

Kranz and single-cell forms of C₄ plants in subfamily Suaedoideae show kinetic C₄ convergence for PEPC and Rubisco with divergent amino acid substitutions

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Table S1. Name, sequence of primer, and which species the primer was used for Suaedoideae *ppc-1* and *rbcL*. S. = *Suaeda*, B. = *Bienertia*.

| Primer Name | Primer Sequence 5' --> 3' | Species <i>ppc-1</i> gene sequenced using this primer |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---|
| SP6 | ATTTAGGTGACACTATAG | All |
| T7 | TAATAGCACTCACTATAGGG | All |
| ppcex2_1365FW | ATTACCCCTGATGATAAGCAAGAGCT | <i>S. accuminata</i> , <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>S. altissima</i> , <i>S. aralocaspica</i> , <i>S. calceoliformis</i> , <i>S. eltonica</i> , <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. linifolia</i> , <i>S. moquinni</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , <i>S. vera</i> , <i>S. vermiculata</i> |
| ppcex1_348FW | GCTCATCCCACTCAATCTGTTC | <i>S. accuminata</i> , <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>S. altissima</i> , <i>S. calceoliformis</i> , <i>B. cycloptera</i> , <i>S. eltonica</i> , <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. moquinni</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , <i>S. occidentalis</i> , <i>S. physophora</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , <i>S. vermiculata</i> |
| bsPEPC-aE4FW930 | AGCTGCATTTTCGTACTGATG | <i>S. accuminata</i> , <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>S. aralocaspica</i> , <i>B. cycloptera</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. linifolia</i> , <i>S. maritima</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , <i>S. occidentalis</i> , <i>B. sinuspersici</i> , <i>S. vera</i> |
| ppcex6_665RV | GCAAGAACAACCCGATAAGGCTCA | <i>S. accuminata</i> , <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>S. calceoliformis</i> , <i>B. cycloptera</i> , <i>S. eltonica</i> , <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. linifolia</i> , <i>S. maritima</i> , <i>S. occidentalis</i> , <i>S. physophora</i> , <i>S. vera</i> , |
| bsPEPC-aE7RV | ATAGCATAGCTCAAGAGGCTCC | <i>S. accuminata</i> , <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>S. altissima</i> , <i>S. aralocaspica</i> , <i>S. calceoliformis</i> , <i>S. eltonica</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. moquinni</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , <i>S. occidentalis</i> , <i>S. physophora</i> , <i>B. sinuspersici</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , <i>S. vera</i> , <i>S. vermiculata</i> |
| LinePEPCA_527RV | CCAAATCTCCTTCTTCAGTTTTTT | <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>S. altissima</i> , <i>S. occidentalis</i> , |
| ppcex2_842RV | ATCCCATACCTCTCTTTGGAGAGC | <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. linifolia</i> , <i>S. physophora</i> , |
| ppcex2_1173FW | CAGGATGAGATGAGGGCAGGA | <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>B. cycloptera</i> , <i>S. maritima</i> , |
| ppcex6_665FW | TGAGCCTTATCGGGTGTCTTGC | <i>S. aegyptiaca</i> , <i>S. altissima</i> , <i>S. aralocaspica</i> , <i>S. calceoliformis</i> , <i>B. cycloptera</i> , <i>S. eltonica</i> , <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. linifolia</i> , <i>S. moquinni</i> , <i>S. occidentalis</i> , <i>S. physophora</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , <i>S. vera</i> , <i>S. vermiculata</i> |
| ppcex6_278RV | TTTCATACCTCAAAACATGAGGTCTCG | <i>S. altissima</i> , <i>S. aralocaspica</i> , <i>S. calceoliformis</i> , <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , |
| ppcex2_1365RV | AGCTCTTGCTTATCATCAGGGGTAAT | <i>S. aralocaspica</i> , <i>S. eltonica</i> , <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , <i>S. vera</i> , |
| ppcex2_1082FW | CTGATGAAATCAGGAGGACTCAGC | <i>S. aralocaspica</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. linifolia</i> , <i>S. maritima</i> , <i>S. occidentalis</i> , |
| ppcex1_689RV | TGAGCGGTAAGAACCAAGTCAACAGT | <i>S. calceoliformis</i> , <i>S. linearis</i> , <i>S. maritima</i> , |
| bsPEPC-aE7FW | GGAGCCTCTTGAGCTATGCTAT | <i>S. calceoliformis</i> , |
| ppcex2_842FW | GCTCTCAAAGAGAGGTATGGGAT | <i>B. cycloptera</i> , <i>S. linifolia</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , <i>S. physophora</i> , |
| ppcex6_524RV | ATAAACTAAATGGGAATATTTGC | <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. moquinni</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , <i>S. vermiculata</i> |
| ppcex6_278FW | CAGGACCTCATGTTTGAGGTATGAAA | <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. linifolia</i> , <i>S. maritima</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , |
| ppcex6_524FW | GCAAATATTCCTTATGTTTTAT | <i>S. fruticosa</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , |
| ppcex1_186FW | GATTTGAAGAAATCCCTGGAAGAG | <i>S. maritima</i> , |
| ppcex2_1173RV | TCCTGCCCTCATCTCCTCG | <i>S. maritima</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , |
| ppcex1_344RV | ATCTACGAAACAGATTGAGTTGGATGAGC | <i>S. moquinni</i> , <i>S. nigra</i> , <i>S. physophora</i> , <i>S. taxifolia</i> , <i>S. vera</i> , <i>S. vermiculata</i> |
| bsPEPC-aRV1228 | TTGGATTTCTCGAGTCCATG | <i>B. sinuspersici</i> , |
| bsPEPC-a16RV | CATTTTTCTCACCAGTGAA | <i>B. sinuspersici</i> , |
| bsPEPC-a15FW | TTCTTGTTGATTGATTGAA | <i>B. sinuspersici</i> , |
| | | Species <i>rbcL</i> gene sequenced using this primer |
| Rbcl-49FW | CATTAAGGCCTAATTTATGTGCGAGTAGACC | All |
| Rbcl+1186FW | GATGATTCTGACTACAGTTTGGTGGAGGAAC | All |
| RbclStopRV | CTAGACTGTATCCATGGCTGGG | All |
| Rbcl-Stop+3RV | CAACCGAACATTAATTAATTAGC | All |
| Rbcl-1460-R | GTACCAGTAGAAGATTCCGGCAG | All |
| Rbcl-507-F | TATTGGGATGCACTATTAAC | All |
| Rbcl-1024-R | ATCAACAAAGCCTAAAGTAAT | All |
| Rbcl-955-F | CGCTGTCTGGTGAGA | All |

Table S2. List of species of Suaedoideae in this study, origin, voucher, and *rbcL*, *ppc-1* sequence accession numbers.

| Species | Origin | Voucher | <i>rbcL</i> | <i>ppc-1</i> |
|-------------------------------|---|----------|-------------|--------------|
| <i>Bienertia cycloptera</i> | Kavir Protected Area near Mobarakiyeh, Iran | WS386420 | KR057185 | KT361188 |
| <i>Bienertia sinuspersici</i> | Kuwait, collected by Abdulrahman Alsirhan | WS386421 | KR057186 | - |
| <i>Suaeda acuminata</i> | Armenia, collected by Maria Lomonosova | WS386425 | KR057187 | KT361187 |
| <i>Suaeda aegyptiaca</i> | Kew, 011776 | WS369795 | KR057188 | KT361186 |
| <i>Suaeda altissima</i> | Armenia, collected by Maria Lomonosova | WS386426 | KR057189 | KT361185 |
| <i>Suaeda aralocaspica</i> | Kazakhstan | WS369789 | KR057190 | KT361183 |
| <i>Suaeda calceoliformis</i> | USA, Nevada, from H. Freitag | WS386422 | KR057191 | KT361184 |
| <i>Suaeda eltonica</i> | Western Kazakhstan | WS369797 | KR057192 | KT361173 |
| <i>Suaeda fruticosa</i> | Pakistan | WS386427 | KR057193 | KT361178 |
| <i>Suaeda heterophylla</i> | United States | WS369803 | KR057194 | - |
| <i>Suaeda linearis</i> | USA, New Jersey, from H. Freitag | WS386424 | KR057195 | KT361182 |
| <i>Suaeda linifolia</i> | United States | WS369788 | KR057196 | KT361181 |
| <i>Suaeda maritima</i> | Kew, 59651 | WS369798 | KR057197 | KT361180 |
| <i>Suaeda moquinii</i> | Kew 0204473 | WS386429 | KR057198 | KT361177 |
| <i>Suaeda nigra</i> | GRIN, W6 27337 | WS386428 | KR057199 | KT361176 |
| <i>Suaeda occidentalis</i> | USA, Nevada, from H. Freitag | WS386423 | KR057200 | KT361179 |
| <i>Suaeda physophora</i> | Lake Elton, Soljanka river. Russia | WS386430 | KR057201 | KT361175 |
| <i>Suaeda taxifolia</i> | United States, California | WS369802 | KR057202 | KT361174 |
| <i>Suaeda vera</i> | Kew, 0083962 | WS386431 | KR057203 | KT361172 |
| <i>Suaeda vermiculata</i> | Kew, 0118549 | WS369796 | KR057204 | KT361171 |

Table S3. Carbon isotope fraction values for leaf biomass (δ^{13}) from species used for enzyme kinetic analysis. The range of δ^{13} C values for the C₃ species was -32.9 ‰ to -28.9 ‰ (average -30.95 ‰), indicating high discrimination against ¹³C isotope characteristic of C₃ plants. The range of δ^{13} C values for C₄ species was -15.9 ‰ to -19.0 ‰ (average -16.56 ‰), showing less discrimination against the ¹³C isotope in C₄ plants.

| Species | Photosynthetic mode | δ^{13} | S.D. |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|------|
| <i>S. accuminata</i> | Schoberia Kranz C ₄ | -15.9 | 0.5 |
| <i>S. eltonica</i> | Schoberia Kranz C ₄ | -16.2 | 0.3 |
| <i>S. altissima</i> | Salsina Kranz C ₄ | -15.9 | 0.5 |
| <i>S. moquinii</i> | Salsina Kranz C ₄ | -16.2 | 0.5 |
| <i>S. fruticosa</i> | Salsina Kranz C ₄ | -19.0 | 0.6 |
| <i>S. aralocaspica</i> | Single-Cell C ₄ | -16.5 | 0.9 |
| <i>Bienertia sinuspersici</i> | Single-Cell C ₄ | -16.2 | 3.9 |
| <i>Zea mays</i> | Kranz C ₄ | -13.8 | 0.6 |
| <i>S. linearis</i> | C ₃ | -28.9 | 1.6 |
| <i>S. physophora</i> | C ₃ | -32.9 | 0.5 |
| <i>S. linifolia</i> | C ₃ | -30.4 | 0.6 |
| <i>S. vera</i> | C ₃ | -31.6 | 0.4 |

Table S4. Positive selection analysis on *ppc-1* N-terminal residues 87-457 on species in subfamily Suaedoideae used in this study. ^aM1a (nearly neutral), M2a (positive selection), M8a (beta & $\omega=1$) and M8 (beta & ω) are PAML site models; A1 and A are PAML branch site models. ^b κ is transition/transversion rate ratio; ω_0 is dN/dS ratio; ω_s is dN/dS ratio in a class under putative positive selection; p_0 and p_s are proportion of codons with $\omega < 1$ and $\omega > 1$, respectively; p and q are parameters of beta distribution in the range (0, 1). ^c Sites listed are those at which positive selection is detected at the significance level of >95% or >99% in bold italics. ^d LRT is likelihood ratio test, 2l is twice the difference of model log-likelihoods. For additional model details see Rosnow et al. 2014 and Yang 2007.

| Model with positive selection ^a | | | | Null model ^a | | | LRT ^d | |
|---|----------------|--|--|-------------------------|----------------|--|------------------|---------|
| Model | log-likelihood | Parameters ^b | Positively selected sites ^c | Model | log-likelihood | Parameters ^b | 2L | P-value |
| Analysis for positively selected sites common for C ₃ and C ₄ clades | | | | | | | | |
| M2a | -3928.8 | $\kappa=2.36, p_0=0.9, \omega_0=0.13, p_s=0.1, \omega_s=1.16$ | none | M1a | -3929.0 | $\kappa=2.34, p_0=0.88, \omega_0=0.12$ | 0.4 | 0.8187 |
| M8 | -3928.8 | $\kappa=2.36, p_0=0.9, p=0.15, q=99, \omega_s=1.18$ | none | M8a | -3932.4 | $\kappa=2.35, p=0.36, q=1.21$ | 7.3 | 0.0071 |
| Analysis for positive selection along branches leading to C ₄ clades | | | | | | | | |
| A | -3913.8 | $\kappa=2.36, p_0=0.82, \omega_0=0.11, p_s=0.01, \omega_s=3.9$ | 99, 171, 324, 333, 364 , 365, 368 | A1 | -3921.1 | $\kappa=2.3, p_0=0.7, \omega_0=0.1$ | 14.7 | 0.0001 |
| Analysis for positive selection along branches leading to Kranz C ₄ clades | | | | | | | | |
| A | -3918.8 | $\kappa=2.38, p_0=0.64, \omega_0=0.06, p_s=0.03, \omega_s=1.0$ | none | A1 | -3918.7 | $\kappa=2.34, p_0=0.40, \omega_0=0.04$ | 0.2 | 0.6547 |
| Analysis for positive selection along branches leading to Single Cell C ₄ clades | | | | | | | | |
| A | -3924.1 | $\kappa=2.36, p_0=0.74, \omega_0=0.1, p_s=0.02, \omega_s=1.0$ | none | A1 | -3924.1 | $\kappa=2.36, p_0=0.71, \omega_0=0.08$ | 0 | 1 |
| Analysis for positive selection along all C ₄ branches | | | | | | | | |
| A | -3909.7 | $\kappa=2.36, p_0=0.69, \omega_0=0.07, p_s=0.02, \omega_s=1.4$ | 157, 159, 171, 198, 314, 318, 324, 353, 364, 368 | A1 | -3910.5 | $\kappa=2.33, p_0=0.64, \omega_0=0.06$ | 1.5 | 0.2207 |

Table S5. Statistical difference for PEPC Km for PEP, Hill coefficient, and Vmax for species of Suaedoideae without and with glucose 6-P (G6P). Different numbers (1 or 2), without and with G6P, but within the same species indicate a significant difference ($p=0.05$). Different letters (A, B, etc.) among species, but with or without G6P, indicate significant differences ($p = 0.05$). The interaction between species and G6P was highly significant for Km ($P < 0.0001$, $F = 64.01$, $df1 = 8$, $df2 = 5.25$), the Hill Coefficient ($P = 0.0014$, $F = 13.60$, $df1 = 8$, $df2 = 6.89$), and PEPC Vmax ($P = 0.0008$, $F = 23.98$, $df1 = 8$, $df2 = 5.59$). Comparisons were based on the species cell means. Fisher's LSD was used to assess pairwise comparison between the species cell means.

| Species | Photosynthetic mode | Amino Acid at residue 733 | Amino Acid at residue 780 | Km | | Hill coefficient | | PEPC Vmax | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|
| | | | | No G6P | 5 mM G6P | No G6P | 5 mM G6P | No G6P | 5 mM G6P |
| <i>S. accuminata</i> | Kranz C ₄ | M | S | 1BC | 2AB | 1A | 2A | 1E | 2D |
| <i>S. eltonica</i> | Kranz C ₄ | M | S | 1AB | 2A | 1ABCD | 2B | 1D | 2C |
| <i>S. moquinii</i> | Kranz C ₄ | L | A | 1CED | 1A | 1C | 2B | 1B | 2BC |
| <i>S. fruticosa</i> | Kranz C ₄ | L | A | 1BCD | 2A | 1BCD | 2B | 1CDE | 2ABC |
| <i>S. aralocaspica</i> | Single-Cell C ₄ | L | A | 1BC | 2A | 1AB | 2B | 1ABC | 2AB |
| <i>S. linearis</i> | C ₃ | F | A | 1E | 2C | 1D | 1AB | 1H | 2E |
| <i>S. physophora</i> | C ₃ | F | A | 1E | 2BC | 1E | 1AB | 1F | 1E |
| <i>S. linifolia</i> | C ₃ | F | A | 1D | 2BC | 1E | 1B | 1G | 1E |
| <i>Zea mays</i> | C ₄ | V | S | 1A | 2A | 1D | 1A | 1A | 2A |

Table S6. Rubisco large subunit residue polymorphisms among investigated Suaedoideae species. Amino acid replacements putatively associated with increased Rubisco kcatc are highlighted in red.

| Species | Section | Photosynthetic mode | Rubisco large subunit residue number | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | 9 | 32 | 43 | 143 | 145 | 200 | 209 | 225 | 232 | 262 | 266 | 270 | 279 | 281 | 439 | 449 | 461 | 473 | 474 |
| <i>Suaeda linearis</i> | <i>Brezia</i> | C ₃ | A | Q | S | A | I | T | Q | L | T | V | M | L | T | A | R | T | I | D | T |
| <i>Suaeda physophora</i> | <i>Physophora</i> | C ₃ | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | K | • | • | • | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Suaeda linifolia</i> | <i>Schanginia</i> | C ₃ | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Suaeda vera</i> | <i>Suaeda</i> | C ₃ | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Suaeda accuminata</i> | <i>Schoberia</i> | Kranz C ₄ | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Suaeda eltonica</i> | <i>Schoberia</i> | Kranz C ₄ | • | • | • | • | • | S | P | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Suaeda altissima</i> | <i>Salsina</i> | Kranz C ₄ | • | • | T | • | V | • | • | • | • | • | • | I | • | • | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Suaeda moquinii</i> | <i>Salsina</i> | Kranz C ₄ | T | • | T | • | V | • | • | • | P | • | • | • | • | S | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Suaeda fruticosa</i> | <i>Salsina</i> | Kranz C ₄ | • | • | T | • | V | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Suaeda aralocaspica</i> | <i>Borszczowia</i> | Single-Cell C ₄ | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | S | • | • | • |
| <i>Bienertia cycloptera</i> | <i>Bienertia</i> | Single-Cell C ₄ | • | K | • | S | • | • | • | I | • | A | • | I | S | • | S | A | R | E | P |
| <i>Bienertia sinuspersici</i> | <i>Bienertia</i> | Single-Cell C ₄ | • | K | • | S | • | • | • | I | • | A | • | I | S | • | S | A | V | E | P |

Figure S1. Phylogeny of Suaedoideae taxa used for *ppc-1* positive selection analysis showing key amino acid changes. Suggested role of amino acids are; 364 and 368 glucose-6-phosphate binding, 733 and 780 phospho-enol-pyruvate binding, 868 and 879 malate binding. Clades leading to C₄ photosynthesis are highlighted in red. Phylogeny generated using ITS, *atp-rbcL*, *psbB-psbH*, and *ppc1* third position plus intron sequence. Abbreviations: *B.* = *Bienertia*, *S.* = *Suaeda*.

