Supplementary Material

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Scheme of Bacillus thuringiensis Cry proteins primary structure

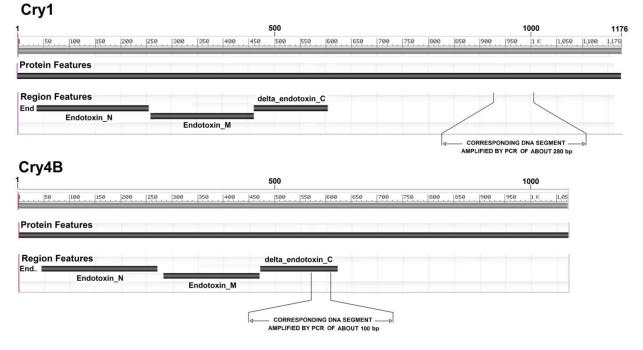


Fig. S1. Scheme of *Bacillus thuringiensis* Cry1 and Cry4B protein primary structures, indicating the corresponding locations of the PCR products.

The first amino acid sequence corresponds to the open reading frame of the *B.thuringiensis* cry1A gene (GenBank accession code: D17518.1) and the second to the open reading frame of the full length cry4B gene corresponding to 1135 amino acids of *B. thuringiensis* serovar *israelensis* (ID code:BAAA00178.1).

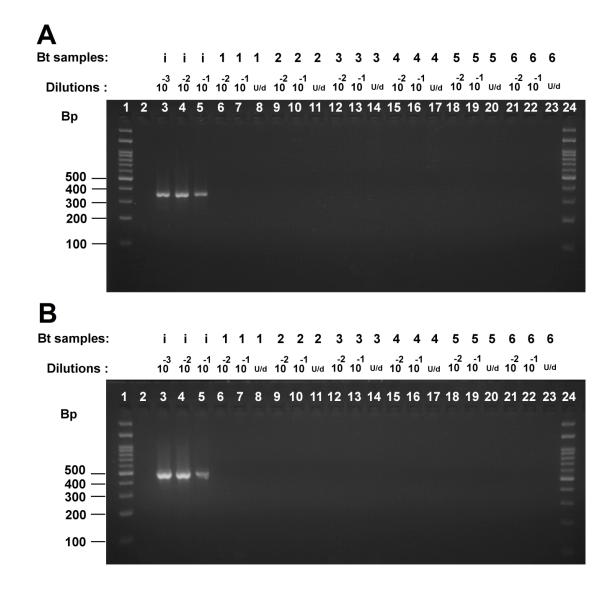


Fig.S2. Detection of *cry10* and *cyt1* in different dilutions of *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) DNA samples.

The electrophoresis was performed in 2.5% agarose gels, showing the PCR amplification products for the *cry10* gene segment of 348 base pairs (panel A) and for the *cyt1* gene segment of 480 bp (panel B) using the primers and protocols described by Santos *et al.* (2012). In both panels the Bt samples were the same as indicated on top of each figure. The samples were the following: 100 bp DNA ladder marker (lanes 1 and 24), negative control with no sample (lane 2), different concentrations of *B. thuringiensis* var. *israelensis* (Bti) DNA (lanes 3 - 5) corresponding to 0.17; 1.7; and 17 ng/µl, respectively (lane 3); DNA samples from the Colombian Caribbean Bt-UPC-1 to Bt-UPC-6 isolates (Lanes 6 – 23). A volume of 1 µl in an assay volume of 20 µl was tested for all the samples with the exception of undiluted samples (U/d) in which were only assayed with 0.5 µl (see Materials and Methods for more details).

Table S1

Sampling locations of the *B. thuringiensis* isolates utilized in toxicity bioassays against third and fourth instar larvae of *A. aegypti*.

| Isolates | Type of sample | Sampling site | Geographic coordinates (latitude - longitude) | Sample date | |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| Bt - UPC - 1 | Treatment plant | ^a Valledupar | 10° 31' 04" - 073°18' 07" | 5/2012 | |
| | mud | | | | |
| Bt - UPC - 2 | Urban soil | El Carmen | 10°28' 24.7"- 073°14' 27.2" | 3/2011 | |
| Bt - UPC - 3 | Urban soil | Villa Mirian | 10°27'08.8"- 073° 16' 08.3" | 4/2011 | |
| Bt - UPC - 4 | Urban soil | La Popa | 10° 27' 44.4"-073°16' 16.8" | 6/2011 | |
| Bt - UPC - 5 | Urban soil | Villa taxi | 10°27' 07.5"- 073°16' 41.2" | 6/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 6 | Urban soil | El progreso | 10°27' 07.4"-073° 16' 48.4" | 4/2011 | |
| Bt - UPC - 7 | Urban soil | Mayales | 10°27' 23.8"-073° 14' 20.9" | 8/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 8 | Treatment plant | ^a Valledupar | 10° 31' 04"- 073° 18' 07" | 5/2012 | |
| | mud | | | | |
| Bt - UPC - 9 | Treatment plant | ^a Valledupar | 10° 31' 04"- 073° 18' 07" | 4/2012 | |
| | mud | | | | |
| Bt - UPC - 10 | Treatment plant | ^a Valledupar | 10° 31' 04"- 073° 18' 07" | 6/2012 | |
| | mud | | | | |
| Bt – UPC – 11 | Urban soil | 5 de Noviembre | 10°27'36.1"- 073° 14' 31.2" | 8/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 12 | Urban soil | Mareigua | 10°26'06.4"- 073° 15' 15.7" | 10/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 13 | Urban soil | 12 de Octubre | 10°27'26.7"- 073° 14' 44.5" | 7/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 14 | Urban soil | Novalito | 10°28'58.7"- 073° 15' 22.0" | 4/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 15 | Urban soil | Villa Clara | 10°27'49.0"- 073° 14' 15.9" | 9/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 16 | Urban soil | Francisco de Paula | 10°26'58.5"- 073° 15' 48.2" | 9/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 17 | Urban soil | Villa Jaidi | 10°26'04.8"- 073° 15' 22.2" | 11/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 18 | Urban soil | 7 de Agosto | 10°27' 04.8"-073° 15' 22.8" | 11/2011 | |
| Bt – UPC – 19 | Urban soil | Pescaito | 10°28' 44.3"-073° 14' 29.1" | 3/2011 | |
| Bt - UPC - 20 | Urban soil | San Joaquin | 10°28'37,7"- 073° 15' 20.7" | 3/2011 | |
| Bt - UPC - 21 | Urban soil | Nuevo Milenio | 10°26' 18.7"-073° 15' 02,0" | 5/2011 | |

| Bt - UPC - 22 | Urban soil | Los Cocos | 10°27' 13.9"-073° 13' 53.1" | 5/2011 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Bt - UPC - 23 | Urban soil | 25 de Diciembre | 10°26' 18.7"-073° 14' 41.7" | 6/2011 |
| Bt - UPC - 24 | Urban soil | Don Alberto | 10°27'57.4"- 073° 16' 53.5" | 8/2011 |
| Bt - UPC - 25 | Urban soil | Alamos III | 10°26'51.8"- 073° 15' 55.7" | 2/2011 |
| Bt - UPC - 26 | Urban soil | Barrio la Nevada | 10°28'43.7"- 073° 16' 54.9" | 9/2011 |
| Bt - UPC - 27 | Urban soil | Alamos II | 10°26'51.0" - 073°16' 00.4" | 2/2011 |
| Bt - UPC - 28 | Urban soil | Milagros | 10°27'28.5" - 073°13' 56.4" | 10/2011 |
| B. thuringiensis | Commercial | _ | | _ |
| var. <i>Kurstaki</i> | | | | |
| B. thuringiensis | Commercial | _ | | _ |
| var. <i>israeliensis</i> | | | | |
| - | | | | |

^aValledupar public service company.

Table SII

Mortality percentages of *A. aegypti* larvae after co-incubation during 48 hours with bacterial suspension of *B. thuringiensis* isolates and the presence of *cry* genes.

| Isolates ^a | Maximal | Concentration | Presence of <i>cry</i> genes: | | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------------------|
| | percentage of larval mortality | of bacterial suspension (mg/l) | cry1 ^b | cry2 ^b | <i>cry4B^c</i> fragment (bp) | cry10 ^c |
| Bt - UPC - 1 | 0 | 0 | + | - | - | - |
| Bt - UPC - 2 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt - UPC - 3 | 0 | 0 | + | - | - | - |
| Bt - UPC - 4 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt - UPC - 5 | 17 | 10 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 6 | 23 | 10 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt - UPC - 7 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 100 + 120 | - |
| Bt – UPC – 8 | 0 | 0 | + | + | - | - |
| Bt - UPC - 9 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt - UPC - 10 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 11 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 12 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 150 | - |
| Bt – UPC – 13 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 14 | 0 | 0 | - | - | 100 | - |
| Bt – UPC – 15 | 27 | 0.1 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 16 | 0 | 0 | + | + | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 17 | 0 | 0 | + | + | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 18 | 0 | 0 | + | + | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 19 | 0 | 0 | + | - | 100 | - |
| Bt – UPC – 20 | 30 | 0.1 | - | - | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 21 | 0 | 0 | + | - | - | - |
| Bt – UPC – 22 | 0 | 0 | - | + | 150 | - |
| Bt – UPC – 23 | 0 | 0 | - | + | 100 | - |
| Bt - UPC - 24 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - |

| Bt - UPC - 25 | 27 | 0.1 | - | - | - | - |
|-------------------|----|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Bt – UPC – 26 | 0 | 0 | + | + | 150 | - |
| Bt – UPC – 27 | 0 | 0 | - | + | 100 + 150 | - |
| Bt – UPC – 28 | 0 | 0 | + | + | - | - |
| Total number | | | 10 (35.7) | 9 (32.1) | 8 (28.6) | 0 |
| (%) | | | | | | |
| Bt. var. Kurstaki | 80 | 10 | + | + | - | ND ^d |
| Bt. var. | 93 | 10 | 277 | - | 321 | 348 |
| israelensis | | | | | | |

^a Isolated from the mud of water treatment plants and urban soils of the city of Valledupar (Materials and Methods). ^b The *cry1* and *cry2* genes were detected by the specific primers and protocols described by Ben-Dov *et al.* (1997). ^c The *cry4B*, *cry10 and cyt1* genes were assayed using the specific primers and protocols described by Santos *et al.* (2012). $^{d}ND = not determined.$