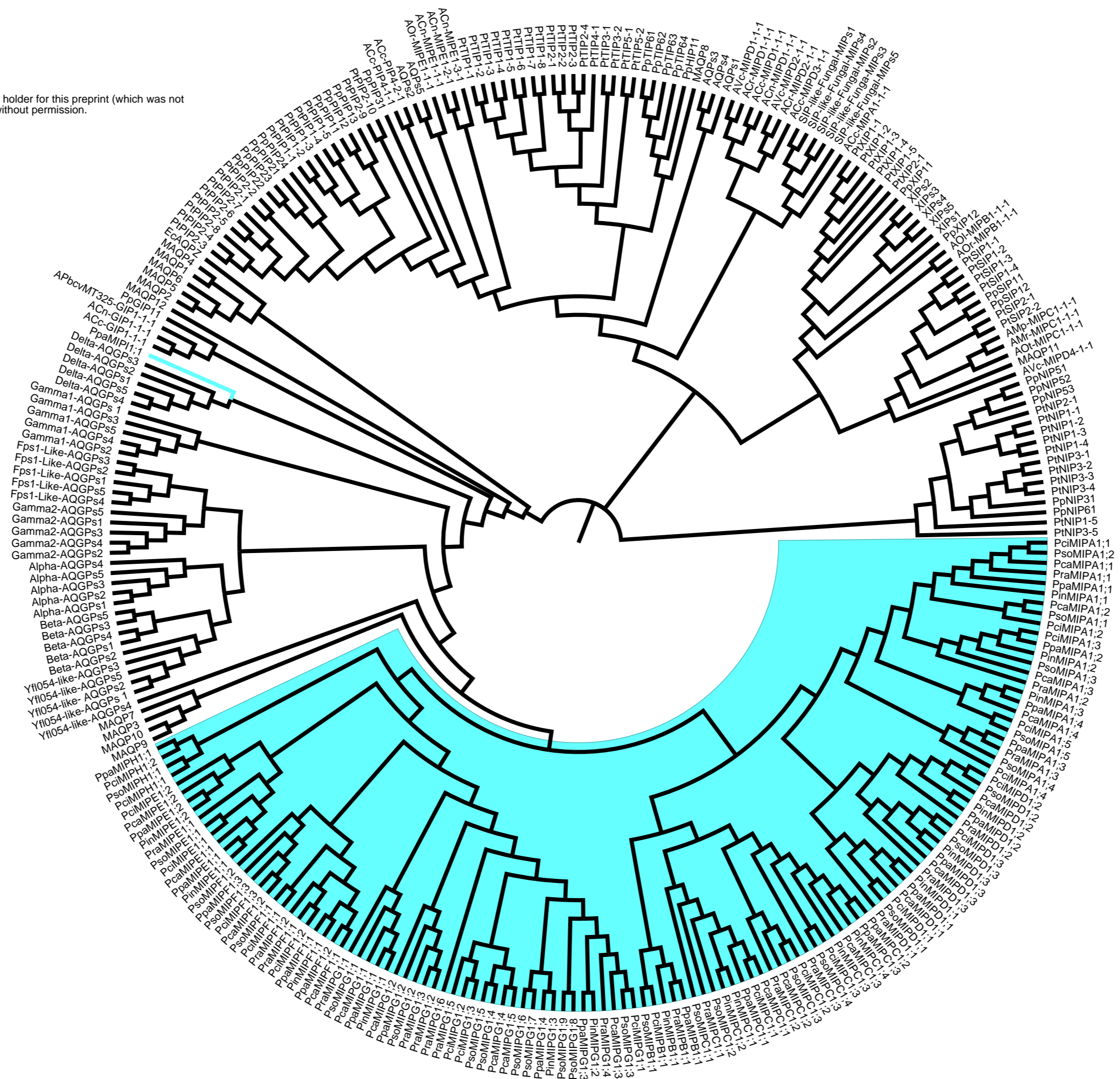


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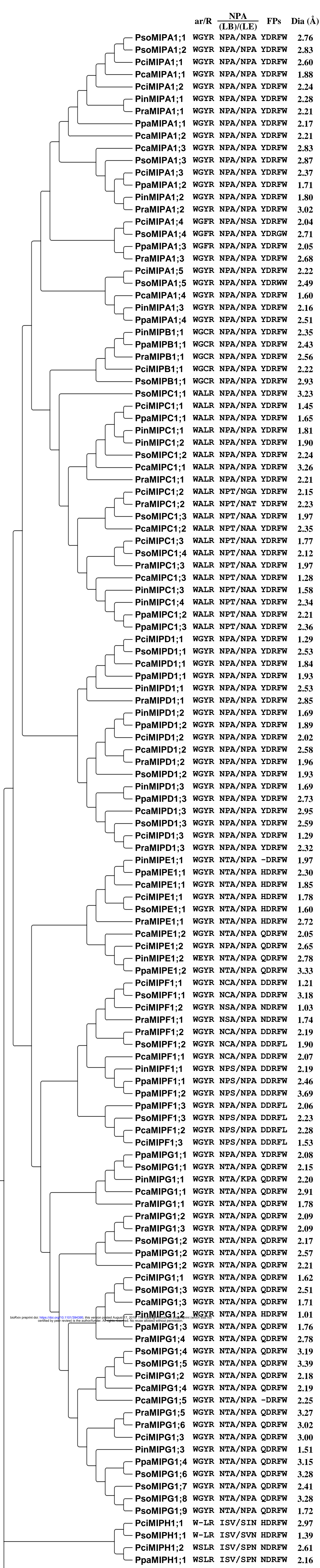


Figure 3

Intron Number	Gene name	General schematic structure of <i>Phytophthora</i> MIP genes with introns' position	
No intron (107)	<i>PMIPs</i>		
Single Intron (13)	<i>PcaMIPC1;1</i>		
	<i>PcaMIPC1;2, PcaMIPG1;5</i>		
	<i>PcaMIPG1;2, PciMIPD1;3</i>		
	<i>PcaMIPG1;4</i>		
	<i>PciMIPE1;2</i>		
	<i>PinMIPE1;2</i>		
	<i>PinMIPA1;1</i>		
	<i>PpaMIPA1;1</i>		
	<i>PsoMIPE1;1</i>		
	<i>PsoMIPF1;3</i>		
	<i>PsoMIPF1;2</i>		
	Two Introns (4)	<i>PciMIPH1;1</i>	
		<i>PinMIPG1;2</i>	
<i>PinMIPE1;1</i>			
<i>PsoMIPH1;1</i>			
Three Introns (1)	<i>PciMIPA1;4</i>		
Five Introns (1)	<i>PinMIPC1;3</i>		

Figure 4

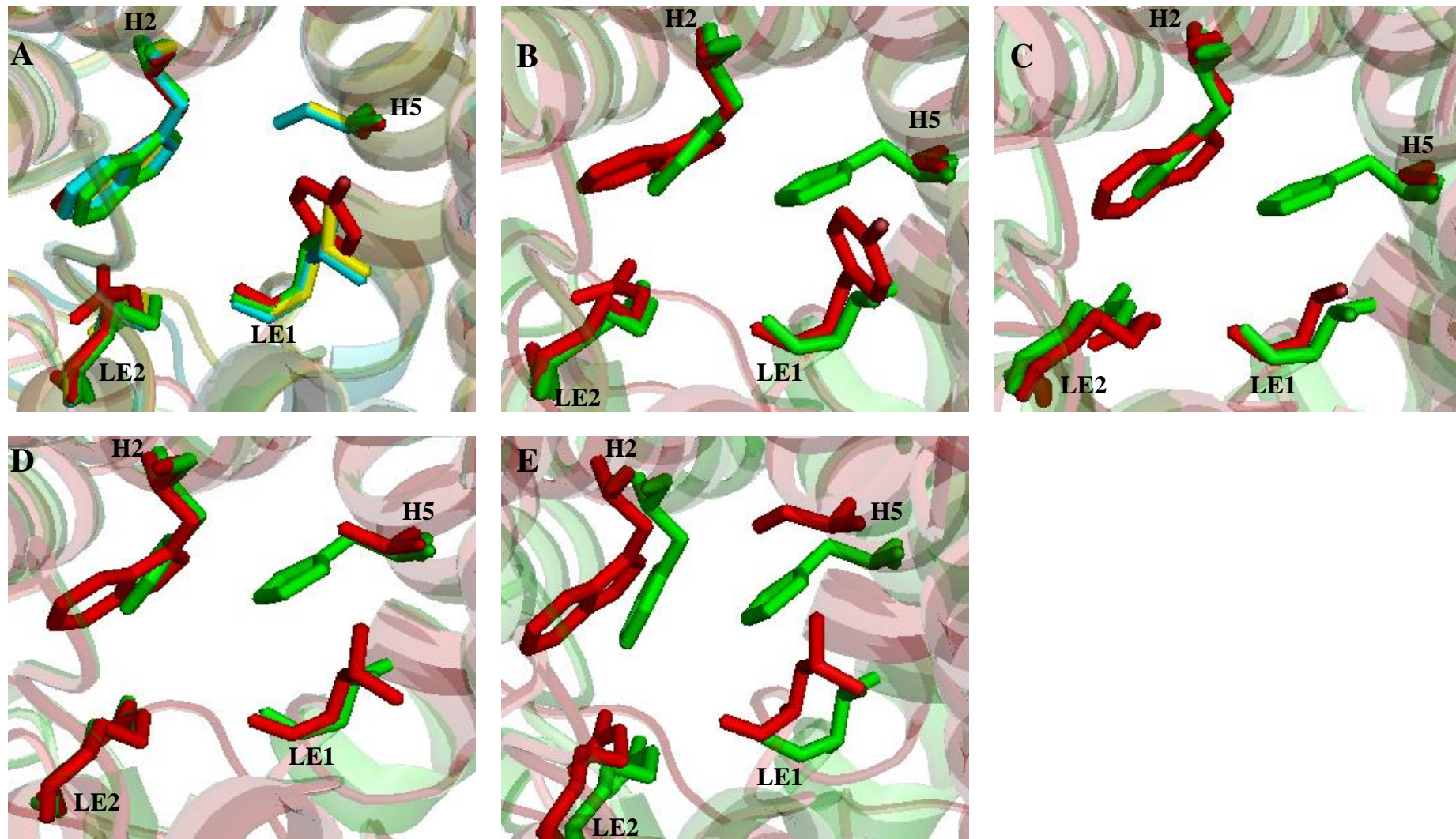


Figure 5