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Abbreviations

3D	Three dimensional
cDNA	Complimentary deoxyribonucleic acid
ddNTP	Dideoxynucleotide triphosphates
DDT	1, 4 dithiothretiol
DEK1	Defective Kernel1
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	Deoxynucleotide triphosphate
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EtOH	Ethanol
HF	High fidelity
HR	Homologous recombination
LG3	Laminin-like globular domain 3
MSA	Multiple sequence alignment
NaOAc	Sodium Acetate
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PEG	Polyethylene glycol
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RPM	Revolution per minute
RT	Room temperature
RT-PCR	Reverse transcriptase Polymerase chain reaction
TGS	Targeting sequence
WT	Wild type

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Abstract

DEFECTIVE KERNEL1 (DEK1), the single calpain of land plants, is highly conserved over the past 450 million years and it has been shown that the protein is essential for determining cell wall orientation in 3D growth. A recent study reveals that the DEK1-Arm segment harbour a conserved LG3 domain belonging to the Laminin-like globular domain family (LG3). In the current study, assessment of conserved residues in DEK1-LG3 for DEK1 function in *Physcomitrella patens* was investigated. This was achieved by substituting residues predicted to be functionally important in the DEK1-LG3 domain with alanine (Ala). Five (5) plasmid vectors for targeted insertion of mutagenized version of DEK1-LG3 were constructed and then re-targeted to the *DEK1ΔLG3* locus in the *dek1Δlg3* mutant background. The resulting mutant plants were subsequently characterized both molecularly and phenotypically to assess the importance of the conserved amino acids for DEK1 function. Results suggest that the amino acids E1477, Q1478, E1481 and S1497 have no important function for protonemata growth or gametophore development as the mutant plants displayed the WT phenotype. However, the mutations introduced into the *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant affected post-transcriptional processing of the *DEK1* transcript, resulting in a *Δdek1* mutant phenotype. Targeting of the pBHRF_JI_LG3:G¹⁵⁷⁴R¹⁵⁷⁵S¹⁵⁷⁶D¹⁵⁷⁷S¹⁵⁷⁸E¹⁵⁷⁹ vector into the *DEK1ΔLG3* locus in the *dek1Δlg3* mutant did not result in any re-generating plants, suggesting that the introduced mutations are lethal to *P. patens*.

1. Introduction

1.1 Calpains

The calpain family (EC 3.4.22.17, Clan CA, family C02) is a group of complex intracellular enzymes that share a Ca^{2+} -dependent cysteine protease activity (Margis and Margis-Pinheiro 2003; Campbell and Davies 2012; Ono and Sorimachi 2012). Calpains show a large variation in domain architecture, however, common to all calpains is the catalytic core domain, CysPc. Calpain was first reported in the 1960s when calcium-dependent proteolytic activity in soluble extracts of rat brain was observed (Guroff 1964). Members of the calpain family are broadly present in different organisms ranging from mammals to plants, and some are constitutively expressed, while others show temporal and spatial expression pattern (Branca 2004). While the human genome contains 15 genes encoding calpains (Ono and Sorimachi 2012), plants encode only a single calpain variant, the DEFECTIVE KERNEL1 (DEK1) protein (Lid et al. 2002; Wang et al. 2003). Based on phylogenetic inferences, four calpain architectures named CysPc, CysPc-C2L, MIT-CysPc-C2L and MEM-CysPc-C2L are believed to have formed in the early evolution of eukaryotes through assembly of ancient domains (Zhao et al. 2012). Calpains are grouped into the classical and non-classical calpain variants (Figure 1). Classical calpains are composed of two subunits, the large catalytic subunit and the small regulatory subunit (Figure 1). The catalytic subunit of classical calpains harbour four (4) conserved domains; an N-terminal anchor helix domain (Nter), a catalytic protease core domain (CysPc) composed of the sub-domains PC1 and PC2, a C2-like domain (C2L) and a penta-EF-hand domain (PEF). The regulatory subunit contains an N-terminal Gly-rich domain (GR) and penta-EF-hand domains (PEF) (Figure 1). Non-classical calpain variants, which lack the regulatory subunit, are composed of the CysPc domain but lacks the Nter and PEF domains, and may in addition harbour additional domains (Ono and Sorimachi 2012). The catalytic protease core domain (CysPc) contains the active sites catalytic triad formed by a cysteine residue (located in sub-domain PC1) and the histidine and asparagine residues (located in sub-domain PC2). Classical calpains are dependent on Ca^{2+} for activation; upon binding of two Ca^{2+} atoms, coordinated by several amino acids in the CysPc domain, the catalytic cleft of the CysPc domain is re-aligned into an active conformation (Moldoveanu et al. 2002). Calpains are mainly located in the cytosol of the cell as an inactive enzyme, their activation is highly

regulated, and activity is often associated with membranes (Suzuki et al. 2004). As opposed to conventional proteases, calpains are regulatory enzymes; they do not degrade their target substrate, instead they modulate the activity of a restricted set of protein substrates by cleavage at one or a few specific positions using complex substrate-recognition mechanisms. Proteins known to be substrates for calpains includes membrane-bound or membrane-associated proteins, such as calcium-ATPase, the epidermal growth factor (EGF) receptor, the ryanodine receptor, the calcium receptor, the N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor (a glutamic acid receptor), β -integrins and transcription factors (Croall and Ersfeld 2007). Calpains have been described to play important roles in various cellular processes in animals including cell proliferation, exocytosis, apoptosis, differentiation, signal transduction and endocytosis (Sato et al. 1995; Tompa et al. 2001). Dis-regulation of calpain activity is implicated in various human diseases (Huang and Wang 2001). For example, over-activation of calpain 1 has long been tied to acute neurological disorders like stroke and traumatic brain injury and in addition to Alzheimer's disease (Grynspan et al. 1997; Huang and Wang 2001).

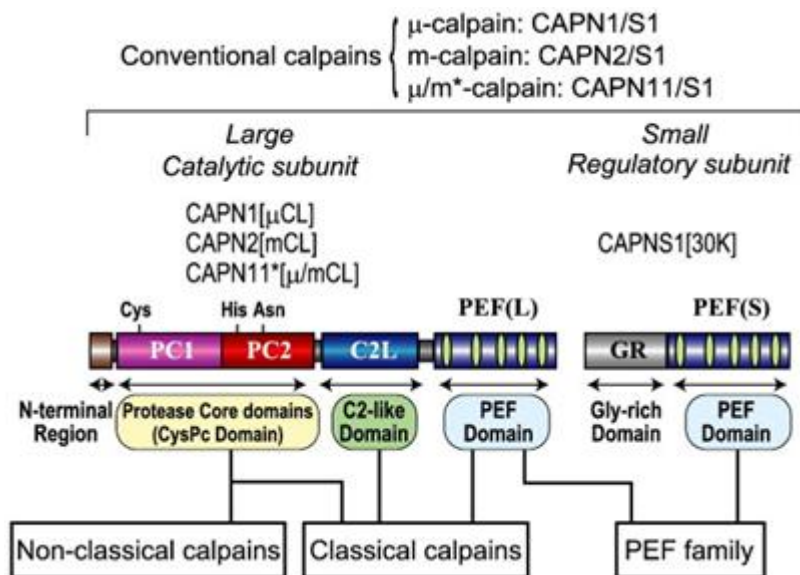


Figure 1. Structures of the calpain superfamily members. Calpains are composed of a large catalytic and a small regulatory subunit. Classical calpain contains the N-terminal anchor helix domain (Nter), a catalytic protease core domain (CysPc) composed of the sub-domain PC1 and PC2, a C2-like domain (C2L) and a penta-EF-hand domain (PEF). Non-classical calpains contain the catalytic protease core domain (CysPc) and the C2-like domain (C2L) (Ono and Sorimachi 2012).

1.2 DEK1, the single calpain of land plants

Land plants evolved from a small group of freshwater green algae, the Charophyceae (Becker and Marin 2009; Kenrick et al. 2012). The evolution of land plants was one of the most important events in evolution, in which the origin and diversification of plants is placed at a minimum of 450 million years ago (Waters 2003; Rensing et al. 2008), with the mosses and seed plants sharing their last common ancestor at least 400 million years ago (Theißen et al. 2001). The ability to determine cell wall placement orientation in predictable planes was a novel feature that evolved in the transition from charophyte algae to the first land (Graham et al. 2000). Functional analysis in the moss *Physcomitrella patens* has shown that the *DEK1* gene, encoding a transmembrane (TML) calpain proteases, is necessary for determining cell wall placement and that the gene is required for three dimensional growth in this organism (Perroud et al. 2014) thus supporting a central role for DEK1 in land plant evolution. All land plants examined today, for which full genome sequence are available, harbour a highly conserved *DEK1* gene (Zhao et al. 2012; Liang et al. 2013). The common ancestor of chlorophyte and charophyta algae possessed both TML-calpains and cytosolic calpains, however TML calpains were subsequently lost from the chlorophyte alga, while both cytosolic and TML-calpains were retained in the charophyte alga (Demko et al. 2014). Cytosolic calpains were subsequently lost in land plants leaving DEK1 as the only calpain of land plants (Demko et al. 2014). Genetic complementation studies in the *Arabidopsis thaliana* *dek1-3* mutant has also shown that the *P. patens* DEK1 catalytic domain, CysPc–C2L is functional in *A. thaliana*, complementing the *dek1-3* mutant phenotype, providing evidence for functional conservation of DEK1 for at least 450 million years (Liang et al. 2013). Examination of DEK1 sequence conservation in land plants reveal a high degree of conservation of up to 80% and 60% amino acid identity for the CysPc and C2L domains, respectively (Liang et al. 2013). Thus the high degree of DEK1 sequence conservation between angiosperm and moss over the period of evolution implies an important conserved function for the *DEK1* gene (Tian et al. 2007).

1.3 DEK1 structure

The identification of the first plant calpain historically named “phyto-calpain” was shown by (Lid et al. 2002) when the *DEK1* gene was cloned from maize. Now, analysis of plant genomes reveals that all land plants, from mosses to angiosperms harbour only one calpain variant, DEK1 (Tian et al. 2007; Zhao et al. 2012; Liang et al. 2013). DEK1 encodes a large protein of approximately 240 kDa (2,159 amino acid residues in maize) (Lid et al. 2002). The DEK1 protein has been predicted to contain a transmembrane domain (MEM) composed of 23 transmembrane segments (TMs) interrupted by a Loop (300 amino acids long) located between the ninth and tenth TMs, speculated to be involved in either perception and/or transmission of positional signals (Tian et al. 2007). DEK1-MEM is further connected to the C-terminal calpain protease domain composed of the catalytic CysPc and C2L regulatory domains by the DEK1-Arm segment of approximately 620 amino acids (Figure 2). Recent searches in conserved domain databases have revealed that the C-terminal region of the DEK1-Arm segment harbours a domain belonging to the Laminin-like globular domain family (LG3) (Johansen W, - manuscript in preparation). The LG3 domain belongs to the Concanavalin A-like lectin/glucanases superfamily and was initially identified as one of five modules (LG1-LG5) building the large globular domain of the α chain C-terminus of the heterotrimeric glycoprotein laminin (Beck et al. 1990). LG3 modules share low to moderate sequence similarity (Timpl et al. 2000) and are also found to share approximately 20-25% sequence similarities with domains found in neurexin (Ushkaryov et al. 1992) and the sex hormone-binding globulin (SHBG) (Joseph and Baker 1992). These domains are therefore often referred to as LNS domain (for LG, neurexin and SHBG). Based on available information in protein domain database, LG/LNS domains, which contain 180-200 residues, are found as singletons or in tandem arrays in more than 1200 different protein architectures in a diverse range of protein families in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms. The 3D structure of DEK1 is unknown. However, the CysPc-C2L structure has been predicted using homology modelling showing that the DEK1-calpain module has a similar structure to classical animal calpain Cys-CL2 domains (Wang et al. 2003; Liang et al. 2013). Specifically, the active-site residues cysteine (Cys-71) is located on the α -helix on sub-domain PC1 (IIa), and histidine (His-229) and asparagine (Asn-249) is located on sub-domain PC2 (IIb) in the maize DEK1 calpain (Figure 3), thus showing a similar configuration of these amino acids as in animal calpains (Wang et al. 2003). In addition, the amino acids shown to be involved in Ca^{2+} binding in animal calpains (Moldoveanu et al.

2002) are conserved in land plant DEK1 proteins (Liang et al. 2013). Further, modelling of the structure show that the corresponding amino acids in the *A. thaliana* DEK1 CysPc domain has the potential to bind two Ca^{2+} in the corresponding positions to the animal calpains (Liang et al. 2013).

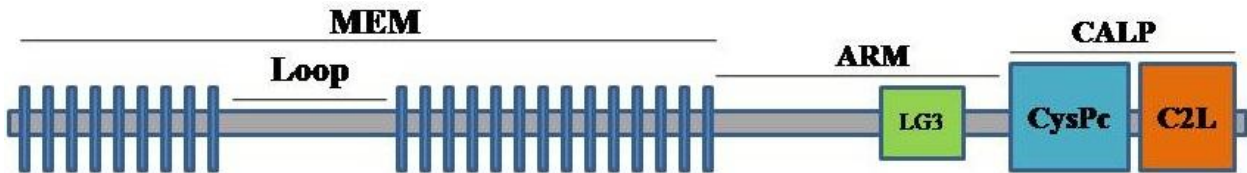


Figure 2. Schematics of the predicted DEK1 structure. The MEM segment is composed of 23 TMs interrupted by the loop segment located between the ninth and tenth TMs. The calpain module (CALP) is composed of the CysPC and C2L domains and is connected to the MEM via the ARM segment. The LG3 domain is located towards the C-terminal end of the ARM.

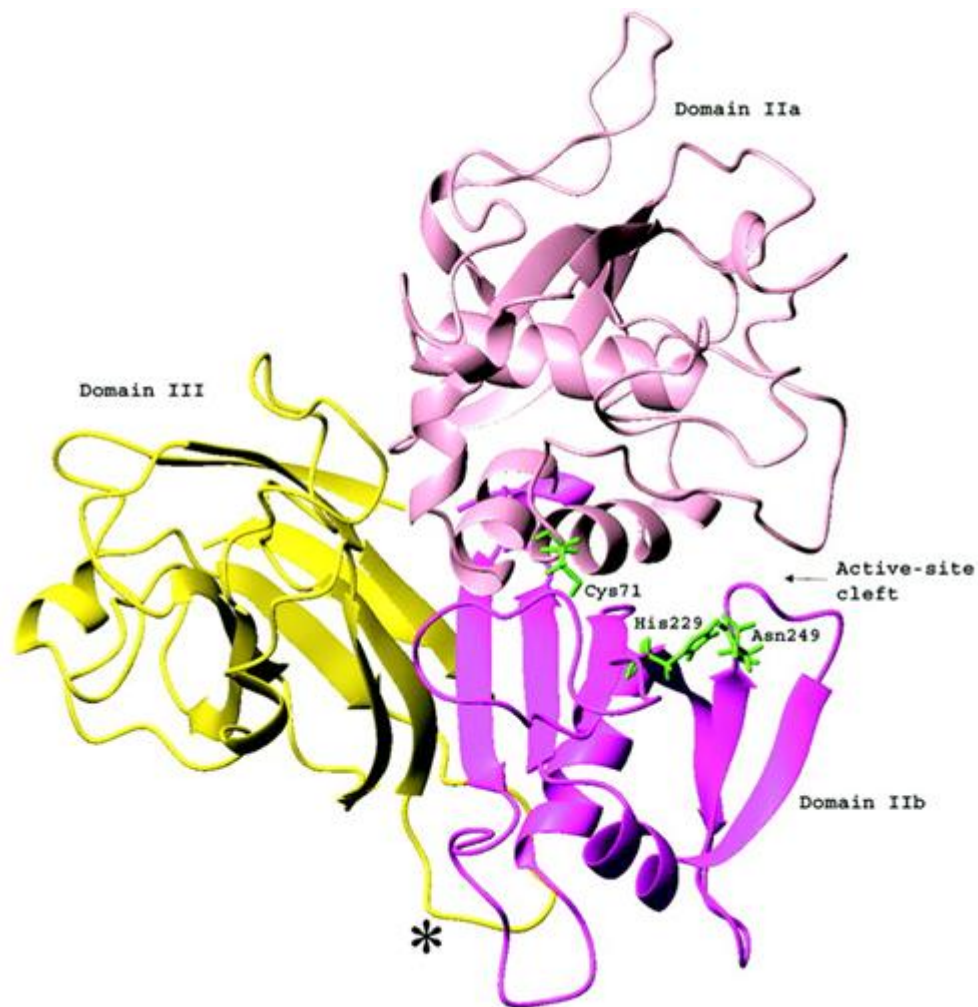


Figure 3. Predicted three-dimensional structure of maize DEK1 calpain. The catalytic triad active site residues Cys-71, His-229 and Asn-249 are shown in the structure. Cys-71 is located in Domain IIa (PC1) while His-229 and Asn-249 are located in the Domain IIb (PC2). The figure is modified from (Wang et al. 2003).

1.4 DEK1 function

The high degree of DEK1 sequence conservation from moss to angiosperms indicates that the DEK1 protein has an important function in land plants.

The moss *P. patens* $\Delta dek1$ mutant is characterized by the lack of gametophore (Figure 4) (Perroud et al. 2014). Closer examination of the mutant plant reveals that the first division of the bud apical cell fail to position in correct orientation and instead occurs at random planes compared to WT where the new cell wall orient with the previous cell wall in a clear median and perpendicular position (Figure 5A III and B III). Thus as a result of misorientation in the

division of the bud apical cell, bud development is arrested which subsequently leads to block of gametophore development.

Deletion of the DEK1-LOOP (*dek1 Δ loop*) has been shown to affect expansion of phyllids (Demko et al. 2014). Examination of the *dek1 Δ loop* mutant shows irregular cell divisions after the first asymmetrical division and the first division of the bud apical cell. As a result of irregular patterns in cell division, subsequent developments were arrested and phyllids failed to expand (Figure 5C IV) as compared to wild-type plant.

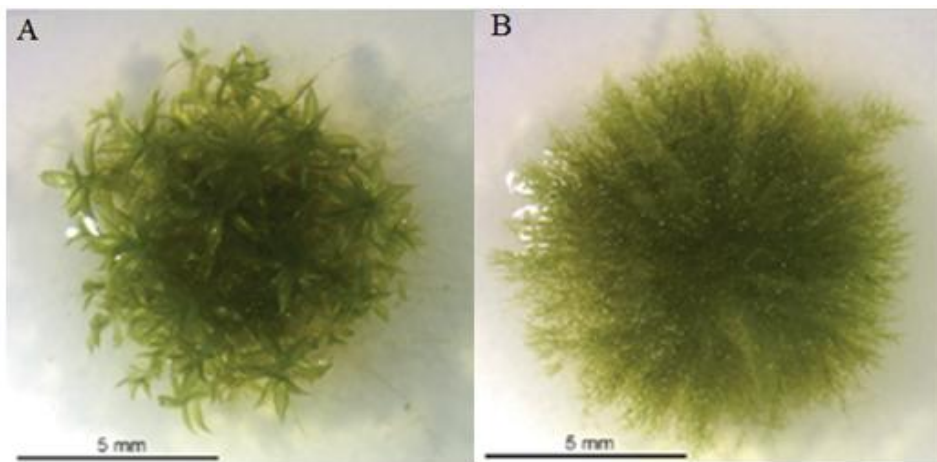


Figure 4. WT and $\Delta dek1$ mutant grown on BCD medium. (A) *P. patens* 3-weeks-old wild-type (WT) plant showing well developed gametophores, (B) 3-weeks-old $\Delta dek1$ mutant plant showing filamentous growth without gametophores. Modified figure from (Perroud et al. 2014).

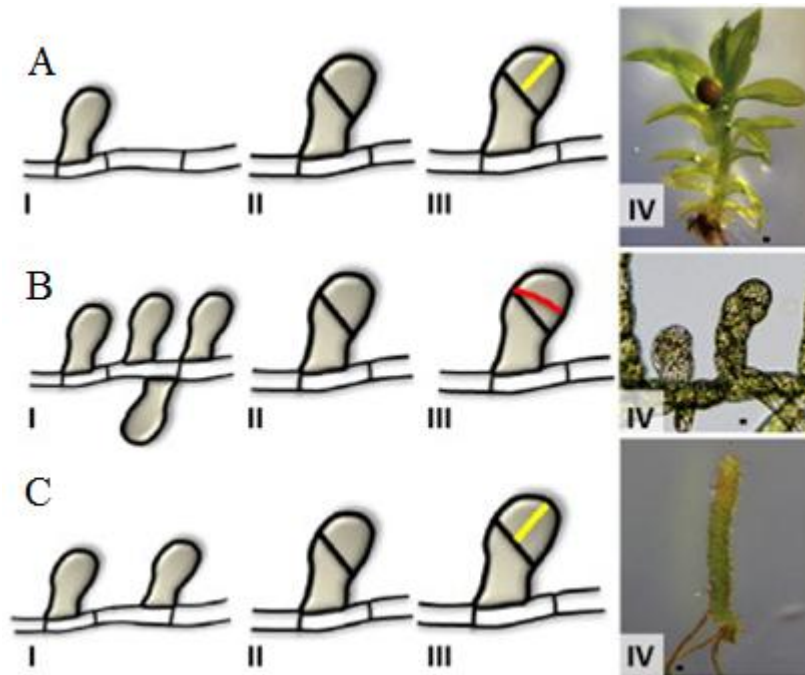


Figure 5. Effects of DEK1 mutation in moss *P. patens*. (A) WT development with fully developed gametophore. (I) Protonema cell with one bud, (II) Bud development after first asymmetrical division, (III) New cell wall development traverse the previous cell wall (yellow), (IV) Gametophore with leaf-like phyllids. (B) Development of *P. patens* DEK1 deletion mutant. (I) Protonema with four buds, (II) Normal bud development after first asymmetrical division, (III) Misoriented second division as compared to WT (red) and (IV) Arrested gametophore development due to misorientation of cell division plane. (C) Development of *dek1 Δloop* mutant. (I) Development of protonema cells with two buds, (II) Asymmetric first division, (III) Perpendicular second cell division (yellow) and (IV) Development of *dek1Δloop* mutant stem lacking phyllids. Figure retrieved from (Demko et al. 2014; Olsen et al. 2015).

Recent searches in conserved domain databases also reveal that the C-terminal region of the DEK1-Arm segment harbour a domain belonging to the Laminin-like globular domain family (LG3) (Johansen W, - manuscript in preparation). A deletion mutant of DEK1-LG3 (*dek1Δlg3*) has shown significant defects in phyllid development. In the mutant plant the phyllids are narrow, smaller, with fewer and large cells as compared to wild-type phyllids. Moreover the phyllids in the mutant plant are lacking marginal serration, having blunt tip and short midrib as compared wild-type phyllids (Johansen W, - manuscript in preparation). Examination of phyllid morphology in the *dek1Δlg3* mutant suggests that both phyllid apical cell activity and sectorial cell divisions within the phyllid are impaired in the mutant.

The *dek1Δlg3* mutant also shows defects in gametangia development. In *dek1Δlg3* mutant, the archegonia apex failed completely to open but also the egg canal is absent which result in sterile plants (Johansen W, - manuscript in preparation).

In maize, $\Delta dek1$ mutant has been shown to have effect on endosperm development (Lid et al. 2002). The mutant plant shows altered development with defective aleurone layer of the endosperm (Figure 6). Thus, the *DEK1* gene was shown to be involved in maintaining aleurone cell fate at an early developmental stage and also by restricting the aleurone cell fate to the surface layer of the maize endosperm (Lid et al. 2002).

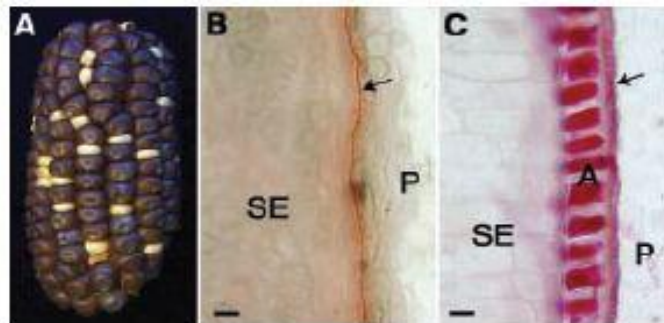


Figure 6. The phenotype of *dek1-mum1* homozygous maize kernels (A) The ear segregates 3:1 for wild-type (dark) and DEK1 grains, representing that the two mutations are both in the *DEK1* gene. (B) Hand section of *dek1-mum1* kernel starch endosperm cells (SE) is located in the periphery of the endosperm close to the remnants of the nucleus (arrow); P representing the maternal pericarp. (C) Section of wild-type kernel with peripheral aleurone cells. Figure modified from (Lid et al. 2002).

In *A. thaliana*, DEK1 has been shown to be essential in early embryonic development and epidermal activity (Johnson et al. 2005). The assessment of *A. thaliana dekl-3* mutant embryo reveal abnormal divisions in embryo proper and in the apical portion of the suspensor where subsequent periclinal cell divisions in the protoderm leads to abnormal embryo surface which results to embryo lethal (Figure 7B III, IV and V) as compared to WT with normal embryo development throughout (Figure 7A). In addition, down-regulation of the DEK1 in *A. thaliana* using RNA interference (RNAi) leads to apparent loss of epidermal identity where palisade cells were not aligned in correct positions (Johnson et al. 2005).

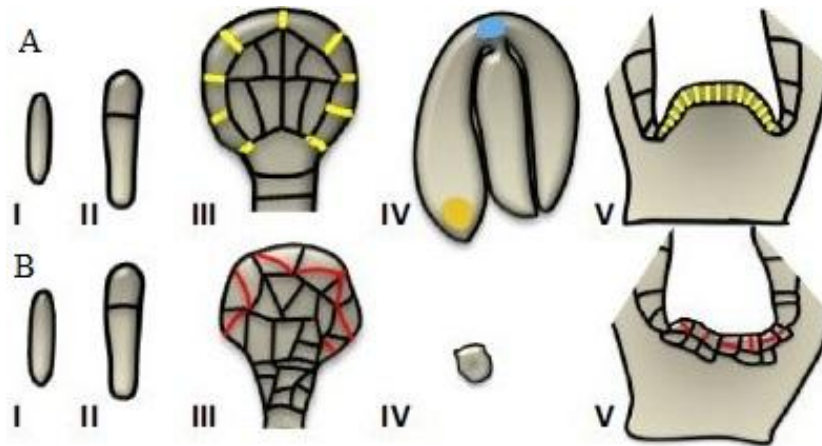


Figure 7. Effect of *dek1* mutation in *A. thaliana*. (A) Early cell division in *A. thaliana* wild-type plant. (I) fertilized zygote, (II) First asymmetrical division of the zygote, (III) Globular embryo development with protoderm initials, (IV) Mature embryo with apical and root meristems, (V) Apical meristem with L1 layer formed by division. (B) Development of *A. thaliana dek1* mutant embryo. (I and II) normal first asymmetric division, (III) Failure of subsequent division (cell wall marked in red) which results in lack of protoderm, (IV) embryo lethal after failure to orient properly and (V) mutant plant lacking epidermal identity as a result of down-regulation of DEK1 activity. Modified figure from (Olsen et al. 2015).

To summarize, DEK1 has a common function in the orientation of cell division plane in different plant species as described in this section. In *P. patens*, the DEK1 deletion mutant shows misorientation in the first division of the bud apical cell which fail to orient its wall perpendicular to the previous wall, which result in arrest of gametophore development. In *A. thaliana*, early mitotic division failed to orient correctly leading to failure in the establishment of a protoderm subsequently leading to arrest in embryo development.

1.5 *Physcomitrella patens* as a model organism

The moss *P. patens* is the main model system for basal plants. Due to its relatively simple body plan, well-physiological reactions and its high ratio of homologous recombination compared to other land plants, it has been widely used as the model plant (Schaefer and Zrýd 1997; Hohe and Reski 2003). As a bryophyte, *P. patens* is suited to study the function of DEK1 because bryophytes are the earliest diverging group of land plant thus they harbour all ancient evolutionary features that enable them to live terrestrial environment (Rensing et al. 2008). Also the easiness of culture, growth under defined and controlled

environment (Cove et al. 2006) enable *P. patens* to be used as a model organism to study the function of DEK1.

1.5.1 Life cycle of *Physcomitrella patens*

Like other vascular plants, *P. patens* shows alternation of generations between the haploid gametophyte and diploid sporophyte in which the haploid gametophyte is the dominant phase (Schaefer and Zrýd 1997). The life cycle of *P. patens* (Figure 8) begins by germination of a haploid spore into filamentous structure called protonema. Protonema produce two cell types, the chloronema cells with large chloroplast and caulonema cells which grow very fast. As the plant continue to develop a transition in the side branch of chloronemal filaments occur which then develops into gametophore, a leaf-like structure with male (antheridia) and female (archegonia) sex organs. Under moist conditions, flagellate sperm, which are produced in antheridia, swim towards the egg in archegonia and fertilization occur, finally producing a diploid zygote. The resulting diploid zygote begins the sporophyte phase that produce thousands of spores through meiosis (Prigge and Bezanilla 2010).

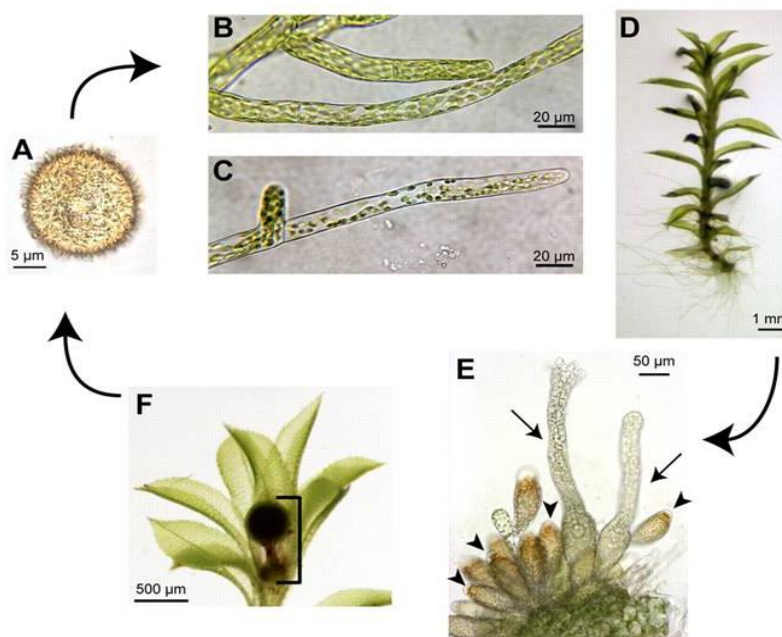


Figure 8. Life cycle of *P. patens*. (A) A haploid spore germinates into (B) chloronemal cells, which differentiate into (C) caulonemal cells. (D) Gametophore, emerge from protonemal filaments. (E) Both female, archegonia (arrows), and male, antheridia (arrow heads), organs form at the top of gametophore. A motile flagellate sperm fertilizes the egg and the (F) sporophyte (marked with a bracket) develops at the apex of the gametophore. Modified figure from (Prigge and Bezanilla 2010).

The body plan of multicellular organism is determined by the number of planes during cell division. For example, in *P. patens*, division in one plane leads to the formation of unbranched filaments while division in two planes leads to branched filaments and division in three planes leads to rise of gametophores (Niklas 2000). The changes in the body plan in *P. patens*, for example growth from two-dimensional to three-dimensional is determined at the single cell level (Harrison et al. 2009). During development of *P. patens*, eight (8) types of self-differentiate cells (stem cells) are formed (Kofuji and Hasebe 2014). During development, spores released from the sporophyte undergo division to form chloronema apical stem cell that can expand through tip growth to produce filamentous body (Cove and Knight 1993; Menand et al. 2007). The expansion of chloronema apical stem cell produce caulonema apical stem cell that develops into caulonema cells by tip growth (Cove and Knight 1993; Menand et al. 2007). The developed caulonema cells form side branch initial cells in which less than 5% of the cell develop into bud apical stem cells while the rest develops into caulonemal filaments and non-dividing cells (Cove and Knight 1993). The bud apical stem cells produce cells that leads to the formation of leaf apical stem. The epidermal cells of the leafy shoot cells (gametophores) develops filamentous rhizoids with rhizoid apical stem cells (Sakakibara et al. 2003). Under low temperature (15 °C), low light intensity (20 $\mu\text{mol}/\text{m}^2/\text{s}$) and short day conditions (8 hours), the tip of gametophore shoot produce male (antheridia) and female (archegonia) reproductive organs from stem cells (Hohe et al. 2002). After the formation of male and female reproductive organs, antheridia swim towards archegonia for fertilization and produce a zygote. The resulting zygote divide asymmetrically in its first cell division to produce cytoplasm-rich apical cell (sporophyte apical stem cell) and a basal cell (Tanahashi et al. 2005).

1.5.2 Leaf development

Development of body plan of plants and correct patterning of all organs merely depends on orientation of asymmetric cell division; while misorientation of cell division pattern leads to abnormal morphogenesis (Smith et al. 1996; Heidstra 2007). In flowering plants, stem cells are formed in diploid generation and maintained in root meristem and shoot meristem, specifically in peripheral zone and as a result of repeated cell division leads to initiation of all lateral organs (Yruela 2015). In moss plants, a gametophore bud generated from caulonema stem cell play a role as meristematic cell and generates bushy leafy shoot

(gametophores) which contains phyllids (Kofuji and Hasebe 2014). In *P. patens*, after a series of asymmetric division of the bud initial cell, a tetrahedral initial cell is established on its apex (Harrison et al. 2009). The established tetrahedral initial cell start to divide and their daughter cell bulge out and commence growth as leaves. The phytohormone auxin has been shown to be important throughout plant growth and development, from embryo to post-embryonic development (Finet and Jaillais 2012). The final shape and complexity of the leaf depends on the balance between different members of proteins family, KNOX-PIN-CUC (Hepworth and Pautot 2015).

1.5.3 Homologous recombination

Development of reverse genetic approaches has facilitated rapid progress in the study of gene function. Using different approaches, the functions of different genes in plants are studied by altering the gene of interest and then analyze the mutant phenotype. In *P. patens*, the most popular method to study gene function is to utilize the organism's capability to insert, by homologous recombination (HR), foreign DNA into the genome (Strepp et al. 1998; Puchta 2002). In genomes, two different methods has been identified to alter covalent linkage in DNA, homologous recombination and non-homologous end joining (Puchta 2002). Gene targeting approach, via HR, involves replacement of a desired gene region with a selection cassette by the use of flanking sequences which is homologous to the targeted region (Figure 9) (Frank et al. 2005; Kuwayama 2012). This method is commonly employed to produce knock-out mutants by removing entire genes, but can also be used to replace or remove specific regions of the desired gene, there by producing mutants harbouring site-directed mutations in the gene of interest.

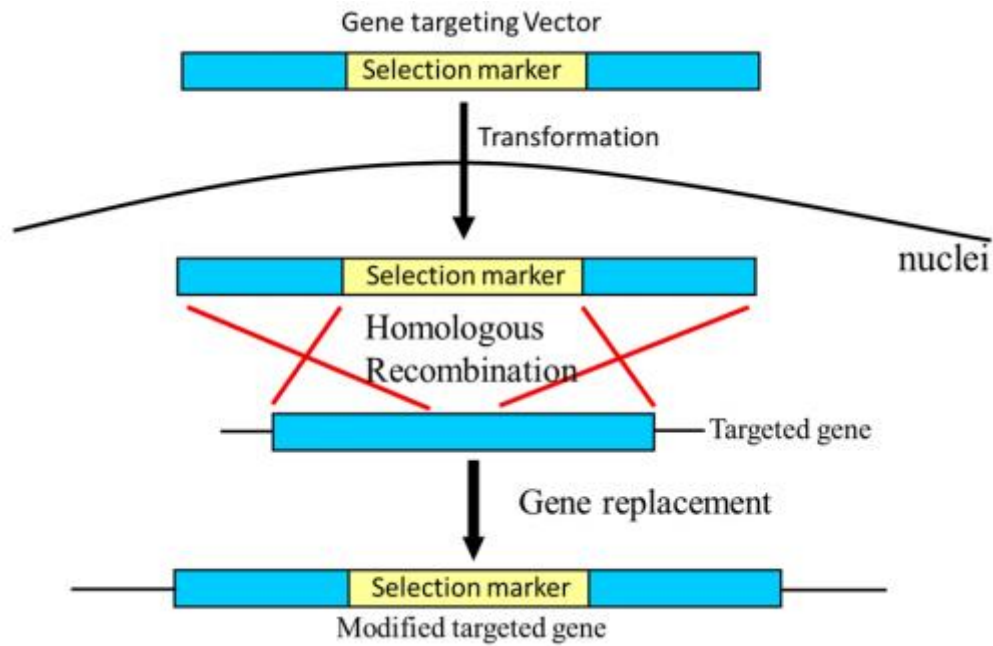


Figure 9. The principle of gene targeting. The gene targeting vector harbouring a selection marker with the flanking sequences is transformed into the nuclei of the cell and recombine with targeting gene via HR to replace targeted gene generating modified targeted gene. Figure adopted from (Kuwayama 2012).

In the moss *P. patens*, homologous recombination has shown to be the dominant way to transform exogenous DNA to the genome (Schaefer 2001), with a transformation efficiency of up to 100 % being reported (Kamisugi et al. 2005), compared to 10^{-4} in flowering plants (Britt and May 2003). The transformation efficiency by HR in the moss has been postulated to be due to predominance of the gametophytic haplophase of this organism (Schaefer and Zrýd 1997). Also the presence of non-intronic RAD51 genes in *P. patens* compared to RAD51 gene in other eukaryotes has been associated with the high frequency of transformation by HR in the moss (Markmann-Mulisch et al. 2002).

1.6 Aim of the study

The relationship between gene structure and function has been widely deduced through analysis of the mutant lines of the desired gene. DEK1 of land plants is a member of one of four ancestral calpain variants with high conservation for at least 450 million years. Multiple sequence alignment (MSA) of DEK1- LG3 sequences in land plants and the ConSurf server were used to predict several conserved residues in *P. patens* DEK1- LG3 domain. The aim of this study is to assess the importance of conserved residues in DEK1-LG3 domain for DEK1 function in *P. patens*. This was done by substituting highly conserved residues of DEK1-LG3 domain predicted to be functionally important to alanine (Ala) and retarget the mutagenized version of DEK1-LG3 into *DEK1ΔLG3* locus. The resulting mutants were characterized by PCR-based genotyping, Southern blot hybridization, RT-PCR, sequencing, bright-field and dissecting microscopy techniques to assess the importance of these amino acids for *P. patens* development.

2. Material and Methods

2.1 Bioinformatic analyses of the DEK1-LG3 domain

The DEK1 sequences used in the present study are listed in Appendix 1. The sequences corresponding to DEK1-LG3 domain were extracted using the Simple Modular Architecture Research Tool (SMART) database (<http://smart.embl-heidelberg.de>). Multiple sequence alignment (MSA) of the DEK1-LG3 sequences was constructed using MAFFT v7 with default parameters (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/mafft/>). The resulting MSA was subsequently analyzed using CLC Main Workbench v6 (www.clcbio.com). The DEK1-LG3 sequence logo, a graphical representation of sequence conservation of the amino acids, was generated using the WebLogo tool (<http://weblogo.berkeley.edu/logo.cgi>). Conserved residues in the *P. patens* DEK1-LG3 domain were predicted using the ConSurf server, which were run in the “ConSeq” mode (http://consurf.tau.ac.il/index_proteins.php). For predicting the three-dimensional structure of the DEK1-LG3 domain the amino acids sequence corresponding to the LG3 domain (residues 1442-1609; XP 001774206.1) was submitted to Phyre2 fold recognition server. Structural alignment was performed using the PDBeFold server (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/msd-srv/ssm/cgi-bin/ssmserver>) and superimposed structures were viewed using PyMOL software (v 0.99).

2.2 Construction of vectors for gene targeting

In this study, five different plasmid construct for targeted insertion of mutagenized version of the DEK1-LG3 were constructed, in addition to one vector that contained the WT sequence (Table 1). Plasmids were constructed using In-Fusion cloning technology as outlined in Figure 10.

Table 1. Plasmid constructs made in the present study. The name of each plasmid, WT sequence and mutated residues are given.

Plasmid name (pBHRF_JI_LG3mut)	WT sequence	Mutated residues
E ¹⁴⁷⁷ Q ¹⁴⁷⁸	¹⁴⁷² LVAGAEQGLEAG	LVAGAEQGLEAGQV
E1481	¹⁴⁷⁶ AEQGLEAGQVG	AEQGLEAGQVG
S1497	¹⁴⁹² KGAGQSTHNRE	KGAGQSTHNRE
R1514	¹⁵⁰⁹ CVADGRWHSVT	CVADGRWHSVT
G ¹⁵⁷⁴ R ¹⁵⁷⁵ S ¹⁵⁷⁶ D ¹⁵⁷⁷ S ¹⁵⁷⁸ E ¹⁵⁷⁹	¹⁵⁶⁹ DLDAFGRSDSEGAESK	DLDAFGRSDSEGAESK
pBHRF_JI_LG3		

2.2.1 Generation of 5' _TGS, cloning and Mutagenesis reaction

First, the 5' targeting sequence (5' _TGS) was PCR amplified from genomic DNA extracted from WT *P. patens* tissue using Phusion® High-Fidelity PCR kit (Thermo SCIENTIFIC, Cat #HF-549L). In a 50 µl reaction volume, 50 ng genomic DNA was PCR amplified with 1X HF buffer, 200 µM of dNTPs, 0.02 units/µl of Phusion DNA polymerase and 0.5 µM each of gene specific primers JI_5TGS_SP_Info and JI_5TGS_ASP_Info (Appendix 3A). PCR amplification was initiated with an initial denaturation step at 98 °C for 30 sec., followed by 40 cycles of 98 °C for 10 sec., 64 °C for 30 sec., and 72 °C for 20 sec. and a final extension step at 72 °C for 5 min.

The PCR amplified 5' _TGS was cloned to zero Blunt pCR vector using the Zero Blunt® PCR Cloning Kit (Invitrogen, Cat #44-0302) generating vector pCR_5TGS. In a 10 µl reaction volume, 0.5 µl of PCR amplified 5' _TGS were ligated with 1 µl of Zero Blunt PCR plasmid vector (10 ng) using 1 µl ExpressLink™ T4 DNA Ligase (5 U) and 2 µl of 5X ExpressLink™ T4 DNA Ligase Buffer. The reaction mixture was incubated at RT for 30 min. and then transformed into 50 µl of One Shot® TOP10 cells (Invitrogen Cat #C404003) following manufacturer's instructions. The mixture of competent cells and ligation reaction was incubated on ice for 30 min. and then subjected to heat shock at 42 °C for 45 sec. Transformed cells were cooled on ice for 2 min. and then mixed with 250 µl of RT SOC

medium (Appendix 8H). The cell culture was incubated at 37 °C with shaking (225rpm) for 1 hr and then overnight on LB-agar medium supplemented with 50 µg/ml Kanamycin.

Methylation and mutagenesis reactions were used to introduce mutations into the vector pCR_5TGS, using GeneArt® Site-Directed Mutagenesis PLUS kit (Invitrogen, Cat #A14551) generating the vectors collectively named pCR_5TGSmut. In a 20 µl reaction volume, 50 ng pCR-5TGS were PCR amplified with 0.5 µM each of gene specific primers, 1X of AccuPrime™ *Pfx* reaction buffer, 1X of Enhancer, 4.8 U of DNA methylase, 1X of SAM and 1.5 Units of AccuPrime™ *Pfx*. The gene specific primers used were F8_9 SP and F8_9 ASP; F10E_SP and F10E_ASP; F14_SP and F14_ASP; F16_SP and F16_ASP, and F23_28 SP and F23_28 ASP (Appendix 3C). PCR cycling was performed with an initial methylation step at 37 °C for 20 min., and then a two steps PCR with initial denaturation step at 95 °C for 2 min. followed by 35 cycles of 95 °C for 15 sec., 68 °C for 6 min. and a final extension at 72 °C for 5 min. The mutagenesis reactions were transformed into One Shot® MAX Efficiency® DH5α™-T1R Competent Cells (Invitrogen Cat #44-0097) as described above. Inserts 5' _TGSmut were then PCR amplified from pCR_5TGSmut using the primers JI_5TGS_SP_Inf and JI_5TGS_ASP_Inf (Appendix 3D) as described above.

2.2.2 Generation of 3' _TGS and cloning

The 3' targeting sequence (3' _TGS) was PCR amplified from genomic DNA extracted from WT *P. patens* as described in section 2.2.1 except using the primers JI_3TGS_SP_Info and JI_3TGS_ASP_Info (Appendix 3A) and an annealing temperature of 64 °C for 20 sec.

Vector pBHRF was linearized by “Inverse PCR” using Phusion® High-Fidelity PCR kit as described in section 2.2.1 except using the primers pBHRF_1_SP and pBHRF_1_ASP (Appendix 3B) and PCR cycling with an initial denaturation at 98°C for 30 sec. followed by 40 cycles of 98 °C for 10 sec., 62 °C for 20 sec. and 72 °C for 2 min. and a final extension step at 72 °C for 7 min. The linearized vector pBHRF was then gel purified using QIAquick gel extraction kit (QIAGEN, Cat #28704) following manufacturer’s instructions.

PCR amplified 3' _TGS was then cloned into the linear vector pBHRF generating vector pBHRF_JI_3TGS. In brief, the PCR amplified 3' _TGS was first purified using cloning enhancer, where 5 µl of the PCR amplified 3' _TGS were treated with 2 µl of the cloning

enhancer and incubated at 37 °C for 20 min., and then at 80 °C for 20 min. In-Fusion cloning reaction was then performed in a total volume of 10 µl with 2 µl of purified PCR product 3'_TGS with 0.5 µl of linearized vector pBHRF using 2 µl of 5X In-Fusion HD Enzyme Premix. The mixture was incubated at 50 °C for 15 min. and then transformed as described in section 2.2.1 but using the Stellar™ Competent cells (Clontech, Cat #636763) and incubated overnight on LB-agar medium supplemented with 100 µg/ml Ampicilin.

The resulting vector pBHRF_JI_3TGS was linearized using 2 µl of XhoI with 5 µl of plasmid DNA and 2 µl of CutSmart® buffer in a total reaction volume of 20 µl and then incubated at 37 °C for 4 hrs.

Inserts 5'_TGSmut and 5'_TGSWT were cloned into XhoI digested pBHRF_JI_3TGS and then transformed into Stellar™ Competent cells as described in section 2.2.1; resulting in the final vectors pBHRF_JI_LG3mut and pBHRF_JI_LG3, respectively.

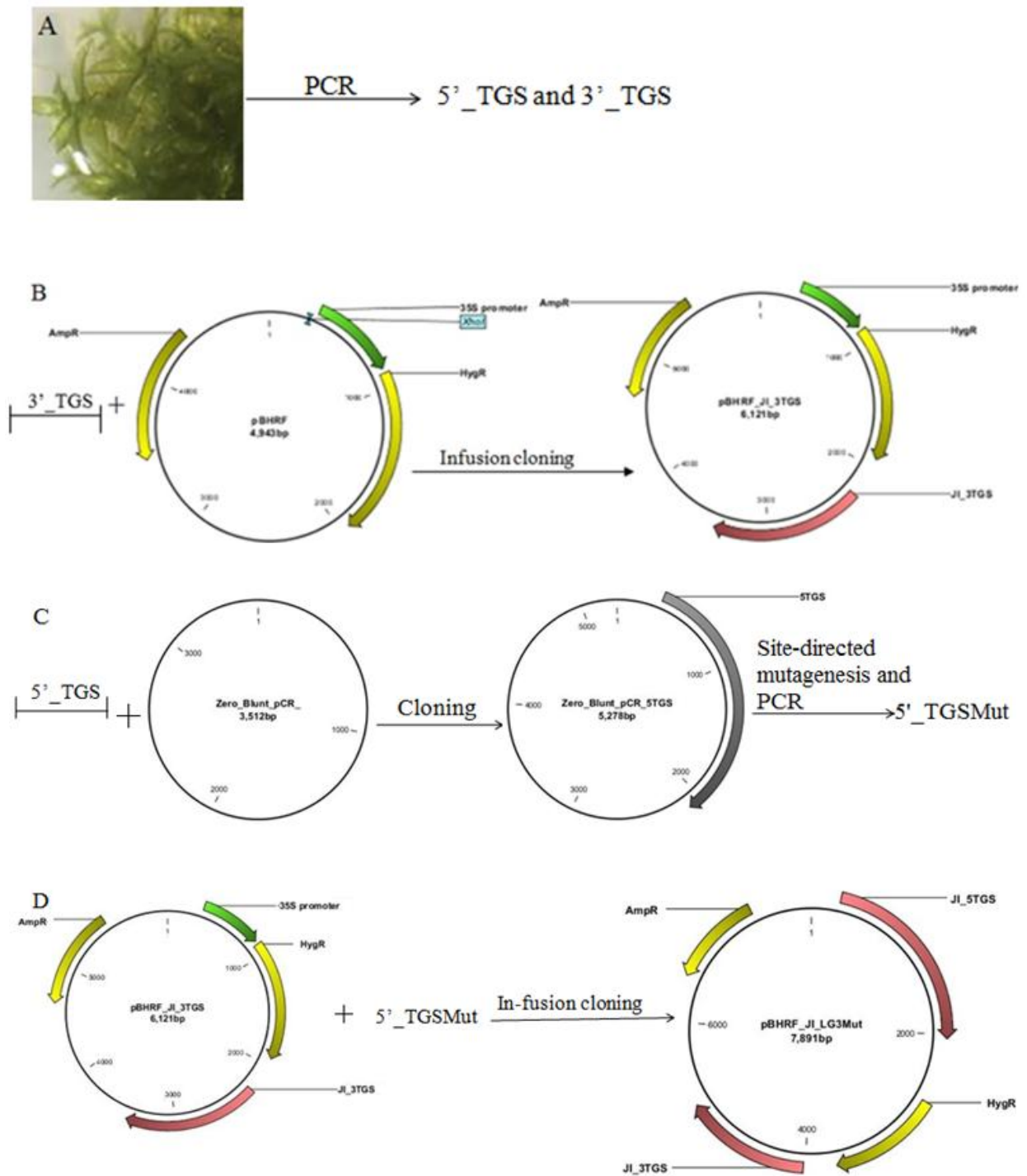


Figure 10. Cloning strategy. (A) PCR amplification of 5' TGS and 3' TGS from *P. patens* WT, (B) Infusion cloning of 3' TGS into vector pBHRF to generate vector pBHRF_JI_3TGS, (C) Cloning of 5' TGS into pCR vector to generate vector pCR-5TGS, Site directed mutagenesis in vector pCR-5TGS and PCR amplification of inserts 5' TGSMut (D) In-fusion cloning of vector pBHRF_JI_3TGS with 5' TGSMut to generate final vector pBHRF_JI_LG3Mut.

2.3 Plasmid isolation and Construct verification

2.3.1 Colony PCR

In order to screen for putative *E. coli* colonies harbouring plasmid with cloned insert, “colony PCR” was performed. In a 25 µl reaction volume, a small amount of the *E. coli* colony was PCR amplified with 0.2 µM each of primers Armseq7, 35s_Rev1 (to screen for putative pBHRF_JI_LG3Mut), JI_3TGS_SP_Inf and JI_3TGS_ASP_Inf (to screen for putative pBHRF_JI_3TGS) (Appendix 3E), 200 µM of dNTP's, 2.5 mM of MgCl₂, 0.05 units/µl of HOT FIREPol DNA polymerase, and 1X of Buffer B1. Amplification was initiated at 95 °C for 15 min. to activate the enzyme then followed by 30 cycles of 95 °C for 45 sec., 58 °C for 45 sec., and 72 °C for 80 sec. and a termination step of 72 °C for 5 min.

2.3.2 Plasmid isolation

PCR-positive colonies were cultured in 4 ml LB medium containing 50 µg/ml Kanamycin (for pCR-5TGS constructs) and 100 µg/ml Ampicillin (for pBHRF_JI_3TGS construct and pBHRF_JI_LG3mut) at 37 °C with shaking (225 rpm) overnight. Plasmid was isolated from the overnight culture using PureYield™ Plasmid Minprep System kit (Promega Cat #A1222) following the manufacturer's instructions.

2.3.3 Restriction Digestion Analysis

All generated constructs were verified by restriction digestion analysis. In a 10 µl reaction volume, 500 ng of plasmid DNA were digested with 1 µl of EcoRV enzyme in 1X reaction buffer (3.1 (NEB)) and incubated for 2 hrs at 37 °C. The restriction digestion reactions were analysed by electrophoresis using 0.5 % agarose gel.

2.3.4 Cycle sequencing and capillary electrophoresis

All generated constructs were verified by cycle sequencing and capillary electrophoresis using the BigDye® terminator v3.1 cycle sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems, Cat

#4336915). In a 10 μ l reaction volume, 250 ng of plasmid DNA were cycle sequenced with 3.2 μ mol each of gene specific sequencing primers TER_F, pBHRF_R, ASP-PpARM-Info, ARM 3'_F, CALP Seq1, EX25-F, Δ ARM 3'_R, T7, M13R, ArmSeq6, CSMW_5R, pBHRF_F, 35s_Rev1, and Armseq7 (Appendix 3F), 2 μ l of 5X BigDye sequencing buffer and 0.5 μ l of BigDye® terminator v3.1. Cycle sequencing steps were performed according to the Stepped elongation Time Protocol (Platt et al. 2007).

Cycle sequencing steps were followed by purification of the extension products to remove excess primers, dNTP, and ddNTP. To the sequencing reactions, 10 μ l of dH₂O, 2 μ l of 125 mM EDTA, 2 μ l of 3M NaOAc (pH 5.2) and 52 μ l of 96 % EtOH were added. The reaction mixture was incubated at RT for 15 min. and DNA was precipitated at maximum speed (14800 rpm) in a Thermo Scientific Heraeus Fresco 21 Refrigerated microcentrifuge (Thermo Scientific, EW-17703-30) at 4 °C for 30 min. The DNA pellet was washed with 70 μ l of 70% EtOH and centrifuged (Thermo SCIENTIFIC, HERAEUS PICO21) at maximum speed (14800 rpm) for 10 min. The DNA was air dried for 30 min. to remove excess EtOH and resuspended in 10 μ l of deionized formamide and finally sequenced by Capillary Electrophoresis using the 3130xL Genetic Analyzer (Life Technologies). CLC Main Workbench v6 (www.clcbio.com) was used to analyze the sequences.

2.4 PEG-mediated *Physcomitrella patens* transformation

P. patens protoplast isolation and transformation was performed as described by Cove et al. (2009) using 15 μ g of linearized plasmid DNA per transformation. Prior to transformation, the plasmids (Table 1) were completely digested with restriction enzymes PacI and BmrI, and then the digested DNA was precipitated by standard ethanol precipitation. The plasmids were then transformed into the *P. patens* *DEK1 Δ LG3* locus (Johansen W, - manuscript in preparation). Protoplasts were grown under long day conditions [16 hrs light (70-80 μ mol/m²/S⁻¹) and 8 hrs dark]. Regeneration and selection of transformed plants was performed by transferring the tissue cultures to different media in the following sequence; 7 days of protoplast regeneration in protoplast regeneration medium (PRM) (Appendix 7B), 7 days of selection on BCDA medium (Appendix 7A) supplemented with 20 μ g/ml of hygromycin, 14 days of growth on BCDA medium and 7 days on BCDA supplemented with 20 μ g/ml of hygromycin. Hygromycin resistance plants were then transferred to fresh BCDA medium.

Cre recombinase procedure was performed to remove the hygromycin resistance cassette from the transformants. Protoplast was isolated and transformation was carried out using 20 µg of pAct-Cre plasmid (Trouiller et al. 2006). Protoplast were diluted four times (25,000 counted protoplasts per petri dish) to avoid mixing during picking and plated on Petri dishes containing cellophane. Protoplast regeneration and selection of putative positive Cre lines were performed as follow; 7 days of protoplast regeneration on protoplast regeneration medium, 7 days of growth on BCDA medium, picking of individual plant colony on BCDA medium and grow for 7 days, and finally, replica picking of individual plant colony on BCDA medium supplemented with 20 µg/ml of hygromycin. Lines showing loss of resistance cassette were grown on BCDA medium, and analyzed.

2.5 Molecular characterization of mutants

2.5.1 Genotyping of transformants

Putative transformed and hygromycin resistance plants were PCR genotyped using the Phire Plant Direct PCR Kit (Thermo scientific, Cat #F-130WH) following the manufacturer's instructions. Three rounds of PCR genotyping were performed. First PCR genotyping was performed to screen for insertion of the DEK1-LG3 sequence using primers LG3_Fw and LG3_Rev. Second PCR genotyping was performed to select for line harbouring single-copy insertion at the locus using primers ArmSeq3 and EX30_R. In order to confirm proper 5' and 3' targeting a third PCR genotyping was performed using primers ARMSeq3 and 35sRev1, and Term_Fw and EX30_R, respectively. Genomic DNA was isolated from hygromycin resistant plants by crushing a small amount of plant tissue in 20 µl of Dilution Buffer, which was used as a template for PCR. In a 20 µl reaction volume, 0.5 µl of DNA was PCR amplified with 0.5 µM each of gene specific primers (Appendix 3G), 0.4 µl of Phire Hot Start II DNA polymerase and 2X Phire Plant PCR Buffer. PCR amplification were as follow: initial denaturation at 98°C for 5 min. then followed by 30 cycles of 98 °C for 5 sec., 58 °C for 5 sec. and 72 °C for 1 min. (first PCR genotyping), 72 °C for 3.30 min. (second PCR genotyping) and 72 °C for 2.30 min. (third PCR genotyping). The final extension step was carried out at 72 °C for 5 min.

2.5.2 Southern Blot

Southern blot analysis was performed to investigate the possibility of off target integration into the *DEK1* locus. Genomic DNA for Southern-blot analysis was extracted using the PhytoPure Genomic DNA Extraction Kit (GE HealthCare, Cat #RPN-8511) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Approximately 1 µg of genomic DNA was digested using *Bgl*II for 6 hrs. Fragmented DNA was separated by agarose gel electrophoresis using 0.6 % ultrapure agarose at 37° C for 18 hrs. The DNA was transferred to positively charged nylon membrane (Roche), and then pre-hybridized using DIG Easy Hyb (Roche) at 42 °C for 30 min. and finally probed using 5' and 3' target probes at 42 °C overnight. The probes were synthesized using PCR DIG probe synthesis kit (Roche, Cat#11636090910) and primers pair Armseq5/CSMW_5R and 3TGS_SP/3TGS_ASP (Appendix 3I) for the 5' and 3' target probes, respectively. Development of the Southern blot was performed using X-Ray films.

2.5.3 RT-PCR

RT-PCR and subsequent sequencing of the product were performed to analyse the *DEK1* transcript to verify the introduced mutations and to investigate if the transcript were properly spliced. Total RNA was isolated from *P. patens* mutant tissue using the RNAqueous®-Micro kit (Life technologies, Cat#AM 1931) according to the manufacturer's instructions. 8 µl of RNA was treated with 1 µl of 100 units DNase I-Amplification Grade (Invitrogen, Cat #18068-015) and 1 µl of 10X DNase I buffer. The reaction was incubated at RT for 15 min., then 1 µl of 25 mM EDTA was added to inactivate DNase I and incubated at 65 °C for 15 min. 8 µl of DNase I-treated total RNA was primed with 1 µl of 50 µM Random hexamer primers and 1 µl of 10 mM dNTP in a total volume of 13 µl. The reaction was incubated at 65 °C for 5 min. and placed on ice for 1 min. The reaction mixture was reverse transcribed using 1 µl of 200 units of Superscript III® Reverse Transcriptase (Invitrogen, Cat #18080-044), 1 µl of 40 units of RNaseOUT™ (Invitrogen, Cat #10777-019), 4 µl of 5X First-strand buffer and 1 µl of 0.1 M DTT. The reaction was incubated at RT for 5 min. and then at 50 °C for 1 hr. Finally, the Reverse transcriptase enzyme was inactivated by incubation at 70 °C for 15 min. Phusion® High-Fidelity DNA polymerase was used to amplify the target sequence spanning a region from exon 7 to exon 30 (transcript nucleotides 1888 to 6444) as follow: 1µl undiluted cDNA template was PCR amplified with primers PpLoop_Inverse SP and

Ex30_R (Appendix 3H) using the following cycling conditions: 98 °C for 10 sec., 40 cycles of 98 °C for 10 sec., 62 °C for 20 sec. and 72 °C for 1.5 min. and a final elongation step at 72 °C for 5 min. The PCR products was treated with Exonuclease I (Fermentas) to remove excess primers, and then cycle sequencing reactions were performed using primers LG3_R, ArmSeq7, ArmSeq8 and CSMW_5R and the ABI BigDye® terminator v.3.1 chemistry according to the SteP method (Platt et al. 2007). DNA fragments were precipitated using sodium-acetate/ethanol and finally sequenced by Capillary Electrophoresis using the 3130xL Genetic Analyzer. The CLC Main Workbench v6 software was used to analyse the sequences.

2.6 Microscopy

The phenotype of the mutants was characterized using dissecting (Nikon SMZ 1500) and fluorescence (Nikon ECLIPSE Ti) microscopy. The mutants generated in this study were grown side by side on BDC medium for 3 weeks, phyllids were dissected from the middle part of the gametophores, mounted in a glass slide and observed under dissection microscope.

To determine the growth and spreading of protonema tissue, generated mutants were grown side by side for 2 weeks and colonies were photographed directly by dissecting microscope while growing on BCD medium.

To observe buds initial developments, mutant tissue was stained in Fluorescent Brightener 28 for 30 min., washed two times in sterile water, then mounted in a glass slide and observed under fluorescence microscope.

3. Results

3.1 *In silico* analyses of DEK1-LG3

3.1.1 The N-terminal end and middle part of the DEK1-LG3 domain is conserved in land plants

In order to analyze the degree of sequence conservation, 94 DEK1-LG3 sequences of land plants were aligned using MAFFT (Appendix 5). As shown by the sequence logo representation (Figure 11), the N-terminal end and the middle part of the DEK1-LG3 domain are more highly conserved than the more divergent C-terminal end. Investigation of the multiple sequence alignment showed that the amino acid identity decreases with evolutionary distance. For example, the sequence identity between the angiosperm *A. thaliana* and mosses *P. patens* is 55%.

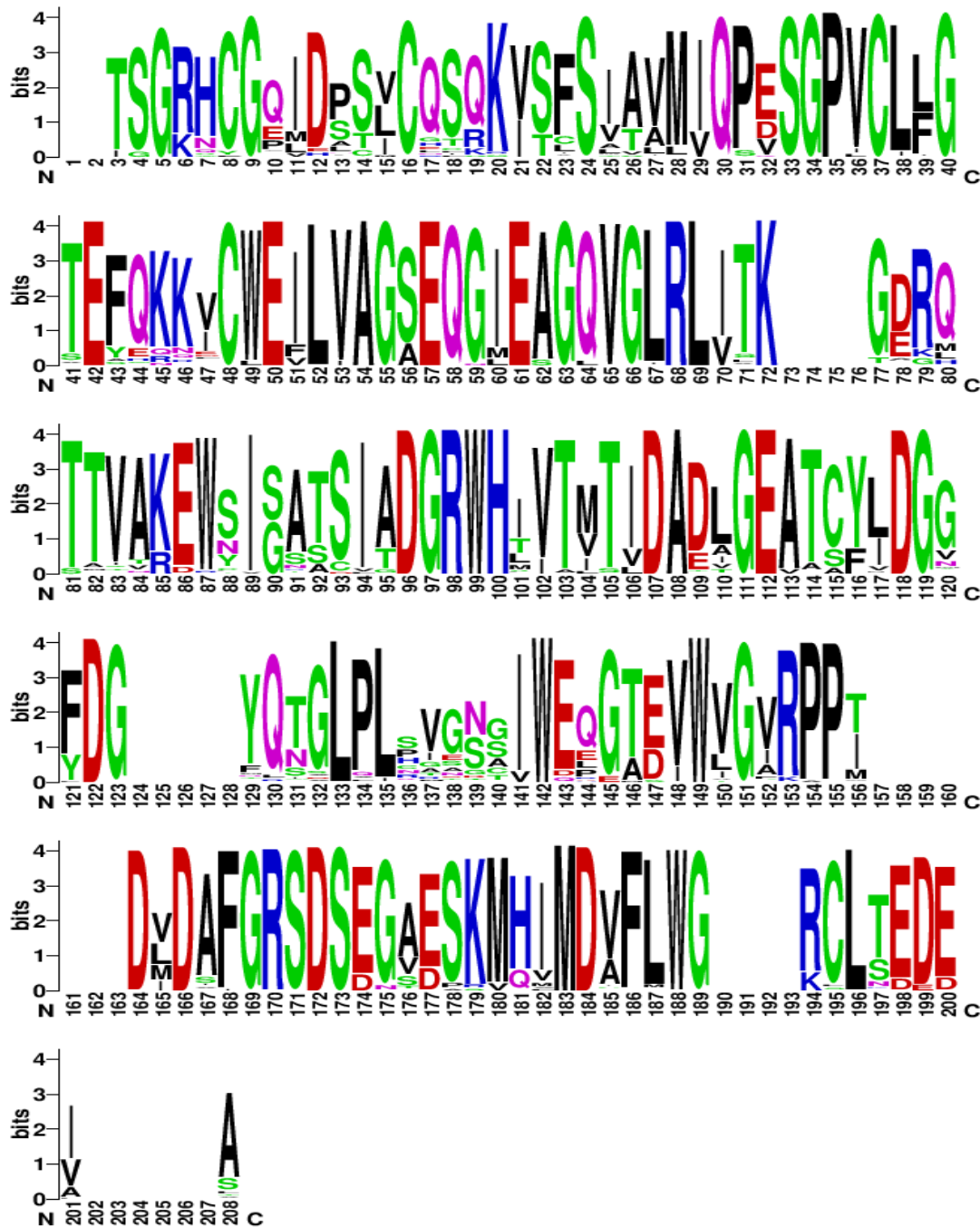


Figure 11. Graphical representation of land plant DEK1-LG3 sequence conservation (using WebLogo v3). The N-terminal end and the middle part are more highly conserved while the C-terminal end is more divergent. The colour scheme of the residues represent their chemical properties; Green = Hydrophilic, blue = basic, red = acidic and black = hydrophobic amino acids.

3.1.2 Predicted functional and structural residues in *P. patens* DEK1-LG3 sequence

The functionally and structurally important residues in the DEK1-LG3 domain were predicted by submitting the multiple sequence alignment to the ConSurf server, which estimates evolutionary conservation of residues based on the phylogenetic relationship between homologous sequences (Armon et al. 2001). Figure 12 shows the output result of the prediction; functional residues (marked “f”) are highly conserved and exposed while predicted structural residues (marked “s”) are highly conserved and buried inside the protein. The analysis shows that important functionally and structurally residues are evenly distributed throughout the sequence.



Figure 12. Predicted functional and structural residues in DEK1-LG3 domain using ConSurf server. The conservation of functionally and structurally predicted residues is evenly spread throughout the sequence. Conserved functional and structural residues are marked “f” and “s” respectively, while “b” and “e” represent buried and exposed residues, respectively.

3.1.3 The predicted *P. patens* DEK1-LG3 3D structure adopts a fold similar to the lectin fold

The 3D structure of the DEK1-LG3 domain was predicted by submitting the *P. patens* DEK1-LG3 sequence (10618-11230; XP 001774206.1) to the Phyre2 fold recognition server. The predicted model is based on C3flpJ, the SAP-like pentraxin from *Limulus polyphemus*. DEK1-LG3 is predicted to contain ten (10) anti-parallel β -sheets (yellow) which are arranged in concave and convex shape, two (2) α -helix (red) and loop regions connecting β -sheets on both edges (Figure 13A). The predicted structure form a structural

fold which is similar to the β -sandwich or lectin fold, formed by two anti-parallel β -sheets (Rudenko et al. 2001). The surface view of the model was modified using PyMOL structure viewer (v0.99) software to visualize the location of the predicted functionally important residues (Figure 13B) on the surface of the structure. The surface positions marked blue show the positions of the residues that were mutated in the current study. The mutated residues are also given.

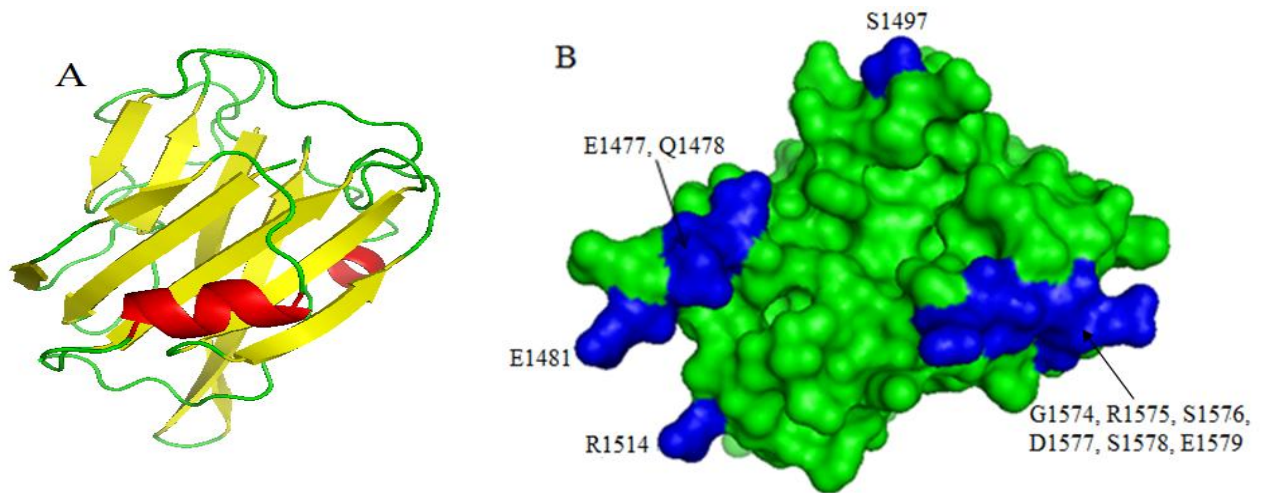


Figure 13. The predicted 3D structure of *P. patens* DEK1-LG3 domain using Phyre2 server (A) Cartoon representation of the 3D structure with 10 anti-parallel β -sheets (yellow), 2 α -helix (red) and loop regions connecting the β -sheets on both edges. (B) Surface view of the 3D structure indicating the location of mutated residues. The positions marked blue show the location of the residues that were mutated in the current study, namely E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸, E¹⁴⁸¹, S¹⁴⁹⁷, R¹⁵¹⁴ and G¹⁵⁷⁴R¹⁵⁷⁵S¹⁵⁷⁶D¹⁵⁷⁷S¹⁵⁷⁸E¹⁵⁷⁹. The surface view was modified using PyMOL (v0.99) structure viewer.

The obtained DEK1-LG3 3D structure was pairwise superimposed to the database model 3FLP using the PDBeFold server, which shows that the two structures display a similar fold (Figure 14). The structural homology search identified a root mean square deviation (RMSD) of 0.718 Å between the structures, which also shows that the structures of the two proteins are similar. The structure of heptameric SAP-like pentraxin has been reported to have a fold resembling the Concanavalin A superfamily of proteins. Proteins in this family have a highly conserved fold despite low sequence similarity (Emsley et al. 1994; Shrive et al. 2009).

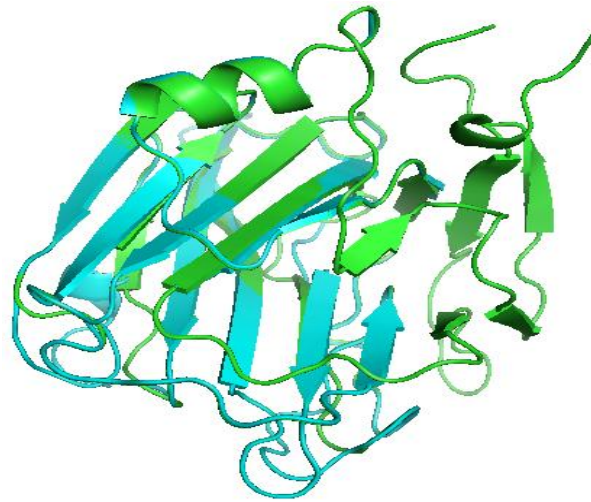


Figure 14. The superimposed structural alignment between native heptameric SAP-like pentraxin from *Limulus polyphemus* (PDB, 3FLP) (green) and the predicted structure of DEK1-LG3 domain using PDBeFold (light blue).

3.2 Molecular characterization of *P. patens* mutants

3.2.1 Analysis of *P. patens* transformants show targeted on-locus events

To assess the dependence of the residues predicted to be functionally important in the LG3 domain (Figure 13B), constructs carrying mutagenized versions of the LG3 sequences (Table 1) were re-targeted to the *DEK1ΔLG3* locus. Figure 15 shows the schematic of recombination strategy employed in PEG-mediated *P. patens dek1Δlg3* and Cre recombinase transformations. Table 2 shows the number of stable transformants (hygromycin resistant), obtained in the experiments. Transformation of construct pBHRF_JI_LG3G¹⁵⁷⁴R¹⁵⁷⁵S¹⁵⁷⁶D¹⁵⁷⁷S¹⁵⁷⁸E¹⁵⁷⁹ did not give any stable transformant even after several rounds of transformation. The hygromycin resistant plants were PCR-genotyped to identify lines with proper targeting as shown schematically in Figure 16 and the result of this genotyping is provided in Table 2. As an example, the PCR genotyping result for 5' and 3' targeting is shown in Figure 17. This result confirms that DEK1-LG3 sequences were successfully re-targeted to the *DEK1ΔLG3* locus.

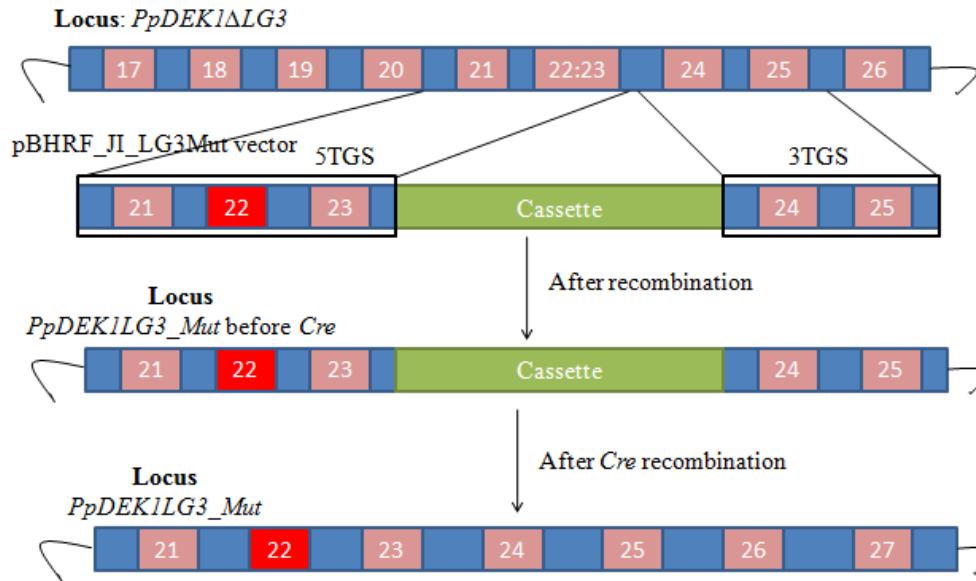


Figure 15. Homologous recombination strategy after PEG-mediated transformation of *Physcomitrella patens*. The mutant locus *PpDEK1ΔLG3* was transformed with vectors pBHRF_JI_LG3Mut creating mutant loci collectively named *PpDEK1LG3_Mut* before Cre. After transformation to remove the resistance cassette, *PpDEK1LG3_Mut* loci were generated. The number in the boxes corresponds to the *P. patens* DEK1 exons. Exon 22 (red) contains the mutations.

Table 2. Number of stable transformants, transformants re-targeted with DEK1-LG3, transformants with single copy insertion, and double targeting transformants obtained after PEG-mediated transformation of each construct.

Mutants	Number of stable transformants (HygR)	Number of transformants with DEK1-LG3 insertion	Number of transformants with single-copy insertion	Number of double targeting
<i>dek1lg3:E^{1477Q1478}</i>	9	4	0	3
<i>dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹</i>	12	8	2	5
<i>dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷</i>	44	16	2	8
<i>dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴</i>	19	8	1	3
<i>dek1lg3:G¹⁵⁷⁴R¹⁵⁷⁵S¹⁵⁷⁶D¹⁵⁷⁷S¹⁵⁷⁸E¹⁵⁷⁹</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>dek1-wtlg3</i>	6	5	0	1

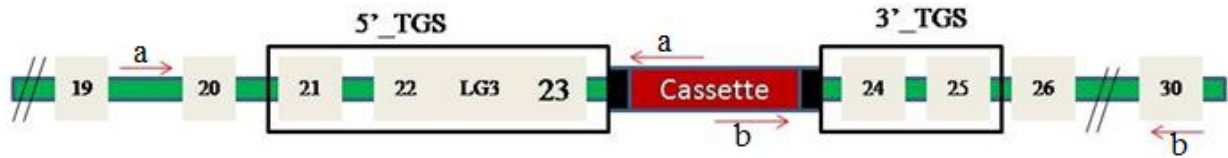


Figure 16 Schematics of the PCR genotyping strategy. Red arrows show primer annealing sites; primers marked “a” and primers marked “b” was used for 5’ and 3’ targeting genotyping PCR, respectively.

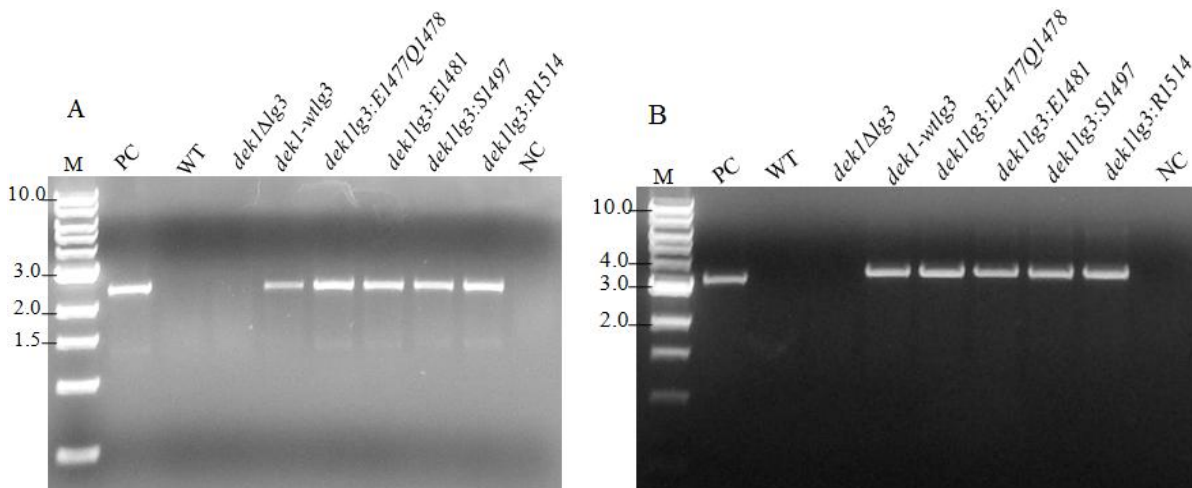


Figure 17. Genotyping of *Physcomitrella patens* *dekl1lg3_mut*. Gel photos showing amplicons generated from PCR genotyping of 5’ (A) and 3’ (B) targeting by electrophoresis on 0.5% agarose. Positive control sample denoted as PC represents DNA extracted from the *P. patens* *dekl1Δlg3* mutant complemented with *Marchantia polymorpha* DEK1-LG3. The negative control (NC) contains no template; WT and *dekl1Δlg3* were also used as negative control. The expected fragment size for *dekl1-wtlg3*, *dekl1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dekl1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dekl1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* and *dekl1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant lines are approximately 2.4 kbp and 3.4 kbp, respectively.

PCR-based genotyping suggest that *dekl1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dekl1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* and *dekl1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutants harbour a single copy insertion of DNA at the targeted locus and that *dekl1-wtlg3* and *dekl1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸* mutants harbour multicopy integration of DNA either at the targeted locus or off target locus (data not shown).

PCR positive double targeted lines, *dekl1-wtlg3* #1, *dekl1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸* #1, *dekl1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* #1, *dekl1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* #1 and *dekl1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* #1 were subjected to Cre mediated transformation to remove the resistance cassette and further analyzed by Southern blot to investigate the possibility of off target integration.

3.2.2 Southern blot analyses

Southern blot analysis was performed for PCR positive genotyped lines to investigate the possibility of off-locus integration of DNA during transformation. Figure 18 represents schematics of the Southern-blot in which the restriction fragments were generated using *Bgl*II.

The Southern blot analysis before Cre recombinase show mutant plants *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* and *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* have the two expected restriction fragments of size 15.8 kbp and 5.0 kbp (Figure 19A) suggesting that these lines harbour a single copy insertion of DNA at the targeted locus. Mutant plants *dek1-wtlg3* and *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸* display several restriction fragments which suggest that these lines harbour multicopy integration of DNA and also suggests the possibility of off locus targeting of the vector (Figure 19A). Southern blot analysis for mutant plants after Cre recombinase removal of the resistance cassette show that the mutant plants *dek1-wtlg3* and *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* have a single restriction fragment of size 18.8 kbp, the same size as the WT plant suggesting that these lines harbour a single copy integration of DNA at the locus (Figure 19B). However, several restriction fragments were detected in the mutant plants *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* suggesting that these lines harbour off locus DNA integration (Figure 19B).

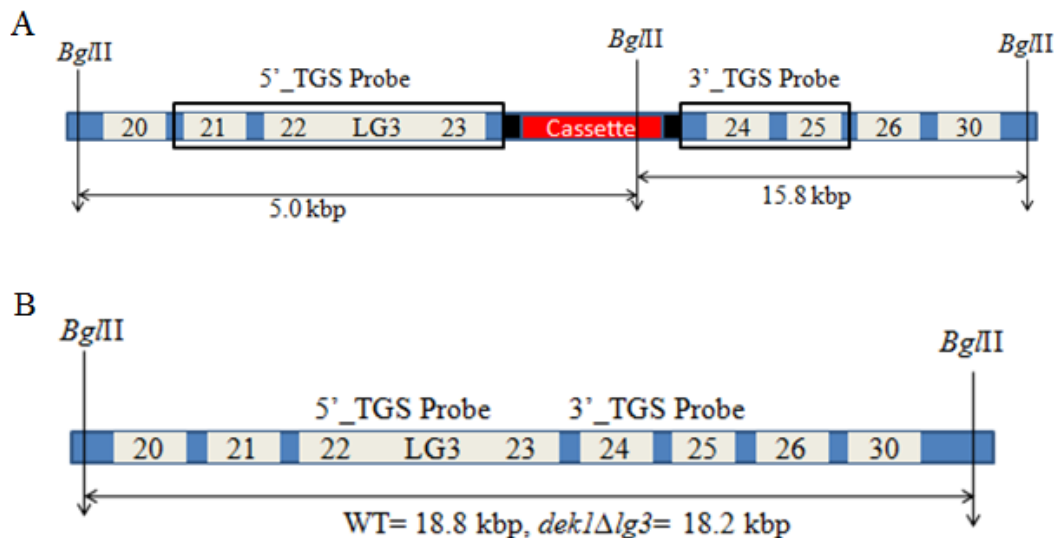


Figure 18. Schematics of southern blot strategy showing the expected restriction fragments for generated mutants (A) and WT and *dek1Δlg3* mutant (B) using *Bgl*II. The expected restriction fragments for generated mutants using 5' and 3' targeting probes are 5.0 kbp and 15.8 kbp, respectively. The expected restriction fragments for WT plant and *dek1Δlg3* mutant are 18.8 kbp and 18.2 kbp, respectively.

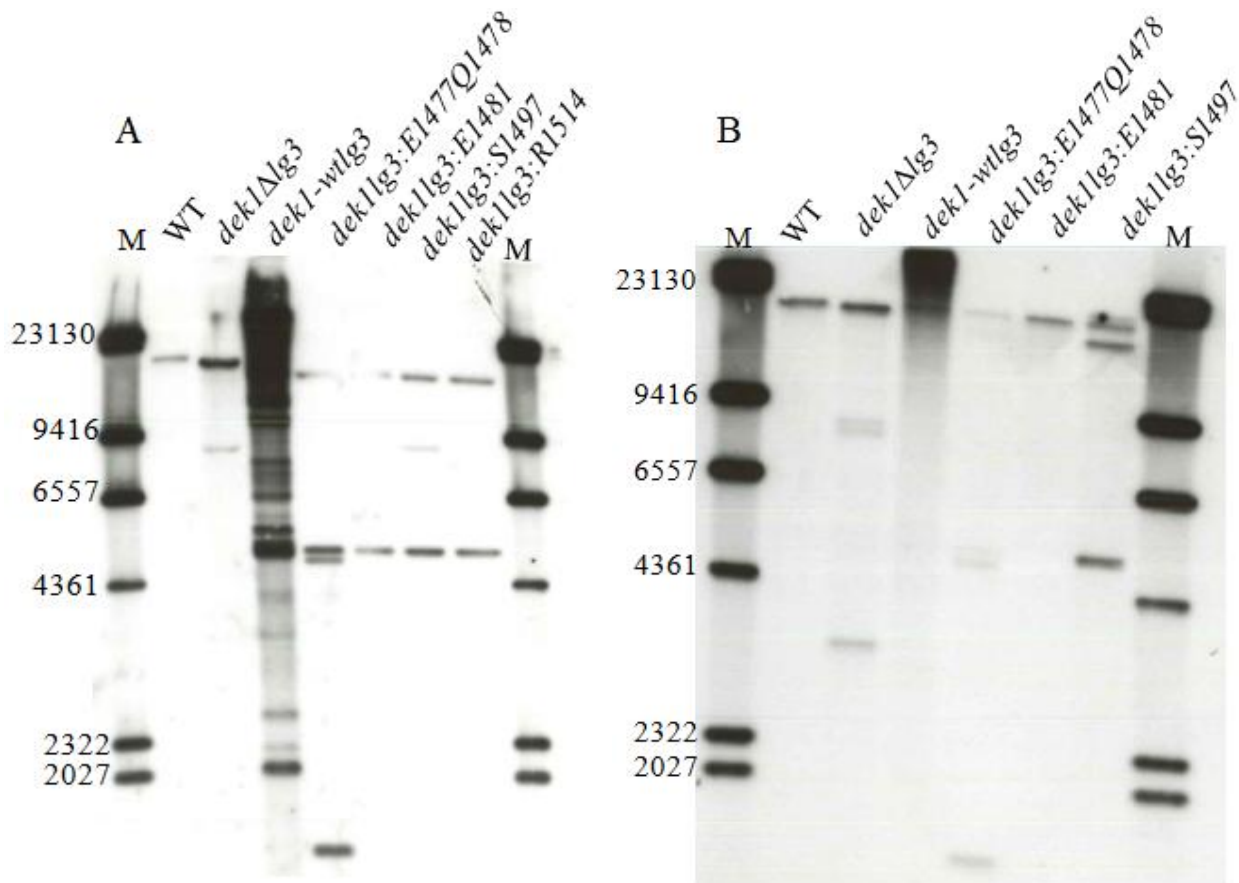


Figure 19. Southern blot analysis for generated mutants before (A) and after Cre recombinase removal of the resistance cassette (B). *Bgl*III was used to create restriction fragments. (A) The two expected restriction fragments of size 5.0 kbp and 15.8 kbp in the *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* and *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* suggesting these mutants harbour a single integration of DNA at the locus, and several restriction fragments were detected in the mutant plants *dek1-wtlg3* and *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸* suggesting these lines harbour multicopy DNA integration and possible off locus targeting of the vector. (B) A single restriction fragment of size 18.8 kbp in the *dek1-wtlg3*, and *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* same as the WT suggesting these mutants harbour a single copy integration of DNA at the locus and several restriction fragments were detected in the mutant plants *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, and *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* suggesting these lines harbour off locus integration. Mutant *dek1Δlg3* was used as negative control.

3.2.3 RT-PCR and cDNA sequencing

The *DEK1* transcript from the mutant plants were analyzed by RT-PCR using primers PpLoop_Inverse SP_ and Ex30_R, which bind to DEK1 cDNA in positions flanking the targeting sequences, to verify the mutant transcripts. Figure 20 shows the gel picture of the cDNA products amplified from the various mutant plants (*dek1-wtlg3*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷*) in addition to WT with the expected size of approximately 4.6 kbp. This result shows that the mutant transcript was produced and the expected amplicon sizes.

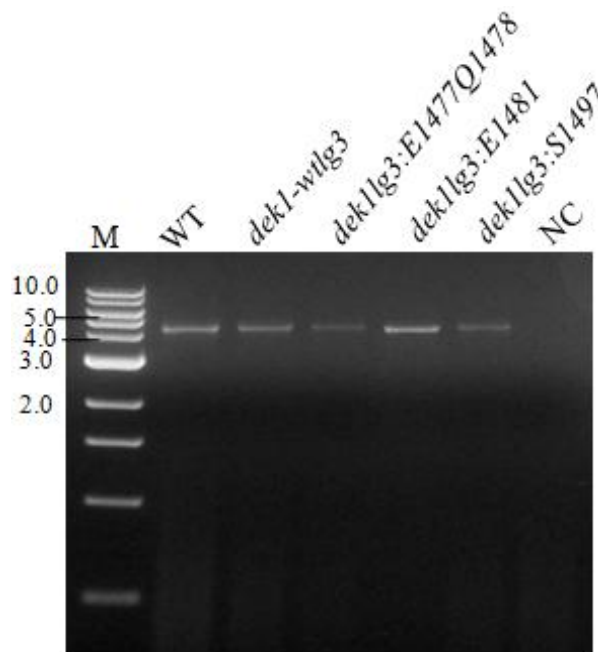


Figure 20. Reverse transcriptase (RT) PCR analysis of WT plant, *dek1-wtlg3*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutant plants. The expected amplicon size for WT is 4.6 kbp. The mutant plants displayed an amplicon of similar size. Negative control (NC) sample contains no template.

Subsequently, *DEK1* cDNA from all generated mutants were sequenced to verify production of mutated transcripts. Figure 21 show part of the *DEK1* cDNA sequencing result with location of the various mutations marked “Conflict”. The sequencing results show that the transcripts display the introduced mutations, in addition to proper splicing of the transcript in the *dek1-wtlg3*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutants (Data not shown). However, *DEK1* sequencing of cDNA in the mutant *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* as shown in Figure 22 revealed that intron 22 was not spliced out rather it was retained in the transcript.

Examination of the sequenced data also shows that the remained intron 22 in the transcript introduced a frame shift leading to a stop codon in the transcript.

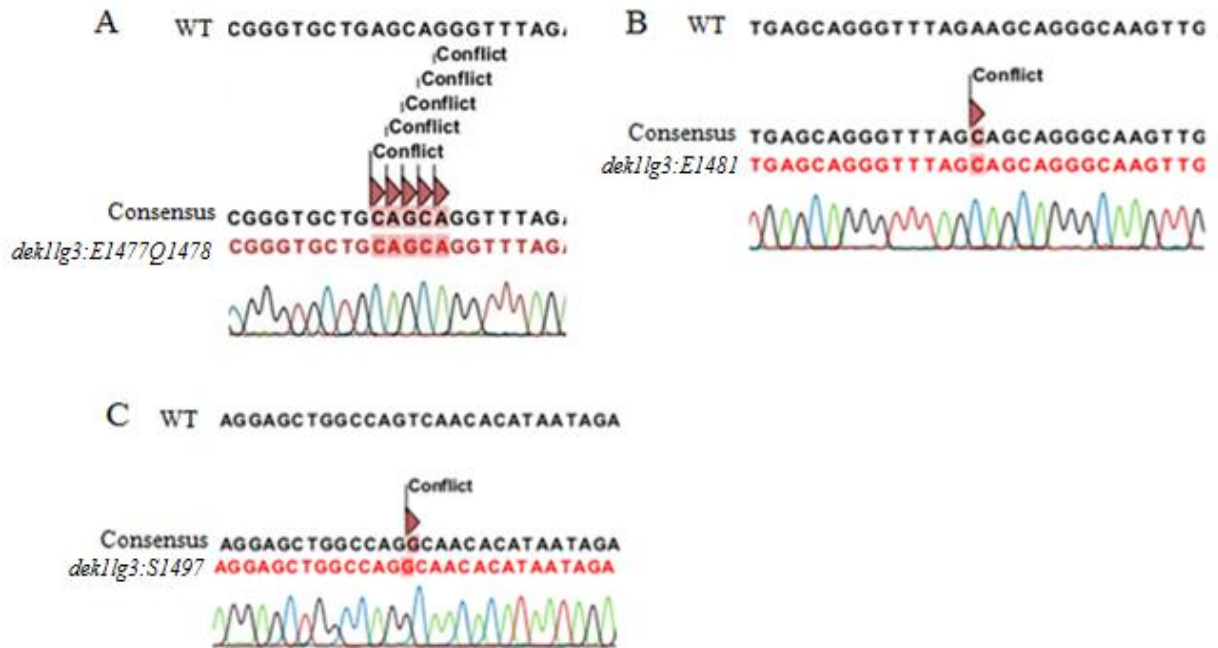


Figure 21. Part of the *DEK1* transcript sequencing confirming the presence of introduced mutations in the transcripts. (A) Part of *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸* cDNA sequencing showing substituted nucleotides (CAGCA) marked “Conflict”. (B) Part of *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* cDNA sequencing showing substituted nucleotide (C) marked “Conflict”. (C) Part of *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* cDNA sequencing showing substituted nucleotide (G) marked “Conflict”.

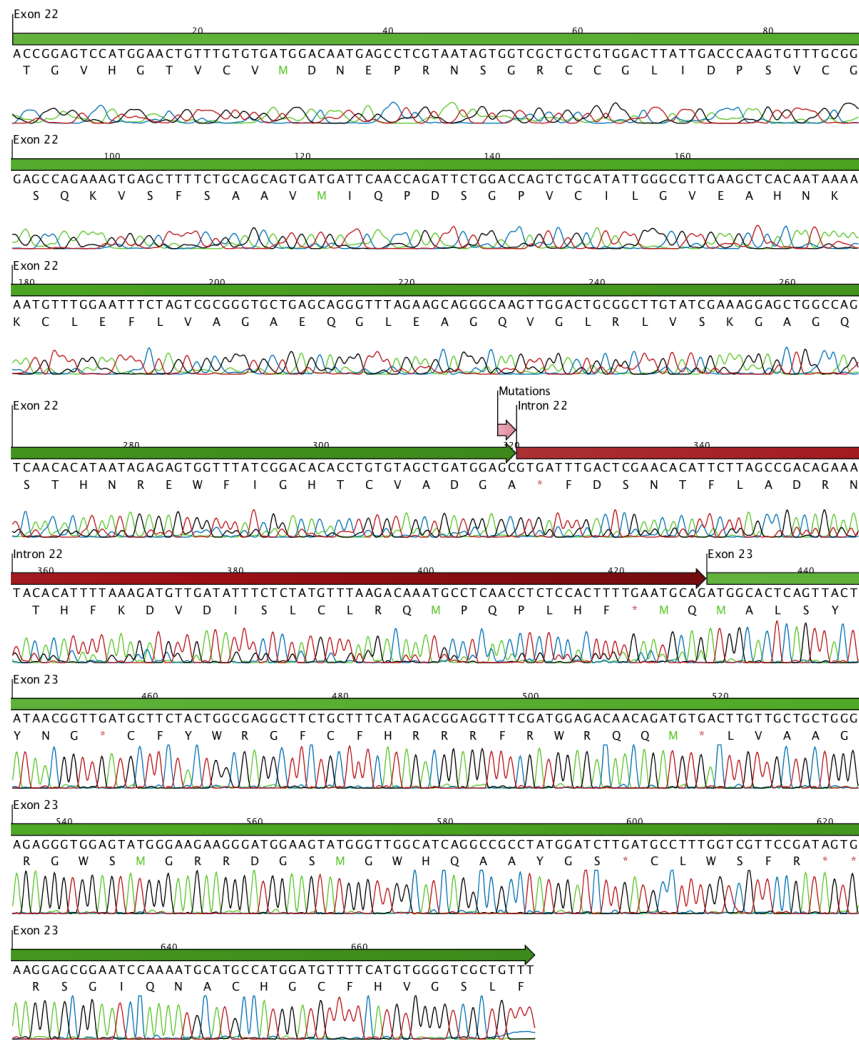


Figure 22. DEK1 sequence of cDNA in the mutant *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴*. The introduced mutations (AG to GC) at the end of exon 22 interfere with splicing of the transcript, leaving intron 22 which introduces a frame shift leading to a stop codon and subsequently result in absence of active DEK1 protein.

In summary, the molecular characterization techniques used in this study, namely PCR-based genotyping, Southern blotting, RT-PCR and sequencing confirmed generation of *dek1-wtlg3* harbouring WT sequence, and the *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutant plants harbouring the respective substituted nucleotides. Also, molecular characterization suggests that *dek1-wtlg3* and *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* mutant plants harbour a single integration of DNA at the locus while *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutant plants harbours off locus integration of DNA. Also DEK1 cDNA sequencing confirmed that intron 22 was not spliced out in the *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant plant.

3.3 Phenotypic characterization

All mutants for phenotypic characterization were grown side by side.

To investigate the functionality of the complementation assay, the WT DEK1-LG3 sequence was re-targeted to the *DEK1ΔLG3* locus. The resulting mutant, *dek1-wtlg3* completely reverted to the WT phenotype with well developed gametophore and expanded phyllids (Figure 23 C and 24 C). This result confirms that the assay and the background used for transformation are working properly.

3.3.1 Mutant plants *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* display WT gametophore development and phyllid morphology

In the *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸* mutant two conserved amino acids residues glutamic acid (E1477) and glutamine (Q1478) were mutated to alanine (Ala) while in the *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutant plants a single amino acid, glutamic acid (E1481) and serine (S1497) were mutated to alanine (Ala), respectively.

Examination of gametophores morphology in the *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutants (Figure 23) show that the WT phenotype was restored in these mutants. Gametophore morphology in mutants appears the same as WT gametophore with well developed and expanded phyllids compared to completely different gametophore morphology in the *dek1Δlg3* mutant, which harbour small and narrow phyllids. This result suggests that the amino acids E1477, Q1478, E1481 and S1497 are not important for *P. patens* gametophores development.

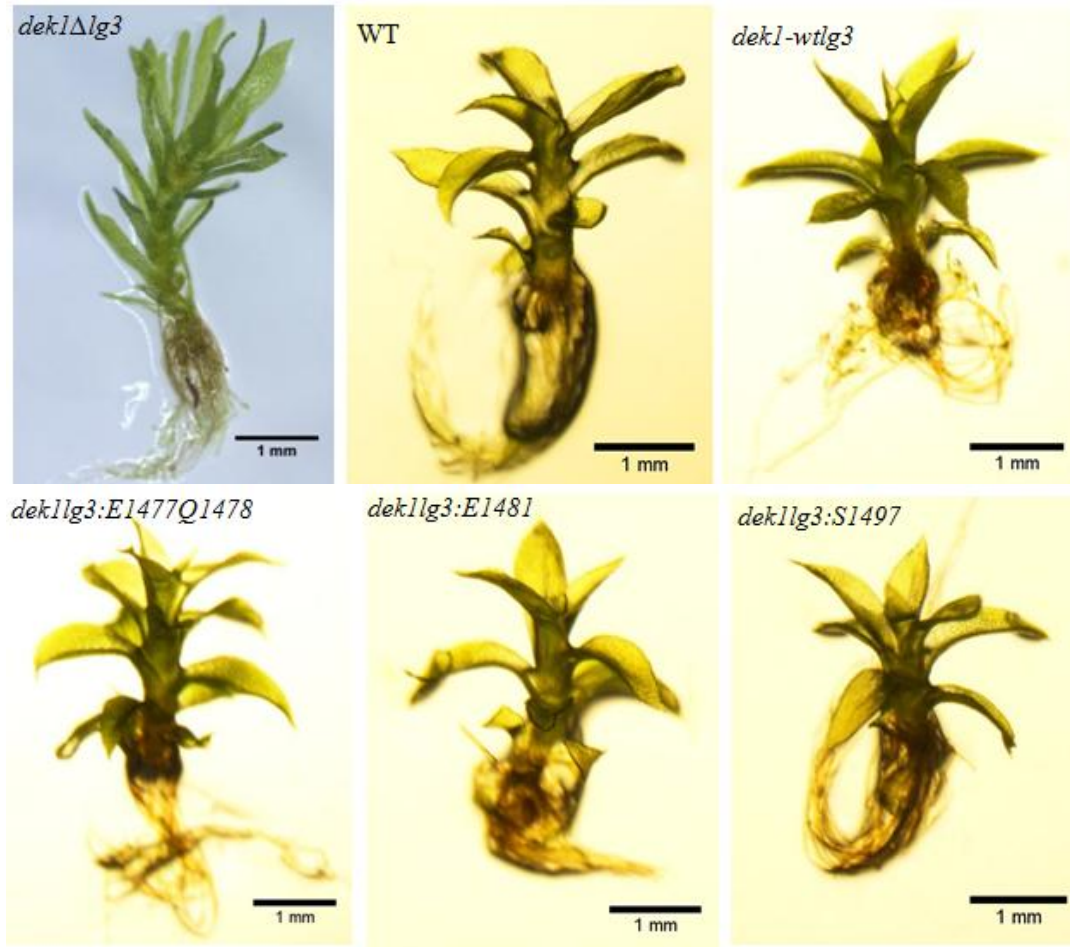


Figure 23. Gametophore morphology in *dek1Δlg3*, WT and generated mutants *dek1-wtlg3*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷*. The *dek1Δlg3* mutant plant gametophore with narrow and compressed phyllids, WT plant gametophore with well developed and expanded phyllids, *dek1-wtlg3* retargeted with WT DEK1-LG3, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutant plants gametophore display WT phenotype with well developed and expanded phyllids after re-targeting mutagenized versions of DEK1-LG3. All presented gametophore are 3 weeks old except *dek1Δlg3* mutant gametophore obtained from (Johansen W.).

To investigate phyllid morphology, phyllids were dissected from the middle part of the gametophore and analyzed by dissecting microscopy. Analysis of phyllid morphology (Figure 24) shows that the phyllids from *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutants appeared as the WT phyllid with expanded phyllids having clear marginal serration, small cells, long midrib and sharp tip compared to the *dek1Δlg3* mutant phyllid which is small, narrow, lacking marginal serration, having short midrib, blunt tip and large cells. This result suggests that the mutated residues are not important for shaping the phyllids.



Figure 24. Phyllids morphology in *deklΔlg3* mutant, WT and generated mutants. The *deklΔlg3* mutant phyllid which is small and narrow, WT phyllid showing normal morphology, *dekl-wtlg3* phyllid re-targeted with WT DEK1-LG3 revert to WT, *deklg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *deklg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *deklg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutant phyllids display WT phenotype by re-targeting mutagenized version of DEK1-LG3. The *deklΔlg3* mutant phyllid obtained from (Johansen W.). All presented phyllids are 3 weeks old except *deklΔlg3* mutant phyllid.

3.3.2 Protonemata growth and spreading is not affected in mutants

dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷*

Development of protonema tissue was analyzed by dissecting microscopy to investigate the growth and spreading of protonema in mutant plants. Analysis of protonema growth in all generated mutants, namely *dek1-wtlg3*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* show that protonema is spreading similar to WT (Figure 25) suggesting that the mutated residues are not important for the growth and spreading of protonemata tissue. However, there is a difference in the spreading of protonemata tissue between generated mutants and the *dek1Δlg3* mutant plant (Figure 25). In generated mutants the protonema is spreading much more compared to *dek1Δlg3* mutant where the protonema is spreading less.

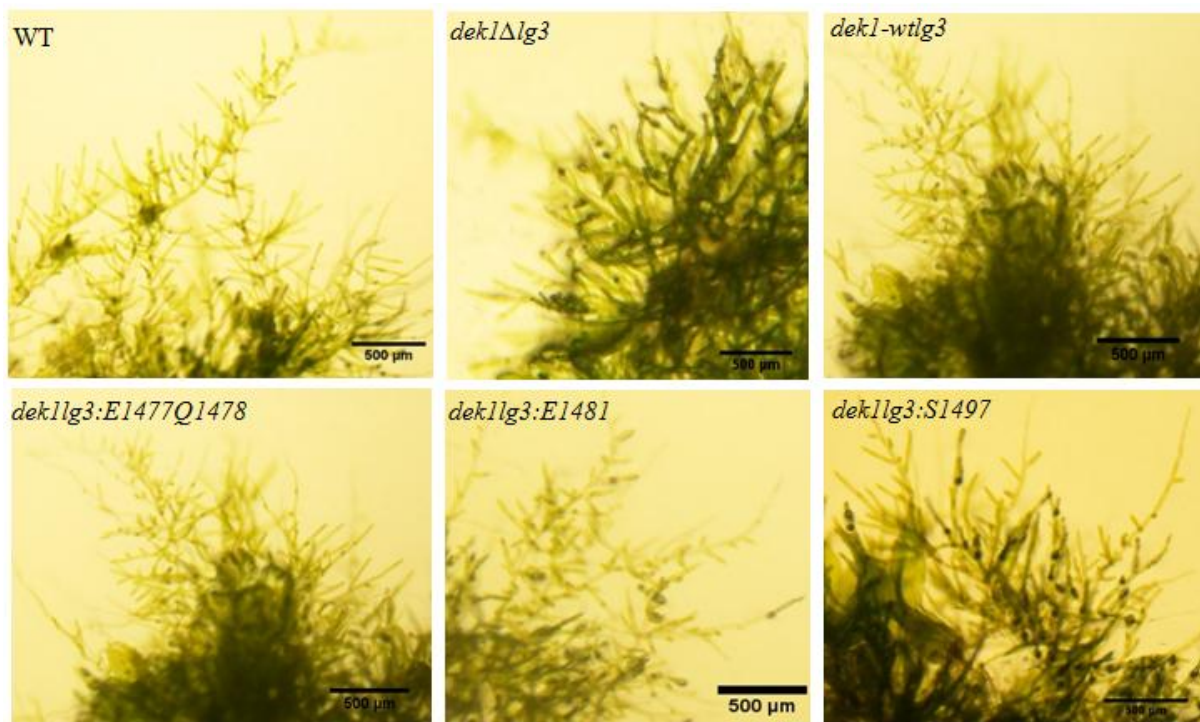


Figure 25. Growth and spreading of protonema tissue in WT, *dek1Δlg3* and generated mutants. WT tissue with well spreading protonema, *dek1Δlg3* tissue showing less spreading protonema, *dek1-wtlg3*, *dek1lg3:E1477Q1478*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* protonema tissue growing and spreading in the same pattern as in WT. All presented colony are 2 weeks old.

3.3.3 Mutant *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* has arrested bud development

Investigation of the mutant *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* show that the mutant display the $\Delta dek1$ mutant phenotype characterized by the lack of gametophore (Perroud et al. 2014). Closer examination of the bud initial development in the *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant shows that there is no difference in the first asymmetrical division of the bud initial cell between the WT (Figure 26A, arrow) and *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant (Figure 26D, arrow). However, the first cell division plane of the bud apical cell is clearly different between WT (Figure 26B, arrow) and *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* (Figure 26E, arrow) where in the WT the first cell division of the bud apical cell occurs perpendicular to the first asymmetrical division, new cell wall plane in the *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant occurs at random positions. Thus, due to misorientation of cell wall in the first division of the bud apical cell, mutant bud fails to expand as in WT (Figure 26C), which subsequently leads to the arrest in bud development (Figure 26F). This result suggests that the mutant *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* is not producing a functional DEK1 protein.

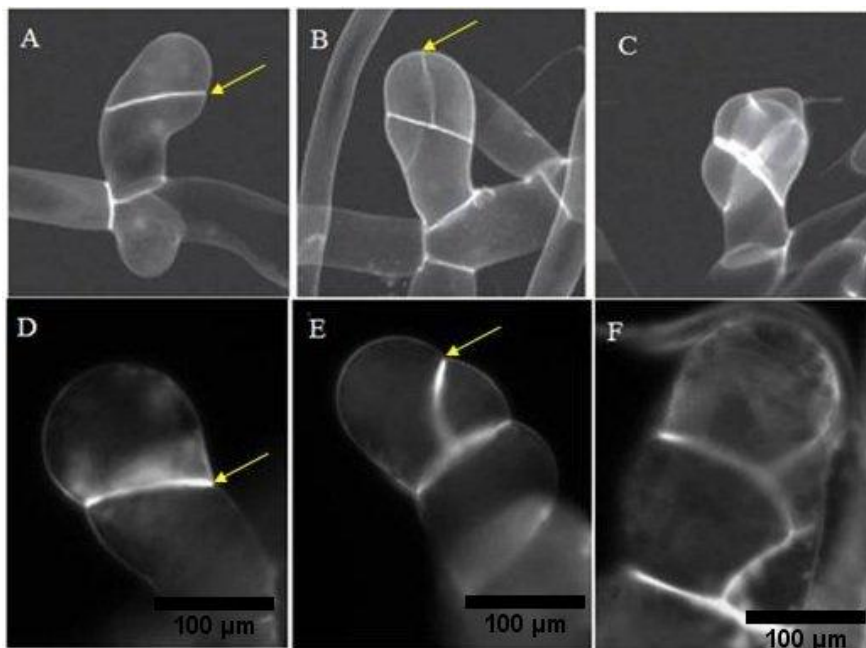


Figure 26 Bud development in *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant. (A) Wild-type bud development at two-cell stage, the apical and basal cells, (B) First division of the bud apical cell (arrow) which occur in perpendicular to the prevision cell wall, (C) Globular WT bud showing seven cells in a three-dimension organization, (D) *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant bud development at two-cell stage, the apical and basal cells, (E) First division of the bud apical cell (arrow) in *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* mutant which occurs in random position rather than perpendicular to the first division, (F) *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* arrested bud development. Figures A, B and C; Scale bar 50 μm and are modified from (Perroud et al. 2014).

3.3.4 Sporophyte development

All generated mutants were subjected to sporophyte growth conditions as described by (Perroud et al. 2011), to investigate the effects of mutated residues on gametangia and sporophyte development. However, due to time frame since induction until observation of sporophytes (about 2 month), sporophytes development data were not available to be included in this thesis.

4. Discussion

The aim of this study was to assess the importance of conserved DEK1-LG3 residues for DEK1 function in *Physcomitrella patens*. First, conserved and functionally important residues were predicted by bioinformatic analyses. Secondly, a series of *P. patens* mutants carrying site-specific mutations of the predicted functional important DEK1-LG3 residues were created. The resulting mutants were phenotypically characterized to assess the importance of these amino acids for DEK1 function. The result of the study was the generation of four different *dek1lg3* mutant lines: three mutants each carrying a single amino acid substitution to the amino acid alanine (Ala), namely *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹*, *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷*, *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* and one mutant carrying double amino acid substitutions to Ala, namely *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*.

Acidic and polar residues are predicted to be functionally conserved in land plant DEK1-LG3 domain

Bioinformatics analysis predicted acidic residues E1477, E1481, D1577 and E1579, polar residues Q1478, S1497, S1576 and S1578, basic residues R1514, R1575 and non-polar G1574 as functionally important in DEK1-LG3 domain. These residues were predicted by ConSurf server which estimates the evolutionary conservation of residue according to its phylogenetic relation with other homologous sequence by employing empirical Bayesian method or a Maximum likelihood method (Armon et al. 2001; Landau et al. 2005). These predicted amino acids are highly conserved in land plant lineage which suggests that they may be involved in an important function in DEK1.

Phyllids morphology is not affected in *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* mutants

The functionality of the complementation assay was confirmed by re-targeting the WT DEK1-LG3 sequence into *DEK1ΔLG3* locus and the mutant was complemented and completely reverted to the WT phenotype with well developed gametophores and expanded phyllids. All generated mutant plants before Cre recombinase showed $\Delta dek1$ phenotype

characterized by the lack of gametophore. The observed $\Delta dek1$ mutant phenotype was a result of absence of active calpain protein due to the insertion of the resistance cassette in an intron which probably disturbs splicing of the primary transcript and subsequently leads to the observed null phenotype. After Cre mediated excision removal of the resistance cassette, all mutants; $dek1lg3:E^{1477}Q^{1478}$, $dek1lg3:E^{1481}$ and $dek1lg3:S^{1497}$ except mutant $dek1lg3:R^{1514}$ showed expanded phyllids indistinguishable from WT. Also the study of protonemata growth suggests there is no observable difference in the growth of protonemata between WT and generated mutants. These results suggest that these amino acids do not have an important function for protonemata growth or gametophores development. However, this study cannot rule out the possibility of importance of these amino acids in the sporophyte generation as the sporophyte development data were not available.

The conservation of amino acids throughout the period of evolution implies their importance, because slowly evolving amino acids in proteins are often very important either for structural or functional role (Celniker et al. 2013). In case where conserved residues suggested being not important can sometimes explained by the nature of amino acids substitution, whereby non-conservative substitution have high possibility of displaying the effect than conservative substitution. In this study, alanine substitution of conserved residues was carried out to study function of conserved residues, but study found that the mutated residues are not important for gametophores development and phyllids morphology. A study by (Baumberger and Baulcombe 2005) shows that a completely conserved residue can also turn out not being important. Baumberger study showed that a completely conserved residue (G758) in AGO1, an RNA-binding protein involved in RNA silencing, was mutated to serine and transiently expressed in *Nicotiana benthamiana*; however, an AGO1 protein was still able to mediate *in vitro* cleavage of *PHAVOLUTA* RNA as in WT plant. However, it is interestingly that sometimes even a single amino acid substitution can cause a change in phenotype as shown in the study by (Roeder et al. 2012), when *A. thaliana dek1-4* mutant created by a single base substitution leads to the phenotype where sepals lack giant cells.

In this study, ConSurf server was used to predict functionally important residues. The ConSurf server predicts evolutionary conservation of residues based on the phylogenetic relations between homologous sequences (Armon et al. 2001). The accuracy of the server in prediction of functionally and structurally conserved residues might also have contributed to

the observed results. However its robustness of using statistical data in the predictions of evolutionary rate has shown to give the server accuracy and confidence in estimation of evolutionary rate (Celniker et al. 2013). Moreover the efficiency of this server in prediction of functional regions has been shown to be successful previously in revealing two evolutionarily conserved regions at the ends of cytoplasmic membrane protein TatC that were proposed to mediate interaction of TatC with some other proteins (Rollauer et al. 2012). In addition, the accuracy of this server was also shown to be successful in mapping the patches of conserved residues onto the surface of well known domains, the Src homology 2 (SH2), a phosphotyrosine binding module involved in signal transduction and the phosphotyrosine binding domain (PTB) involved in peptide binding and recognition (Armon et al. 2001). However besides all the successes shown by the server, studying of the functionally important residues in the core or on the surface of a protein can only be accurately identified when its 3D structure is known (Montelione and Anderson 1999).

The introduced mutations in *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* disturbs *DEK1* transcript processing

In the mutant *dek1lg3:R¹⁵¹⁴* two mutations were introduced at the end of exon 22 by substituting nucleotides AG to GC. After Cre mediated excision, this mutant still displayed the $\Delta dek1$ mutant phenotype, with lack of gametophore (Perroud et al. 2014). The mutant was phenotypically investigated and found to resemble the $\Delta dek1$ mutant phenotype; the first division of the bud apical cell was not orienting perpendicular to the previous cell division. This phenotype suggests that the mutant do not produce an active DEK1 protein. Sequencing of the DEK1 cDNA in this mutant revealed that the mutant did not correctly process the *DEK1* transcript because intron 22 was not spliced out. Failure to splice out intron 22 is suggested to be the result of the substituted nucleotides (AG to GC) which subsequently cause disturbance of splicing signals as the nucleotides are located at the exon-intron junction. Splicing errors caused by the introduced mutation is in agreement with studies by (Zorio and Blumenthal 1999; Blencowe 2000; Black 2003) when they reported that nucleotides AG at the exon-intron junction is important to bind splicing factor U2AF (Auxilliary factor), a subunit of U2 (small nuclear ribonucleoprotein (snRNP)) which is important to coordinate splicing process. The rate of intron retention has shown to be high in plants (30%) compared to (10%) reports in humans (Ner-Gaon et al. 2004). In order for an

intron to be excised from pre-mRNA special splicing signals that define exon-intron boundaries are required (Cartegni et al. 2002), these signals include the 5' and 3' splice sites, the branching point and the polypyrimidine tract which is located upstream of 3' splicing site. Therefore, the substituted nucleotides AG are suggested to be important splicing signals special for coordinating proper splicing of pre-mRNA.

The introduced mutations in the vector pBHRF-JI-LG3 $G^{1574}R^{1575}S^{1576}D^{1577}S^{1578}E^{1579}$ is suggested to be lethal in *P. patens*

To make construct pBHRF_JI_LG3 $G^{1574}R^{1575}S^{1576}D^{1577}S^{1578}E^{1579}$, thirteen (13) mutations were introduced to exon 23. Generated construct was re-targeted into the *DEK1ΔLG3* locus in parallel with all other constructs. However, after several rounds of transformation no stable transformants were obtained. This observation suggests that the introduced mutation is toxic to the protoplasts allowing no growth and death of the protoplasts. The same observation was reported by (Perroud et al. 2014) when expressing *A. thaliana Calpain* cDNA and *Zea mays Calpain* cDNA to complement the *P. patens Δdek1* mutant phenotype. Perroud et al reported the failure of complementation of either gametophore formation or overbudding phenotype after several rounds of transformation.

Southern blot analyses suggests off locus integration

In this study, southern blot analysis of the mutants before and after Cre recombinase shows conflicting results. Southern blot before Cre recombinase shows two expected restriction fragments in the mutant *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* suggesting that the mutant harbour a single integration of DNA at the targeted locus while Southern blot after Cre for the same mutant showed several restriction fragments suggesting that the mutant harbours off locus integration of DNA. Based on Southern blot for this mutant, there is a conflict between Southern blot before and after Cre recombinase. However, this is difficult to confirm if there is off locus integration or not, but if there is off locus integration, it is suggested that the DEK1 activity is not affected because the mutant displays WT phenotype.

Predicted DEK1-LG3 domain 3D structure resembles lectin and pentraxin crystal structures fold

To predict DEK1-LG3 domain 3D structure, the DEK1-LG3 sequence (10618-11230; XP 001774206.1) was submitted to the Phyre2 fold recognition server. The predicted structure of DEK1-LG3 domain displays a β -sandwich folds which is formed by two ant-parallel 10 β -sheets, 2 α -helix and loop region. Despite low sequence similarity (10-15 %) to legume lectins and pentraxins, LG has shown similar fold of β -sandwich to these classes of protein (Rudenko et al. 2001). The sub-family legume lectins and pentraxin proteins together with Laminin G-like module are all found in the super family Concanavalin A-like domain (ConA) which is characterized by sandwich fold of 12-14 β -strands in two sheets. Among the studied group of lectin protein is ConM from the seeds of leguminous plant *Canavalia maritima* which has been shown to have affinity to carbohydrates including mannose and glucose (Ramos et al. 1996). The study of crystal structure of this group of lectin (ConM) has revealed interaction of this group of protein with some active and inactive form of Indole-3- acetic acid (IAA) (Delatorre et al. 2013). Furthermore Delatorre et al reveal that this complex interaction between ConM-IAA might be important in restricting the availability of this phytohormone to the cell to protect its inhibitory activity during the early stages of germination. However, ConM residues shown to be involved in interaction with IAA, Ser108 and Asn131 (Delatorre et al. 2013) are not conserved in DEK1-LG3 domain.

On the other hand, the *dek1 Δ lg3* mutant phenotype shows phyllids morphology that resembles the phenotype of *P. patens* auxin mutants. The *P. patens* pinA pinB disruptant mutant has shown phenotype with irregular shaped leaves that are longer and thinner than WT plant (Bennett et al. 2014) which is similar to the phenotype observed in *dek1 Δ lg3* mutant plant. Moreover, the knockout mutant of SHORT INTERNODE/STYLISH (*SHI/STY*) family genes in *P. Patens*, the *Ppshi1* and *Ppshi2* genes has been shown to have effects on reproductive organs development similar to the defects observed in *dek1 Δ lg3* mutant (Landberg et al. 2013). Landberg et al shows that the *Ppshi1* and *Ppshi2* mutants have defects in the formation of the archegonia canal, the arrested development of egg cell and unopened apex throughout the development. Interestingly it was also suggested that phytohormone auxin interact with the *Ppshi1* gene, in which active form of auxin is required by *Ppshi1* gene for proper development of reproductive organs.

Taking into account the ConM-IAA interaction, with the fact that Laminin G-like module belongs to the same super family of Concanavalin A-like domain with β -sandwich fold and the similarity in *dek1Δlg3* mutant phenotype to that of auxin mutants and the *SHI/STY* mutants it can also be speculated that DEK1-LG3 is involved in direct or indirect interaction with IAA.

Moreover, some other known crystal structures of LG3 domain have been shown to be involved in various functions including the LG3 of endorepellin, a calcium-dependent domain which is implicated in endothelia cell actin stress fibre and focal adhesion (Bix et al. 2004). However, the structure-function relationship prediction based on the jellyroll fold of the other available LG domains has been shown to be difficult due to differences in ligand interaction in each LG domain (Le et al. 2011).

5. Conclusion

The purpose of this study was to assess the importance of conserved DEK1-LG3 residues for DEK1 function in *Physcomitrella patens*. In the course of this study, four plasmid vector constructs harbouring mutations of the predicted functionally residues were successfully generated and re-targeted into *DEK1ΔLG3* locus. Phenotypic characterization of all generated mutant plants, namely *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* suggest that these amino acids have no important function for DEK1 function during protonemata growth or gametophore development.

6. Further work

In this study, mutant plants *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸*, *dek1lg3:E¹⁴⁸¹* and *dek1lg3:S¹⁴⁹⁷* were generated and this study suggests that these amino acids have no important function for DEK1 function during protonemata growth or gametophore development. Future study should subject all the mutants into the sporulation growth conditions to determine whether these mutations have effect in gametangia and sporophyte development.

In the present study, amino acids E1477, Q1478, E1481 and S1497 were mutated in DEK1-LG3 domain but this study suggest these residues have no important function for DEK1 function during protonemata growth or gametophore development. Further study needs to try to determine effects of combined mutation of these amino acids.

In this study, the Consurf server predicted several functionally/structural important residues in DEK1-LG3 domain, however only five (5) functionally predicted residues; E1477, Q1478, E1481, S1497 and R1514 have been addressed in this study. Future study needs also to focus on studying the functions of other predicted functionally/structurally conserved residues.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Land plant DEK1 sequences and their accession number used in this study

Species	Accession
<i>Aegilops tauschii</i>	EMT33050.1 ^A
<i>Amborella trichopoda</i>	XP_006856301.1 ^A
<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i>	Aquca_009_00510.1 ^B
<i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>	XP_002894501.1 ^A
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	NP_175932.2 ^A
<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	XP_010673464.1 ^A
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	XP_003570209.1 ^A
<i>Brassica napus_A</i>	CDY33052.1 ^A
<i>Brassica napus_B</i>	XP_013706153.1 ^A
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	XP_009147506.1 ^A
<i>Camelina sativa_B</i>	XP_010501149.1 ^A
<i>Camelina sativa_C</i>	XP_010501148.1 ^A
<i>Camptotheca acuminata</i>	GACF01058706.1 ^A
<i>Cannabis sativ</i>	JP475882.1 ^A
<i>Capsella rubella</i>	XP_006303131.1 ^A
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	JW063188.1 ^A
<i>Carica papaya</i>	evm.TU.supercontig_119.40 ^B
<i>Ceratodon purpureus</i>	SRS140252 ^C
<i>Chorispora bungeana</i>	KA022282.1 ^A
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	XP_004504206.1 ^A
<i>Citrus clementina</i>	XP_006445587.1 ^A

<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	XP_006488938.1 ^A
<i>Coffea canephora</i>	CDP18596.1 ^A
<i>Costus pictus</i>	JW231520.1 ^A
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	XP_008451014.1 ^A
<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	Cucsa.142290.1 ^B
<i>Curcuma longa</i>	JW811525.1 ^A
<i>Elaeis guineensis_A</i>	XP_010936786.1 ^A
<i>Elaeis guineensis_B</i>	XP_010940022.1 ^A
<i>Erythranthe guttata_A</i>	EYU25999.1 ^A
<i>Erythranthe guttata_B</i>	EYU39270.1 ^A
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	XP_010032857.1 ^A
<i>Eutrema salsugineum</i>	XP_006392645.1 ^A
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	XP_004294954.1 ^A
<i>Genlisea aurea</i>	EPS66151.1 ^A
<i>Glycine max_A</i>	XP_003532791.1 ^A
<i>Glycine max_B</i>	Glyma05g30080 ^B
<i>Glycine soja_A</i>	KHN06483.1 ^A
<i>Glycine soja_B</i>	KHN48081.1 ^A
<i>Gossypium arboreum</i>	KHG02979.1 ^A
<i>Gossypium raimondii</i>	Gorai.003G153800.1 ^B
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	JT914256.1 ^A
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	ABW81402.1 ^B
<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	KDP30593.1 ^A
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	JO020465.1 ^A
<i>Linum usitatissimum_A</i>	Lus10010313 ^B
<i>Linum usitatissimum_B</i>	Lus10013411 ^B

<i>Malus domestica_A</i>	XP_008354991.1 ^A
<i>Malus domestica_B</i>	MDP0000245785 ^B
<i>Malus domestica_C</i>	MDP0000094595 ^B
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	cassava4.1_000045m ^B
<i>Marchantia polymorpha_A</i>	D
<i>Marchantia polymorpha_B</i>	D
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	XP_003629937.1 ^A
<i>Mimulus guttatus_A</i>	mgv1a023650m.g ^B
<i>Mimulus guttatus_B</i>	mgv1a000044m.g ^B
<i>Morus notabilis</i>	XP_010112666.1 ^A
<i>Musa acuminata</i>	XP_009403924.1 ^A
<i>Nelumbo nucifera</i>	XP_010257664.1 ^A
<i>Nicotiana benthamiana</i>	AAQ55288.2 ^A
<i>Nicotiana tomentosiformis</i>	XP_009619217.1 ^A
<i>Oryza brachyantha</i>	XP_006647780.1 ^A
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	AAL38190.1 ^A
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	Pavirv00022988m ^B
<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>	XP_007159560.1 ^A
<i>Phoenix dactylifera_A</i>	XP_008787933.1 ^A
<i>Phoenix dactylifera_B</i>	XP_008799338.1 ^A
<i>Physcomitrella patens</i>	XP_001774206.1 ^A
<i>Populus euphratica_A</i>	XP_011025140.1 ^A
<i>Populus euphratica_B</i>	XP_011048187.1 ^A
<i>Populus euphratica_C</i>	XP_011048187.1 ^A
<i>Populus trichocarpa_A</i>	XP_002299263.2 ^A
<i>Populus trichocarpa_B</i>	Potri.001G003900.1 ^B

<i>Prunus mum</i>	XP_008222910.1 ^A
<i>Prunus persica</i>	XP_007208412.1 ^A
<i>Pyrus x bretschneideri_A</i>	XP_009339183.1 ^A
<i>Pyrus x bretschneideri_B</i>	XP_009375947.1
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	XP_002523419.1 ^A
<i>Selaginella moellendorffii_B</i>	236021 (fgenesh1_pm.C_scaffold_108000004) ^B
<i>Selaginella moellendorffii_A</i>	XP_002990425.1 ^A
<i>Sesamum indicum</i>	XP_011089164.1 ^A
<i>Setaria italica</i>	XP_004984907.1 ^A
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<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	XP_006367593.1 ^A
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	XP_002468005.1 ^A
<i>Tarenaya hassleriana_A</i>	XP_010534866.1 ^A
<i>Tarenaya hassleriana_B</i>	XP_010552284.1 ^A
<i>Thellungiella halophila</i>	Thhalv10011175m ^B
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	Thecc1EG038725t2 ^B
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	GAKE01002389.1 ^A
<i>Utricularia gibba</i>	Scf00134.g10074.t1
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	XP_002285732.1 ^A
<i>Zea mays</i>	NP_001105528.1 ^A

^ANCBIGenbank; ^BPhytozome; ^CSequence retrieved from the SRS140252 library deposit at NCBI GenBank and ^DSequences provided by Katsuyuki T. Yamato and Takayuki Kohchi (Liang et al. 2013).

Appendix 2: Mutated DEK1-LG3 nucleotide sequences (Indicated by small letters)E¹⁴⁷⁷Q¹⁴⁷⁸

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Appendix 3: Primer sequences

A. Primer sets used for Amplification of In-Fusion inserts form *P. patens* WT

F= Forward Primer, R= Reverse Primer

Insert	Primer Name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
5' _TGS	JL_5TGS_SP_Inf	F=TACGTCGCGACTCGATGCATGATTAATATGATCTTCA
	JL_5TGS_ASP_Inf	R=ACGAAGTTATCTCGACATGTGCTTCGTGATATGC
3' _TGS	JL_3TGS_SP_Inf	F=CGCCACGCGTGATATGTTTAATTGAGTCAGTAATTAG
	JL_3TGS_ASP_Inf	R= ATGTTAACATGCATGACTGATACGTAAACGAAGATA

B. Primers for inverse PCR of the vector, F= Forward Primer, R= Reverse Primer

Vector	Primer name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
pBHRF	pBHRF_1_SP	F=CATGCATGTTAACATCGATCCATGG
	pBHRF_1_ASP	R= ATATCACGCGTGGCGCCACTAG

C. Primers for Methylation and Mutagenesis reaction, F= Forward Primer, R= Reverse Primer

Construct	Primer Name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
pCR_5TGSF8_9	F8_9 SP	F=TAGTCGCGGGTGCTGcagcaGGTTTAGAAGCAGG
	F8_9 ASP	R= CCCTGCTTCTAAACCtgctgCAGCACCCGCGACTA
pCR_5TGSF10	F10E_SP	F= CTGAGCAGGGTTTAGcAGCAGGGCAAGTTGG
	F10E_ASP	R= CCAACTTGCCCTGCTgCTAAACCCTGCTCAG

pCR_5TGS14	F14_SP	F= AAAGGAGCTGGCCAGgCAACACATAATAGAG
	F14_ASP	R= CTCTATTATGTGTTGcCTGGCCAGCTCCTTT
pCR_5TGS16	F16_SP	F= TGTGTAGCTGATGGAGcGTGATTTGACTCGAA
	F16_ASP	R= TCGAGTCAAATCACgcTCCATCAGCTACACA
pCR_5TGS23_28	F23_28 SP	F=CCGCCTATGGATCTTGATGCCTTTGcagcagCaGcag caGcAGGAGCGGAATCCAAAATGCATGCC
	F23_28 ASP	R=GGCATGCATTTTGGATTCCGCTCCTgCtgetgCtGctgctgC AAAGGCATCAAGATCCATAGGCGG

D. Primers for amplification of insert (5' _TGSmut) from the vector

Primer name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
J1_5TGS_SP_Inf	TACGTCGCGACTCGATGCATGATTAATATGATCTTCA
J1_5TGS_ASP_Inf	ACGAAGTTATCTCGACATGTGCTTCGTGATATGC

E. Primers for colony PCR

Primer name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
Armseq7	GCATATTGGGCGTTGAAGCT
35s_R	TAAAGTGACAGATAGCTGGG
J1_3TGS_SP_Inf	CGCCACGCGTGATATGTTTAATTGAGTCAGTAATTAG
J1_3TGS_ASP_Inf	ATGTTAACATGCATGACTGATACGTAAACGAAGATA

F. Sequencing primers

Primer name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
TER_F	AGGGTTCTTATAGGGTTTCGCTCATG
pBHRF_R	AGGAAACAGCTATGACCATGA

ASP-PpARM-Info	CTGCCGGTCGTGTATCTAT
ARM 3' _F	CCGCCATCAGATCAGTCGCT
CALP Seq1	AAAGAGGAGGTCTTGCAGCG
EX25-F	AACAAGGGCAAGATTCTCGG
Δ ARM 3' _R	AATGGACTACAACTGATACG
T7	TAATACGACTCACTATAGGG
M13R	CAGGAAACAGCTATGAC
ArmSeq6	TGCAGGTACCAAAGAAGCAGC
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pBHRF_F	GCCTCTTCGCTATTACGCCA
35s_Rev1	TAAAGTGACAGATAGCTGGG
Armseq7	GCATATTGGGCGTTGAAGCT
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G. Primers for genotyping of transformed lines

Primer name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
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35sRev1	TAAAGTGACAGATAGCTGGG
Term_Fw	AGGGTTCTTATAGGGTTTCGCTCATG
EX30_R	GTTACACGATTGTTCCAACCACA
LG3_Fw	TTGGCACATTTTCAGACCGGA
LG3_Rev	GGCAGGGATCTCCAATGGAA

H. Primers for amplifying DEK1 cDNA

Primer name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
PpLoop_Inverse_SP	TGGGTCTTCTTCAGTGTGATC
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I Primers for probe synthesis

Probe	Primer name	Primer sequence (5' → 3')
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	CSMW_5R	GCGGCTTGTATCGAAAGGAG
3TGS	Jl_3TGS_SP_Inf	CGCCACGCGTGATATGTTTAATTGAGTCAGTAATTAG
	Jl_3TGS_ASP_Inf	ATGTTAACATGCATGACTGATACGTAAACGAAGATA

Appendix 4: SequencesA. *P. patens* genomic sequence

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C. 5' targeting sequence (5' _TGS)

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Appendix 5: Multiple sequence alignment of land plants DEK1-LG3 sequences

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Tarenaya_hassleriana_ASGKNCGQ	IDSSVCQSQK	VSFSVTVMIQ	PDSGPVCLFG	37
Tarenaya_hassleriana_BSGKNCGQ	IDSSVCQSQK	ISLSITVMIQ	PDSGPVCLFG	37
Camptotheca_acuminataGQ	IDPSICESQK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	32
Vitis_vinifera	TTSGRNCGQ	IDPTICQSQK	VSFSIAVTIQ	PESGPVCLLG	39
Gossypium_arboreumGRHCGQ	IDPSMCQSQK	VSFSVAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	36
Gossypium_raidmondiiGRHCGQ	IDPSMCQSQK	VSFSVAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	36
Theobroma_cacaoHCGQ	IDPSMCQSQK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	34
Hevea_brasiliensisE	IDPSICQTRK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	31
Manihot_esculentaE	IDPSICQTRK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	31
Jatropha_curcasE	MDPSVCQTRK	VSFSISVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	31
Ricinus_communisGRNCGE	IDPSICQTQK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	36
Populus_euphratica_AHCGE	IDPSVCQSRK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	34
Populus_trichocarpa_BHCGE	IDPSVCQSRK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	34
Populus_euphratica_BRHCGE	IDSSVCQSRK	VSFSIAVLIQ	PESGPVCLLG	35
Populus_euphratica_CRHCGE	IDSSVCQSRK	VSFSIAVLIQ	PESGPVCLLG	35
Populus_trichocarpa_ARHCGE	IDSSVCQSRK	VSFSIAVLIQ	PESGPVCLLG	35
Morus_notabilis	..ISGRHYGQ	IDPSICQTRK	VSFSVAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	38
Citrus_clementinaHCGQ	IDASICQSQK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	34
Citrus_sinensisHCGQ	IDASICQSQK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	34
Fragaria_vescaCGQ	IESSICQSQK	ISFSIAVMIQ	PVSGPVCLLG	33
Malus_domestica_A	..TSGRHCGQ	IDXTICQSQK	ISFSVTVMIQ	PVSGPVCLFG	38
Malus_domestica_B	..TSGRHCGQ	IDXTICQSQK	ISFSVTVMIQ	PVSGPVCLFG	38
Pyrus_x_bretschneideri_B	..TSGRHCGH	IDPTICQSQK	ISFSVTVMIQ	PVSGPVCLFG	38
Malus_domestica_CGQ	IXPTICQSQK	ISFSVAVMIQ	PVSGPVCLFG	32
Pyrus_x_bretschneideri_AHCGQ	IDPTICQSQK	ISFSVAVMIQ	PVSGPVCLFG	34

Prunus_mum	.....GQ	IDPTICQSRK	ISFSAVAVMIQ	PVSGPVCLFG	32
Prunus_persica	....GRHCGQ	IDPTICQSQK	ISFSAVAVMIQ	PVSGPVCLFG	36
Carica_papaya	.....CGQ	IDQSVQCSK	VSFSIAVMVQ	PESGPVCLIG	33
Cannabis_sativ	...SGRHYGP	IDPSICQTKK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	37
Cicer_arietinum	.....GP	IDSSLCQSQK	ISFSIALMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	32
Medicago_truncatula	.....P	IDSSLCLSQK	VSFSIALMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	31
Glycine_max_A	.....GP	IDSSLCQSQK	VSFSIALMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	32
Glycine_soja_B	.....CGP	IDSSLCQSQK	VSFSIALMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	33
Glycine_max_B	.....CGP	IDSSLCQSQK	VSFSIALMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	33
Glycine_soja_A	.....CGP	IDSSLCQSQK	VSFSIALMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	33
Phaseolus_vulgaris	.....P	IDSSLCRSQK	VSFSIALMIQ	PESGPICLLG	31
Erythranthe_guttata_A	..TSGRHCGQ	IDPSLCQSQK	VSFSIAAMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	38
Erythranthe_guttata_B	..TSGRHCGQ	IDPSLCQSQK	VSFSIAAMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	38
Mimulus_guttatus_A	..TSGRHCGQ	IDPSLCQSQK	VSFSIAAMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	38
Mimulus_guttatus_B	..TSGRHCGQ	IDPSLCQSQK	VSFSIAAMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	38
Sesamum_indicum	....RHCGQ	IDPTLCQSQK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	35
Linum_usitatissimum_A	...SGRHCGE	VDPSVCQSRK	ITFSVVVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	37
Linum_usitatissimum_B	..TSGRHCGE	VDPSVCQSRK	ITFSVVVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	38
Cucumis_melo	.....	-EASLCQSRK	ISVSI AALI Q	PESGPVCLFG	29
Cucumis_sativus	.....	--ASLCRSRK	ISVSI AALI Q	PESGPVCLFG	28
Nelumbo_nucifera	.....GK	IDSSICLSK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	32
Coffea_canephora	....GRHCGQ	IDLTL CQSQK	VSFSVTVMIQ	PESGPICLLG	36
Eucalyptus_grandis	.....P	IDGSVQCSK	VSFSVAAMVQ	PESGPVCLLG	31
Lactuca_serriola	....RYCGQ	LDPTICQTQK	VSFSMAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	35
Amborella_trichopoda	....GRHCGA	VDPAVCQSQK	VTFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	36
Capsicum_annuum	.....	-DPTVCQCQK	ISCSLAVMVQ	PESGPVCLFG	29
Solanum_lycopersicum	.....	-DPSVCQCQK	ISCSLAVMVQ	PESGPVCLFG	29
Solanum_tuberosum	.....	-DPSVCQCQK	ISCSLAVMVQ	PESGPVCLFG	29
Nicotiana_benthamiana	....RQCGQ	IDPSVCQSQK	VSCSLAVMVQ	PESGPLCLFG	35
Nicotiana_sylvestris	....RQCGQ	IDPSVCQSQK	VSCSLAVMVQ	PESGPLCLFG	35
Nicotiana_tomentosiformis	.....GQ	IDPSVCQSQK	VSCSLAVMVQ	PESGPLCLFG	32
Costus_pictus	.....CGQ	IHPSLSNSSK	VTYSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	33
Curcuma_longa	....GRHCGM	IHPSLHNSQK	VTFSITVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	36
Musa_acuminata	.....CGQ	IHPSLCHSQR	VTFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLIG	33
Genlisea_aurea	PTTSGRNFGE	IDPSLCHSQR	VTFSIAVMIQ	PDSGPVCLLG	40
Utricularia_gibba	-TTSGRHCGD	IDYSLCHSQR	VTFSITVMIQ	PDSGPVCLLG	39
Beta_vulgaris	.....CGR	VEPSVCHSQR	VTFSVVVMIQ	PDSGPVCLLG	33
Marchantia_polymorpha_A	.....GV	LDSSVCGSRK	VTFSAAVLVQ	PESGPICLLG	32
Marchantia_polymorpha_B	.....GV	LDPSLCGSRK	VTFSAAVLVQ	PESGPICLMG	32
Selaginella_moellendorffii_B	.....	...VCGFKS	ITCSAAIMVQ	PQSGPVCILG	26
Selaginella_moellendorffii_A	.....	...VCGFKS	ITCSAAIMVQ	PQSGPVCILG	26
Ceratodon_purpureus	..TGGRSCGP	IDPTVCGSSK	VSFSAAVMIQ	PDSGPVCILG	38
Physcomitrella_patens	.....	.....	-SFSAAVMIQ	PDSGPVCILG	19
Brassica_napus_AGQ	MDASVCQSQK	ISFSITAMIQ	PDSGPVCLFG	32
ConsensusCGQ	IDPSVCQSQK	VSFSIAVMIQ	PESGPVCLLG	



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Aegilops_tauschii	TEFEKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GERM 51
Brachypodium_distachyon	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	ESGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GERM 66
Hordeum_vulgare	TEFEKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GERM 64
Oryza_brachyantha	TEFQKKMCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GERM 62
Oryza_sativa	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GERM 62
Panicum_virgatum	SEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GER I 63
Setaria_italica	SEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GERM 67
Sorghum_bicolor	SEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GERM 67
Zea_mays	SEFQK - VCWE	I	LVAGSEQGM	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GERM 65
Elaeis_guineensis_A	TESQKKT CWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GDRL 67
Phoenix_dactylifera_B	TEFQKKSCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GDRL 67
Phoenix_dactylifera_A	TEFQKRVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GDRL 67
Elaeis_guineensis_B	TEFQK - VCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQ IGLRLV	TK - - - - GHRL 67
Aquilegia_coerulea	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	ESGQVGLRLV	TK - - - - GDRQ 64
Arabidopsis_lyrata	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 71
Arabidopsis_thaliana	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 71
Camelina_sativa_B	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 71
Camelina_sativa_C	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 71
Capsella_rubella	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 72
Brassica_napus_B	TEYQKKVCWE	V	LVAGSEQG I	EAGLVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 68
Brassica_rapa	TEYQKKVCWE	V	LVAGSEQG I	EAGLVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 68
Thlaspi_arvense	TEYQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 68
Eutrema_salsugineum	TEYQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 67
Thellungiella_halophila	TEYQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 67
Chorispora_bungeana	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 72
Tarenaya_hassleriana_A	TEFQRK I CWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 73
Tarenaya_hassleriana_B	TEFQKT I CWE	V	LVAGSEQG I	EAGLVGLRL I	TK - - - - GERQ 73
Camptotheca_acuminata	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 68
Vitis_vinifera	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 75
Gossypium_arboreum	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 72
Gossypium_raidmondii	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 72
Theobroma_cacao	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 70
Hevea_brasiliensis	TEFHKKVCWE	V	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 67
Manihot_esculenta	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 67
Jatropha_curcas	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 67
Ricinus_communis	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 72
Populus_euphratica_A	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 70
Populus_trichocarpa_B	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 70
Populus_euphratica_B	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 71
Populus_euphratica_C	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 71
Populus_trichocarpa_A	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGAEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 71
Morus_notabilis	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 74
Citrus_clementina	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 70
Citrus_sinensis	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 70
Fragaria_vesca	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 69
Malus_domestica_A	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 74
Malus_domestica_B	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 74
Pyrus_x_bretschneideri_B	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 74
Malus_domestica_C	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 68
Pyrus_x_bretschneideri_A	TEFQKKVCWE	I	LVAGSEQG I	EAGQVGLRL I	TK - - - - GDRQ 70

Prunus_mum	TEFQKQICWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	68
Prunus_persica	TEFQKQICWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	72
Carica_papaya	PEFQKKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	69
Cannabis_sativ	TEFQKKICWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	73
Cicer_arietinum	TEFQKKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	68
Medicago_truncatula	TEFQKKVCWE	ILVAGAEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	67
Glycine_max_A	TEFQKKICWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	68
Glycine_soja_B	TEFQKKICWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	69
Glycine_max_B	TEFQKKICWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	69
Glycine_soja_A	TEFQKKICWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	69
Phaseolus_vulgaris	TEFQKKICWE	VLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	67
Erythranthe_guttata_A	TEFERKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	74
Erythranthe_guttata_B	TEFERKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	74
Mimulus_guttatus_A	TEFERKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	74
Mimulus_guttatus_B	TEFERKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	74
Sesamum_indicum	TEFQRKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	71
Linum_usitatissimum_A	TEFQKKNCWE	ILVAGAEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GERQ	73
Linum_usitatissimum_B	TEFQKKNCWE	ILVAGAEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GERQ	74
Cucumis_melo	TEYQKKICWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....SDRQ	65
Cucumis_sativus	TEYQKKICWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	64
Nelumbo_nucifera	TEYQKKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLV	TK.....GDRQ	68
Coffea_canephora	TEFQKKLCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	72
Eucalyptus_grandis	TEFQKKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRH	67
Lactuca_serriola	TEFQKQICWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TKEDRQGDRQ	75
Amborella_trichopoda	TEFQKKICWE	VLVAGSEQGI	ESGQVALRLV	TK.....GVRQ	72
Capsicum_annuum	TEFQKNICWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....TNKQ	65
Solanum_lycopersicum	TEFQKNICWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....TDKQ	65
Solanum_tuberosum	TEFQKNICWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....TDKQ	65
Nicotiana_benthamiana	AEFQKNICWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....ADKQ	71
Nicotiana_sylvestris	TEFQKNICWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....TDKQ	71
Nicotiana_tomentosiformis	TEFQKNICWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....TDKQ	68
Costus_pictus	TEFGNKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLV	SK.....GDRL	69
Curcuma_longa	TEFEKKYVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLV	SK.....GDRL	72
Musa_acuminata	TEYEKKLCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	SK.....GDRL	69
Genlisea_aurea	TEFQQRVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDKH	76
Utricularia_gibba	TEFQKSVCLE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	MK.....GENH	75
Beta_vulgaris	TEFQKKLCWE	FLVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	69
Marchantia_polymorpha_A	SETRQLICWE	ILVAGAEQGL	EAGQVGLRLV	VK.....GSGQ	68
Marchantia_polymorpha_B	SEAQQRICWE	IFVAGAEQGL	EAGQVGLRLV	VK.....GAGQ	68
Selaginella_moellendorffii_B	TESCQKICLE	ILVAGAEQNL	ESGQVGLRLV	LK.....GPGH	62
Selaginella_moellendorffii_A	TESCQKICLE	ILVAGAEQNL	ESGQVGLRLV	LK.....GPGH	62
Ceratodon_purpureus	VEAHNQKVCWE	FLVAGAEQGL	EAGQVGLRLV	LK.....GAGQ	74
Physcomitrella_patens	VEAHNKKCLE	FLVAGAEQGL	EAGQVGLRLV	SK.....GAGQ	55
Brassica_napus_A	TEYQKKVCWE	VLVAGSEQGI	EAGLVGLRLI	TK.....GERQ	68
Consensus	TEFQKKVCWE	ILVAGSEQGI	EAGQVGLRLI	TK.....GDRQ	



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<i>Aegilops tauschii</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	ASS IADGRWH	I	IVTVT IDADL	GEATSF IDGV	91
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	ASS IADGRWH	I	IVTVT IDADL	GEATSF IDGV	106
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	ASS IADGRWH	I	ITVT IDADL	GEATSF IDGV	104
<i>Oryza brachyantha</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	ASS IADGRWH	L	VTVT IDADL	GEATSFVDGV	102
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	ASS IADGRWH	L	VTVT IDADL	GEATSF IDGV	102
<i>Panicum virgatum</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	ASS IADGRWH	L	VTVT IDADL	GEATSF IDGN	103
<i>Setaria italica</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	SLS IADGRWH	L	VTVT IDADL	GEATSF IDGV	107
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	ASS IADGRWH	L	VTVTL DADL	GEATSF IDGV	107
<i>Zea mays</i>	TTVAKAWN IG	ASS IADGRWH	L	VTVTL DADL	GEATSF IDGV	105
<i>Elaeis guineensis_A</i>	TTVAKAWC IG	AAS IADGRWH	I	VTVT IDADI	GEATSY IDGG	107
<i>Phoenix dactylifera_B</i>	TTVAKAWC IG	AAS IADGRWH	I	VTVT IDADL	GEATSY IDGG	107
<i>Phoenix dactylifera_A</i>	TAVAKAWC IG	AAS IADGRWH	I	VTVT IDADL	GEATSY IDGG	107
<i>Elaeis guineensis_B</i>	TAVAKAWC IG	AAS IADGRWH	I	VTVT IDADL	GEATSY IDGG	107
<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i>	TTVAKDWS IG	SSS IADGRWH	M	VTMI IDAEL	GEATCYLDGG	104
<i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCYVDGG	111
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCY IDGG	111
<i>Camelina sativa_B</i>	TTIAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCY IDGG	111
<i>Camelina sativa_C</i>	TTIAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCY IDGG	111
<i>Capsella rubella</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCY IDGG	112
<i>Brassica napus_B</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI VDADA	GEATCYLDGG	108
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI VDADA	GEATCYLDGG	108
<i>Thlaspi arvense</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCYLDGG	108
<i>Eutrema salsugineum</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCYLDGG	107
<i>Thellungiella halophila</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCYLDGG	107
<i>Chorispora bunqeana</i>	TTVAREWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	T	VTI IDADA	GEATCYVDGG	112
<i>Tarenaya hassleriana_A</i>	TTIAKEWY IG	ATS VTDGRWH	M	VTMT IDADT	GEATCYLDGG	113
<i>Tarenaya hassleriana_B</i>	TTVAKEWY IG	ATS ITDGRWH	M	VTMT IDADV	GEAACYLDGG	113
<i>Camptotheca acuminata</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMTVDADL	GEATCYLDGG	108
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	115
<i>Gossypium arboreum</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	T	VTMT IDADI	GEATCYLDGG	112
<i>Gossypium raimondii</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	T	VTMT IDADI	GEATCYLDGG	112
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMT IDADI	GEATCYLDGG	110
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	TTVAREWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMTVDADL	GEATCYLDGG	107
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMTVDADL	GEATCYLDGG	107
<i>Jatropha curcas</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	107
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	112
<i>Populus euphratica_A</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYMDGG	110
<i>Populus trichocarpa_B</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYMDGG	110
<i>Populus euphratica_B</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMTVDADL	GEATCYLDGG	111
<i>Populus euphratica_C</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMTVDADL	GEATCYLDGG	111
<i>Populus trichocarpa_A</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMTVDADL	GEATCYLDGG	111
<i>Morus notabilis</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	M	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	114
<i>Citrus clementina</i>	TTVAKDWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMT IDADI	GEATCYLDGG	110
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	TTVAKDWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	I	VTMT IDADI	GEATCYLDGG	110
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	TTVAKEWS IG	ATS IADGRWH	L	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	109
<i>Malus domestica_A</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	L	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	114
<i>Malus domestica_B</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	L	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	114
<i>Pyrus x bretschneideri_B</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	S	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	114
<i>Malus domestica_C</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	L	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	108
<i>Pyrus x bretschneideri_A</i>	TTVAKEWS IS	ATS IADGRWH	L	VTMT IDADL	GEATCYLDGG	110

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Prunus_persica	TTVAK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	LVTMT I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	112
Carica_papaya	TTVAK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	VVTMT I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	109
Cannabis_sativ	TTVAK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	MVTMTV DAES	GEATCY LDGG	113
Cicer_arietinum	TTVAK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	I VTMT I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	108
Medicago_truncatula	TTVAK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	I VTMT I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	107
Glycine_max_A	TTVAK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	I VTMS I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	108
Glycine_soja_B	TTVAK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	I VTMS I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	109
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Glycine_soja_A	TTVAK EW S I S	TTS I ADGRWH	I VTMS I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	109
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Mimulus_guttatus_B	TTVAK EW S I S	SSS I GDGRWH	I ITMT I DAEL	GEATCF I DGG	114
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Linum_usitatissimum_B	TTVAK EW S I G	ASS I ADGRWH	FVTMT I DADV	GEATCY LDGG	114
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Cucumis_sativus	STVTK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	I VTMT I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	104
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Coffea_canephora	STVAK EW N I G	AAS I ADGRWH	I VT I T DADL	GEVNC FLDGN	112
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Lactuca_serriola	STVSK GW N I G	AAC I ADGRWH	TVTVT I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	115
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Genlisea_aurea	TFVAK EW T I S	SSSV ADGRWH	I VTLT I DADL	GEVTCF I DGG	116
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Beta_vulgaris	TAATK EW S I S	GTC I ADGRWH	MVTMT LDADV	GEATCF VDTG	109
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Ceratodon_purpureus	TTYN REWF I G	HTC I ADGRWH	SVAVT VDAAT	GEAFA FTDGV	114
Physcomitrella_patens	STHN REWF I G	HTCV ADGRWH	SVT I T VDAST	GEASAF I DGG	95
Brassica_napus_A	TTVARE W Y I G	ATS I TDGRWH	TVT I T VDA DA	GEATCY LDGG	108
Consensus	TTVAK EW S I S	ATS I ADGRWH	I VTMT I DADL	GEATCY LDGG	
Conservation					

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Brachypodium_distachyon	YDG- - - - - YQ	NGLPLPKNTG	IWEPGADVWV	GARPPT- - - -	137
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Oryza_brachyantha	YDG- - - - - YQ	NGLPLPRNNG	IWEPGTDIWV	GARPPT- - - -	133
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Sorghum_bicolor	YDG- - - - - YQ	NGLPLPTENG	IWEPGTDIWV	GARPPT- - - -	138
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Thellungiella_halophila	FDG- - - - - YQ	TGLPLSIGSA	VWEQGAEVWL	GVRPP I- - - -	138
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Prunus_persica	FDG YQ	TGLPLHVGNT	IWEQGTEVWV	GVRPPT	143
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Lactuca_serriola	FDG YQ	TGLPLRVGNG	IWEPGTDVWV	GVRPPT	146
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Ceratodon_purpureus	FDG EVR	CDLSLPAEGG	VWQEEMEVWV	GIRPPM	146
Physcomitrella_patens	FDG DNR	CDLLLLGEGG	VWEEGMEVWV	GIRPPM	127
Brassica_napus_A	FDG YQ	TGLPLS I S S A	IWEQGAEVWL	DEAAS L H A A V	143
Consensus	FDG YQ	TGLPLSVGNG	IWEQGTEVWV	GVRPPT	

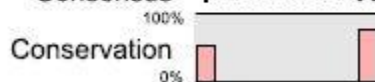


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Elaeis_guineensis_A	---	DLDAFGR	SDSEGADSKM	QIMDAFLWG	---RCLTEDE	171
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Morus_notabilis	---	DMDAFGR	SDSEGAESKM	HLMDVFLWG	---RCLTEDE	178
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Malus_domestica_A	---	DVDAFGR	SDSEGAESKM	HIMDVFLWG	---RCLTEDD	178
Malus_domestica_B	---	DVDAFGR	SDSEGAESKM	HIMDVFLWG	---RCLTEDD	178
Pyrus_x_bretschneideri_B	---	DVDAFGR	SDSEGAESKM	HIMDVFLWG	---RCLTEDD	178
Malus_domestica_C	---	DVDAFGR	SDSEGAESKM	HIMDVFLWG	---RCLTEDD	172
Pyrus_x_bretschneideri_A	---	DVDAFGR	SDSEGAESKM	HIMDVFLWG	---RCLTEDD	174
Prunus_mum	---	DMDAFGR	SDSEGAESKM	HIMDVFLWG	---RCLTEDD	172

Prunus_persica	- - - D M D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D D	176
Carica_papaya	- - - D V D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L S E D E	173
Cannabis_sativ	- - - D M D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	177
Cicer_arietinum	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E G V E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L S D D E	172
Medicago_truncatula	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E G V E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L S D D E	171
Glycine_max_A	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E G V E S K M	H I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L T D D E	172
Glycine_soja_B	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E G V E S K M	H I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L T D D E	173
Glycine_max_B	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E G V E S K M	H I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L T D D E	173
Glycine_soja_A	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E G V E S K M	H I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L T D D E	173
Phaseolus_vulgaris	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E G V E S K M	H I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L S D D E	171
Erythranthe_guttata_A	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E N A E S K M	H V M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L S E D E	178
Erythranthe_guttata_B	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E N A E S K M	H V M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L S E D E	178
Mimulus_guttatus_A	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E N A E S K M	H V M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L S E D E	178
Mimulus_guttatus_B	- - - D I D A F G R	S D S E N A E S K M	H V M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L S E D E	178
Sesamum_indicum	- - - D M D A F G R	S D S E G T E S K M	H V M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L N E D E	175
Linum_usitatissimum_A	- - - D M D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H M M D V F L W G -	- - - K C L T D D D	177
Linum_usitatissimum_B	- - - D M D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H M M D V F L W G -	- - - K C L T D D D	178
Cucumis_melo	- - - D V D I F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R S L T E D E	169
Cucumis_sativus	- - - D V D I F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R S L T E D E	168
Nelumbo_nucifera	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G A D S K M	H I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	172
Coffea_canephora	- - - D M D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	176
Eucalyptus_grandis	- - - G L D A I G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D I F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	170
Lactuca_serriola	- - - D V D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D L F L W G -	- - - R C L L E D E	179
Amborella_trichopoda	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G S E S K M	H L M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L N E D E	176
Capsicum_annuum	- - - D V D S F G R	S D S E G A E S K V	L I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	168
Solanum_lycopersicum	- - - D V D S F G R	S D S E G V E S K V	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	168
Solanum_tuberosum	- - - D V D S F G R	S D S E G A E S K V	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	168
Nicotiana_benthamiana	- - - D V D S F G R	S D S E G A E S K V	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	174
Nicotiana_sylvestris	- - - D V D S F G R	S D S E G A E S K V	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	174
Nicotiana_tomentosiformis	- - - D V D S F G R	S D S E G A E S K V	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	171
Costus_pictus	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G V E S K M	Q I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	173
Curcuma_longa	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G G D S K M	Q I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	176
Musa_acuminata	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G V D S K M	Q I M D A F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	173
Genlisea_aurea	- - - D M D A F G R	S D S E A T E P K M	H V M D S F L W G -	- - - R C L S E D E	180
Utricularia_gibba	- - - D M D A F G R	S D S E G S E P K M	H I M D S F L W G -	- - - R C L S E D E	179
Beta_vulgaris	- - - D I D T F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H V M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L S E E E	173
Marchantia_polymorpha_A	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G A D S R M	H V M D V F L W G -	- - - R L L N E E E	177
Marchantia_polymorpha_B	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G N D S R M	H V M D V F L W G -	- - - R L L T E D E	177
Selaginella_moellendorffii_B	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G V E A S M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L K E E E	166
Selaginella_moellendorffii_A	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G V E A S M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L K E E E	166
Ceratodon_purpureus	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G A E S R M	H A M D I M M W G -	- - - R C L S E D E	179
Physcomitrella_patens	- - - D L D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H A M D V F M W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	160
Brassica_napus_A	G M A D L D M I D L	N D - - - - - - -	- - - D N W Q W T A	S P P R V D G W D S	172
Consensus	- - - D V D A F G R	S D S E G A E S K M	H I M D V F L W G -	- - - R C L T E D E	
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Aegilops_tauschii	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	157
Brachypodium_distachyon	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	172
Hordeum_vulgare	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	170
Oryza_brachyantha	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	168
Oryza_sativa	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	168
Panicum_virgatum	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	169
Setaria_italica	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Sorghum_bicolor	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	173
Zea_mays	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	T	171
Elaeis_guineensis_A	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Phoenix_dactylifera_B	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Phoenix_dactylifera_A	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Elaeis_guineensis_B	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Aquilegia_coerulea	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	V	170
Arabidopsis_lyrata	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	177
Arabidopsis_thaliana	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	177
Camelina_sativa_B	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	177
Camelina_sativa_C	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	177
Capsella_rubella	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	178
Brassica_napus_B	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	174
Brassica_rapa	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	174
Thlaspi_arvense	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	174
Eutrema_salsugineum	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Thellungiella_halophila	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Chorispora_bungeana	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	178
Tarenaya_hassleriana_A	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	179
Tarenaya_hassleriana_B	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	179
Camptotheca_acuminata	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	174
Vitis_vinifera	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	181
Gossypium_arboreum	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	178
Gossypium_raidmondii	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	178
Theobroma_cacao	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	176
Hevea_brasiliensis	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Manihot_esculenta	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Jatropha_curcas	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	173
Ricinus_communis	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	178
Populus_euphratica_A	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	176
Populus_trichocarpa_B	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	176
Populus_euphratica_B	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	177
Populus_euphratica_C	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	177
Populus_trichocarpa_A	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	177
Morus_notabilis	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	180
Citrus_clementina	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	176
Citrus_sinensis	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	176
Fragaria_vesca	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	175
Malus_domestica_A	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	180
Malus_domestica_B	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	180
Pyrus_x_bretschneideri_B	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	180
Malus_domestica_C	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	174
Pyrus_x_bretschneideri_A	V	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	176
Prunus_mum	I	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	174

Prunus_persica	I	-----	A	178
Carica_papaya	I	-----	A	175
Cannabis_sativ	V	-----	A	179
Cicer_arietinum	V	-----	S	174
Medicago_truncatula	V	-----	S	173
Glycine_max_A	V	-----	S	174
Glycine_soja_B	V	-----	S	175
Glycine_max_B	V	-----	S	175
Glycine_soja_A	V	-----	S	175
Phaseolus_vulgaris	V	-----	S	173
Erythranthe_guttata_A	I	-----	A	180
Erythranthe_guttata_B	I	-----	A	180
Mimulus_guttatus_A	I	-----	A	180
Mimulus_guttatus_B	I	-----	A	180
Sesamum_indicum	V	-----	A	177
Linum_usitatissimum_A	V	-----	A	179
Linum_usitatissimum_B	V	-----	A	180
Cucumis_melo	I	-----	A	171
Cucumis_sativus	I	-----	A	170
Nelumbo_nucifera	I	-----	G	174
Coffea_canephora	I	-----	A	178
Eucalyptus_grandis	V	-----	A	172
Lactuca_serriola	I	-----	S	181
Amborella_trichopoda	I	-----	A	178
Capsicum_annuum	I	-----	A	170
Solanum_lycopersicum	I	-----	A	170
Solanum_tuberosum	I	-----	A	170
Nicotiana_benthamiana	I	-----	A	176
Nicotiana_sylvestris	I	-----	A	176
Nicotiana_tomentosiformis	I	-----	A	173
Costus_pictus	I	-----	A	175
Curcuma_longa	I	-----	A	178
Musa_acuminata	I	-----	A	175
Genlisea_aurea	I	-----	S	182
Utricularia_gibba	I	-----	S	181
Beta_vulgaris	V	-----	S	175
Marchantia_polymorpha_A	I	-----	V	179
Marchantia_polymorpha_B	I	-----	A	179
Selaginella_moellendorffii_B	L	-----	L	168
Selaginella_moellendorffii_A	L	-----	L	168
Ceratodon_purpureus	I	-----	L	181
Physcomitrella_patens	I	LMVHNC	A	168
Brassica_napus_A	-	-----	-	172
Consensus	I	-----	A	



Appendix 6: Chemicals and kits

Name	Supplier	Country
Phusion® High-Fidelity PCR kit	Thermo Scientific	Lithuania
QIAquick gel extraction kit	QIAGEN	Germany
Zero Blunt® PCR Cloning Kit	Invitrogen	USA
In-Fusion HD cloning kit	TaKaRa Clontech	USA
GeneArt®Site-Directed Mutagenesis PLUS kit	Invitrogen	USA
HOT FIREPol DNA polymerase	Solis BioDyne	Estonia
PureYield™ Plasmid Minprep System kit	Promega	USA
BigDye® terminator v3.1 cycle sequencing kit	Applied Biosystem	USA
QIAGEN Plasmid mid kit	QIAGEN	Germany
Phire Plant Direct PCR Kit	Thermo Scientific	Lithuania
PhytoPure Genomic DNA Extraction Kit	Illustra	UK
RNAqueous®- Micro kit	Life Technologies	Lithuania
DNase I-Amplification Grade	Invitrogen	USA
Superscript III® Reverse Transcriptase	Invitrogen	USA
RNaseOUT™	Invitrogen	USA
PCR DIG Probe Synthesis Kit	Roche	Germany
Micribiology LB (MILLER)	Merck	Germany
Kanamycin	Sigma-Aldrich	USA
Ampicillin	Sigma-Aldrich	USA
Hygromycin	Sigma-Aldrich	USA
Carbanicillin	Invitrogen	USA
Driselase	Sigma-Aldrich	USA
Manitol	Sigma-Aldrich	USA

Agar	Sigma-Aldrich	USA
FeSO ₄ .7H ₂ O	Merck	Germany
AccuPrime Pfx	Invitrogen	USA
SeaKem® LEA Agarose	Lonza	USA
Deammonia tertrate	Alfa Aesar	Germany
Tween 20	VWR	France
CSPD	Roche	Germany
Ant-DIG-AP	Roche	Germany

Appendix 7: *P. patens* growth media

A. BCD medium

Reagent	1 Litre	Final concentration
Agar	7g	0.7 % (w/v)
FeSO ₄ .7H ₂ O	12.5 mg	45 µM
Solution B	10 ml	1 mM MgSO ₄
Solution C	10 ml	1.84 Mm KH ₂ PO ₄
Solution D	10 ml	10 Mm KNO ₃
TES	1 ml	Trace

For BCDA media, add 920 mg of Diammonium tertrate to the medium to make final concentration of 5 mM. Add dH₂O to 1 L and autoclave at 121 °C for 40 min. After autoclaving add CaCl₂ to final concentration of 1 mM.

B. Protoplast Regeneration Medium for the Bottom layer (PRMB)

Reagent	1 Litre	Final concentration
Agar	7g	0.7 % (w/v)
Diammonium tertrate	920 mg	5 mM
D-Mannitol	60g	6 % (w/v)
BCD medium, liquid	10 ml each	

Add dH₂O to 1 L and autoclave at 121 °C for 40 min. After autoclaving add CaCl₂ to the final concentration of 10 mM.

C. Protoplast Regeneration Medium for the Top layer (PRMT)

Reagent	1 Litre	Final concentration
Agar (Sigma-Aldrich)	4 g	0.4 % (w/v)
Diammonium tertrate	920 mg	5 mM
D-Mannitol	80g	8 % (w/v)
BCD medium, liquid	10 ml each	

Add dH₂O to 1 L and autoclave at 121 °C for 40 min. After autoclaving add CaCl₂ to the final concentration of 10 mM.

Appendix 8: Solutions

A. Driselase solution

Reagent	100 ml	Final concentration
Driselase	2g	2%
D-Mannitol solution (8.5% w/v)	to 100 ml	

Stir the mixture for 15 min. Centrifuge at 2500g for 5 min. and filter sterilize the clear supernatant.

 B. Hoagland's A-Z trace element solution (TES)

Reagent	1 Litre	Final concentration
CoCl ₂ .6H ₂ O	55 mg	0.006% (w/v)
CuSO ₄ .5H ₂ O	55 mg	0.006% (w/v)
H ₃ BO ₃	614 mg	0.061% (w/v)
KI	28 mg	0.003% (w/v)
MnCl ₂ .4H ₂ O	389 mg	0.039% (w/v)
ZnSO ₄ .7H ₂ O	55 mg	0.006% (w/v)

Add dH₂O to 1 litre.

C. MMM solution

Reagent	10 ml	Final concentration
D-Mannitol	910 mg	9.1%
2- [N-morpholino] ethanesulfonic acid (MES) (1% w/v, pH 5.6)	1 ml	10%
MgCl ₂	150 µl	15 mM
dH ₂ O	8.85	

Dissolve D-mannitol in the dH₂O and sterilize by autoclaving. On the day of use, add the MES and MgCl₂ and filter sterilize.

D. PEG solution for protoplast fusion (PEG/F)

Reagent	Quantity
CaCl ₂ .6H ₂ O	109 mg
dH ₂ O	10 ml
Polyethylene glycol (PEG) (MW 6000)	5g

Dissolve $\text{CaCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ in dH_2O and then mix the solution with the melted PEG

E. Solution B

Reagent	Quantity (for 1 litre)	Final concentration
$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$	25 g	0.1 M

Add dH_2O to 1 litre and sterilize by autoclaving for 20 min. at 120 °C.

F. Solution C

Reagent	Quantity (for 1 litre)	Final concentration
KH_2PO_4	25 g	184 mM

Adjust the pH to 6.5 with 4 M KOH. Add dH_2O to 1 litre and sterilize by autoclaving for 20 min. at 120 °C.

G. Solution D

Reagent	Quantity (for 1 litre)	Final concentration
KNO_3	101 g	1 M

Add dH_2O to 1 litre and sterilize by autoclaving for 20 min. at 120 °C.

H. SOC medium

Reagent	Quantity (1 litre)	Final concentration
Tryptone	20 g	2 %
Yeast Extract	5 g	0.5%
1M NaCl	10 g	10 mM

1M KCl	2.5 ml	2.5 mM
1M MgCl ₂	10 ml	10 mM
1M MgSO ₄	10 ml	10 mM
1M Glucose	20 ml	20 mM

Adjust pH to 7 with NaOH, add dH₂O to 1 litre and autoclave for 20 min.

I. Antibiotics

Antibiotics	Stock concentration	Working concentration
Ampicillin	100 mg/ml	100 µg/ml
Kanamycin	50 mg/ml	50 µg/ml
Hygromycin	50 mg/ml	20 µg/ml
Carbenicillin	250 mg/ml	100 µg/ml

J. Southern Blot Buffers

1. Depurination solution

Component	1 litre
0.25M (37%) HCl	19.2 ml

Add dH₂O until 1 litre, then autoclave and store at RT

2. Denaturation solution

Component	1litre
1.5M NaCl	80g
0.5M NaOH	20g

Add dH₂O to 1 litre, autoclave and store at 4 °C

3. Neutralization solution

Component	1 litre
0.5M Tris-HCl pH 7.0	66.6g
1.5M NaCl	88g
Add dH ₂ O, adjust pH to 7.5, autoclave and store at 4 °C	

4. Southern blot transfer buffer (20X SSC)

Component	1 litre
NaCl	175.3g
Trisodium citrate	88.2g
Add dH ₂ O, adjust pH to 7, then autoclave and store at RT	

5. 10X DIG1 buffer

Component	1 litre
Maleic acid	116.1g
NaOH	87.66g
Add dH ₂ O, adjust to pH 7.5 with NaOH pellets, autoclave and store at RT	

J. Stock solutions

Reagent	Quantity (100 mL)	Sterilization
1M NaCl	5.80 g	Autoclave
1M KCl	7.50 g	Autoclave
1M MgCl ₂ ·6H ₂ O	20.30 g	Autoclave
1M MgSO ₄	12.00g	Filter

1M CaCl ₂	11.10 g	Filter
3M NaOAc.3H ₂ O, pH 5.2	40.8 g	Autoclave
5M EDTA pH 8	186.1g	Autoclave
1M Tris	12.114g	Autoclave
