

# Expansion of the Pseudo-autosomal Region and Ongoing Recombination Suppression in the *Silene latifolia* Sex Chromosomes

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**ABSTRACT** There are two very interesting aspects to the evolution of sex chromosomes: what happens after recombination between these chromosome pairs stops and why suppressed recombination evolves. The former question has been intensively studied in a diversity of organisms, but the latter has been studied largely theoretically. To obtain empirical data, we used codominant genic markers in genetic mapping of the dioecious plant *Silene latifolia*, together with comparative mapping of *S. latifolia* sex-linked genes in *S. vulgaris* (a related hermaphrodite species without sex chromosomes). We mapped 29 *S. latifolia* fully sex-linked genes (including 21 newly discovered from transcriptome sequencing), plus 6 genes in a recombining pseudo-autosomal region (PAR) whose genetic map length is ~25 cM in both male and female meiosis, suggesting that the PAR may contain many genes. Our comparative mapping shows that most fully sex-linked genes in *S. latifolia* are located on a single *S. vulgaris* linkage group and were probably inherited from a single autosome of an ancestor. However, unexpectedly, our maps suggest that the *S. latifolia* PAR region expanded through translocation events. Some genes in these regions still recombine in *S. latifolia*, but some genes from both addition events are now fully sex-linked. Recombination suppression is therefore still ongoing in *S. latifolia*, and multiple recombination suppression events have occurred in a timescale of few million years, much shorter than the timescale of formation of the most recent evolutionary strata of mammal and bird sex chromosomes.

**A**N important question concerning the evolution of sex chromosomes is why recombination suppression evolves between the evolving Y and X chromosomes, leading to subsequent genetic degeneration of Y chromosomes in XY chromosome pairs (and of the W in ZW pairs) and to accumulation of repetitive sequences and, ultimately, to heterochromatinization (e.g., Charlesworth and Charlesworth 2000; Charlesworth *et al.* 2005; Bachtrog 2006; Bergero and

Charlesworth 2009). It is now understood that the large non-recombining regions of sex chromosomes in mammals have expanded over evolutionary time, forming “evolutionary strata” with differing levels of sequence divergence between X- and Y-gene pairs, from ancient highly diverged regions, to regions in which the genes started diverging much more recently, which are located closest to the pseudo-autosomal region (PAR) on the X chromosome genetic and physical maps (Lahn and Page 1999; Skaletsky *et al.* 2003; Marais *et al.* 2008). The more recent evolutionary strata were formed by recombination suppression in regions formed by an addition of autosomal genetic material to the sex chromosomes (Waters *et al.* 2001), demonstrating that suppressed recombination spread from the ancestral sex chromosomal region into initially recombining regions. The PAR is shared across Eutherian mammals (despite differences in its boundary and the recent addition of a second PAR, PAR2, in humans), which is a physically small remnant of the added region, which is still autosomal in marsupials (Waters *et al.* 2001).

The major current explanation for the evolution of expanded nonrecombining regions of sex chromosomes is

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sexual antagonism. According to this theory, sexually antagonistic (SA) alleles that arise in sex chromosomes' recombining regions can be maintained polymorphically in populations because one allele benefits one sex, but harms the other (Jordan and Charlesworth 2012). Such a polymorphic situation selects for reduced recombination with the fully sex-linked (sex-determining) region, because this increases transmission of the male-benefit allele to males and reduces transmission of these alleles to females (Charlesworth and Charlesworth 1980; Rice 1987; Mank and Ellegren 2009; Jordan and Charlesworth 2012). However, alternatives exist [see *Discussion* in the accompanying article in this issue (Qiu *et al.* 2013)], and, no direct evidence currently connects SA alleles to the evolution of reduced recombination of Y or W sex chromosomes.

Testing the SA hypothesis for suppressed recombination requires studying genes in the PARs of sex chromosomes of species that are currently evolving suppressed recombination. Pseudo-autosomal genes are, however, notoriously difficult to find (Burgoyne 1982; Cooke *et al.* 1985; Schmitt *et al.* 1994) and only recently have multiple markers been available in the human PAR1 (Lien *et al.* 2000), despite the progress towards a complete genome sequence (International Human Genome Sequencing Consortium 2001). Eutherian PARs now include only a few genes (*e.g.*, Van Laere *et al.* 2008), making it unlikely that SA polymorphisms will be found among them, so mammal PARs are no longer likely to be informative about what caused most genes on the sex chromosome pair to become included in the fully sex-linked region.

To study the evolution of sex chromosomes and test the SA polymorphism hypothesis for recombination suppression, a genetic map is essential, together with comparative maps from related species without sex chromosomes. Ideally such mapping work should be based on markers in functional genes to identify orthologous genes for comparative mapping, which can be helpful in testing for chromosome rearrangements in sex chromosome evolution (Filatov 2005).

Young sex chromosome systems, in which evolutionary strata are still evolving, are particularly relevant for testing the SA polymorphism hypothesis, because (unlike some ancient sex chromosome systems) they may often have physically large PAR regions, containing many genes that might harbor such balanced polymorphisms. It should therefore be ideal for mapping PAR genes and testing these ideas. PAR genes of such species, including several plants (Liu *et al.* 2004; McDaniel *et al.* 2007; Spigler *et al.* 2008), could thus be used to search for evidence of SA polymorphisms. However, detailed genetic maps are available in few dioecious plants. In dioecious crop, most work has aimed at finding reliable fully sex-linked markers, even anonymous ones such as AFLP markers, to allow individuals to be sexed before maturity, with potentially important cost savings for long-lived crop plants, including papaya (Liu *et al.* 2004), poplar (Gunter *et al.* 2003; Yin *et al.* 2008), and asparagus (Nakayama *et al.* 2006; Telgmann-Rauber *et al.* 2007).

*Silene latifolia* is a plant widely used for studying sex chromosome evolution, but the genetic map, even of its sex chromosomes, remains sparse (Bergero *et al.* 2007) because, until recently, very few genes on these chromosomes had been identified. Those that have been mapped and sequenced from the X and Y demonstrate the existence of at least two evolutionary strata (Bergero *et al.* 2007). Genic markers are preferable to anonymous ones such as AFLPs, the basis for the only previous dense genetic mapping in this species (Delph *et al.* 2010), because codominant markers, such as SNPs and intron-size variants, are more reliable (*e.g.*, Vekemans *et al.* 2002) and allow integration of maps from both parents of a cross (*e.g.*, Lorieux *et al.* 1995a) and construction of consensus maps from multiple families. It is also easier with codominant markers to map individual loci, even when duplicates exist. Finally, genic markers offer future prospects for identifying genes affecting the development of the sex phenotypes and affecting fitness. Studying fitness effects will be necessary if evidence is obtained that SA polymorphisms may be present; it will then be important to verify the fitness effects on the two sexes and to identify the genes involved. Our gene-based map of *S. latifolia* is much denser than has previously been available and will also be useful for other investigations using this species (Bernasconi *et al.* 2009).

Although whole-genome sequencing can identify many genes and locate them on chromosomes, it is impractical for *S. latifolia*, due to its large genome size of almost 3 Gb (Costich *et al.* 1991; Siroky *et al.* 2001; Meagher *et al.* 2005) and highly repetitive sequence content (Hobza *et al.* 2007; Cermak *et al.* 2008; Macas *et al.* 2008). Moreover, sequencing alone does not identify the nonrecombining regions of the sex chromosomes. To distinguish these regions from the recombining PAR, it is necessary also to show that variants are found only in males, and this requires a study of multiple individuals sampled from natural populations (*i.e.*, population genetic data), particularly in a species with a young sex chromosome system where there may be a young stratum with slight Y-X divergence, making it difficult to distinguish from the PAR or even from autosomal regions.

Genes, including PAR genes, can, however, be identified by making a genetic map of the sex chromosomes. Ascertaining PAR genes, however, ideally needs a quite dense map without large gaps. To characterize the PAR region from the young *S. latifolia* sex chromosome system, we therefore carried out linkage analysis of hundreds of markers to minimize the possibility of large gaps. We identified linkage groups corresponding to the expected number of chromosomes, and we found several genes in a genetically large PAR region. Recently, several putative PAR genes were identified by sequencing a BAC clone after screening a BAC library for a known anonymous PAR marker (Blavet *et al.* 2012). These genes are necessarily restricted to a small region of the PAR, while our mapping (see below) supports a PAR location for one of these genes and identifies further PAR genes in more distal regions of the PAR.

We also describe comparative mapping in the related species *S. vulgaris* to extend the previous sparse map of the orthologues of *S. latifolia* sex-linked genes (Filatov 2005) by mapping several more genes. Comparing the X chromosome genes and their genetic map with the map locations of their *S. vulgaris* orthologues reveals that chromosome regions have been added to the *S. latifolia* sex chromosomes to form the PAR region and that some of these genes have become fully sex-linked, suggesting recent formation of a new evolutionary stratum. In the accompanying article in this issue, Qiu *et al.* (2013), we describe population genetic data that confirm the PAR locations of the PAR genes inferred by genetic mapping, and we use these genes in tests for sexual antagonism that employ sequence analyses.

## Materials and Methods

### *S. latifolia* and *S. vulgaris* families and genetic mapping

To define the major linkage groups and start to identify pseudo-autosomal genes, we used a single F<sub>2</sub> family (which we refer to as the “mapping family”) derived from a cross between plants from two European natural populations (Supporting Information, Table S1). To study genes that lacked variants in the mapping family, further families were genotyped (see Table 3 and Table S1).

Genes that mapped to the *S. latifolia* sex chromosome pair (see Results), and a few autosomal ones, were also mapped in *S. vulgaris*, a related species that does not have sex chromosomes, but whose populations are gynodioecious (with females and hermaphrodites; see Marsden-Jones and Turrill 1957; Baker 1966; Charlesworth and Laporte 1998). This species is believed to have separated from *S. latifolia* before the *S. latifolia* X and Y chromosomes evolved (Marais *et al.* 2011). Our mapping used 87 progeny plants from a single *S. vulgaris* family, obtained by crossing a female plant (E2000 5/9 from Dijon, France) with an unrelated hermaphrodite (99K-10-4 from Sussex, United Kingdom; see Table S1). The map was estimated only for genic (codominant) markers that were heterozygous in one parent or the other, and the results from the two parents were integrated into a single map. Some genes could not be mapped in this species due to lack of suitable variants.

### Genes studied

To obtain genes for mapping (Table 1, Table S2), we used a large set of EST sequences from 454 transcriptome sequencing of *S. latifolia* male and female flower buds or from RNA-Seq (Bergero and Charlesworth 2011).

To obtain the EST sequences, flower buds were collected from unrelated male and female *S. latifolia* plants growing in greenhouse condition, snap-frozen in dry ice, and stored at -80°. The buds were ground in a mortar and pestle under liquid nitrogen, and messenger RNA (mRNA) was extracted using the Roche Diagnostics (Mannheim, Germany) mRNA isolation kit, which uses streptavidin-coated magnetic beads and a biotin-labeled oligo(dT)20, and cDNA was prepared.

Double-stranded cDNA was obtained using the Roche cDNA synthesis kit and amplified with phi29 DNA polymerase (Qiagen) following the manufacturer's recommendations. The amplified library was checked for representation of cDNA sequences by cloning in a T-tailed pBS vector (Stratagene) before 454 sequencing. A total of 223,112 reads were obtained and assembled using Roche's Newbler, with the default settings, into 13,345 contigs of an average length of 318 bp.

To search for genes to provide codominant markers, sequences >300 bp were selected. Amino acid sequences from open reading frames (ORFs) of these EST sequences were aligned to the translated *Arabidopsis thaliana* transcriptome (Swarbreck *et al.* 2008) using FASTA (Pearson 1990). ORFs with *e* values <10<sup>-5</sup> with single-copy *A. thaliana* orthologues or orthologues belonging to small gene families were retained, and Sequencher v.4.5 (GeneCodes, Ann Arbor, MI) was used with the *A. thaliana* genomic sequence of the putative orthologues to suggest intron position order to obtain codominant intron size variants (ISVS markers; see Bergero *et al.* 2007) for our genetic mapping described below. PCR-amplified introns from a total of 160 genes showed suitable variants in our mapping family, *i.e.*, variants that are informative in either male and female meiosis, or both. Table S2 lists the genes mapped in *S. latifolia* with their GenBank accession numbers.

To increase the marker density, segregating Miniature Inverted-repeat Transposable Element (MITE) insertions identified by Bergero *et al.* (2008) were mapped. These dominant MITE markers are denoted in the maps by names beginning with either El\_ or To\_ followed by numbers identifying individual markers.

### DNA extraction, PCR reactions, and cloning

Genomic DNA for sequencing and marker genotyping was extracted from leaves using the FastDNA kit (Q-BIOgene, Carlsbad, CA) following the manufacturer's instructions. The seedlings' sexes were determined by PCR amplification of intron 2 of the *SlCyp* gene, which contains a fixed 293-bp indel in the Y copy (Bergero *et al.* 2007).

PCR amplifications were done in a Finnzymes' Piko Thermal Cycler with Phire hot-start DNA polymerase (Finnzymes, Thermo Scientific Genomics, Epsom, UK) under the following conditions: 1 cycle of initial denaturation at 98° for 30 sec, 10 cycles of DNA denaturation at 98° for 5 sec, primer annealing varying from 60° to 70° for 5 sec, and DNA amplification 72° for 30 sec, 25 cycles at 98° for 5 sec, 57° for 5 sec, 72° for 60 sec, and finally 1 cycle at 72° for 5 min. For genotyping polymorphic intron size variants, PCR products from parents and offspring were run on capillary electrophoresis according to Bergero *et al.* (2007), except that the 1200 Genescan LIZ DNA ladder (Applied Biosystems, Carlsbad, CA) was used to size the PCR products.

To obtain sequences of the genes studied, and search for SNP variants when length variants (see above) were not available, PCR products were cleaned with ExoSAP-IT

**Table 1 Summary of the linkage groups inferred in *S. latifolia* and the numbers of markers used in the analyses**

Linkage group	No. of markers	No. of genic markers	Mean intermarker distance (cM)	Length (cM)	LOD scores
1	60	13	1.1	70.4	9
2	38	11	2.1	81.8	4
3	23	10	3.1	72.1	8
4	27	8	1.9	50.8	7
5	12	9	2.9	35.2	10
6	26	14	1.4	36.0	10
7	13	9	3.5	46.1	6
8	12	7	3.4	40.5	5
9	41	23	1.3	52.8	10
10	32	10	2.3	75.5	5
11	34	14	1.0	41.5	10
12 (X)	32	25 <sup>a</sup>	2.6	75.0	5
12 (Y)	57	15	—	29.4	6

<sup>a</sup> Including partially sex-linked genes.

(Amersham Biosciences, Tokyo) and sequenced on an ABI 3730 capillary sequencer (Applied Biosystems). SNPs were obtained by direct sequencing from both strands. DNAs producing PCR amplicons with heterozygous indels in intron regions were re-amplified with the proofreading Phusion DNA polymerase (Finnzymes, Thermo Scientific Genomics) using the PCR conditions given above and cloned into a T-tailed pBSKS+ vector (Stratagene, Santa Clara, CA) before sequencing. The final sequences were aligned in Sequencher 4.8 (Gene Codes; <http://www.genecodes.com>), including sequences of the putative orthologous genes from *S. vulgaris*, and manually adjusted by using Se-al v. 2.0 (<http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/seal/>).

### Linkage analysis

Because genetic maps can be affected by null alleles, making individuals appear to be homozygotes when they are not, we checked the segregation patterns of markers from putative PAR genes carefully within multiple families to ensure that they were always consistent with segregation of alleles at a single locus and that all parents classified as heterozygotes segregated (which excludes the presence of paralogous copies). The accompanying article in this issue, Qiu *et al.* (2013), describes further tests that can distinguish between partial and complete sex linkage based on population genetic evidence.

Linkage groups were inferred using the JoinMap software version 4.0 (van Ooijen 2006) with a minimum LOD (logarithm of odds) score of 3. JoinMap searches for the best-fitting order of markers by a trial-and-error procedure. The map for each linkage group was then estimated in JoinMap with the regression mapping procedure, Kosambi mapping function, a recombination threshold of 0.4, and a goodness-of-fit jump threshold of 5.0. The genotypes of markers exhibiting significantly distorted segregation ratios were checked and excluded when they were not clear. A consensus map of the X chromosome (Figure 2) was estimated with JoinMap to include another family, J2010-1 (whose female parent is from the mapping family; see Table S1), in which seven

more fully sex-linked genes were mapped, as well five genes in common with the mapping family, including one putative PAR gene (see Results). Unfortunately, the only other family with segregation data for *E219* from the female parent has too few mapped markers to produce a reliable consensus map.

To test for linkage with known genes on the sex chromosomes, we also mapped genes that had previously been shown to be sex-linked, including OPA, a nongenic RAPD pseudo-autosomal marker (DiStilio *et al.* 1998). OPA does not appear in the Y map in Figure 1 due to lack of suitable variants in the mapping family. For the fully sex-linked region, our maps for the Y and the X (Figure 1) are based on segregation of markers that are informative for male and female parent meioses, respectively, as the X and Y maps cannot be integrated across the PAR and fully sex-linked regions.

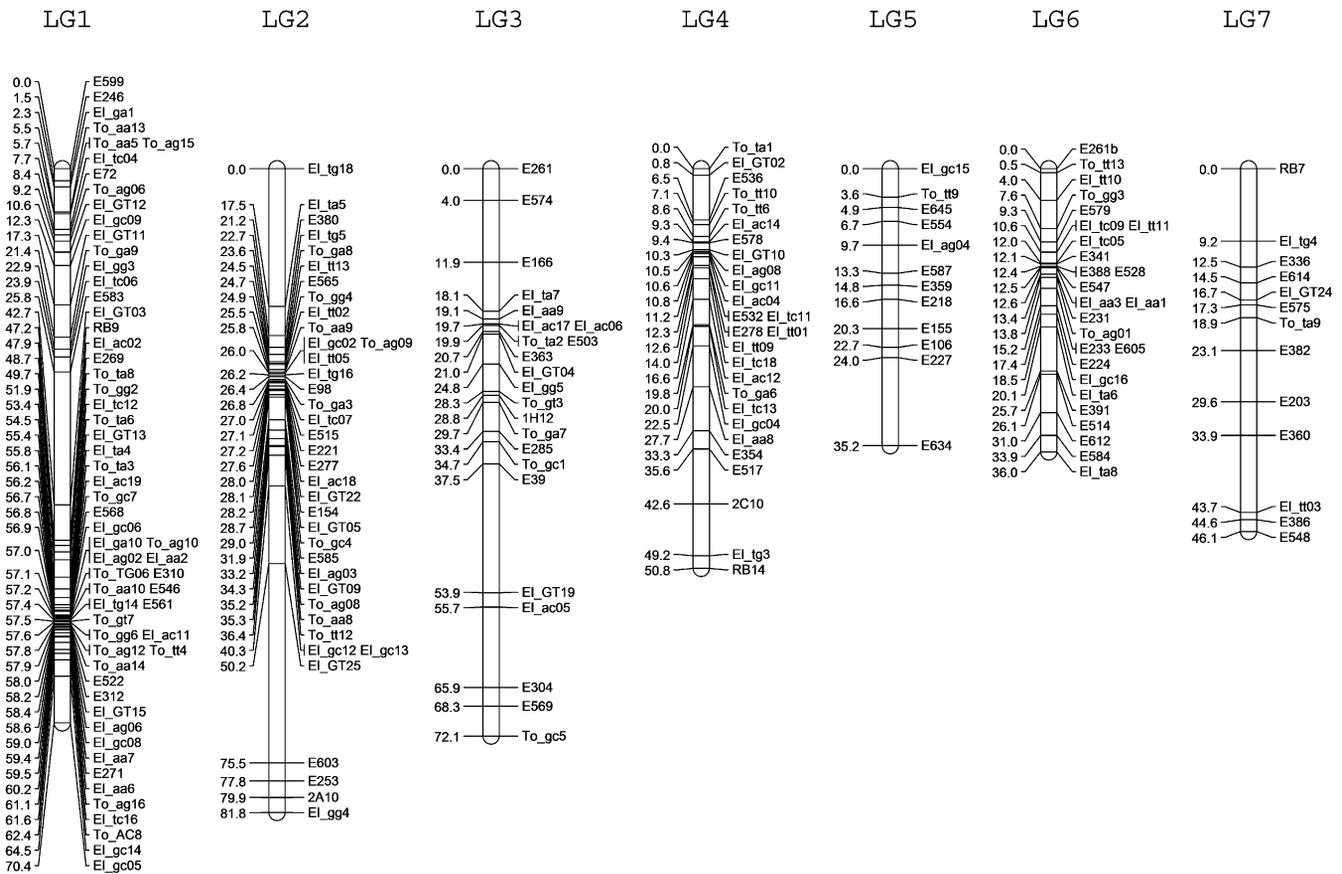
The genetic map distances of pseudo-autosomal genes from the Y PAR boundary shown in Table 3 were estimated from segregation patterns of heterozygous variants in the putative pseudo-autosomal genes in the male parent and a Y-specific variant in the fully Y-linked *SlCypY* gene (as a marker for the plant's sex even when the individual had not flowered; variants in this gene were available in all the families in Table 3). We also scored the segregation of markers that were heterozygous in the maternal parents of our families and estimated distances between the putative genes and variants in the fully X-linked gene *E247*, which is closely linked to PAR genes (see Figure 2). In family D2009-2, this gene could not be used, and *E219* was mapped using the pseudo-autosomal gene *E241*; given the possible map locations for *E241* (see Results), the distance of *E219* from the PAR boundary on the X may be underestimated.

To estimate the physical size (in megabases) of a centimorgan in *S. latifolia*, we used the estimated genome size of 2879 Mb (Vagera *et al.* 1994) and assumed that 14% of the female genome is represented by the X chromosome of ~350 Mb and that 86% is autosomal, representing ~2076 Mb (Matsunaga *et al.* 1994).

## Results

### Genetic map of *S. latifolia*

Segregation analyses of 407 markers from our *S. latifolia* mapping family yielded a genetic map with 12 linkage groups, corresponding to the expected 11 autosomes, plus the pair of sex chromosomes (Table 1, Figure 1). The total genetic length, excluding the Y, estimated by adding twice the mean marker spacing to the length of each linkage group (Fishman *et al.* 2001) is 731.5 cM. Method 4 of Chakravarti *et al.* (1991) yields 690.8 cM; *i.e.*, our map includes ~98% of these estimated map lengths. Using this genetic length value, we estimated, following Fishman *et al.* (2001), that 99% of the genome should be within 5 cM of a marker and 64% within 1 cM; with nongenic markers also available (Table 1), the map of this species is quite well covered. Overall, using an estimated total autosomal genome size



**Figure 1** *S. latifolia* genetic map. The map (estimated for the *S. latifolia* mapping family using JoinMap; see *Materials and Methods*) includes a total of 156 genic markers (153 excluding 3 genic markers mapped only on the Y, 2 of them in the nonrecombining part), and 239 segregating MITE insertions (197 excluding 42 on the Y). The analysis yielded 12 major linkage groups, corresponding to the expected 11 autosomes, plus the sex chromosome pair, all with LOD scores >4 (Table 1). For linkage group 4, integration of female-informative and male-informative markers was achieved using an additional family (J2010-1; see Table 3), and the map shown for this linkage group is therefore a consensus map. Five MITE markers were not detectably linked to any others, and there is also a small linkage group (12 cM) containing four MITE markers. Numbers to the left of the linkage groups indicate genetic distances in centimorgans, estimated using the Kosambi mapping function.

of 2076 Mb (see *Materials and Methods*), the estimated physical size per centimorgan is 3.4 Mb for the autosomes, among the higher values for plants (Rees and Durrant 1986; Laurie *et al.* 1993; King *et al.* 2002).

The genetic lengths of the *S. latifolia* chromosomes (excluding the Y) increase with the numbers of genes assigned to them ( $y = 47.5 + 0.69x$ ), but the relationship is non-significant by a Spearman rank correlation (Figure S1). The intercept of a linear regression on the  $y$ -axis suggests that there is always one crossover per chromosome. This is surprising because the chromosomes are metacentric (e.g., Siroky *et al.* 2001), and a crossover on each arm would be expected.

**Genetic map of the sex chromosome pair and the PAR:** Our new results considerably increase the number of fully sex-linked genes mapped to locations on the *S. latifolia* X chromosome (Bergero *et al.* 2007; Kaiser *et al.* 2009, 2011). All these genes have markers showing that they are sex linked, but not all have variants in our mapping family; Figure 2 shows a consensus map based on two families with several

markers mapped, plus inferred locations for three genes not mapped in these families; this map does not differ in any important respect from that of the mapping family alone in Figure 1. Table 2 lists the PAR genes, plus three genes that map close to PAR genes and were initial candidate PAR genes, but are now assigned to the fully sex-linked region of the X chromosome (see below). The cytological length of the X, relative to the set of autosomes in females, is known to be ~14% of the genome (Vagera *et al.* 1994). On this basis, our mapping results yield large estimated physical sizes per centimorgan for both the X and autosomes (4.65 and 3.4 Mb, respectively). This result suggests a large repetitive content of the genome, and perhaps especially for the X, much of which recombines only in females and therefore has a lower recombination rate than the autosomes.

As well as fully sex-linked genes, we found four new partially sex-linked genes (*E200*, *E352*, *E219*, and *E592*; see Figure 2 and Table 3) in addition to the two PAR loci previously described without genetic details, *E241* and *E284* (Qiu *et al.* 2010). Segregation patterns indicate that the variants used to infer partial sex linkage are allelic (despite

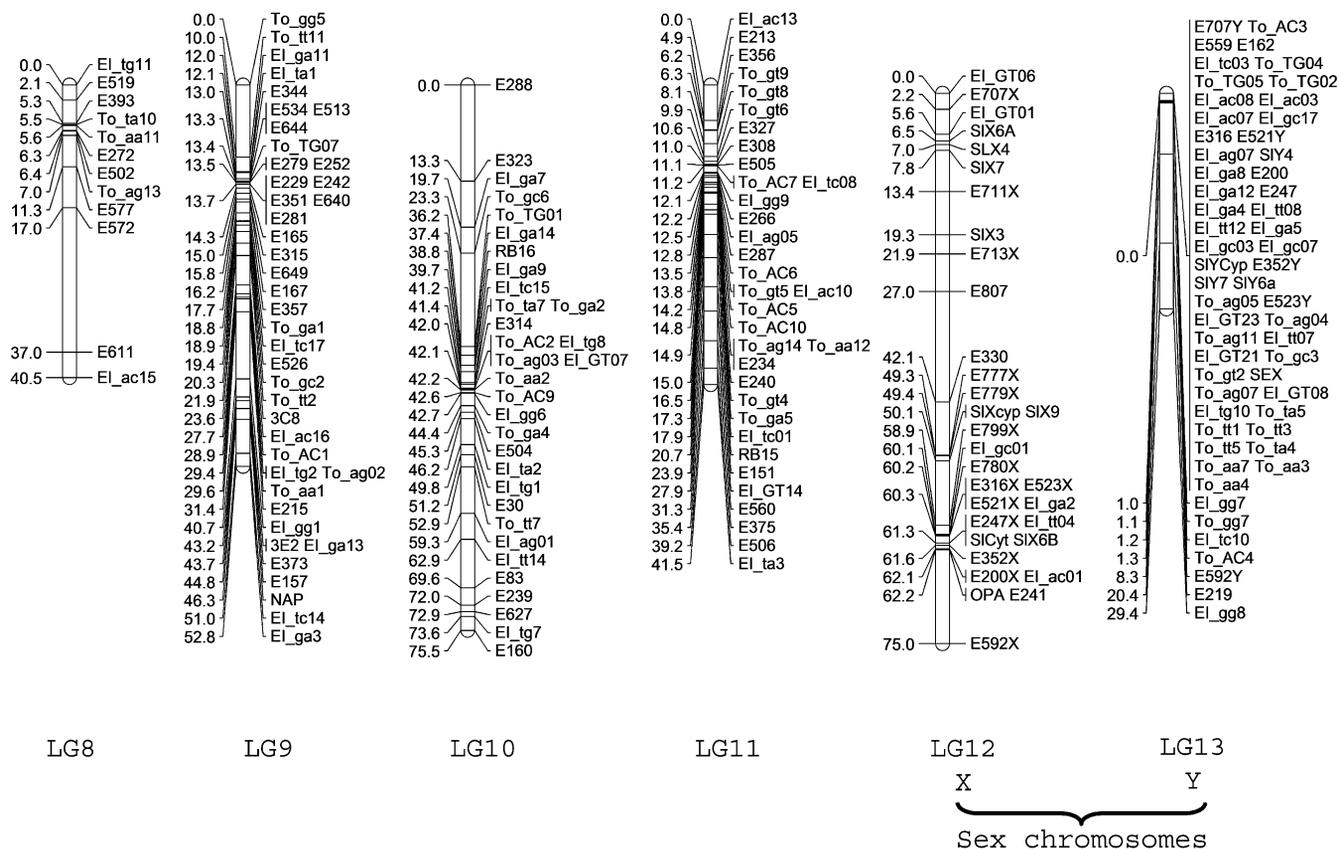
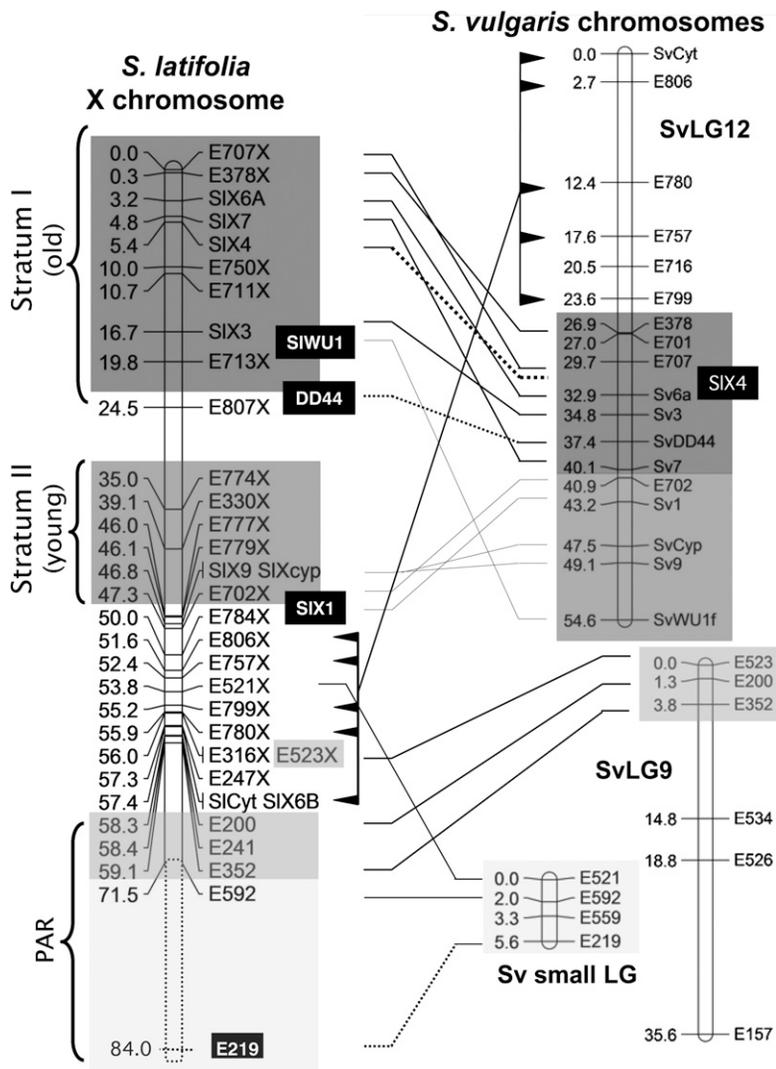


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the existence of a paralogous copy of *E284*; see the accompanying article in this issue, Qiu *et al.* 2013), and they indicate linkage to the sex-determining region of the sex chromosomes and/or to other X-linked or PAR genes (Table 3 shows recombination distances in various families). For gene *E200*, partial sex linkage is well supported by recombinants in three different families (with small estimated recombination fractions with the X or Y PAR boundary). *E352* appeared fully sex linked in our results from the mapping family based on an intron size variant that consistently segregated from the male parent to male progeny, but not to females, but recombinants were present at much higher frequencies in two other families in both female and male meiosis (Table 3). Further testing of all six candidate PAR genes using samples from natural populations confirmed partial sex linkage (see the accompanying article in this issue, Qiu *et al.* 2013). One of the PAR genes, *E241*, was also found in a recently described PAR BAC (Blavet *et al.* 2012). As expected, this gene is closely linked to the OPA marker that was used to screen the PAR BAC (Figure 1). However, in our mapping family our estimated recombination distance from the PAR boundary is considerably smaller than estimated by Blavet *et al.* (2012) from the male parent of their family or from the male parent of another of our families (Table 3). The difference seems unlikely to reflect a higher recombination rate in male than female meiosis, as

it was similar in meiosis of both parents of our mapping family, and there is no consistent difference in rates for the few other intervals that we were able to compare between the sexes (Table 3). Another possibility is heterozygosity of the maternal parent for an X chromosome rearrangement in the region. This is consistent with the fact that another gene, *E352*, also recombines rarely with fully sex-linked markers in the mapping family, but much more often in two other families; in family J2010-1, the rate estimates are similar in meiosis of both sexes (Table 3), again arguing against a higher male than female recombination rate.

***S. latifolia* PAR:** Unlike the previously published map, which used dominant AFLP markers and inferred two PARs (Scotti and Delph 2006; Delph *et al.* 2010), our map, with a new set of mostly codominant markers, finds only a single PAR. This suggests that more study is needed before the existence of a second PAR is accepted, particularly as cytological studies consistently report terminal pairing of the X and Y chromosomes (*e.g.*, Zluvova *et al.* 2007; Filatov *et al.* 2008), except in chromosome mutants (*e.g.*, Westergaard 1946, 1948a; Zluvova *et al.* 2007). Both the previous mapping and ours, including families other than the mapping family, find a PAR of ~25–30 cM (Figure 2, Table 3). The small number of PAR genes currently mapped could have



**Figure 2** Consensus genetic map of the *S. latifolia* X chromosome, including the PAR, and map of the homologous genes in *S. vulgaris*. All fully X-linked genes have markers showing that they are sex linked, either in the mapping family or, when variants were not found in the female parent, in another family. The PAR is indicated, and also the two strata previously described (Bergero *et al.* 2007); genes mapping close to genes in one of these strata are assumed to belong to the same stratum, even when X-Y divergence values have not been estimated. Genes mapped in both species are given the same names in *S. vulgaris* as in *S. latifolia* and are connected with lines (or lines and flags), and genes mapped in only one species, or mapped in *S. latifolia* families different from ours, are indicated by solid boxes and dashed lines to the locations in the species for which information is missing in our families. Boxes of different shades indicate genes in distinct *S. vulgaris* linkage groups that correspond to syntenic blocks in the *S. latifolia* X. We named one *S. vulgaris* linkage group Sv9 because it carries homologs of three genes mapped to *S. latifolia* LG 9 (see text), but did not assign a linkage group number to the very small group ("SV small LG") because all four genes are in the *S. latifolia* PAR or closely linked to it. Two such genes (*SIX1* and *DD44-X*) were previously mapped to the *S. latifolia* X (Filatov 2005; Nicolas *et al.* 2005), while one *S. latifolia* gene (*SIX4*) could not be mapped in our *S. vulgaris* family.

caused under-estimation of its total map length, but, given the high level of polymorphism in this species (see above and Qiu *et al.* 2013), it seems unlikely that we failed to detect and map a single gene in a second PAR of comparable or larger size (e.g., due to all genes located in the region completely lacking any variants).

Our genetic map length for the *S. latifolia* PAR is double the estimated map distance of <11 cM for the anonymous OPA marker from fully sex-linked markers, supported by recent mapping of four genes identified from a BAC clone that contains the OPA sequence (Blavet *et al.* 2012); from the standard errors in table S3 of Blavet *et al.* (2012), those data are compatible with a rate of up to 18 cM. There is no reason to believe that this BAC contains the whole of the PAR, or the distal part of it, and a larger PAR map is supported by our location of one gene (*E219*) at least 20 cM from the fully sex-linked region in three independent families, one with data from both the parental plants (the lowest recombination rate compatible with the 95% confidence intervals in Table 3 is 10.1). In the mapping family, the LOD for the linkage of the *E219* marker to the Y-linked allele

of *E592* is 7.3. In *S. vulgaris*, the ortholog of *E219* is also linked to the orthologs of two *S. latifolia* fully sex-linked genes, *E559* and *E592* (LOD value for linkage with *E559* = 28.12).

A physically very small PAR, like those of mammalian sex chromosomes, would be expected to have a larger genetic map length in male than female meiosis. The higher male crossing-over rate in such regions in other organisms, such as humans and mice, is thought to be caused by the need for a crossover to ensure correct chromosome segregation (Burgoyne *et al.* 1992; Matsuda *et al.* 1992; Mohandas *et al.* 1992); this leads to an elevated number of crossovers within this small physical region in males, whereas, in females, other parts of the sex chromosome pair can crossover (Lien *et al.* 2000). In *S. latifolia*, however, the genetic map distances between PAR loci appear to be similar in female and male meiosis (Table 3). This is consistent with a physically large PAR or with crossovers restricted to a physically small region of this chromosome arm in both sexes.

To further test whether crossing over is unusually high in the PAR, we also analyzed the GC content of the PAR genes.

A very high recombination rate in PAR genes in male meiosis is likely to increase their GC content through the effect of biased gene conversion (Marais and Galtier 2003). However, GC3 in the coding sequences of the *S. latifolia* PAR genes is  $0.328 \pm 0.083$ , lower than for 11 X-linked genes ( $0.391 \pm 0.006$ , excluding the 3 genes *E559*, *E521*, and *E523*—which, as explained below, probably became fully sex linked only recently—or  $0.403 \pm 0.024$  including these genes), and slightly higher than the value for the available autosomal genes ( $0.371 \pm 0.027$ ). When all sites are analyzed, the GC contents are almost identical ( $0.387$  for fully X-linked versus  $0.384$  for PAR genes), and the value for autosomal genes is higher ( $0.424 \pm 0.008$ ). Thus, consistent with the conclusion of Blavet *et al.* (2012), the GC values do not suggest an elevated recombination rate in the PAR genes, although more genes should be studied in the future.

**Aberrant segregation ratios:** The expected segregation ratios for X-linked genes heterozygous in the maternal parent are 1:1, but significantly deviating ratios (based on chi square tests of the 1:1 null hypothesis) are observed for several X-linked genes in the mapping family (Figure 3). The ratios are strongly aberrant for several genes that we inferred to be closely linked to the PAR boundary, with a deficiency of one maternal haplotype; a lesser effect is detected for some genetic distance on both sides of the boundary. A highly aberrant segregation ratio in the mapping family was previously found for the *SlCyt* X-linked gene and other closely linked genes (Kaiser *et al.* 2009). Other families showed normal segregation ratios for these genes, but the distorted segregation phenotype is heritable, since female progeny in the mapping family that are heterozygous for the two PAR boundary haplotypes also showed non-Mendelian segregation.

The cause of the aberrant ratios is unknown. Given the evidence for chromosome rearrangements affecting the PAR region of the X chromosome (see below), a translocation that is not yet fixed in the species might be involved. Translocation heterozygotes commonly produce gametes with gene duplications and deficiencies, and inviable seeds are produced at high frequencies (Swanson 1957) that could potentially explain the ratios that we observe. More work will be needed in the future to determine whether our plants showing distorted X-chromosome segregation are heterozygous for rearrangements of the X in the PAR boundary region. The fully sex-linked region shows no sign of X-chromosome polymorphisms. Similar gene orders (with only minor differences involving closely linked loci) have been found in genetic maps using four independent crosses involving unrelated plants (Filatov 2005; Nicolas *et al.* 2005; Bergero *et al.* 2007; Fujita *et al.* 2011).

**Clustering of loci near the PAR boundary:** The X chromosome map shows a cluster of markers near the PAR boundary in which the ordering is not reliable. For the genic markers, population genetics approaches (see Qiu *et al.* 2013) confirm partial, as opposed to complete, sex

linkage of the genes listed as PAR genes in Table 2; full sex linkage was previously demonstrated for *SlCyt* (Kaiser *et al.* 2009) and *Sl6B* (Bergero *et al.* 2007). There is, however, no way to further test the MITE markers in this region.

Apparent clustering of markers can potentially be due to the presence of a gene with distorted segregation, but, although this is indeed the case in our family (see above), this should not be the cause of the clustering because our markers in these genes are codominant (Lorieux *et al.* 1995b). Strongly non-Mendelian segregation ratios in a parent, including ratios caused by differential mortality, however, can produce inaccurate genetic map intervals and create spurious linkages of markers when using standard mapping approaches employed in widely used software (Cloutier *et al.* 1995). Unbiased pairwise rate estimates using Bailey's (1949) formula can be applied to our genotype data, using the approach designed for a backcross (Lorieux *et al.* 1995a), since both maternal alleles can be scored in each progeny individual. Using the appropriate tests of the null hypothesis of independent segregation, all the pairs of adjacent markers show highly significant evidence for linkage. The true orders of the loci, however, could differ somewhat from those inferred by JoinMap. Bailey's (1949) formula yields zero recombination rates for all the PAR intervals in the mapping family. However, these loci clearly recombine in families that segregate normally (Table 3), supporting their PAR locations. Of the genes mapped in family J2010-1 (see above), at least six map within the region near the PAR boundary where the mapping family shows significantly non-1:1 ratios, but their segregation ratios are compatible with 1:1 in family J2010-1. This suggests that the clustering is unlikely to be an artifact due to non-Mendelian ratios.

#### **Comparative map of *S. latifolia* sex chromosomal markers in *S. vulgaris***

It is of interest to test whether the orthologues of our *S. latifolia* fully sex-linked genes map to a single chromosome in the outgroup species *S. vulgaris* (with no history of having sex chromosomes) because the initial evolution of sex-determining genes is hypothesized to have occurred on a single ancestral chromosome (Charlesworth and Charlesworth 1978). Linkage groups shared with an outgroup species such as *S. vulgaris* are likely to be ancestral, unless chromosome rearrangements are very frequent.

Orthologues of four fully sex-linked genes have previously been mapped in *S. vulgaris* (Filatov 2005), and all indeed proved to be located on a single linkage group. The results of our mapping of 14 additional *S. vulgaris* orthologues of genes from the two X-chromosome evolutionary strata, using 85 progeny of a full-sib family, are completely consistent with this conclusion, although we now detect some rearrangements between the homologous chromosomes of the two species (Figure 2). Genetic mapping in *S. vulgaris* initially suggested that the *SlCyt* gene belongs to a linkage group different from that carrying orthologues of the other *S. latifolia* X-linked genes, suggesting that this gene had moved onto the X (Kaiser *et al.*

**Table 2 Pseudo-autosomal genes and three newly identified fully sex-linked genes mapped close to the *S. latifolia* PAR boundary**

<i>S. latifolia</i> gene name	Location <sup>a</sup>	Accession no. of <i>A. thaliana</i> orthologue	Putative function or protein encoded
<i>E200</i>	PAR	at5g06160	Protein with similarity to pre-mRNA splicing factor SF3a60 <sup>b</sup>
<i>E219</i>	PAR	at2g13360	Peroxisomal photorespiratory enzyme catalyzing transamination <sup>c</sup>
<i>E241</i>	PAR	at4g27700	Rhodanese-like domain-containing protein
<i>E284</i>	PAR	at5g52440	Proton motive force dependent protein transmembrane transporter
<i>E592</i>	PAR	at3g22960	Chloroplast pyruvate kinase $\alpha$ -subunit
<i>E352</i>	PAR	at2g43640	Chloroplast RNA binding
<i>E559</i>	XY	at3g21865	Interacts with <i>PEX4</i> <sup>d</sup>
<i>E521</i>	XY	at4g27450	Unknown function
<i>E523</i>	XY	at5g55220	Peptidyl-prolyl <i>cis-trans</i> isomerase

The putative orthologues in *A. thaliana* were used to suggest the genes' likely functions.

<sup>a</sup> For the fully sex-linked genes, we indicate those for which both X and Y alleles have been sequenced, or just X-linked ones.

<sup>b</sup> Involved in gametic cell fate determination and expressed more strongly in gametophytes than sporophytes.

<sup>c</sup> Reactions with multiple substrates.

<sup>d</sup> Suggested to be involved in remodeling peroxisome matrix contents during glyoxysome transition to leaf peroxisomes.

2009). However, our new mapping, with more loci, now locates *SlCyt* to the *S. vulgaris* linkage group carrying the other *S. latifolia* fully X-linked genes, but at the end of the linkage group farthest from the *S. latifolia* PAR gene homologs; in *S. latifolia*, however, this gene is in the cluster of genes closely linked to the PAR boundary (Figure 2). Four other genes in a 24-cM region that includes the *S. vulgaris SlCyt* orthologue also have different map positions in the two species (Figure 2), and we infer that a large region, probably containing many genes, has been moved in a single rearrangement event in one lineage or the other. In the *S. latifolia* genetic map, these genes map to only 2.4 cM; they may have been added to a physically large pericentromeric region with limited recombination, as is commonly found in plant chromosomes (reviewed in King *et al.* 2007). However, we cannot currently exclude a rearrangement of the mapping family X in the PAR boundary region (see above).

A surprising finding is that homologs of three *S. latifolia* PAR genes and four fully X-linked genes closely linked to the PAR boundary map of two distinct *S. vulgaris* linkage groups, both apparently unlinked to the major linkage group homologous to the *S. latifolia* X chromosome (Figure 2). The larger of these *S. vulgaris* linkage groups (whose top part carries the orthologues of the *S. latifolia* pseudo-autosomal genes *E200* and *E352*) is probably homologous to *S. latifolia* linkage group 9 (Figure 1 and Figure 2), as it includes three genes, *E157*, *E526*, and *E534*, from that autosomal linkage group.

A smaller *S. vulgaris* syntenic block (labeled "SV small LG" in Figure 2) also combines *S. latifolia* PAR genes (*E219* and *E592*) and fully sex-linked ones (*E559* and *E521*). Both of the latter have copies on the *S. latifolia* X and the Y (see Figure S2), but unfortunately heterozygosity of both parents for variants prevented our mapping *E559* on the X in our families. Segregation of *E559* variants indicates complete Y-linkage in our D2009-2 family, but only 36 meioses were studied, which cannot exclude partial sex linkage (see Table 3). However, our diversity survey using samples from natural populations (see Qiu *et al.* 2013) detected numerous Y-specific SNP variants (Figure S2A). Complete Y-linkage of copies of *E521* and *E523* was inferred from segregation of intron size variants in the

mapping family, and their complete Y-linkage is confirmed by male-specific SNPs in *E523* (Figure S2B) and intron size variants in both genes.

Figure 4 shows an interpretation of the additions to the *S. latifolia* sex chromosomes. These events presumably happened after the evolution of the younger of the two previously known strata (Bergero *et al.* 2007), and cessation of recombination must have been even more recent. Most likely, a first event added three genes, *E200*, *E352* and *E523*, and the latter recently became fully sex linked. Consistent with this, silent site divergence between the *E523* X and Y sequences is low (1.79%, based on 527 sites); as diversity is very low among the X- and the Y-linked sets of alleles, net divergence for all site types is slightly lower (based on all 662 sites, it is 1.35%, with standard deviation 0.3%). The distal location on the X genetic map of the two genes, *E219* and *E592*, suggests that they were added in the most recent event involving the *S. vulgaris* linkage group labeled "Sv small LG" in Figure 2, along with *E521* and *E559*, which have also become fully sex linked. For the latter genes, net divergence between the Y- and X-linked sequences from our natural population sample (see Qiu *et al.* 2013) is 1.2% for *E559* (based on 777 bp and a similar value for silent sites), but much higher for *E521* (3.5% for all site types, based on 640 bp, with standard deviation 1.4%, and 6.6% for 336 silent sites). We discuss these results further in Qiu *et al.* (2013).

## Discussion

Pseudo-autosomal regions are centrally important in the theory of sex chromosome evolution because it is the evolution of suppressed recombination in former PARs that leads to the genetic isolation of the Y from the X and, over time, to the special properties of Y chromosomes. After selection for closer linkage between sterility factors that initiated the evolutionary change from hermaphroditism or cosexuality to the separate sex state (Charlesworth and Charlesworth 1978), sex chromosomes are predicted to

**Table 3 Partial sex-linkage of the putative pseudo-autosomal genes**

Gene	X <sup>b</sup>	Family											
		H2005-1F2 (92 events) <sup>a</sup>		G2008-3 (22 events)		G2008-9 (24 events)		D2009-2 (36 events)		D2009-1 (36 events)		J2010-1 (58 events)	
		Y	X	Y	Y only	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y	X	Y
E219	— <sup>c</sup>	20.3 (13.1, 29.4)	—	—	—	—	22.2 (10.1, 39.1)	25 (12.1, 42.2)	27.8 (14.2, 45.2)	—	—	—	—
E592	14.2 (7.7, 22.9)	8.3 (3.9, 15.2)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E352	0 (0, 4.0)	0 (0, 4.0)	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.7 (4.9, 31.1)	9.5 (3.9, 21.2)	10.5 (5.0, 23.3)	—	—
E200	1.1 (0, 5.9)	0 (0, 4.0)	4.5 (0.1, 22.8)	—	4.2 (0.1, 21.1)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
E241	1.1 (0, 5.9)	0 (0, 4.0)	—	9.1 (1.1, 29.2)	—	—	—	2.9 (0.1, 14.5)	—	—	—	—	—
E284	—	0 (0, 4.0)	—	0 (0, 15.4)	4.2 (0.1, 21.1)	—	—	2.8 (0.1, 14.5)	—	—	—	—	—

The table gives the Kosambi-corrected map distances of each gene from the Y PAR boundary and/or from its inferred map position on the X in six *S. latifolia* families. Ninety-five percent binomial confidence intervals, computed following Clopper and Pearson (1934), are given in parentheses. The genes are ordered from the highest distance from the Y PAR boundary in the map in Figure 1, which is based on the mapping family (note that E284 was mapped in other families and does not appear in Figure 1).

<sup>a</sup> Numbers of meiotic events.

<sup>b</sup> Distances are from X or Y pseudo-autosomal boundary.

<sup>c</sup> Map distances are not given when informative markers for either or both male and female meioses were not found in a family.

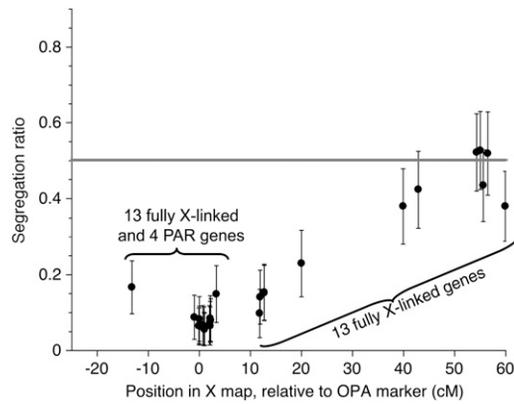
<sup>d</sup> The distance of this gene from the PAR boundary on the X is not estimated in this family, because suitable markers were not found for gene E247.

acquire SA mutations, some of which may be in PAR genes, and may establish polymorphisms. Selection for closer linkage between the gene with such a polymorphism and the Male-Specific Y region (MSY) can lead to an increased MSY, while the formerly pseudo-autosomal region(s) shrink. This second stage may be repeated several times, creating evolutionary strata.

Sex chromosome strata can also evolve by additions of genome regions to an existing sex chromosome pair, and such additions have occurred in many sex chromosome systems and can be followed by loss of recombination in the added region. In mammals, strata 1 and 2 are X-linked in marsupials, but strata 3–5 and one PAR derive from the “X added region,” which was added by Eutherian-specific translocation of previously autosomal regions (Waters *et al.* 2001). A second human PAR, PAR2, also evolved through later additions of several genes to the Xq tip during mammalian evolutionary history; the Y lacked these genes until the region was duplicated onto the Y in a primate ancestor of humans, forming a new recombining PAR (Charchar *et al.* 2003).

In *S. latifolia*, two strata of fully sex-linked genes have previously been inferred (Atanassov *et al.* 2001; Bergero *et al.* 2007) and two genes from each stratum of X-Y divergence were mapped to a single *S. vulgaris* chromosome (Filatov 2005), suggesting that the younger X chromosome stratum was not derived by an addition to the sex chromosome pair, unlike the situation in the mammalian XY pair.

Our comparative mapping now shows that none of the *S. latifolia* PAR genes maps to this *S. vulgaris* linkage group and suggests that two previously autosomal regions have been added to the *S. latifolia* sex chromosome pair by translocations or fusions. Part of one of the two *S. vulgaris* LGs involved corresponds to *S. latifolia* autosomal LG 9, yet three genes of this LG map to the *S. latifolia* PAR, or close by (see Figure 2). Moreover, this addition probably occurred first, before that involving the small *S. vulgaris* linkage group, because genes with homologs on the Sv small LG are at the end of the PAR map (see above and Figure 4). Therefore, if the small *S. vulgaris* linkage group is indeed part of the same chromosome that carries orthologues of *S. latifolia* fully sex-linked genes, the addition of the LG9-orthologous genes must involve a further rearrangement. Ideally, a dense map of all *S. vulgaris* linkage groups should be estimated, as our present data cannot definitively exclude the possibility that all *S. latifolia* sex-linked genes belong to a single *S. vulgaris* chromosome that includes the small linkage group in Figure 2. However, large gaps in our map seem unlikely. It is implausible that genes in a region all lack variants, as the species has high sequence diversity, and gaps due to errors in genetic distance estimates are unlikely with our mapping population of 85 plants. Because our *S. vulgaris* map includes largely only genes known to be on the *S. latifolia* sex chromosomes, we cannot exclude gaps due to failure to ascertain sex-linked genes in some regions. Such gaps could be caused by absence of Y-linked homologs of *S.*



**Figure 3** Segregation ratios in the mapping family. Binomial confidence intervals were calculated based on the numbers of progeny plants genotyped. The horizontal shaded line indicates the expected 1:1 ratio.

*latifolia* X-linked genes or by absence of fixed Y-linked variants that allowed us to detect and map *S. latifolia* sex-linked genes. The absence of a gap in the *S. latifolia* map might argue against this, but it could simply be due to the fact that this region is one of close linkage, with a potentially large physical distance but only small genetic map distances. Further mapping in *S. vulgaris* is needed to identify other genes belonging to the small linkage group and to find which *S. latifolia* chromosome carries their orthologues.

#### Size of the *S. latifolia* PAR

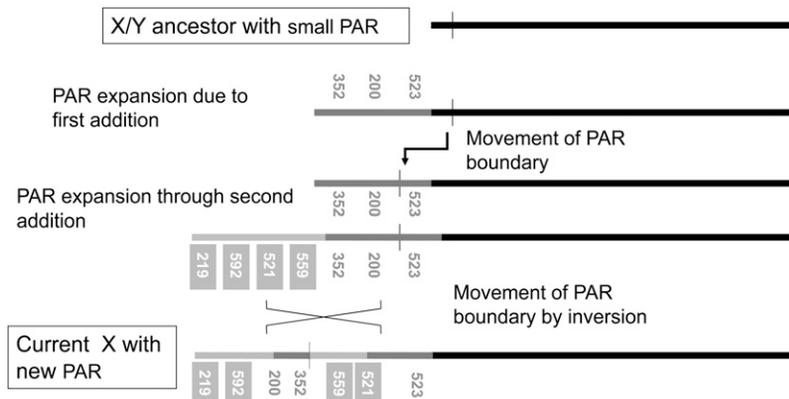
The large genetic map length of the PAR suggests that it probably carries many genes. It is consistent with this conclusion that the PAR genes that we have identified, which clearly recombine with one another, include only one of the genes in the sequenced BAC (Blavet *et al.* 2012). The size of the *S. latifolia* pairing region between the X and Y chromosomes is not well estimated from the cytologically visible pairing and is described as “arbitrary” (Westergaard 1948b; Lengerova *et al.* 2003), although the region appears to be small in FISH preparations (Filatov *et al.* 2008). If the PAR of our map corresponds with the PAR-bearing *Xp* arm of the X, as established by Lengerova *et al.* (2003), the map lengths would correspond roughly with the physical size of the two X arms (Lengerova *et al.* 2003).

Finally, additions to the PAR are consistent with the large cytological size of the *S. latifolia* sex chromosome pair, rel-

ative to the autosomes, while the chromosomes of *S. vulgaris* and other outgroup species are all roughly similar in size (Siroky *et al.* 2001), which suggests that this difference is due to changes in the *S. latifolia* lineage, rather than in the *S. vulgaris* one (which would imply the reverse order of events in Figure 4). Additions to the XY chromosome pair are consistent with the location, by FISH mapping, of the *SLX1* gene to a position that is not close to the end of the chromosome (Howell *et al.* 2011). This appeared inconsistent with the low X-Y divergence estimated for this fully sex-linked gene, which suggested a location near the PAR boundary. If the PAR is a physically large region, the inconsistency disappears. In *S. vulgaris*, the *SLX1* homolog is closely linked to the orthologues of two other genes in the youngest *S. latifolia* stratum previously identified, *SlCyp* (Bergero *et al.* 2007) and *SLX9* (Kaiser *et al.* 2011). In *S. vulgaris*, the mapping predicts that the physical locations of these genes are near the tip of the chromosome corresponding to SvLG12.

#### Origins of the new *S. latifolia* sex chromosome strata

Additions to the sex chromosomes (rather than breakup of the homologous chromosome in the *S. vulgaris* lineage) are also suggested by the finding that some genes from both the syntenic blocks that we infer to be added are currently fully sex linked, while others are not. In other words, a new stratum has formed since the formation of the younger of the two strata previously identified (Bergero *et al.* 2007). Two events presumably added regions onto the *S. latifolia Xp* arm that carries the single PAR detected in our mapping (see Figure 2). Both additions probably expanded an initially small PAR, and then recombined, so that both the X and the Y now carry copies of these genes. Alternatively, these genes must have been in a PAR larger than the current one, and chromosome rearrangements moved some to the fully sex-linked region. From either view, genes from both regions have become fully sex linked. As described in Qiu *et al.* (2013), the *E559* sequences, located in the second added region (Figure 4), contain X- and Y-specific SNPs that clearly indicate complete sex linkage, but X and the Y alleles also share variants, supporting a very recent event suppressing recombination (we found no polymorphisms shared by the X and Y in either the *E523* or the *E521* regions sequenced).



**Figure 4** Stages in the evolution of the PAR region of the *S. latifolia* sex chromosomes. Horizontal lines symbolize X chromosomes at several intermediate stages during its evolution, from the initial state, before additions and rearrangements, to the current state (indicated by the text in boxes), and the additions and rearrangements needed to account for the conclusions described in the text. The ancestral sex chromosome is solid, and the two added regions and genes are shaded. The regions and genes that have been added to the X must also have been added to the Y (see the text), but the Y is not shown in the figure.

It thus appears that multiple losses of recombination have happened within an evolutionary time much shorter than that since the most recent strata were established in the sex chromosome systems of mammals (see Introduction) and birds (Lawson-Handley *et al.* 2004; Nam and Ellegren 2008; Moghadam *et al.* 2012). The most recent mammal stratum (5) is estimated to have formed ~30 MYA, ~5 MY before the divergence of the human and Old World monkey lineages (Hughes *et al.* 2012), and stratum 4 ~10 MY earlier (Ross *et al.* 2005), after PAR boundary shifts earlier in Eutherian mammal evolution (Van Laere *et al.* 2008; Das *et al.* 2009). Several recent shifts have been discovered within the genus *Mus* (reviewed in White *et al.* 2012). The evidence that multiple events causing loss of recombination have occurred in *S. latifolia* within a short evolutionary time strongly suggests that selection for recombination suppression has acted, although it is not yet possible to definitively exclude some nonselective process. Interestingly, a closely related species, *S. diclinis*, has also undergone a rearrangement involving the sex chromosomes. A reciprocal Y-autosome translocation has added material to the Y, but not to the X, chromosome; in male meiosis, the *S. diclinis* X therefore pairs with the ancestral Y region (the majority of the translocated Y<sub>1</sub>), while the rest of Y<sub>1</sub> pairs with the unrearranged autosome (which would segregate as a neo-X), which, in turn, pairs with the Y<sub>2</sub> (Howell *et al.* 2009). This rearrangement must differ from the ones that we infer here because the *S. diclinis* X is not rearranged, and therefore it would not explain our observation that previously autosomal genes have become linked to X-linked genes in female meiosis.

Rearrangements also appear to have occurred involving the added regions, possibly contributing to recombination suppression. Given the small number of recombinants among the genes clustered in this region of the X genetic map in our mapping family, double crossover events are rare, so we cannot reliably order the genes. However, the finding of full sex linkage for some, but not all, of the genes that were added to the X in each of the two separate events implies that at least one rearrangement must have occurred (see Figure 4 and above).

Because *S. latifolia* is closely related to other dioecious species, it will be interesting in the future to study orthologues of *S. latifolia* PAR genes in those species, to test whether the additional events pre- or post-date their recent split, and, if the former, whether the PAR boundary has shifted since these species split. As discussed above, the cluster of genes closely linked to the *S. latifolia* PAR boundary may recombine rarely simply because this is a pericentromeric region. It will therefore be interesting to map more genes in the two *S. vulgaris* linkage groups that appear to have contributed to recent PAR expansion in *S. latifolia*.

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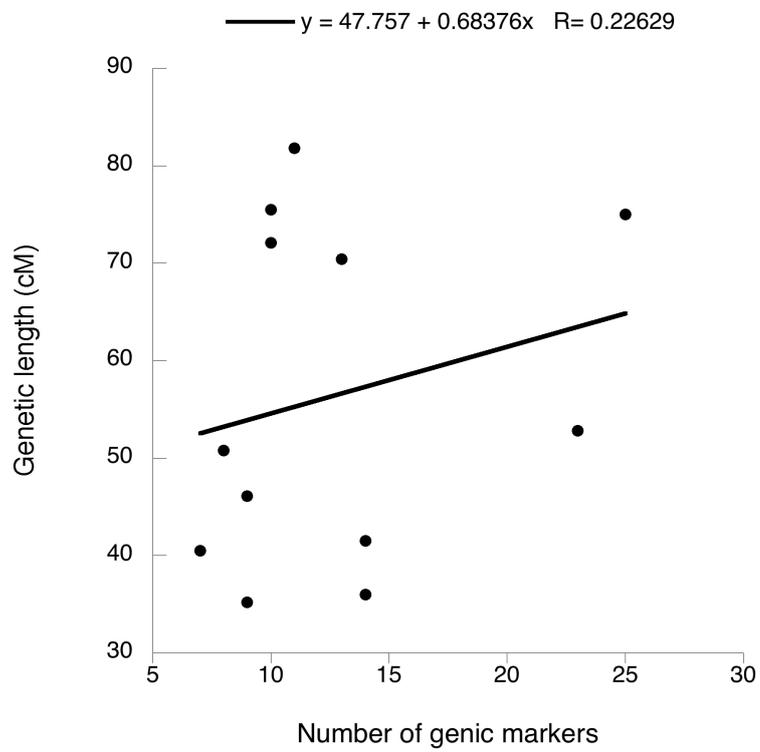
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## Expansion of the Pseudo-autosomal Region and Ongoing Recombination Suppression in the *Silene latifolia* Sex Chromosomes

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**Figure S1** Genetic lengths of linkage groups and numbers of genic markers.



# Gene *E523*

Plant ID	X or Y	Population	Sites of SNPs or Indels														
			101	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	5	6	6	6	7	7	
			4	—	1	3	0	3	4	2	9	2	1	5	6	1	7
			3	149	1	0	8	3	5	9	4	9	1	4	6	2	8
1	X	Sweden	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	G	G	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	T	G	C	T
2	X	Greece	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	—	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
3	X	Denmark	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	G	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	T	G	C	T
4	X	Austria	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	G	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	T	G	C	T
5	X	Norway	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	G	G	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	T	G	C	T
6	X	Greece, Evrou	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	—	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
7	X	Italy	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	G	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
8	X	Italy	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	—	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	T	G	C	T
9	X	Estonia	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	—	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
10	X	Portugal	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	—	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
11	X	Netherlands	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	G	G	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	T	G	C	T
12	X	France	G	absent	G	G	A	C	G	A	C	G	C	C	T	A	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
13	X	UK	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	—	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
14	X	Spain	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	—	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
15	X	Spain	G	absent	G	G	A	C	C	A	C	—	T	C	T	C	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	C	G	C	T
16	X	Germany	G	Present	G	G	A	C	G	A	C	G	C	C	T	A	A
	Y		C	Present	A	A	T	T	G	G	C	T	T	T	G	C	T

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The Y state is found in one X

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The Y state is found in 2 Xs

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Polymorphism exclusive to the Y

**Figure S2** Variants in the Y- and X-linked haplotypes of the *E559* (part A of the figure) and *E523* (part B of the figure) genes.

**Table S1** The mapping family and three other families used to score genotypes of autosomal genes, putative PAR genes and sex-linked genes, and to estimate recombination fractions. One *S. vulgaris* family was used for comparative mapping.

Family	Parental plants			
	Identity of ♀ parent	Population of origin	Identity of pollen donor	Population of origin
H2005-1 (F2 family) (the “mapping family”) <sup>1</sup>	H2005-1/9 <sup>2</sup>	F1	H2005-1/4	F1
G2008-3	K2005-12/2	Germany	K2005-4/2	Heiligenstadt, Austria
D2009-2			G2005-5/1	Loanninon, Greece
G2008-9	K2005-4/3	Heiligenstadt, Austria	K2005-5B/1	Oland, Grasingard Sweden
J2010-1 (F2 family)	Family F2009-1 female plant	F1 <sup>3</sup>	Family F2009-1 male plant	F1 (as for female parent)
<i>S. vulgaris</i> SV2	E2000-5/9 (female)	Dijon, France	99K-10/4 (hermaphrodite)	Sussex, England

<sup>1</sup> The mapping family is an F2 generated by crossing sibling plants descended from an F1 cross (family H2005-1) made by pollinating plant E2004-11/1 from Canche (Northern France) with E2004-17/1 (from River Waal, Netherlands). The other families from this study were obtained by crossing adult plants obtained from field-collected seeds.

<sup>2</sup> Identity of plants within families are indicated by the family name followed by the individual number (e.g. H2005-1/9 is individual 9 from family H2005-1).

<sup>3</sup> Female from the mapping family H2005-1 x male 11/5 from Madrid.

**Table S2** List of genes mapped to the 10 *S. latifolia* autosomes (denoted by LG1 to LG11) and sex chromosomes (LG12 and LG13). GenBank accession numbers are listed for sequences from Sanger sequencing of *S. latifolia* cDNA clones, and those for sequences from 454 sequencing and RNA-Seq are in the Transcriptome Shotgun Assembly (TSA) Database at DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank under the accession number GAKC00000000. The version described in this paper is the first version, GAKC01000000. Individual gene sequences are visible under this accession number. Three sequences of less than 200 bp are not in database (see below); primers and these sequences are available from the authors on request.

Contig name	Source	Accession numbers of putative <i>A. thaliana</i> orthologues	<i>S. latifolia</i> linkage group	<i>S. latifolia</i> GenBank accession numbers
Autosomal genes				
<i>E72</i>	cDNA clone	AT1G02150	LG1	KF034810
<i>E246</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G19485	LG1	
<i>E269</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G36980	LG1	
<i>E271</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G30410	LG1	
<i>E310</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G11945	LG1	
<i>E312</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G51130	LG1	
<i>E522</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G17600	LG1	
<i>E546</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G51240	LG1	
<i>E561</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G08150	LG1	
<i>E568</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G35920	LG1	
<i>E599</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G10140	LG1	
<i>RB9</i>	cDNA clone	AT1G36980	LG1	KF034808
<i>2A10</i>	cDNA clone	AT1G03900	LG2	KF034809
<i>E98</i>	cDNA clone	AT4G10930	LG2	KF034811

<i>E154</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G33040	LG2	
<i>E221</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G17050	LG2	
<i>E253</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G02030	LG2	
<i>E277</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G27180	LG2	
<i>E380</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G02220	LG2	
<i>E515</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G17830	LG2	
<i>E565</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G01100	LG2	
<i>E585</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G80920	LG2	
<i>E603</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G71270	LG2	
<i>1H12</i>	cDNA clone	AT4G37930	LG3	KF034813
<i>E39</i>	cDNA clone	AT5G56090	LG3	KF034812
<i>E166</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G39080	LG3	
<i>E261</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G14570	LG3	
<i>E285</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G14140	LG3	
<i>E304</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G13420	LG3	
<i>E363</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G52040	LG3	
<i>E503</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G67060	LG3	
<i>E569</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G14420	LG3	
<i>E574</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G04240	LG3	
<i>E278</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G04080	LG4	
<i>E517</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G40730	LG4	

<i>E532</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G01990	LG4	
<i>E536</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G03250	LG4	
<i>E578</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G48425	LG4	
<i>E354</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G39990	LG4	
<i>2C10</i>	cDNA clone	AT3G55440	LG4	KF034815
<i>RB14</i>	cDNA clone	AT3G46430	LG4	KF034814
<i>E106</i>	cDNA clone	AT2G05170	LG5	KF034816
<i>E155</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G10300	LG5	
<i>E218</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G16210	LG5	
<i>E227</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G33210	LG5	
<i>E359</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G35250	LG5	
<i>E554</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G22830	LG5	
<i>E587</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G18940	LG5	
<i>E634</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G55440	LG5	
<i>E645</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G25737	LG5	
<i>E224</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G13430	LG6	
<i>E231</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G27560	LG6	
<i>E233</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G63620	LG6	
<i>E261b</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G14570	LG6	
<i>E341</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G22580	LG6	
<i>E388</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G48070	LG6	

<i>E391</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G54770	LG6	
<i>E514</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G15520	LG6	
<i>E528</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G08200	LG6	
<i>E547</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G63900	LG6	
<i>E579</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G08370	LG6	
<i>E584</i>	454 sequencing	ATG55640	LG6	
<i>E605</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G10920	LG6	
<i>E612</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G20390	LG6	
<i>E203</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G29830	LG7	
<i>E336</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G15180	LG7	
<i>E360</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G51150	LG7	
<i>E382</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G21065	LG7	
<i>E386</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G12230	LG7	
<i>E548</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G17210	LG7	
<i>E575</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G25730	LG7	
<i>E614</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G04550	LG7	
<i>RB7</i>	cDNA clone	AT3G26070	LG7	KF034817
<i>E272</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G27600	LG8	
<i>E393</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G12800	LG8	
<i>E502</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G33255	LG8	
<i>E519</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G08520	LG8	

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<i>E577</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G27460	LG8	
<i>E611</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G45290	LG8	
<i>3C8</i>	cDNA clone	AT5G14030	LG9	KF034819
<i>NAP</i>	cDNA clone	AT2G35110	LG9	Short sequence not in database
<i>E157</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G1400	LG9	
<i>E165</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G25110	LG9	
<i>E167</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G34450	LG9	Short sequence not in database
<i>E215</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G24310	LG9	
<i>E229</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G80410	LG9	
<i>E344</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G33640	LG9	
<i>E242</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G47460	LG9	
<i>E252</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G27530	LG9	
<i>E279</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G11490	LG9	
<i>E281</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G24710	LG9	
<i>E344</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G33640	LG9	
<i>E351</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G10940	LG9	
<i>E373</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G03420	LG9	
<i>E513</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G58140	LG9	
<i>E526</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G30970	LG9	
<i>E534</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G21280	LG9	

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<i>E249</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G01560	LG10	
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<i>E323</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G61510	LG10	
<i>E504</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G64850	LG10	
<i>RB16</i>	cDNA clone	AT2G06520	LG10	KF034820
<i>E151</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G30580	LG11	
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<i>E308</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G09650	LG11	
<i>E327</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G11980	LG11	
<i>E356</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G47640	LG11	
<i>E505</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G20810	LG11	
<i>E506</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G04930	LG11	
<i>E560</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G25760	LG11	

<i>RB15</i>	cDNA clone	AT5G20240	LG11	KF034823
Sex chromosomes, fully sex-linked				
<i>E247</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G01490	LG12	
<i>E316</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G63140	LG12	
<i>E330</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G32930	LG12	
<i>E521</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G27450	LG12	
<i>E523</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G55220	LG12	
<i>SlCypX</i>	cDNA clone	AT3G44600	LG12	DV768216
<i>SlCytX</i>	cDNA clone	AT1G26340	LG12	Short sequence not in database
<i>SIX3</i>	cDNA clone	AT5G66210	LG12	ACB86624
<i>SIX4</i>	cDNA clone	AT3G26780	LG12	ACB86605
<i>SIX6A</i>	cDNA clone	AT2G34570	LG12	DV768271
<i>SIX6B</i>	cDNA clone	AT2G34570	LG12	DV768271
<i>SIX7</i>	cDNA clone	AT5G48020	LG12	DV768352
<i>SIX9</i>	cDNA clone	AT1G08380	LG12	HM141608–HM141717
<i>E707X</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G27090	LG12	
<i>E711X</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G35770	LG12	
<i>E713X</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G42190	LG12	
<i>E378X</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G30600	LG12	
<i>E777X</i>	RNAseq	AT2G29690	LG12	
<i>E779X</i>	RNAseq	AT3G46980	LG12	

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<i>E799X</i>	RNAseq	AT3G49880	LG12
<i>E807X</i>	RNAseq	AT1G65950	LG12
<i>E559X</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G21865	LG12
<i>E162</i>	454 sequencing	AT1G78900	LG13
Partially sex-linked			
<i>E352</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G43640	LG12
<i>E200</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G06160	LG12
<i>E241</i>	454 sequencing	AT4G27700	LG12
<i>E284</i>	454 sequencing	AT5G52440	LG12
<i>E219</i>	454 sequencing	AT2G13360	LG12
<i>E592</i>	454 sequencing	AT3G22960	LG12

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