

MATERIALS AND METHODS**Plant materials**

Two accessions, LA2157 and LA2163, of the wild tomato species *Solanum arcanum* were used in this study. LA2157 is self-compatible, while LA2163 is self-incompatible, but they are otherwise similar in most respects (Rick 1986). They were collected from nearby sites, separated by ~10 Km, in Cajamarca Department, Peru. Seed of these accessions was obtained from the C.M. Rick Tomato Genetics Resource Center (<http://tgrc.ucdavis.edu>) where they are maintained by cross pollinating all plants in each generation to maximize heterogeneity. The SI accession LA2163 was transformed with a *CUL1* RNAi construct via *Agrobacterium* transformation using cotyledonary explants. Selected primary transformants (T_0) were used as pollen donors in crosses onto pistils of non-transgenic LA2163 and LA2157. Plants were drawn at random from the corresponding accessions for the transformations and for the control non-transgenic plants. In the case of LA2163, each primary transformant (T_{0-1} , -2, etc) or non-transgenic control plant (LA2163-1, -2, -3) was expected to carry different *S*-genotypes (e.g. S_1S_2 , S_3S_4 , etc), and were cross-compatible in test sib pollinations, as predicted (Figure S3). In the case of LA2157, all plants were SC (Figure 2S) and were therefore expected to carry the same *S*-genotype (i.e. S_cS_c).

Pollen tube growth in styles was visualized by the aniline blue staining technique as described previously (Li et al. 2010).

***CUL1* RNAi construct and plant transformation**

Both conventional digestion-ligation and overlap extension PCR (Ho et al. 1989) were used to synthesize the *CUL1* RNAi construct. For the latter method, the first reaction amplified separate target DNA fragments and a second reaction combined the target fragments in a mixed reaction. Each intermediate primer used for overlap extension PCR had a 5' overhang sequence of ~20 base pairs (bp) that overlapped with the adjacent DNA fragment (Table S1).

To avoid cross-silencing of *Cullin1* genes, 146 and 279 bp 5' and 3' untranslated regions (UTRs) of *CUL1* were combined into a single 425 bp (UTR⁵⁺³) sequence and used as the RNAi trigger (Figure S1). The 5' and 3' UTR of *CUL1* from LA2163 were amplified using primers 5UTR-1F/R and 3UTR-1F/R (Table S1) designed from the *SpCul1* sequence (Genbank no. HQ610201). UTR⁵⁺³ was synthesized by overlap extension PCR using primers 5UTR-1F and 3UTR-1R. The *LAT52* pollen specific promoter was amplified from our previous construct LAT52-SpCUL1 (Li and Chetelat 2010) with primers LAT52-2F/R. The combined LAT52-UTR⁵⁺³ was obtained by another round of overlap extension PCR using primers LAT52-2F and 3UTR-3R and cloned into pCAMBIA2301. The antisense UTR⁵⁺³ sequence was amplified with primers 3UTR-2R and 5UTR-2F and ligated to the vector in reverse orientation. The PDK intron was released from pHANNIBAL (Varsha Wesley et al. 2001) and inserted between

the sense and antisense UTR⁵⁺³ copies. To reduce the frequency of non-transgenic plants recovered from kanamycin selection, the strong plant selection cassette 35S-NPTII in pCAMBIA2301 was replaced with the weak selection cassette Nos-NPTII from pBI121 by PCR with primers Nos-Prom-F and NPTII-R (Table S1). The pCAM2301-Nos-NPT-Cul1-RNAi construct was electroporated into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* LBA4404 using the Gene Pulser II (Bio-Rad) system and introduced into *S. arcanum* LA2163 at the Ralph M. Parsons Plant Transformation Facility at the University of California, Davis.

CUL1 gene expression and RT-PCR

CUL1 expression was assayed by RT-PCR. Total RNA was isolated from pollen with TRIzol (Invitrogen). Total RNA (2 mg) was used for cDNA synthesis with SuperScript III (Invitrogen) reverse transcriptase. RT-PCR was performed using the gene specific primer pair Cul-1F/R (Table S1). The PCR conditions for RT-PCR of *CUL1* was 94 °C for 2 min, followed by 30 cycles of 94 °C for 30 sec, 55 °C for 30 sec, and 72°C for 1 min, with a final extension of 5 min at 72 °C. The constitutively expressed *Actin* gene was used as a loading control, and was amplified with the same PCR conditions as *CUL1* except that the cycle number was 25. PCR products were separated in 2% agarose gels.

Transgene segregation tests

To test *CUL1* function in SI, five independent T₀ *CUL1* RNAi transformants were used as pollen parents in crosses onto pistils of SC *S. arcanum* LA2157 and SI *S. arcanum* LA2163 (Table S2). For each T₀ plant, five T₁ progeny arrays -- two from the crosses with LA2157 and three from crosses to three independent non-transgenic LA2163 plants (sibs) -- were genotyped for the presence of the transgene. Data from the two LA2157 progeny arrays of each T₀ plant were pooled since the chi-square tests for heterogeneity were not significant.

A mini-scale DNA extraction method was used to isolate DNA from the T₁ populations as described (Li et al. 2010). The primers 2301-2 and LAT52M-R (Table S1), which spanned the left side of the cloning site where the construct was inserted into the vector, were used to detect the transgene. The presence or absence of the 643 bp amplification product was used to classify the plants as transgenic or non-transgenic, respectively.

Supporting References

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