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Abstract

 Background: *Diospyros oleifera*, a member of the genus *Diospyros* of the family Ebenaceae, is an economically important tree. Phylogenetic analyses have indicated that *D. oleifera* is closely related to *D. kaki*, and could be used as a model plant for research on *D. kaki.* Therefore, development of the genomic resources of *D. oleifera* will facilitate auxiliary assembly of the hexaploid persimmon genome and provide insight into the mechanisms of sex determination. **Findings:** The *D. oleifera* genome was assembled into a total of 443.6 Gb of raw reads using the Pacific Bioscience Sequel and Illumina HiSeq X Ten platforms. The final draft genome was approximately 812.3 Mb and had a high level of continuity with the 3.36 Mb N50. By using the Hi-C data and the draft genome assembly, fifteen scaffolds corresponding to the 15 chromosomes were assembled to a final size of 721.5 Mb using 332 scaffolds, accounting for 88.81% of the genome. The identified repeat sequences accounted for 54.8% of the genome. By *de novo* sequencing and analysis of homology with other plant species, 30,539 protein-coding genes with an average transcript size of 1,080.9 bp were annotated, of which 28,146 protein-coding genes (92.2%) had conserved functional motifs or functional terms. In addition, candidate genes involved in the synthesis of tannin and sex

 Keywords: *Diospyros oleifera*; chromosome-level genome assembly; Hi-C assembly; Tannin synthesis; sex determination genes

Data Description

Background

 Diospyros, the largest genus in the family Ebenaceae, comprising more than 500 species, of which the ebony and fruit have considerable economic value. The ebony of more than 20 species of *Diospyros* (including *D. reticulata* from Africa, *D. ebenum* and *D. ferrea* from Asia) is used commercially for arts, crafts, and decorative building materials. In addition, *D. kaki*, *D. oleifera*, and *D. lotus* are important species for fruit production; indeed, *D. kaki* is one of the most widely distributed fruit trees worldwide. However, most *D. kaki* cultivars are hexaploid (2n=6x=90) or nonaploid (2n=9x=135) and its progenitor, origin, and polyploidization mechanisms are unclear, which hampers molecular breeding. *D. oleifera* is diploid (2n=2x=30) and its fruit contains large quantities of tannins, important raw materials for the production of persimmon paint (Fig. 1). Also, *D. oleifera* is frequently selected as stock for grafting of persimmon (*D. kaki*). Phylogenetic analyses based on the chloroplast genome and protein-coding, intergenic, and intron sequences have indicated that *D. oleifera* is closely related to *D. kaki* and could be used as a model plant for research on *D. kaki* [1]. Therefore, analysis of the genome of *D. oleifera* will contribute to auxiliary assembly of the hexaploid persimmon genome.

 Similar to persimmon, *D. oleifera* has gynoecious, androecious, monoecious and andromonoecious sex types, making it ideal for studying the mechanism of sex determination of persimmon. The mechanism of sex determination of *D. lotus* has been investigated; using segregating F1 sibling trees (female (XX) and male (XY) progenies), two key genes (*MeGI* and *OGI*) were identified. *OGI* is required for the formation of male flowers and encodes a small RNA that represses the expression of *MeGI* [2]. However, this mechanism of sex determination cannot explain the monoecious sex type of other *Diospyros* species*.* Therefore, development of the genomic resources of *D. oleifera* could provide insight into the mechanisms of sex determination of members of the genus *Diospyros*.

 No genome sequence with chromosomal assembly of *Diospyros* has been reported. Here, we constructed a high-quality chromosome-level reference genome assembly for *D. oleifera* using the long reads generated by the Pacific Biosciences (PacBio) DNA sequencing platform and Hi-C data. This is the first chromosome-level reference genome of a member of the family Ebenaceae. The high quality (in terms of completeness and continuity) of the genome will facilitate both assembly of the hexaploid persimmon genome and further studies on the mechanisms of sex determination in the genus *Diospyros*.

Genomic DNA extraction, library construction, sequencing, and genome size estimation

 Genomic DNA was extracted from fresh leaves of *D. oleifera* using a DNAsecure Plant Kit (Tiangen Biotech, Beijing, China). A short-read genomic library was prepared using the TruSeq DNA PCR-Free LT Library Kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). Five paired-end genomic sequence libraries with a gradient insert size of 250 to 450 bp were constructed and sequenced on the Illumina HiSeq X Ten platform. A total of 104.02 Gb of raw sequence data (119.78-fold coverage of the *D. oleifera* genome) were used for genome assembly (Supplementary Table S1).

 At least 10 μg of sheared DNA was required to generate the 40 kb insert library. Preparation of the SMRT cell template involved DNA concentration, damage repair, end repair, ligation of hairpin adapters, and template purification. Subsequently, the genome was sequenced on the PacBio Sequel platform (Pacific Biosciences, Menlo Park, CA, USA). A total of 99.76 Gb of raw

 sequence data (114.88-fold coverage of the *D. oleifera* genome) were used for genome assembly (Supplementary Table S1).

 To produce a 10X genome library, about 1 ng of input DNA (50 kb length) was used for the GEM reaction during PCR, and 16 bp barcodes were introduced into droplets. Next, the droplets were fractured following purification of the intermediate DNA library. The library comprised 109.88 Gb (126.53-fold coverage of the *D. oleifera* genome) and was sequenced using 150 bp 88 paired-end reads on the Illumina HiSeq X platform (Supplementary Table S1).

 One Dovetail Hi-C library was prepared as described previously [3]. Briefly, for each library, chromatin was fixed in place in the nucleus using formaldehyde and then extracted. Fixed 91 chromatin was digested with *DpnII*, the 5' overhangs were filled using biotinylated nucleotides, and free blunt ends were ligated. After ligation, crosslinks were reversed, and DNA was separated from protein. Purified DNA was treated to remove biotin outside of the ligated fragments, sheared to a mean fragment size of about 350 bp, and used to create sequence libraries with NEBNext Ultra enzymes (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA, USA) and Illumina-compatible adapters. Biotin-containing fragments were isolated using streptavidin beads before PCR enrichment of the libraries; the libraries were next sequenced on the Illumina HiSeq PE150 platform. A total of 98.24 Gb of reads was produced for the libraries. Together, these Dovetail Hi-C library reads provided 113.12-fold physical coverage of the genome (Supplementary Table S1).

 High-quality paired-end reads from *D. oleifera* were used to generate 17-mer frequency information by k-mer analysis [4]. The 17-mer distribution was dependent on the characteristics of the genome and followed a Poisson distribution (Supplementary Fig. S1). We estimated the genome to be 868.41 Mb in size with a heterozygosity of 1.08% (Supplementary Table S2).

De novo **assembly of** *D. oleifera*

 De novo assembly of the long reads generated by SMRT sequencing was performed using FALCON [5] [\(https://github.com/PacificBiosciences/FALCON/\)](https://github.com/PacificBiosciences/FALCON/). Briefly, we first selected the longest coverage of subreads as seeds for error correction. Next, the data were filtered and 108 assembled (length cutoff pr = 4000, max diff = 100, and max $cov = 100$). A total of 2,986 contigs was assembled with a total length of 806.74 Mb (accounting for about 92.9% of the estimated genome), an N50 of 2.92 Mb, and a longest contig of 14.72 Mb (Table 1). The primary contigs (p-contigs) were polished using Quiver [6] by aligning SMRT reads, which produced a genome of 812.37 Mb and an N50 of 2.94 Mb. Finally, Pilon [7] was used to perform the second round of error correction with the short paired-end reads generated by the Illumina HiSeq platform, resulting in a genome of 811.09 Mb and a longest contig of 14.81 Mb (Table 1). For the scaffolding step, Long Ranger (v. 2.1.2, [https://support.10xgenomics.com/genome-](https://support.10xgenomics.com/genome-exome/software/pipelines/latest/installation) [exome/software/pipelines/latest/installation\)](https://support.10xgenomics.com/genome-exome/software/pipelines/latest/installation) was applied to build scaffolds using the 10X data. FragScaff [8] (v. 1-1) was used to build superscaffolds from the barcoded sequencing reads. The final assembly contained 2,812 scaffolds and had a total length of 812.32 Mb, representing approximately 93.54% of the genome estimated by k-mer analysis. The sizes of the longest contig and scaffold were 14.82 and 17.43 Mb, respectively, and the N50s were 2.94 and 3.36 Mb, respectively (Table 1). Subsequently, the Hi-C sequencing data were aligned to the assembled 122 scaffolds by BWA-mem [9], and the scaffolds were clustered onto chromosomes with LACHESIS [\(http://shendurelab.github.io/LACHESIS/\)](http://shendurelab.github.io/LACHESIS/). Among the 2,812 scaffolds, 332 were grouped into the 15 chromosomes (Fig. 2). The final genome was 721.45 Mb and the N50 was 33.5 Mb, accounting for 88.81% of the total genome (Supplementary Table S3, Fig. 3).

Assessment of the assembled genome

 To estimate the quality of the assembled genome, the short reads were mapped back to the consensus genome using BWA; the overall mapping rate was 98.19%, suggesting that the assembly contained comprehensive genomic information (Supplementary Table S4). The completeness of gene regions was assessed using Core Eukaryotic Gene Mapping Approach (CEGMA) [10] and Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO) [11] to evaluate the completeness of the assembled

 genome. The CEGMA assessment showed that 215 (93.55%) of 248 core eukaryotic genes were covered (Supplementary Table S5). In contrast, 89.4% of complete BUSCOs were detected and 6.6% were missing (Supplementary Table S6), indicating that the assembled genome had a high level of completeness.

Repetitive elements identification of *D. oleifera*

 The *D. oleifera* genome was subjected to annotation of repetitive sequences—transposable elements (TEs) and tandem repeats. RepeatMasker [12,13] (v. 3.3.0) was used to detect TEs in a repeat library derived from a known repeat library (Repbase, v. 15.02) and a *de novo* repeat library generated using RepeatModeler [3] (v. 1.0.5), RepeatScout [14], Piler, and LTR_FINDER [15]. RepeatProteinMask [13] was used to detect TEs in the *D. oleifera* genome by comparison with a TE database. Tandem repeats were identified using Tandem Repeats Finder [16].

 Repetitive sequences comprised 54.8% of the *D. oleifera* genome, among which TEs accounted for 53.03%. The most frequently detected TEs were long terminal repeat (LTR) retrotransposons (46.73%), followed by DNA TEs (4.17%). Of the LTRs, 26.63% and 14.40% were Ty3/Gypsy and Ty1/Copia, respectively (Table 2).

Annotation of protein-coding genes

 De novo, homolog-based, and RNA sequencing (RNA-seq)-based predictions were employed to annotate the protein-coding genes in the *D. oleifera* genome. The following *ab initio* gene prediction software packages were used to predict genes: Augustus [17, 18] (v. 3.0.2), Genescan [19] (v. 1.0), Geneid [20], GlimmerHMM [21] (v. 3.0.2), and SNAP [22]. The protein sequences of seven homologous species (including *Arabidopsis thaliana* and *Daucus carota*) were downloaded from Ensembl or the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) databases. Homologous sequences were aligned against the repeat-masked *D. oleifera* genome using TBLASTN [23] (E-155 value \leq 1E-05). Genewise [24] (v. 2.2.0) was employed to predict gene models based on the aligned sequences. The RNA-seq data were assembled into the unique sequences of transcripts by mapping the RNA-seq data to the *D. oleifera* genome using TopHat [25] (v. 2.0.8) and Cufflinks [26] (v. 2.1.1) [\(http://cufflinks.cbcb.umd.edu/\)](http://cufflinks.cbcb.umd.edu/) for transcript assembly. Alternatively, Trinity [27] was used to assemble the RNA-seq data, and the gene structures were improved using PASA [28] software [\(http://pasapipeline.github.io/\)](http://pasapipeline.github.io/). A weighted and non-redundant gene set was generated by merging 161 all of the gene models predicted by the above three approaches with EVidenceModeler (EVM) [29]. PASA was applied to adjust the gene models generated by EVM. The final reference gene set contained 30,539 protein-coding genes with an average transcript size of 1,080.95 bp (Supplementary Table S7).

Functional annotation

 Functional annotation of protein-coding genes was performed according to the best BLAST hit by 167 BLASTP (E-value \leq 1E-05) searching of the SwissProt, TrEMBL [30], and NCBI non-redundant (NR) protein databases. Motifs and domains were annotated by searching the Pfam, PRINTS, PROSITE, ProDom, and SMART InterPro (v. 29.0) databases using InterProScan [31] (v. 4.8). The Gene Ontology [32] term for each gene was obtained from the corresponding InterPro description. Additionally, the gene sets were mapped to Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) 172 [33] (v. 53) pathways to identify the best match classification for each gene (BLASTp E-value \leq 1E- 05). Finally, 28,146 protein-coding genes (92.2%) had conserved functional motifs or functional terms—92% (28,098), 78.7% (24,032), and 72.5% (22,135) of the genes in NR, InterPro, and KEGG, respectively (Table 3).

Annotation of non-coding RNAs

 tRNA genes were predicted using tRNAscan-SE software [34] with the default parameters. rRNAs were annotated based on their level of homology with the rRNAs of several species of higher plants (not shown) using BLASTN with an E-value of 1e-5. The miRNA and snRNA fragments were identified by searching the Rfam database (v. 11.0) using INFERNAL [35,36] software. Finally, 564 miRNAs, 507 tRNAs, 2,207 rRNAs, and 803 snRNAs were identified, which had average lengths of 114.69, 74.82, 161.40, and 111.54 bp, respectively (Supplementary Table S8).

Identification of tannin synthase genes and sex determination genes in *D. oleifera*

 Given the importance of tannin production in *D. oleifera,* we further indentified genes within the tannin biosynthesis pathway, which including chorismic acid pathway, phenylpropane metabolic pathway, and flavonoid synthesis pathway (Supplementary Fig. S1). All of the synthase genes involved in the three pathways, as well as several closely related transcription factors including WD40 and WIP-ZF were identified by aligning to reference genes downloaded in NCBI [\(https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov\)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/) or TAIR [\(https://www.arabidopsis.org/index.jsp\)](https://www.arabidopsis.org/index.jsp) using Blastp (E- value<1e-5, identity≥50%, and coverage≥50%). A Pfam HMMER search was used to filter genes that don't contain the corresponding domain. Transcription factors (TFs) including MYB, MYC and WRKY were identified and classified into different families using the iTAK pipeline [\(http://bioinfo.bti.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/itak/index.cgi\)](http://bioinfo.bti.cornell.edu/cgi-bin/itak/index.cgi)) . 16, 13, and 80 genes that are involved in chorismic acid pathway, phenylpropane metabolic pathway, and flavonoid synthesis pathway were identified, such as: genes encoding the Flavanone 3-hydroxylase (F3H), Anthocyanidin reductase (ANR) and Anthocyanidin synthase (ANS). Also, we detected 18 genes encoding transport proteins such as Glutathione S-transferase (GST) and Multi-drug and toxic compound extrusion transporter (MATE), which were closely related to transmembrane transport of tannin. Besides, we identified the key genes of acetaldehyde metabolism, such as *ADH*(10), *ALDH*(19), and *PDC*(5), which were related to the deastringency of persimmon (Supplementary Table S9). The tannin synthetic gene identified in this study provides the basis for molecular breeding of persimmon tannins.

 It has been reported that *MeGI* and *OGI* were the key sex determinant genes in *D. lotus* [2], and *SyGI* was a type-C cytokinin response regulator as a potential sex determinant gene in the genus *Actinidia* [37]. To detect the sex determinant genes in *D. oleifera,* the genome sequences was

 aligned with reference genes obtained from the NCBI [\(https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov\)](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/) or a kiwifruit database [\(ftp://bioinfo.bti.cornell.edu/pub/kiwifruit\)](ftp://bioinfo.bti.cornell.edu/pub/kiwifruit) using BLASTp (E-value < 1e-5, identity \geq 30%, and coverage \geq 60%). A Pfam HMMER search was performed to filter genes that did not contain the corresponding domain. As a result, two candidate *MeGI* homologous genes (evm.model.fragScaff_scaffold_41.132, located at Chr4; and evm.model.original_scaffold_1194.14, located at original_scaffold_1194) and one candidate *SyGI* homologous gene (evm.model.original_scaffold_171.540, located at Chr7) were identified in the *D. oleifera* genome. The functions of these genes should be the subject of further studies.

Phylogenetic tree construction and divergence time estimation

 10 other sequenced plant species were used to investigate the evolution of *D.oleifera*, including 7 asterids plants (*P.veris, R.delavayi, C.sinensis, A.chinensis, D.carota, C.canephora, S.lycopersicum*) and 3 rosids plants (*A.thaliana, V.vinifera, C.melo*). Gene families were generated by OrthoMCL [38] [\(http://orthomcl.org/orthomcl/\)](http://orthomcl.org/orthomcl/). First, nucleotide and protein data of 10 species were 219 downloaded from Ensembl (Release 70) and NCBI. Before an "all against all" BLASTP (E-value \leq 1E-07) program, the longest transcript was selected from alternative splicing transcripts belonging to 221 one gene, and genes with \leq 50 amino acids were removed. The alignments with high- scoring segment pairs (HSPs) were conjoined for each gene pair by solar [39]. To identify homologous gene-pairs, more than 30% coverage of the aligned regions in both homologous genes was required. Finally, the alignments were clustered into gene families using OrthoMCL with 1.5 inflation index. After clustering, 23,924 gene families and 414 single-copy orthologs were detected across *D.oleifera* and 10 other species. Then, the 414 shared single-copy orthologs were utilized to construct the phylogenetic tree. Protein sequences of these orthologs were aligned by MUSCLE [40]. Using the protein alignments, the phylogenetic tree was constructed by the ML (maximum likelihood) TREE algorithm in RAxML software [41, 42] (version 7.2.3). Then mcmctree program of PAML (http://abacus.gene.ucl.ac.uk/software/paml.html) was applied to estimate divergence time among 14 species with main parameters burn-in=100,000, sample-number=100,000, and sample- frequency=2. 4 calibration points were selected from TimeTree website (http://www.timetree.org) as normal priors to restrain the age of the nodes. The phylogenetic tree confirmed the grouping of Angiospermae. The split of *D.oleifera* was estimated at 76.9 Mya (Fig.4).

Whole-genome duplication analysis.

 We used BLASTP (E-value < 1e-5) to do homolog or paralog search with the *D.oleifera* and other genomes (*A.chinensis, C.canephora, C.sinensis*) and MCScanX [43] was used to detect syntenic blocks. Then calculate 4dtv (transversion substitutions at fourfold degenerate sites) rates for all syntenic genes to identify putative whole genome duplication or species split events in *D.oleifera*. Besides the ancient whole-genome duplication (WGD) events occurred in all dicots species: γ event (all core eudicots share an ancient WGD, 4dtv = 0.6), a second WGD event occurred in *D.oleifera* which might contribute to the divergence of *D.oleifera* and *C. sinensis* (Supplementary Fig. S2)*.*

Conclusions

 We generated a high-quality chromosome-level draft genome of *D. oleifera* based on long reads generated by the third-generation PacBio Sequel sequencing platform. The final draft genome was approximately 812.3 Mb, slightly smaller than the 868.4 Mb estimated by k-mer analysis. The Hi- C data were combined with the assembled draft genome to generate chromosome-length scaffolds. As a result, 15 scaffolds corresponding to the 15 chromosomes were assembled; these comprised 721.5 Mb and 332 scaffolds, with an N50 of 33.5 Mb, and accounted for 88.81% of the genome. In addition, 30,539 protein-coding genes with an average transcript size of 1,080.9 bp were predicted, and 92.2% (28,146 genes) of all protein-coding genes were annotated, 109 of which were related to the synthesis of tannin, 3 were related to sex determination. Also, repeat sequences accounted

 for 54.8% of the genome, and 564 miRNAs, 507 tRNAs, 2,207 rRNAs, and 803 snRNAs were identified. The divergence time of *D. oleifera* was estimated at 76.9 Mya, and two WGD events occurred in *D.oleifera* genome. To our knowledge, our chromosome-level genome assembly of *D. oleifera* is the first reference genome of a member of the family Ebenaceae. The assembled genome will facilitate both research on the mechanisms of sex determination in the genus *Diospyros* and assembly of the hexaploid persimmon genome.

Availability of supporting data

 The data set supporting the results of this article is available in the NCBI Sequence Read Archive [Accessions: PRJNA532832].

Additional files

- Fig. S1: Tannins sythnase genes and deastringency process in *Diospyros.*
- Fig. S2: Whole-genome duplication analysis of *D. oleifera* genome. Dol (*D.oleifera),* Ach

(A.chinensis), Cca (*C.canephora),* Csi*(C.sinensis*).

- Table S1: The sequencing data size by various sequencing platform.
- Table S2: Estimation of *D.oleifera* genome size by K-mer analysis.
- Table S3: Chromosomes length using HiC reads.
- Table S4: Mapping rate of reads to *D.oleifera* genome assembly.
- Table S5: CEGMA assessment of *D.oleifera* genome.
- Table S6: BUSCO notation assessment of *D.oleifera* genome.
- Table S7: Gene annotation of *D.oleifera* genome via three methods.
- Table S8: *D.oleifera* genome ncRNA annotation statistics used different databases.
- Table S9: Genes involved in tannins sythnase genes and deastringency process in *D. oleifera*.

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Table 2 Classification of repetitive elements in *D.oleifera* genome

Table 3 *D.oleifera* genome gene annotation statistics used different databases

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