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SI Results

Protein Sequence Comparison of Stpk-V with Its Putative Homologues from the Susceptible Wheat Variety and Other Species. The putative protein sequences of Stpk-A, Stpk-B, and Stpk-D were obtained as described in [SI Materials and Methods](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1016981108/-/DCSupplemental/pnas.201016981SI.pdf?targetid=nameddest=STXT). When comparing the protein sequence of Stpk-V with its three wheat orthologous genes, it was found that the sizes of the four sequences were identical, and their homology was greater than 97%. There were seven amino acids specific to Stpk-V that were not located in the conserved kinase domain. The polymorphisms were located in the N terminus and the C terminus, and this could change the structure of the protein [\(Fig. S3\)](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1016981108/-/DCSupplemental/pnas.201016981SI.pdf?targetid=nameddest=SF3). The relationship of these polymorphisms with the function of the genes will be further investigated by point mutational analysis.

To identify the orthologous genes or homologous genes from other species, the protein sequence of Stpk-V was used as the query to search the National Center for Biotechnology Information protein database, and the nucleotide sequence of Stpk-V was used to search the genomic sequence of the model species. The orthologous genes in Brachypodium distachyon (BRADI3G04940), Oryza sativa (LOC_Os02g06930), Zea mays (GRMZM2G169020), Sorghum bicolor (EEF38111.1), Arabidopsis thaliana (AT1G16670), Populus trichocarpa (EEF12427.1), and Vitis vinifera (CBI21796.3), and the homologue in Ricinus communis (EEF38111.1), were identified. Stpk-V shared the highest similarity (79%) with LOC Os02g06930.2 from rice at the protein level. The multiple sequence analysis also showed that the N and C termini are more diverse, whereas the middle part is relatively conserved. It is interesting that the orthologous genes of Stpk-V have alternative splicing forms in B. distachyon, O. sativa, and Z. mays (one splicing form contains the FPEVTNGVLLLQ sequence and the other lacks it). However, in dicotyledons such as A. thaliana, P. trichocarpa, V. vinifera, and R. communis, all homologues lack the FPEVTNGVLLLQ sequence. Stpk-V contains the FPEVTNGVLLLQ sequence, and we did not identify its alternative splicing forms in H. villosa and T6VS·6AL (Fig. $S4A$). The phylogenetic analysis of the 12 sequences demonstrated that Stpk-V is closer to the sequences from the *Poaceae* groups ([Fig. S4](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1016981108/-/DCSupplemental/pnas.201016981SI.pdf?targetid=nameddest=SF4)B).

Comparison of the Putative Promoter of the Stpk-V and Its Orthologous Genes in the Susceptible Yangmai158 Line. There were polymorphisms between Stpk-V and its orthologous genes at the promoter region: 35 specific SNPs and one 78-bp insertion in $pStpk-V$ [\(Fig. S5](http://www.pnas.org/lookup/suppl/doi:10.1073/pnas.1016981108/-/DCSupplemental/pnas.201016981SI.pdf?targetid=nameddest=SF5)). In $pStpk-D$ and $pStpk-A(B)$, the number 1, 9, 11, 14, and 15 SNPs resulted in the change of binding sites of the W-box protein, MYB-like protein, and homeobox protein. The $pStpk-D$ and $pStpk-A(B)$ also lack one homeobox protein binding site in the missing 78-bp region. The effect of the polymorphisms in the putative promoter region on the expression of the genes remains to be studied in the future.

SI Materials and Methods

GeneChip Microarray. The Barley1 GeneChip (part no. 900515; Affymetrix) (1) was chosen to screen the Bgt induced genes in H. villosa because barley is a relative of H. villosa. GeneChip microarray experiments were conducted in the National Engineering Center for Biochip in Shanghai, China, according to the Affymetrix technical manual. After hybridization, the GeneChips were scanned in the Agilent 2500A GeneArray scanner, and Affymetrix MAS5.0 software was used to conduct the image analysis. The User-Defined parameter was selected under the Normalization menu, and the Normalization Value was set as 1.

All Probe Sets was selected under the Scaling menu, and the Target Signal was set as 500. Only when the signal ratio value was more than 2 was the corresponding probe regarded as upregulated.

Semiquantitative RT-PCR. The $Stpk-V$ expression level was analyzed by semiquantitative RT-PCR under different abiotic and biotic stresses in H. villosa, T6VS·6AL, and transgenic plants. When the seedings had one fully expanded and one newly developed leaves, the seedlings were treated with different stresses: for Bgt inoculation, the leaves were inoculated with a mixture of strains; for heat stress, the seedlings were treated under 40 °C for 1 h; for salt stress, the roots were immersed in 300 mmol/L NaCl; for hormone and H_2O_2 treatments, the leaves were sprayed with 5 mmol/L SA, 1 mmol/L JA, or 7 mmol/L H_2O_2 . For *Fusarium graminearum* inoculation, the spikes were inoculated with spores by a single floret injection. RNA was isolated using TRIzol reagent, and firststrand synthesis cDNA was performed on 2 μg of total RNA using a reverse transcription system according to the manufacturer's manual (Invitrogen). The primers used for Stpk-V were designed according to the probe Contig17515 (CINAU15 forward, 5′-AG-ATCCAACACCAGTTCAAG-3′ and CINAU15 reverse, 5′-AT-GTTAAGGAGGCTTGTGTC-3′), and the primers for the housekeeping gene Tubulin were (forward) 5′-AGAACACTGTTGT-AAGGCTCAAC-3′ and (reverse) 5′-GAGCTTTACTGCCTC-GAACATGG-3′. Amplification was performed at 94 °C for 3 min; 27 cycles of 94 °C for 30 s, 55 to 58 °C for 30 s, and 72 °C for 2 min; followed by 10 min at 72 °C. PCR products were electrophoresed on 1% agarose gels.

RACE. RACE was conducted to obtain the full-length cDNA of Stpk-V from the cDNA of H. villosa inoculated for 24 h. 3'-RACE was conducted using the 3′-RACE System for Rapid Amplification of cDNA Ends kit (Invitrogen). Stpk-V-3' (5'-GCAGGGAGATTTGGTGAAA-3′) was used to perform the first-round PCR and Stpk-V-3'-nest (5'-CCTGCAGGTTCCT-GAAAGTTGG-3′) was used to conduct the nest PCR. 5′-RACE was conducted using the 5'-Full RACE kit (Takara). Stpk-V-5'P (5′-CTGCAACCAACTTCAGGTCA-3′; the first C was phosphorylated) was used as the primer to transcribe RNA. The primers Stpk-V-5'F (5'-TAGCAGGCGAAAAGGATGTT-3') and Stpk-V-5'R (5'-ACATGGTGGGTCGATGTCTT-3') were used to perform the first-round PCR, and Stpk-V-5'F-nest (5'-CTCGGAGAAGATCAGCAAGC-3′) and Stpk-V-5′R -nest (5′- ATGGTGGGTCGATGTCTTGT-3′) were used to conduct the nest PCR.

FISH and Sequential GISH. FISH using 30-kb TAC as the probe in del.6VS-1 and T6VS·6AL was conducted as described (2). The hybridization solution contained 50% deionized formamide, 2× SSC, 10% dextran sulfate, 100 ng/μL of sheared salmon testis DNA, 1 ng/μL of labeled TAC probe, and 300 ng/μL sheared blocking genomic DNA of Chinese Spring and H. villosa. Twenty microliters of the denatured hybridization mixture was applied to each slide and hybridization was performed in a humid chamber at 37 °C overnight. Posthybridization washes were in 2× SSC and 1× PBS solution at room temperature for 10 min each. Digoxigenin-labeled probe was detected with FITC-conjugated antidigoxigenin antibody. Chromosomes were counterstained with DAPI (Vector Laboratories). After TAC-FISH, the hybridization signals were removed for the following GISH, which was performed using gDNA of H. villosa as the probe. Chromosome

and signal images were captured using a CCD camera attached to an epifluorescence microscope (BX61; Olympus). The grayscale images were then separately pseudocolored and merged by using IPLab Spectrum version 3.1 software. Fraction lengths of hybridization sites were calculated as the distance from the centromere to the hybridization signal relative to the total length of the chromosome arm. More than 10 chromosomes were measured for each FL calculation by using IPLab Spectrum version 3.1 software.

Vector Construction and Stpk-V Subcellular Localization. Gateway technology was used to construct the vector for Stpk-V subcellular localization according to the manufacturer's protocol (Invitrogen) The $Stpk-V$ gene was amplified using the $attB$ site containing the following primers: forward, 5′-GGGGACAAGTTTGTACAA-AAAAGCAGGCTTCATGGGTTGTTCTCCTTTCTTT-3'; and reverse, 5′-GGGGACCACTTTGTACAAGAAAGCTGGGTC-CTCACACTCTGATATTGCGGT-3′. A BP recombination reaction between the *att*B site flanking *Stpk-V* PCR fragment and an attP-containing donor vector pDonor201.1 was conducted to generate an entry vector pDNOR201.1-Stpk-V. Subsequently, an LR recombination reaction between the attL-containing entry clone $pDNOR201.1-Stpk-V$ and an *attR*-containing destination vector pUbi-GW-C-termYFP was conducted to generate an expression vector pUbi-Stpk-V-YFP. Thus, the C terminus of the Stpk-V was fused with the YFP protein. The destination vector pUbi-GW-C-termYFP was provided by Prof. Qianhua Shen (Institute of Genetics and Developmental Biology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China). The single-cell transient expression assay was performed following the instructions of the PDS 1000/ He Particle Delivery System (Bio-Rad) as described earlier. After bombardment, the leaf was keep in the dark and at room temperature for at least 36 h, and then was observed under the a confocal microscope (TCS-SP2; Leica). The Stpk-V subcellular localization was determined based on the distribution of the YFP signal.

Vector Construction and Wheat Transformation. The ORF fragment of the Stpk-V was amplified using the forward SmaI-containing primer (5'-TCCCCCGGGATGGGTTGTTCTCCTTTCTT-3') and the reverse SacI-containing primer (5′-ACCGAGCTCTCACT-CACACTCTGATATTG -3′). The recombinant vector pAHC: Stpk-V was constructed using the pAHC 25 vector as the start vector (3). pAHC 25 was cut with SmaI and SacI enzyme to remove the GUS gene, and then the PCR product of *Stpk-V* cut with the same two enzymes was inserted to pAHC 25. Therefore, the recombinant pAHC:Stpk-V was constructed by replacing the GUS gene with the ORF of Stpk-V. In the pAHC: Stpk-V, the Stpk-V gene was placed under the control of the ubiquitin (Ubi) promoter and was followed by the NOS terminator sequence. The herbicide tolerance gene (bar) was used as a selectable marker gene. pAHC: Stpk-V transgenic wheat plants were produced by particle bombardment of calli cultured from immature embryos of susceptible variety Yangmai158 as described (4). When screening the positive transgenic genes, Southern blotting analysis, BASTA resistance evaluation, and target genes detection were conducted in different generations. The procedure of Southern blotting procedure was according to the method by Qi et al. (5) using the *bar* gene as the probe in the T_0 generation plant. Evaluation of BASTA resistance was conducted in T_1 generation plants. The genes, including the *bar* gene, Ubi-promoter gene, and target gene Stpk-V, were detected in T_0 to T_3 generation plants. The primers for the genes were as follows: bar, 5′-CGAGACAAGCACGGTCAACTTC-3′ and 5′- AAACCCACGTCATGCCAGTTC-3′; Ubi-promoter, 5′-CCAC- ATCATCACAACCAAGC-3′ and 5′-ACCCAGATCTCCCCCA-AATC-3'; and Stpk-V, 5'-ATTTCTGATTTCGGTTTAGC-3' and 5′-ACTTCCGTGTCACTTGTCC-3′.

Functional Analysis of Stpk-V by VIGS. A 280-bp fragment amplified with primers (forward, 5'-TAAGCTAGCGGCGGCTAAGGA-ATGGA-3′; reverse, 5′-CTAGCTAGCCCTCGGGCGATACC-AA-3′) was reversely inserted into the RNAγgammab to form the recombinant vector RNAγgammab: Stpk-Vas for gene silencing. The 280-bp fragment used for VIGS was from 188 to 467 nt in the ORF, and the corresponding amino acid sequence was from 63 to 155 aa. The second fully expanded leaves of the seedlings were infected with virus BSMV:Stpk-Vas (the γ strand was RNAγgammab:Stpk-Vas), using BSMV:Ta-PDSas (the γ strand was RNAγgammab:Ta-PDSas) and BSMV:GFP as the control. The fifth leaves were used to evaluate the resistance to Bgt and to check the expression level of Stpk-V by real-time PCR. Real-time RT-PCR was operated on a iCycleriQ MultiColor Real Time PCR Detection System (BioRad) using SYBRGreen dye. Three independent RT-PCR runs were performed. To ensure only endogenous gene transcripts and not those from recombinant virus were amplified, primers (5′-ATTTCTGATTTCGG-TTTAGC-3′ and 5′-ACTTCCGTGTCACTTGTCC-3′) for realtime RT-PCR were designed from the region that is not present in the fragments used for eliciting silencing.

Isolation of Stpk-A, Stpk-B, and Stpk-D from Yangmai158. Three orthologous genes of Stpk-V, Stpk-A (JF439306), Stpk-B (JF439308), and *Stpk-D* (JF439307), were isolated from the A, B, and D genomes by PCR using the DNA of susceptible Yangmai158 as template and the primers covering the whole ORF of Stpk-V (5'-TATGATGGCAGCTGTTTAAG-3' and 5'-TATT-TGCAACCAACTTCAGG-3′). Amplification was performed at 94 °C for 3 min; 30 cycles of 94 °C for 30 s, 55 °C for 30 s, and 72 °C for 3 min; followed by 10 min at 72 °C. PCR products were extracted from the agarose and then inserted into the pGEM-T Easy vector (Promega). The plasmids DNA of the positive clones were used as templates individually in the next round of PCR, and this time the primers CINAU15-F and CINAU15-R were used. The Stpk-A, Stpk-B, and Stpk-D were discriminated based on the amplified fragment size produced from each clone in the second round of PCR. The corresponding cDNA sequences of the three genes were not obtained by RT-PCR. The putative protein sequences of three wheat genes were obtained by matching the cDNA sequence of $Stpk-V$ to the $gDNA$ sequences of Stpk-A, Stpk-B to Stpk-D, and then the putative exons in the three sequences were spliced. The sequence alignment was conducted by DNAMAN software (Lynnon BioSoft, Quebec City, Canada).

Isolation of the Putative Promoter from Stpk-V and Its Orthologous Genes in Yangmai158. The putative promoter was isolated by PCR using the Stpk-V–containing subclone and the DNA of Yangmai158 as the template, respectively. The primers were 5′-AG-AGACTGAAATCGGCTTCG-3′ and 5′-CAGCTGCCATCAT-ATCCTGA-3′, which could amplify the 1,202-bp sequence upstream of the transcription start site of the Stpk-V. The amplified sequence from Stpk-V was designated as pStpk-V. Two types of sequences were isolated from Yangmai158: one was designated as $pStpk-D$ (JF439310) and the other one was named as $pStpk-A(B)$ (JF439309), which was proposed to be from the A or the B genome. The sequence alignment was conducted by DNAMAN software. The cis-elements in the putative promoter was analyzed online by MatInspector software ([http://www.genomatix.de\)](http://www.genomatix.de).

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Fig. S1. RT-PCR analysis of the Stpk-V expression pattern in resistant T6VS-6AL. (A) Stpk-V expression pattern in response to biotic or abiotic stresses. Stpk-V was induced by Bgt inoculation (1), but not by F. graminearum inoculation (2) or heat and salt treatment (3 and 4). (B) Stpk-V expression pattern in T6VS·6AL by treatment with H₂O₂ (1), SA (2), and JA (3). Stpk-V was induced only by H₂O₂. Tubulin was used as the control. Numbers under each figure indicate hours after stress treatment.

Fig. S2. The structure and the ORF sequence of Stpk-V. (A) The gene has six exons and five introns. (B) The nucleotide and the putative amino acid sequence of Stpk-V. The "ATG" and "TGA" labeled in blue are the start and stop codons, respectively. The putative catalytic loop and activation loop are underlined. The ATP binding pocket is labeled in yellow and the substrate binding pocket in green.

Fig. S3. The amino acid sequence comparison of the protein encoded by Stpk-V with those encoded by its orthologous genes (Stpk-A, Stpk-B, and Stpk-D) from susceptible wheat variety Yangmai158. There are 13 polymorphisms, and seven of them are specific to Stpk-V, which are mostly located in the N and C termini. Asterisks represent polymorphisms specific to Stpk-V.

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Fig. S4. Multiple sequence alignment and phylogenetic tree analysis between Stpk-V with 11 proteins from eight other species, including B. distachyon (BRADI3G04940.1, BRADI3G04940.2), O. sativa (LOC_Os02g06930.1, LOC_Os02g06930.2), Z. mays (GRMZM2G169020.1, GRMZM2G169020.2), S. bicolor (EEF38111.1), A. thaliana (AT1G16670), P. trichocarpa (EEF12427.1), and V. vinifera (CBI21796.3), and the homologue in the R. communis (EEF38111.1). (A) The multiple sequence alignment of the 12 sequences. The totally conserved residues are labeled in dark blue, whereas the residues with a lower degree of conservation are labeled in light blue or pink. The alternative splicing sequence FPEVTNGVLLLQ is underlined. (B) The phylogenetic tree of the 12 sequences, indicating Stpk-V is closer to the sequences from the Poaceae groups.

Fig. S5. Comparison of the putative promoter of Stpk-V with that of its orthologous genes. There are 35 specific SNPs and one 78-bp insertion in the pStpk-V sequence. In the pStpk-D and pStpk-A(B), the numbers 1, 9, 11, 14, and 15 SNPs resulted in the change of binding sites of the W-box protein, MYB-like protein, and the homeobox protein. The pStpk-D and pStpk-A(B) sequence also lack one homeobox protein binding site only found in the 78-bp insertion of pStpk-V. The specific SNPs of pStpk-V are labeled with asterisks, and the insertion sequences are underlined with a black line. The aforementioned five SNPs are highlighted with the numbers above each site, and the corresponding putative binding transcription factors are placed under the cis-elements indicated by the red line.

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Fig. S6. Mapping and subcellular localization of Stpk-V. (A) Stpk-V mapping by PCR analysis using different cytogenetic stocks. Stpk-V was amplified from T6VS·6AL (2), T. durum–H. villosa amphiploid (3), H. villosa (4), DA6V (10), and del6VS-1 (12), but not from Yangmai158 (1), DA1V (5), DA2V (6), DA3V (7), DA4V (8), DA5V (9), DA7V (11) and del6VS-2 (13). "M" represents the DL2000 marker. The arrow indicates Stpk-V. (B) Subcellular localization of Stpk-V by the transient expression assay in the epidermal cell of H. villosa with the fusion protein Stpk-V-YFP. B-1 and B-2 are two images scanned at different layers of the same cell. The confocal images showed that Stpk-V is localized in the membrane, cytoplasm and nucleus. (B-1) The Stpk-V-YFP signal was observed mostly in the nucleus and cytoplasm. (B-2) The Stpk-V-YFP signal was observed mostly in the nucleus and membrane. The images were scanned using a confocal microscope (TCS-SP5; Leica). (Scale bar, 50 μm.)

Fig. S7. Functional analysis of Stpk-V in the transient expression assay. The graph shows the haustorium index in the Stpk-V+GUS-cotransformed cells, in comparison with that in the GUS-transformed cells of the susceptible control Yangmai158 and resistant control T6VS·6AL.

Fig. S8. Validation of positive transformation of plants with pAHC:Stpk-V by Southern blotting, BASTA resistance evaluation, gene expression analysis, and detection of transgenes. (A) Southern blotting using the bar gene as the probe in six positive T_0 plants showed that the gene had been inserted into the genome successfully. (B) Positive T₁ plants showed resistance to BASTA. (C) Stpk-V expressed constitutively in six individual BASTA resistant T₁ plants. (D) Ubipromoter, selective marker gene bar, and target Stpk-V could be amplified from two representative T_3 -generation transgenic lines (3 and 4) and the positive control pAHC:Stpk-V plasmid (2), but not from the negative control Yangmai158 (1). (E) Expression patterns of Stpk-V in resistant T6VS·6AL, susceptible Yangmai158, and two T₃ resistant transgenic lines (T₃-2 and T₃-6) after Bgt inoculation. Stpk-V was induced by Bgt in the resistant T6VS·6AL, undetectable in the susceptible Yangmai158, but constitutively expressed in the resistant transgenic plants. Tubulin was used as the control. Numbers over each figure indicate hours after Bgt inoculation.

