



## Molecular characterisation of the first occurrence of *Pea necrotic yellow dwarf virus* in Denmark

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*Pea necrotic yellow dwarf virus* (PNYDV), a member of the *Nanovirus* genus, has been reported from numerous European countries causing yield loss in peas, faba beans, vetches and lentils (Grigoras *et al.*, 2010; Grigoras *et al.*, 2014; Gaafar *et al.*, 2016; Gaafar *et al.*, 2017). In July and August 2016, five faba bean (*Vicia faba*) samples were received from five fields in different regions of Denmark, in which 2 to 25% plants were diseased. Affected plants displayed leaf-rolling, yellowing, and symptoms of severe stunting (Figs. 1-2).

The samples reacted positively when analysed with ELISA using antibodies against PNYDV (Gaafar *et al.*, 2016). DNA was extracted and PNYDV infection was confirmed by PCR using primer pairs specific for components R and S (Gaafar *et al.*, 2017). Additionally, the full genomes of these Danish PNYDV isolates were determined. Rolling circle amplification was performed using a TempliPhi™ 100 Amplification Kit (GE Healthcare Limited, UK). Libraries were prepared from the products and submitted for high-throughput sequencing on two Illumina platforms, three samples on HiSeq (2\*150) and two on MiSeq (2\*301). The paired-end reads were analysed using Geneious 11.0.4 software (Biomatters Limited, NZ). The reads were trimmed, error corrected and normalised, then used for *de novo* assembly. Assembled contigs were compared with the GenBank non-redundant nucleotide and protein databases using BLASTn and BLASTx, respectively.

The results confirmed the presence of all eight PNYDV components in all samples. Additionally, an alphasatellite 3 sequence was found associated with the DK HZ16-572 and DK HZ16-582 isolates, and a satellite DNA-X sequence was found associated with DK HZ16-572. The PNYDV genome Drophndorf-15 (Germany; GenBank Accession Nos. NC\_023154 to NC\_023161) was used to assemble the eight components of the Danish isolates and Austrian sequences (Gross-Enzersdorf\_1) for alphasatellite 3 and satellite DNA-X (KC979052 and KC979053, respectively) by mapping to reference. The sequences of the Danish PNYDV isolates can be accessed on GenBank (MH000227 to MH000269).

A neighbour-joining tree (Jukes-Cantor genetic distance model and 1000 bootstrap replicates) was created using Geneious Tree Builder (Fig. 3) and the alignment (ClustalW 2.1) of the concatenated genome components (DNA-R, -S, -C, -M, -N, -U1, -U2 and -U4) from the Danish PNYDV

isolates as well as the Austrian, Dutch and German isolates. Additionally, a pairwise comparison between the associated alphasatellite 3 of DK HZ16-572 and DK HZ16-582 showed 99% nucleotide identity to each other, and 99.1% and 99.3% identity when compared with the Gross-Enzersdorf\_1 isolate, respectively. Finally, DNA-X of DK HZ16-572 shared 98.8% identity with Gross-Enzersdorf\_1. The tree and the sequence alignments indicate that the Danish isolates are very closely related to other European isolates of PNYDV.

To our knowledge, this is the first report of a nanovirus disease in Denmark demonstrating that PNYDV is also widespread throughout Denmark. This is further evidence that PNYDV (and possible other nanoviruses) is an emerging threat for legumes not only in Denmark which has an increasing area of legume production (Table 1) but also in other European countries.

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Figure 1  
Table 1. Area of legumes (hectares) cultivated in Denmark from 2014 to 2017 (Statistics Denmark, 2017. <https://www.statbank.dk/>. Accessed 7 March 2018).

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total legumes	8,400	11,900	15,700	20,600
Faba bean	3,900	6,900	10,700	14,800
Pea	4,200	4,700	4,800	5,400

Figure 4

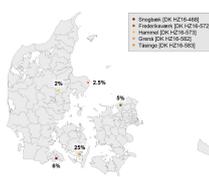


Figure 2

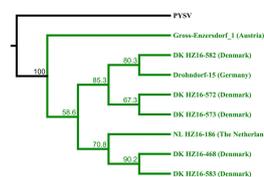


Figure 3

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