

1 **Genome structure and evolution of *Antirrhinum majus* L.**

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43 **Abstract**

44 Snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus* L.), a member of Plantaginaceae, is an important
45 model for plant genetics and molecular studies on plant growth and development,
46 transposon biology and self-incompatibility. Here we report a high-quality genome
47 assembly of *A. majus* cultivated JI7 (*A. majus* cv. JI7) of a 510 Mb with 37,714
48 annotated protein-coding genes. The scaffolds covering 97.12% of the assembled
49 genome were anchored on 8 chromosomes. Comparative and evolutionary analyses
50 revealed that Plantaginaceae and Solanaceae diverged from their most recent ancestor
51 around 62 million years ago (MYA). We also revealed the genetic architectures
52 associated with complex traits such as flower asymmetry and self-incompatibility

53 including a unique TCP duplication around 46-49 MYA and a near complete ψS -locus
54 of ca.2 Mb. The genome sequence obtained in this study not only provides the first
55 genome sequenced from Plantaginaceae but also bring the popular plant model system
56 of *Antirrhinum* into a genomic age.

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58 **Introduction**

59 The genus *Antirrhinum* belongs to the Plantaginaceae family and includes about 20
60 species with the chromosome number of $2n=16^1$. The cultivated *A. majus* was
61 domesticated as an ornamental in garden over two thousand years ago. *Antirrhinum*
62 originated in Europe and are mainly distributed in Europe, Asia, and Africa around
63 the Mediterranean coast. Different species in *Antirrhinum* have obvious
64 differentiation in flower color, fragrance, flower pattern and flowering time; and
65 interspecific hybridization often occurred among them. The genus has evolved two
66 major mating systems, insect pollination (entomophily) and self-incompatibility (SI),
67 to promote out-cross^{1,2,3}.

68 *Antirrhinum* has served as an excellent system in molecular genetics and
69 developmental biology studies in the past three decades because of its active
70 transposable elements for generating rich mutant resources⁴. Several key genes were
71 first cloned in *Antirrhinum* including the founding members of MADS (*DEFICIENS*)
72 and TCP (*CYCLOIDEA*) gene families, a MYB gene *MIXTA* controlling petal
73 epidermis formation, three MYB transcription factors encoded by *ROSEAL*,
74 *ROSEAL2* and *VENOSA* controlling flower color intensity and the *SLFs* (*S-Locus*
75 *F-box*) controlling self-incompatibility⁵⁻¹³. Most of these genes were identified by a
76 representative “cut and paste” transposon-tagging systems in *Antirrhinum* involved in
77 flower development, floral-organ identity and inflorescence architecture^{1,14}.

78 However, it remains unclear what constitutes their genomic architectures and
79 how they evolve without the genome structure of the regions containing these genes.
80 Here, we report a high-quality genome sequence of *A. majus* of 510 Mb assembled
81 with 37,714 annotated protein-coding genes combining using whole-genome shotgun
82 sequencing of Illumina short reads and single-molecule, real time (SMRT) sequencing
83 long reads from Pacific Biosciences (PacBio) platform. Most of the assembled
84 sequences were anchored to chromosomes to form 8 pseudomolecules using a genetic
85 map. Furthermore, comparative genomic analysis revealed that *Antirrhinum* was
86 derived from related families about 62 MYA and a whole genome duplication event
87 occurred around 46-49 MYA. We also showed a near complete genomic structure of
88 the pseudo (ψ) *S*-locus of *A. majus* of ca. 2 Mb, which consists of 102 genes from
89 *RAD* to *SLF37* genes¹⁵. The genome sequence provided in this study will accelerate
90 genomic and evolutionary studies on this classical model species.

91 **Results**

92 **Genome sequencing, assembly and annotation of *A. majus***

93 We sequenced a highly inbred *Antirrhinum* line (*A. majus* cv. JI7 with eight linkage
94 groups) using the combination Illumina short read and Pacific Biosciences (PacBio)
95 long read sequencing technologies by the genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS) method¹⁶.
96 The genome size was estimated to be about 520 M based on kmer distribution. We
97 used Canu to correct and assemble PacBio reads into contigs and using SSPACE for
98 scaffolding with Mate-paired short reads. The assembled genome size was 510 Mb
99 with a contig and scaffold N50 sizes of 733 kb and 3,742 kb, respectively (Figure 1,
100 Table 1, Supplementary Figure1 and Supplementary Table 1-2). To anchor
101 *Antirrhinum* genome sequence to chromosomes, we used JoinMap 4.1 to designed
102 marks from re-sequencing 48 recombinant inbred lines (RIL) that derived from *A.*
103 *majus* crossed to the self-incompatible species *A. charidemi*. Eight linkage groups
104 covered 496.9Mb, representing 97.12% of the assembled *Antirrhinum* genome. The

105 largest chromosome 2 was estimated ca. 75.4 Mb, whereas the smallest chromosome
106 4 ca. 50.9 Mb and chromosome 8 ca. 57.0 Mb. The average ratio of physical to
107 genetic distance was estimated to be 753.6 kb/cM. The rate of genetic and physical
108 distance showed lower recombination rate at the pericentromeric regions of chr4, chr6,
109 chr7 and chr8, together with the locations of their centromeres. Validations by known
110 genetic markers and FISH (fluorescence *in situ* hybridization) showed that the linkage
111 groups represent a high-quality physical map (Supplementary Figure 2-4 and
112 Supplementary Table 3).

113 To validate genome quality and integrity, the completeness of the assembled
114 euchromatic portion was examined by comparing 25,651 public ESTs of *Antirrhinum*
115 from NCBI (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nucest/?term=EST%20Antirrhinum>) and
116 96.59% EST sequences were mapped on the assembled genome. Next, we did the
117 alignments between three Bacterial Artificial Chromosome (BAC) sequences and the
118 assembled *Antirrhinum* genome, indicating an average 98.3% of euchromatin
119 coverage. We also used BUSCO analysis to compare the quality of the assembled
120 *Antirrhinum* genome sequence to that of other published plant genomes and showed a
121 high quality of the assembled sequence data (Supplementary Figure 5-7).

122 We predicted a total of 37,714 protein-coding genes with an average transcript
123 length of 3,166 bp by using *Antirrhinum* EST sequences and RNA-seq data from six
124 major tissues: leaf, root, stem, stamen, pistil and pollen (<http://bioinfo.sibs.ac.cn/Am/>,
125 Supplementary Excel 1). Approximately 89.11% of all genes could be functionally
126 annotated. The average gene density in *Antirrhinum* is one gene per 15.5 kb, which is
127 about three times lower than *Arabidopsis* (one gene/4.5 kb) and slightly higher than
128 tomato (one gene/25.7 kb). Genes are also distributed unevenly, being more abundant
129 in the ends of chromosomal arms. We also identified 981 transfer RNA, 800
130 microRNA, 10 ribosomal RNA and 622 small nuclear RNA families. A total of 268.3
131 Mb (43.8%) sequences were annotated as repeats including a wealth of class I

132 (Retrotransposon: 182.8 Mb), class II (DNA transposon: 41.1 Mb) elements,
133 accounting for 52.6% of the assembled genome (Supplementary Table 4-7).

134 To detect the intragenomic organization in *A. majus*, self-alignment analysis was
135 employed to reveal the duplicated and triplication regions between and within
136 chromosomes. A whole genome triplication occurred between chromosome 1, 7 and 8,
137 between chromosome 4, 6 and 8. Paralogous relationships among eight *Antirrhinum*
138 chromosomes revealed 45 major duplications and 2 triplications by dot plot analyses.
139 Collectively, forty-seven major intra-syntenic blocks spanning 1,841 pairs of
140 paralogous genes were identified on the eight chromosomes (Figure 1, Supplementary
141 Excel 2).

142 Taken together, the *Antirrhinum* genome generated in this study represents a
143 high-quality chromosome-scale genome map.

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145 **Comparative genomics and evolution of *A. majus***

146 To compare *Antirrhinum* genome with other plant genomes, we first examined the
147 synteny of *Antirrhinum* chromosomes. The results showed that homologous genes in
148 *Antirrhinum* chromosomes 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 are collinear to tomato chromosome
149 6/7/11, 3/8, 1/4/5, 2/3, 12 and 9, respectively, indicating that these chromosomes
150 shared similar evolutionary histories (Figure 2a). Based on the collinearity of gene
151 pairs, we calculated the density distribution of synonymous substitution rate per gene
152 (K_s) between collinear paralogous genes and inferred the time of whole-genome
153 duplication (WGD) events in *Antirrhinum*. A peak at around 0.57-0.60 showed a
154 recent WGD in *Antirrhinum* occurred around 46-49 Mya corresponding to a β event¹⁷
155 (Figure 2b). We then compared the complexity of gene families between *Antirrhinum*
156 and other species and showed that 9,503 gene families are shared by *Antirrhinum*,
157 *Arabidopsis*, rice, and tomato. 6,677 gene families were possibly contracted in

158 *Antirrhinum* while the other 3,778 gene families expanded including the F-box protein
159 family being expanded significantly (Figure 2c).

160 To examine the *Antirrhinum* genome evolution, we performed all-against-all
161 comparison analyses for the evolution of gene families and constructed a phylogenetic
162 tree of nine angiosperm species (*A. majus*, *A. thaliana*, *A. trichopoda*, *C. papaya*, *O.*
163 *sativa*, *P. hybrida*, *P. mume*, *S.lycopersicum*, *S. tuberosum* and *V. vitis*) based on the
164 shared 2114 single-copy genes of *Antirrhinum*. The divergence times of *C. papaya*-*A.*
165 *thaliana* (55.1~90.6 million years ago) and dicot-monocot (123.9~228.5 million years
166 ago) were used for calibration derived from the published data (Figure 2d). Taken
167 together, these results showed that *Antirrhinum* lineage was split from potato and
168 tomato lineages around 97 MYA with its own recent WGD event occurred about
169 46-49 MYA.

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171 **Evolution of floral asymmetry and TCP family**

172 *A. majus* has served as the genetic model of floral symmetry. Recent studies have
173 revealed the floral asymmetry in *A. majus* is largely controlled by two TCP family
174 TFs (CYC and DICH)^{7,8,18}. To explore their evolution, we compared the composition
175 and number of TCP family in several sequenced angiosperms with floral symmetry
176 information. Both eudicot and monocot share a CYC/DICH embedded CYC/TB1
177 clade, while radial flower basal angiosperm *A. trichopoda* lacks any members of class
178 II CYC/TB1 clade, suggesting that class I and class II CIN clade were more ancient
179 than class II CYC/TB1 clade, and the initial role for CYC/TB1 clade was not likely
180 involved in floral symmetry control (Figure 3 and Supplementary Excel 3).

181 We identified a total of 30 putative functional TCP family genes, including 13
182 class I genes, 10 class II CIN clade genes and 7 class II CYC/TB1 clade genes.
183 Syntenic block and *Ks* analyses of the orthologous gene pairs revealed that the recent
184 whole genome duplication and tandem duplication contributed to the expansion of

185 TCP family members, especially for the *CYC/DICH* embedded *CYC/TB1* clade
186 (Figure 3 and Supplementary Table 8). Previous studies indicated *CYC* and *DICH*
187 have overlapping expression patterns in floral meristems in *A. majus* and the fully
188 radial flower only appeared in *CYC/DICH* double mutants, suggesting the genetic
189 robustness of zygomorphic flower control. To estimate the time of *CYC* and *DICH*
190 duplication event, we performed *Ks* analysis of the syntenic block embedding
191 *CYC/DICH* with 79 homologous gene pairs (Supplementary Table 8). Interestingly,
192 the results indicated this syntenic block was retained from a whole genome
193 duplication event taken place during the time span of the zygomorphic flower
194 emergences (about 60 million years ago). Furthermore, downstream *CYC/DICH*, two
195 genes (*DIV* and *DRIF*) in *RAD/DIV* module have homologous copies with similar *Ks*
196 as *CYC/DICH*, while *DRIF* is located at a WGD derived syntenic block^{19,20,21}. Those
197 analyses showed that the master regulators of zygomorphic flower were retained from
198 the recent whole genome duplication, revealing the evolutionary base for the
199 zygomorphic flower maintenance in *A. majus* and perhaps other close relatives.

200 To further explore TCP family evolution among other zygomorphic flower
201 species, we extended the syntenic block and *Ks* analyses to *M. truncatula*, belonging
202 to legume²². The results showed that *M. truncatula* independently undergone a recent
203 whole genome duplication event around the similar time as *A. majus* without similar
204 duplicated *CYC/DICH* copies, suggesting that *A. majus* harbored a unique genetic
205 mechanism for zygomorphic flower (Supplementary Figure 8). Though we could not
206 couple the genetic events with the appearance of zygomorphic flower, our TCP family
207 analysis on representative angiosperms indicated that the genetic origins of
208 zygomorphic flower were ancient and occurred around the late period of Cretaceous
209 about 60 MYA (Figure 3).

210 Previous phylogenetic analysis suggested that zygomorphic flower
211 independently evolved from actinomorphic ancestors for more than 25 times²³. Our

212 findings indicated that gene duplications are involved in a genetic robustness of
213 zygomorphic flower evolution by maintaining copies of master regulators.

214 **Structure of the ψ S-locus in *A. majus* and its gene collinearity in SI species**

215 Previously, we found the *Antirrhinum* *S*-locus is located in a heterochromatin region
216 on the short arm of chromosome 8 through cytological investigation²⁴. To reveal a
217 complete pseudo (ψ)*S*-locus in self-compatible *A. majus*, we scan conserved regions
218 (FBA/FBK domain) of *SLF* gene family in the assembled *A. majus* genome, we
219 identified the *S* genes located in the short arm of chromosome 8 and examined their
220 expressions inside the ψ *S*-locus region. The locus consists of 37 *SLF* genes
221 (*SLF1-SLF37*) covering 874 kb composed of three scaffolds *Sc29*, *Sc276* and *Sc184*
222 (Figure 4a). Six pseudogenes with FBA domains were inferred to be loss-of-function
223 in evolution. No *S*-RNase was found in and near the region, suggesting it might be
224 lost in self-compatible *A. majus*. *RAD* gene locates in the upstream of *SLF1* gene
225 about 1Mb, consistent with previous studies showing its linkage with the *S*-locus²⁴;
226 and the region contains 102 genes from *RAD* to *SLF37*. Most *SLF* genes are expressed
227 in pollen or anther indicating they could be related to pollination and fertilization.
228 Taken together, these results showed that we obtained a near complete ψ *S*-locus with
229 the largest numbers of *S* genes annotated in a plant genome (Figure 4b and
230 Supplementary Excel 4-6).

231 To explore the *S*-locus structures between SC and SI species, we compared the
232 ψ *S*-locus sequence with nine assembled TAC (Transformation-competent artificial
233 chromosome) sequences from four *S* haplotypes of self-incompatible *A. hispanicum*
234 and uncovered high gene collinearity between *AhSLF12* and *AhSLF13* except for
235 *AhSLF32* located in *S*₂, *S*₄ and *S*₅ haplotypes of *A. hispanicum* (Figure 4c). An
236 intra-chromosome inversion around the *S*-locus occurred in the *S*₂ haplotype of
237 *hispanicum* as described previously. However, no apparent large collinearity was
238 found between *A. majus* and TAC sequences containing the *S*-RNase gene, supporting

239 that the region containing *S-RNase* was deleted in the ψS -locus. We found one
240 orthologous pseudo-gene in *A. majus*, *AmSLF18* on chromosome 8, which has a
241 complete corresponding coding sequence region and expressed in the *S₄* haplotype,
242 suggesting a recent duplication event (Figure 4c, Supplementary Excel 7).

243 To examine the evolution of *SLF* and *S-RNase* genes, the *K_a* and *K_s* rate of the
244 twelve collinear *SLF* gene pairs showed that the values of *SLFs* are lower than that of
245 *S-RNase* in *Antirrhinum*, and the allelic *SLF* genes showed a *K_a/K_s*=0.41, consistent
246 with a negative frequency-dependent selection detected previously. Only *SLF14*
247 appears to be a positively selected gene (*K_a/K_s*>1) (Supplementary Excel 8). The
248 average divergence time of these *SLF* orthologous genes was estimated to be 4
249 million years ago consistent with the early *Antirrhinum* species divergence of less
250 than 5.3 million years. The average divergence time of these *S-RNases* is estimated to
251 be around 90 MYA, consistent with the species divergence between *Antirrhinum* and
252 Solanaceae species (Supplementary Excel 9).

253 Taken together, our results showed that the *Antirrhinum S*-locus is shaped by
254 allelic synteny, purifying selection, gene conversion, transposition and
255 pseudogenization .

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257 **Discussion**

258 In this study, we have successfully obtained a chromosome-scale fine genome of *A.*
259 *majus*, representing the first sequenced genome in Plantaginaceae. This genome
260 provides a useful resource for evolutionary and molecular studies on key genes
261 controlling complex traits in the classical eudicot model species. The comparison of
262 404 gene families' expansions and 191 contractions in *A. majus* genome with those of
263 nine other fully sequenced diverse plant species showed several specific evolutionary
264 paths of important gene families, such as those involved in metabolism and signaling
265 pathways. Furthermore, the absence of a recent WGT in *Antirrhinum* genome makes it
266 a key diploid genome that promises to provide important insights into plant genome

267 evolution. Recently, small RNAs in natural hybrid zone of *A. majus* using this
268 genome sequence as a reference have revealed an inverted duplication acting as steep
269 clines by nature selection in evolution of flower color pattern²⁵.

270 Complex traits, such as zygomorphic type flower in *Antirrhinum*, often couple
271 with different gene duplication events. The zygomorphic structure in *Antirrhinum*
272 occurred in late period of Cretaceous, consistent with its role in facilitating
273 insect-mediated pollination. We demonstrated that the morphology of floral organ
274 was associated with several gene duplication events and revealed the divergence of *A.*
275 *majus* from other angiosperms. Although *Antirrhinum* did not experience a whole
276 genome triplication, the duplicated region containing TCP genes on chromosomes 6
277 and 8 are closely associated with zygomorphic flower type, showing its unique
278 evolutionary manner because no similar mechanism had been found in closely related
279 species. For examples, one separated whole genome duplication led to partial
280 zygomorphic type species of *Glycine*; and a MADS box family gene change resulting
281 in symmetrical flowers in *Orchidaceae*^{26,27}. In general, the ancient species are mostly
282 radial symmetry and the newly derived species with symmetrical flowers. Studies on
283 *Antirrhinum* floral mutants supported that these two copies play a role in controlling
284 symmetrical flower, which makes the petals polar, and the flower structure tends to be
285 upright and is beneficial to the use of light and attracting pollinators. This mechanism
286 could be further verified by genetic analysis in a relative species.

287 SI also is a complex trait controlled by the *S*-locus^{2,3}. The fine genomic structure
288 of the ψ *S*-locus from *A. majus* showed that the large number of pollen *SLFs* could be
289 a result of recombination suppression, gene duplication, purifying selection and
290 frequency-dependent selection²⁸. These evolutionary processes could be the intrinsic
291 mechanisms to maintain the low allelic diversity of orthologous *SLFs* because
292 extensive divergence would lead to self-inactivation of S-RNase resulting in loss of SI.
293 The deletion of S-RNase in cultivated *A. majus* could be directly associated with the
294 loss of SI, resulting in an irreversible evolutionary process, because loss of

295 self-incompatibility of SI species often results in compatible ones and SC species are
296 difficult or almost impossible to reverse back to self-incompatible species (Doll's
297 Law)²⁹. The high microcollinearity of the *S*-locus between SI and SC of *Antirrhinum*
298 indicated that the deletion of *S-RNase* in SC species was a recent event. Some
299 mutated *SLF* genes in different haplotypes were also evolved recently. Loss of
300 *S-RNase* at the *S*-locus would have little consequence for the pollen phenotype while
301 duplications would lead to expression of two types of *SLFs* which could inactivate a
302 broader range of incoming S-RNases. Further genome analysis of additional SI
303 species of *Antirrhinum* should provide an insight into its evolutionary status.

304 Intriguingly, the physical size of the *S*-locus in *S. lycopersicum* (17 Mb,
305 containing 17 *SLF* genes) is much larger than that in *A. majus* (2 Mb, containing 37
306 *SLF* genes)³⁰. This appears to indicate that increasing the gene numbers through
307 in-locus unequal crossovers and repetitive element enrichments by a hitchhike effect
308 could result in its large physical size and low gene density of the *S*-locus in tomato.
309 Rich retrotransposons and unique small regulatory RNAs associated with the *S*-loci of
310 *Solanum* and *Antirrhinum*, respectively, appear to indicate the differential epigenetic
311 modifications could contribute to the locus density puzzle between these species.

312 In conclusion, the high-quality genome sequence obtained in this work could be
313 used as a reference genome for Plantaginaceae and will be helpful for genetic,
314 genomic and evolutionary studies in both *Antirrhinum* and other flowering plants.

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316 **URLs**

317 Genome assembly data has been deposited at NCBI BioProject ID under accession
318 codes PRJNA227267 and Biosample ID under accession codes SAMN02991092. We
319 built the website of *Antirrhinum* genome <http://bioinfo.sibs.ac.cn/Am>.

320 **Methods**

321 Methods and any associated references are available in the online version of the
322 paper.

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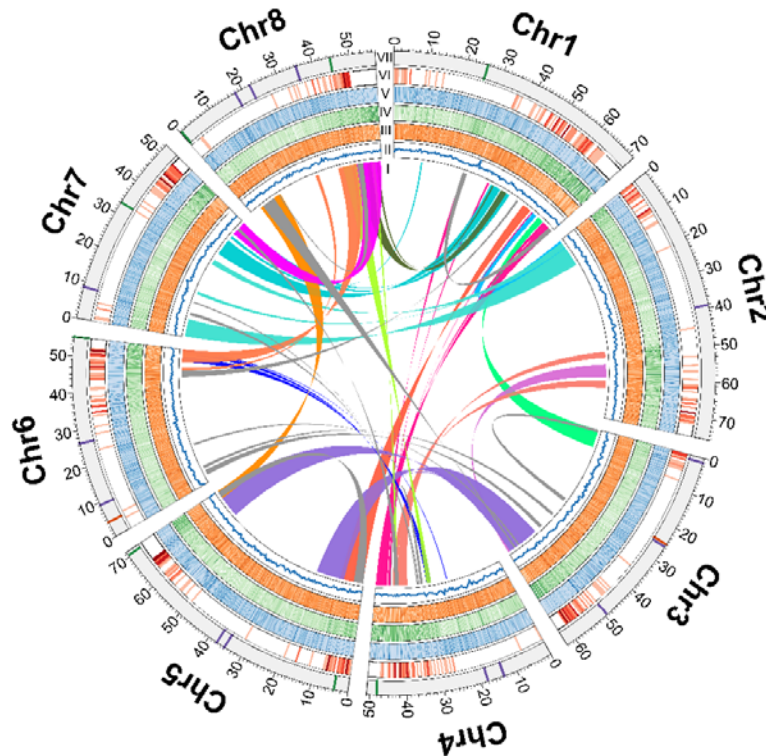
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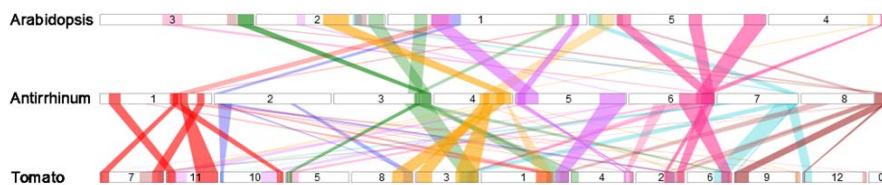
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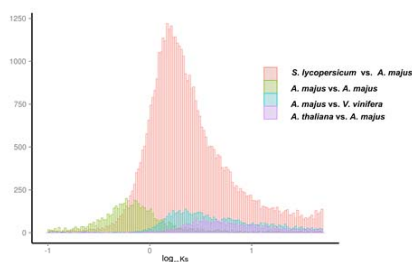
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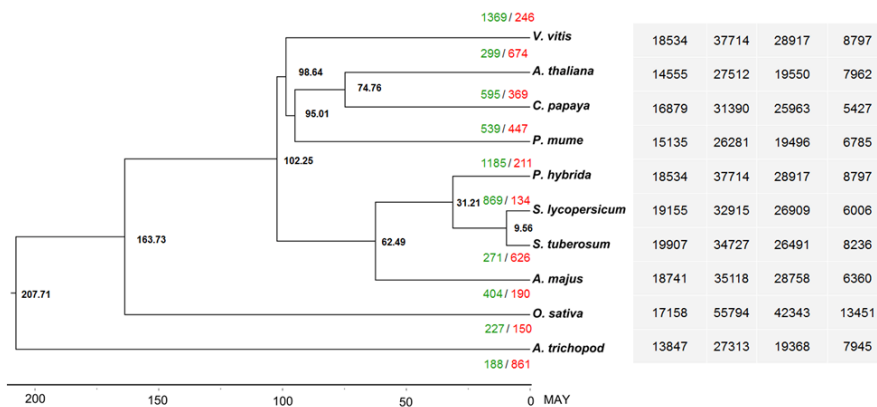
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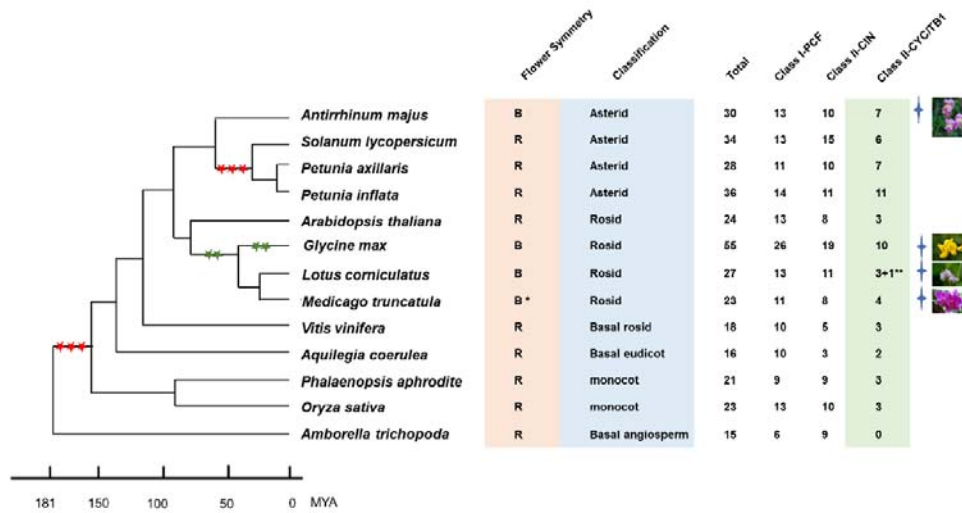
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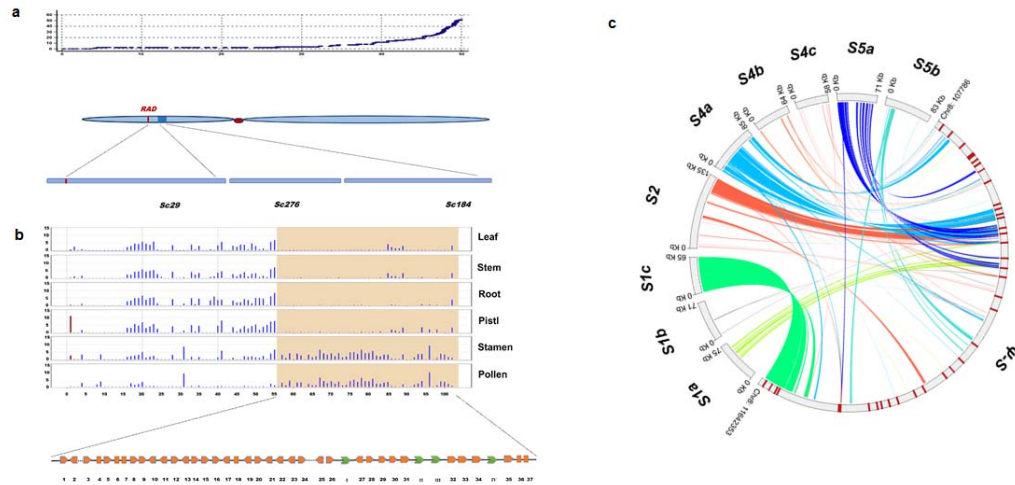
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Gene density	73.95 Mb ⁻¹
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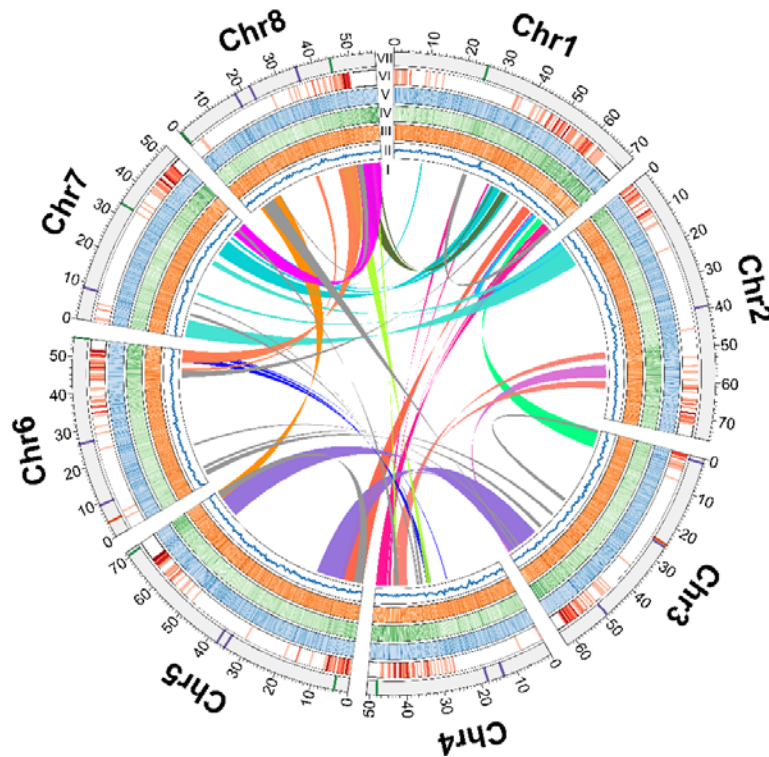
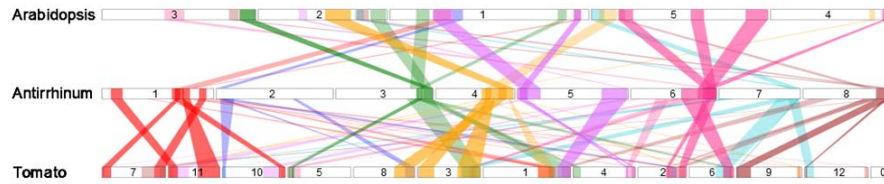


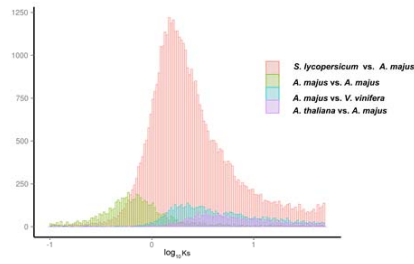
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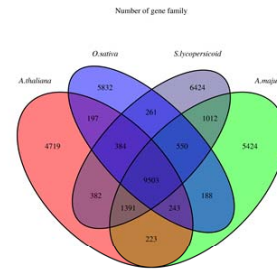
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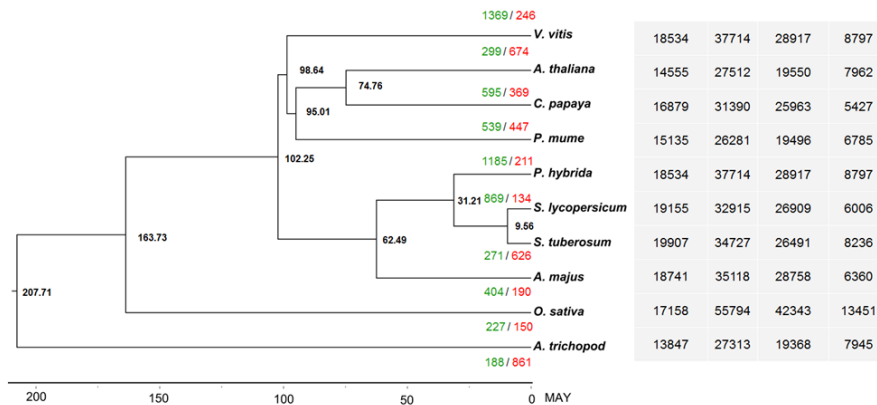


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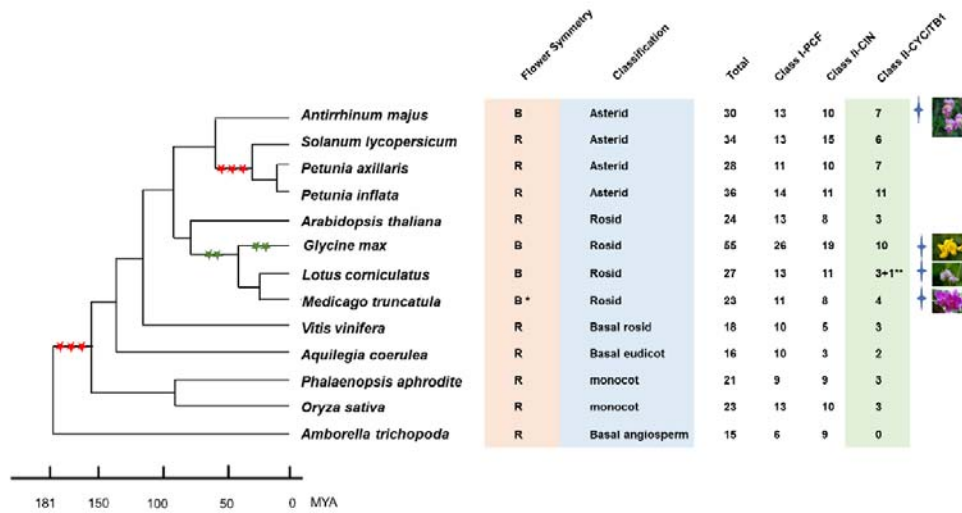


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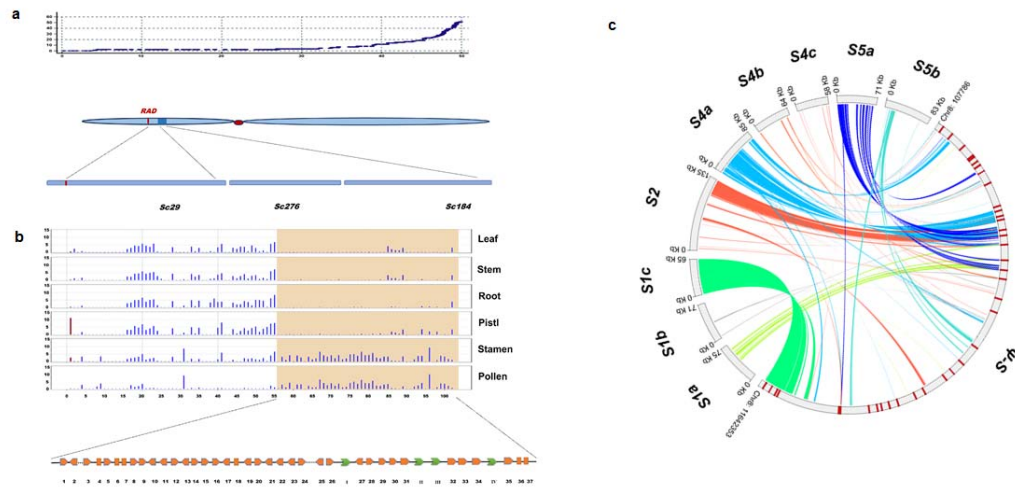


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