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1 The chromosome-level genome assembly and annotation of the loquat 2 (*Eriobotrya japonica*) genome

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9 **Abstract**

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24 and *Pyrus*, and the divergence time of *Eriobotrya* and *Malus* was 6.76 million years ago.
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27 Nanopore, and Hi-C technologies. This work provides a valuable reference genome for the
28 molecular studies of the loquat, and give a new insight of chromosome evolution in the loquat.

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30 **Data Description**

31 **Background**

32 The genus *Eriobotrya* L. (common name loquat) is a species of flowering plant in the family
33 Rosaceae [1], and about twenty-five species are classified by most taxonomists. Sixteen species
34 were native in China [2]. Cultivated loquats in Asia mainly belong to *Eriobotrya japonica* (NCBI:
35 txid 32224). The loquat was originated from China and has been also produced widely throughout
36 other Asian countries (Japan and Korea), some southern European countries (Turkey, Italy, and
37 France), and several Northern African countries (Morocco and Algeria) [3]. It is a large evergreen
38 tree, grown commercially for its yellow or red fruit. The relationship of loquat, apple, pear, and
39 peach are close [4]. In comparison, the maturity period of the loquat is in early summer, which is
40 earlier than most of the fruits in a year. The loquat is evergreen and blooms in winter. The top buds
41 become flowers. After flower bud differentiation, the loquat flowered without a long period of
42 dormancy. The loquat has infinite inflorescence, and one inflorescence can pick up many fruits,
43 which enhance the ability to adapt to the low temperature in the winter.

44 In the present study, we present a genome assembly for the loquat with 17 chromosomes and a
45 genome size of 760 Mb. The genome assembly was created using Nanopore long reads and Hi-C
46 data. Illumina paired-end sequence was used for the base and indel correction. The completeness
47 and continuity of the genome were comparable with those of other important Rosaceae species. The
48 high-quality reference genome generated in this study will facilitate research on population genetic
49 traits and functional gene identification related to important characteristics of the loquat.

50 **Sample collection**

51 *Eriobotrya japonica* cv. Seventh Star is a cultivar bred by the team of Dr. Xueying Zhang in
52 Shanghai Academy of Agricultural Sciences (SAAS, Shanghai, China) (Fig. 1), and it was widely
53 cultivated in Shanghai, China. The young leaves were collected from an individual of Seventh Star
54 on Mar. 20, 2019 at the experimental farm of SAAS in Zhuanghang Town (Fengxian, Shanghai,
55 China). This tree was 14 years old and considered to be in the adult phase. The leaves were frozen
56 in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until DNA extraction. Total genomic DNA was extracted
57 from the leaf tissues following the CTAB protocol [5]. The leaf, fruit, bud, root, and branch were
58 collected to RNA extraction.

59 **Estimation of genome size and heterozygosity analysis**

60 The qualified genomic DNA was randomly interrupted by ultrasonic oscillation into the
61 fragment of 350 bp, and then a small fragment sequencing library was constructed by terminal repair,
62 addition of A, addition of linker, target fragment selection, and PCR. The library was subjected to
63 double-end 150 bp (PE 150) sequencing using an Illumina Hiseq 4000. The data was subjected to
64 quality control and used for the analysis. The result showed that a total of 47.42 Gb data were
65 obtained (Table 1). The reads were searched by the NT database, which confirmed that the sample
66 is free from contamination. Evaluation of the chloroplast of the species revealed a very low extra-
67 nuclear DNA content. The GC content of the genome is estimated to be approximately 39.65%.

68 Kmer is an oligonucleotide sequence of length k extracted from the sliding window of the
69 sequencing data. Under the premise of uniform distribution of sequencing reads, the following
70 formula is obtained:

$$71 \quad \text{Genomic size} = \frac{\text{total number of bases}}{\text{average sequencing depth}} = \frac{\text{total kmer}}{\text{average kmer depth}}$$

72 A kmer map of k=21 was constructed using 350 bp library data (Fig. 2) for evaluation of the
73 genome size, repeat sequence ratio, and heterozygosity. The main peak corresponding to the kmer
74 depth is 55, which is the average kmer depth. A sequence in which the kmer depth appears more
75 than twice the main peak (depth value, 111) is a repeating sequence. The kmer depth appears at the
76 half of the main peak (depth value, 27.5) means that this sequence is heterozygous. The total number
77 of kmer obtained from the sequencing data was 41,072,179,362. After removing the kmer with
78 abnormal depth, a total of 39,711,658,265 kmer were used for the genome size estimation, and the
79 calculated genome length was about 710.83 Mbp, which was consistent with 654.40 Mbp estimated
80 by flow cytometry [6]. According to the kmer distribution, the estimated repeat sequence ratio is
81 about 54.56%. There is no obvious heterozygous peak, and the heterozygosity is a low value of
82 0.48%. In summary, the loquat had a simple genome, which is conducive to the assembly of the
83 genome.

84 **Nanopore, Hi-C and RNA Sequencing**

85 Genomic DNA was extracted and sequenced following the Ligation Sequencing Kit (Nanopore,
86 UK). The DNA was purified, and its quality was assessed by the Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer (Thermo
87 Fisher, USA). The DNA was randomly interrupted and the fragments of ~20 kb were enriched and
88 purified. Damaged DNA and ends were enzymatically repaired by NEBNext End Repair/dA-tailed

89 (NEB, UK). Then, a 20-kb library was constructed and sequenced by the Nanopore PromethION
90 platform, according to the manufacturer's protocols. The data of about 106.23 Gb was obtained.
91 After the data quality control, the final data volume was 100.10 Gb (Table 1). A Hi-C sample library
92 was constructed by the fresh leaf of the loquat. The main process includes cross-linking DNA,
93 restriction enzyme digestion, ends repair, DNA cyclization, and DNA purification. The library was
94 sequenced by Illumina HiSeq 4000. A total of 67.25 Gb Clean Data was obtained and Q30 was
95 94.38%. RNA-seq samples were obtained by mixing an equal amount of RNA extracted from each
96 tissue (leaf, fruit, bud, root, and branch) and used for library construction. After sequencing on the
97 Illumina HiSeq 4000 platform, we obtained 11.06 Gb of sequencing data (Table 1).

98 **Genome assembly based on Nanopore and Hi-C data**

99 In Nanopore sequencing data, the N50 and average length of the reads reached 18.06 and 16.15
100 Kb respectively (Additional Table S1). According to the estimated genome size (710.83 Mbp), the
101 sequencing depth was 131.69 x. The data were corrected by Canu software (Canu, RRID:
102 SCR_015880, v1.4) [7] to obtain high-accuracy data for smartdenovo assembly, and then Racon
103 software [8] and Pilon software (Pilon, RRID: SCR_01 4731, v1.21) [9] were used to calibrate the
104 data. The total length of the draft genome sequence was 760.10 Mb composed of 597 contigs, and
105 the contig N50 was 5.02 Mb.

106 BWA software (BWA, RRID: SCR_010910, v0.7.15) [10] was used to map the Hi-C short
107 reads obtained from the Illumina HiSeq with the draft genome. The number of unique mapped Read
108 pairs was 135,734,826, which accounted for 60.42 % of total Read pairs. These unique Read pairs
109 were evaluated by HiC-Pro [11] to compare the valid interaction pairs and the invalid interaction
110 pairs mapped to the draft genome. The result showed that the percent of valid interaction pairs was
111 73.97%. In conclusion, the Hi-C library has high quality. The contigs were interrupted by a length
112 of 50 Kb and reassembled by Hi-C data. The position that could not be restored to the original
113 assembled sequence was listed as a candidate error region, and then the low Hi-C coverage depth in
114 this region confirmed this error. After the correction, 819 contigs were identified. LACHESIS
115 software [12] was used to group, sort, and orient all contigs. 800 contigs could be mapped to 17
116 chromosomes. In the assembled process, 305 contigs were capable of determining the order and
117 direction accounted for 676.24 Mb (89.27%), which were assembled to the chromosomes
118 (Additional Table S2). Finally, 17 chromosomes and 514 unplaced scaffolds were obtained in the

119 final chromosome-level genome (Table 2). The scaffold N50 was 39.7 Mb.

120 **Evaluation of assembly quality**

121 The integrity of the assembled genome was assessed. Firstly, BWA software (BWA, RRID:
122 SCR_010910, v0.7.15) [10] was used to compare the short reads obtained from the Illumina HiSeq
123 sequencing data with the reference genome. The percent of mapped reads to the reference genome
124 was up to 99.69%. Secondly, CEGMA (v2.5) [13] was used to assess the integrity of 458 conserved
125 core genes for eukaryotes, 451 (98.47%) genes were present in the assembled genome. Thirdly, the
126 database in Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO, RRID:SCR_015008, v2.0)
127 [14] was used to assess the completeness of gene regions, which contains 1,440 conserved core
128 genes. The results showed that 96.81% of the plant single-copy orthologues were complete.
129 Complete single-copy and complete multi-copy genes accounted for 64.65% and 32.15%,
130 respectively. Therefore, these results indicated that the loquat genome assembly has high quality
131 and coverage.

132 **Genome annotation**

133 LTR_FINDER (LTR_FINDER, RRID:SCR_015247) [15] and RepeatScout (RepeatScout,
134 RRID:SCR_014653) [16] software were used to de novo predict repetitive sequences in the loquat
135 genome, and then all isolated sequences were classified by PASTEClassifier [17] and mapped to
136 the database of Repbase using RepeatMasker (RepeatMasker, RRID:SCR_012954) [18]. A total of
137 449.72 Mb of repeat sequences were identified, accounting for 59.17% of the genome size (Table
138 S3). Among these repeat sequences, 48.6% (369.44 Mb) and 9.65% (73.34 Mb) were predicted as
139 Class I transposons and Class II retrotransposons (Additional Table S3). In Class I, *Copia*- and
140 Gypsy- retrotransposons account for 15.84% (120.38 Mb) and 26.28% (199.73 Mb) respectively.
141 In Class II, TIR- and Helitron- transposons account for 6.85% and 1.96% respectively. The result
142 showed that the retrotransposons account for a large proportion of the loquat genome.

143 The protein coding genes were predicted based on three different strategies, including de novo
144 prediction, homologous species prediction, and Unigene prediction. Genscan (Genscan,
145 RRID:SCR_012902) [19], Augustus (Augustus, RRID:SCR_015981, v2.4) [20], GlimmerHMM
146 (GlimmerHMM, RRID:SCR_002654, v3.0.4) [21], GeneID (GeneID, RRID:SCR_002473, v1.4)
147 [22], and SNAP (SNAP, RRID:SCR_005501) [23] were used in de novo prediction. GeMoMa
148 (v1.3.1) [24] was used for prediction based on homologous species. The transcripts was assembled

149 by using Hisat (Hisat, RRID:SCR_015530, v2.0.4) [25] and Stringtie (v1.2.3) [26] based on RNA-
150 seq data, and then GeneMarkS-T (v5.1) [27] and PASA (PASA, RRID:SCR_014656, v2.0.2) [28]
151 were used for gene prediction. Finally, EVM (v1.1.1) [29] was used to integrate the prediction
152 results obtained by the above three methods. The Venn diagram showed that 27,685 genes were
153 predicted in all three strategies (Additional Fig. S1), and 45,743 genes accounted for 160.87 Mb
154 were predicted (Additional Table S4). To better understand gene function, we searched all 45,743
155 protein-coding genes to protein databases, including InterProScan, KEGG, SwissProt, and TrEMBL.
156 Results showed that 98.69% of the genes could be annotated from these databases. The distribution
157 of repetitive sequences and protein coding genes were shown in Fig. 3B, 3C.

158 Based on the Rfam database [30], Blastn (Blastn, RRID:SCR_001598) was used for genome-
159 wide alignment to identify microRNAs and rRNAs. tRNA was predicted by tRNAscan-SE
160 (tRNAscan-SE, RRID:SCR:010835) [31]. A total of 656 tRNAs, 6,211 rRNAs, 121 miRNAs were
161 predicted. GeneWise (GeneWise, RRID:SCR_015054) [32] was used to find immature stop codons
162 and frameshift mutations in the predicted genes to obtain pseudogenes, and 7,642 pseudogenes were
163 obtained.

164 **Gene clusters and duplication**

165 The protein sequence of *E. japonica* and its related six species (*Malus domestica*, *Prunus*
166 *persica*, *Pyrus communis*, *Rubus occidentalis*, *Rosa chinensis*, and *Fragaria vesca*) were compared
167 to analyze the duplication of genes and the classification of species-specific genes between species.
168 The genome of all related species were downloaded from the database of Genome Database for
169 Rosaceae. OrthoMCL software (OrthoMCL, RRID:SCR_007839) [33] was used to find the gene
170 family unique to all species. In *E. japonica*, 45,743 genes were grouped into 17,333 gene families
171 (Table 4), which was more than other species. The number of genes and gene families in *E. japonica*
172 was similar with *P. communis*, which had 45217 genes and 16875 gene families. *E. japonica* had
173 665 unifamilies, suggesting these families were special in the loquat genome. The classification of
174 genes showed that the single copy gene in loquat was less than other species, and 1849 single copy
175 genes were identified. The loquat and pear had a large number of multiple copy genes (Fig. 4A).
176 The gene expansion analysis showed that 182 genes were expanded in *E. japonica* compared with
177 *M. domestica* and *P. communis*, including NB-ARC domain, transposase family tnp2, and
178 Myb/SANT-like DNA-binding domain (Additional Table S5).

179 Due to limited computing power, fifty-one copy genes in loquat and six related species were
180 randomly selected to construct a phylogenetic tree using MEGA (MEGA, RRID:SCR 000667,
181 v7.0.26) software. The method of maximum-likelihood-based phylogenetic analyses were
182 performed with *Rubus occidentalis* as the outgroup. Results indicated that the *Eriobotrya* has a close
183 relationship with the *Malus* and *Pyrus* (Fig. 4). To further investigate the divergence time of these
184 species, the MCMCTREE model was used. Fossil records were downloaded from the TIMETREE
185 website [45] and used to calibrate the results. The divergence time of *Malus* and *Prunus* was set to
186 45.50 million years ago. Results showed that the loquat diverged from the *Malus* ~6.76 million
187 years ago (Fig. 4B).

188 4DTv (4-fold degenerate synonymous sites of the third codons) values were calculated
189 according to the homologous gene pairs between the two species or the species itself. The 4DTv
190 distribution map revealed two whole genome replication events. A divergence peak value (4DTv ~
191 0.01) was observed in the *E. japonica* -vs- *P. communis* in the map, and a low values were found in
192 the *E. japonica* -vs- *R. chinensis* (Fig. 4C), which suggested that the divergence of *E. japonica* and
193 *P. communis* was relatively later than the divergence of *E. japonica* and *R. chinensis*. In a self-
194 alignment of the chromosomes based on gene synteny, a peak value (0.05) was found in 4DTv value,
195 suggesting that a whole-genome or large-fragment duplication occurred in the *Eriobotrya* genome.

196 **Chromosome evolution between the *Malus*, *Prunus*, and *Eriobotrya* genomes**

197 The evolution of the *Eriobotrya* chromosomes and gene collinearity was evaluated using
198 MCScan (version 0.8). The chromosomes of *Prunus* and *Malus* were used as reference genomes. A
199 total of 26,557 and 40,928 gene pairs were found in inter-genomic comparison in *Eriobotrya* -vs-
200 *Prunus* and *Eriobotrya* -vs- *Malus*, respectively. The alignments of syntenic chromosomes were
201 visualized between *Malus*, *Prunus*, and *Eriobotrya* (Fig. 5A). The scattered points in *Eriobotrya* -
202 vs- *Malus* were less than *Eriobotrya* -vs- *Prunus*, suggesting the close relationship between
203 *Eriobotrya* and *Malus*. The frequency of large-scale fragment rearrangements among *Malus*, *Prunus*,
204 and *Eriobotrya*, including inversions and translocations (Fig. 5B). In the comparison of *Prunus*, and
205 *Eriobotrya*, Sac1, 4, and 8 in *Prunus* had duplicated (Fig. 5A). Sac1 divided into LG07/LG08 and
206 LG06/LG15 in *Eriobotrya*. Sac4 and Sac8 were combined and formed LG01 and LG02. Sac5 was
207 not duplicated and formed LG14 in *Eriobotrya*, suggesting that the other Sac5 was lost in the whole
208 genome duplication. In the comparison of *Malus*, and *Eriobotrya*, C05 and C10 in *Malus* were

209 combined and formed LG01 and LG02 in *Eriobotrya*. C09 and C17 formed LG11 and LG13. One-
210 to-one corresponding chromosome was not detected, suggesting that the fragment rearrangements
211 widely occurred in the chromosomes of *Malus* and *Eriobotrya*. These findings implied that *Malus*,
212 *Prunus*, and *Eriobotrya* shared some regions of chromosome and extensive chromosome
213 rearrangements occurred. Overall, these findings a new insight on the evolution of *Eriobotrya*
214 chromosomes.

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216 **Discussion**

217 As far as our knowledge, this is the first report of the chromosome-level genome assembly of
218 *E. japonica* using third-generation sequencing Nanopore and High-through chromosome
219 conformation capture technology. A total of 45,743 high-quality protein coding genes were
220 annotated by integrating results from 3 different methods including de novo prediction, homologous
221 species prediction, and Unigene prediction. Phylogenetic analysis indicated that the *Eriobotrya* is
222 closely related to the *Malus*. The analysis showed that a whole-genome or large-fragment
223 duplication occurred in the *Eriobotrya* genome. The chromosomal rearrangement was found in
224 *Eriobotrya* and *Malus*. This work provide a valuable chromosome-level genomic data for the loquat,
225 and important genomic data for studying the loquat traits.

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227 **Abbreviations**

228 4DTv: 4-fold degenerate synonymous sites of the third codons; BLAST: Basic Local Alignment
229 Search Tool; bp: base pairs; Gb: gigabase pairs; GO: Gene Ontology; Hi-C: high-throughput
230 chromosome conformation capture; HiSeq: high-throughput sequencing; kb: kilobase pairs; KEGG:
231 Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes; Mb: megabase pairs; miRNA: MicroRNA; RNA-seq:
232 RNA-sequencing; rRNA: ribosomal RNA; TrEMBL: a database of translated proteins from
233 European Bioinformatics Institute; tRNA: Transfer RNA.

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235 **Conflict of interest**

236 The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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238 **Author contributions**

239 Shuang Jiang performed the experiments and wrote the manuscript. Haishan An helped to collect
240 the samples and revise the manuscript. Fangjie Xu helped to analyze the data and revise the
241 manuscript. Xueying Zhang involved in designing the research and revised the manuscript. All
242 authors read and approved the manuscript.

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244 **Availability of supporting data and materials**

245 All sequencing data have been deposited in the BIG Data Center, Beijing Institute of Genomics
246 (BIG), Chinese Academy of Sciences under BioProject number PRJCA001836. For genome
247 assembly data, the accession number is GWHAAZU00000000 in Genome Warehouse in BIG. The
248 run of clean reads in Nanopore, Illumina HiSeq, HiC, and RNA-seq were deposited in Genome
249 Sequence Archive in BIG under the accession number of CRR078404~CRR078407. The annotation
250 files of the genome (gff3, NR annotation files, et al.) was deposited in Baidu Cloud Disk
251 (<https://pan.baidu.com/s/1ALo86W-45mgvZ7MgrWLWvA>, password: 1ku4).

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343 **Figure legends**

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345 Figure 1 The loquat of seventh star (*Eriobotrya japonica*).

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347 Figure 2 The Kmer analysis (K=23) of *Eriobotrya japonica* genome characteristics.

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349 Figure 3 Summary of the de novo genome assembly and sequencing analysis of *Eriobotrya japonica*.

350 A, Chromosome number; B, numbers of repeat sequences per Mb; C, numbers of protein coding

351 genes per Mb; and D paralogous relationships between *E. japonica* chromosomes.

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353 Figure 4 The genome evolution of *Eriobotrya*. (A) Comparison of copy numbers in gene clusters of

354 *Eriobotrya* genomes and six related species genomes. (B) Constructed phylogenetic tree and

355 divergence time estimation. (C) 4DTV analyses in *Eriobotrya* and related species.

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357 Figure 5 The chromosomes collinearity among *Malus*, *Prunus* and *Eriobotrya*. (A) The inter-

358 genomic comparison. (B) The chromosomes map in three species.

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360 **Additional files**

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362 Additional Figure S1 COG function classification of all unigenes.

363 Additional Table S1 The sequence length of reads in Nanopore.

364 Additional Table S2 The details of the distribution of each chromosome sequences

365 Additional Table S3 The details of repeat sequences in the loquat genome.

366 Additional Table S4 Gene prediction result statistics

367 Additional Table S5 The number of expansion gene in *E. japonica* compared with *M. domestica* and

368 *P. communis*.

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371 Table 1: Sequencing data used for loquat genome assembly and annotation

Sequencing type	Platform	Library size (bp)	Clean data (Gb)	Application
Genome short reads	Illumina HiSeq 4000	350	47.42	Genome survey and assessment
Nanopore reads	Nanopore platform	20000	100.10	Contig assembly
Hi-C reads	Illumina HiSeq 4000	300-700	67.25	Chromosome construction
Transcriptome short reads	Illumina HiSeq 4000	200-500	11.06	Genome annotation and assessment

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375 Table 2 Assembly statistics

	Software	Assembly level	Number of sequences	N50 (Mb)	size (Gb)
Nanopore	Smartdenovo, Racon, and Pilon	contig	597	5.0	760.1
Nanopore and Hic	Lachesis	chromosome	17 + 514 ^a	39.7	676.2 + 83.9

376 ^aThere are 514 unplaced scaffolds in the final chromosome-level assembly. These unplaced contigs
 377 comprise ~10.73% of total bases in the genome assembly size.

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380 Table 3 Repeat sequences in the loquat genome

Type*	Number	Length (bp)	Rate (%)
ClassI/LTR/Copia	141,908	120,380,193	15.84
ClassI/LTR/Gypsy	183,863	199,727,884	26.28
ClassII/Helitron	45,852	14,912,320	1.96
ClassII/TIR	140,384	52,101,491	6.85
Other	184,400	62,606,412	8.24
Total	669,919	449,728,153	59.17

381 *The main type of repeat sequences were shown.

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384 Table 4 The statistics of gene family classification in seven species.

Species	Total genes	Cluster number	Total family	Uni family
<i>E. japonica</i>	45,743	39,294	17,333	665
<i>M. domestica</i>	28,306	20,426	12,797	365
<i>P. communis</i>	45,217	32,764	16,875	819
<i>P. persica</i>	26,873	22,583	14,969	310
<i>R. occidentalis</i>	33,253	24,641	15,479	1,241
<i>F. vesca</i>	24,034	21,789	14,859	196
<i>R. chinensis</i>	30,214	26,705	15,326	473

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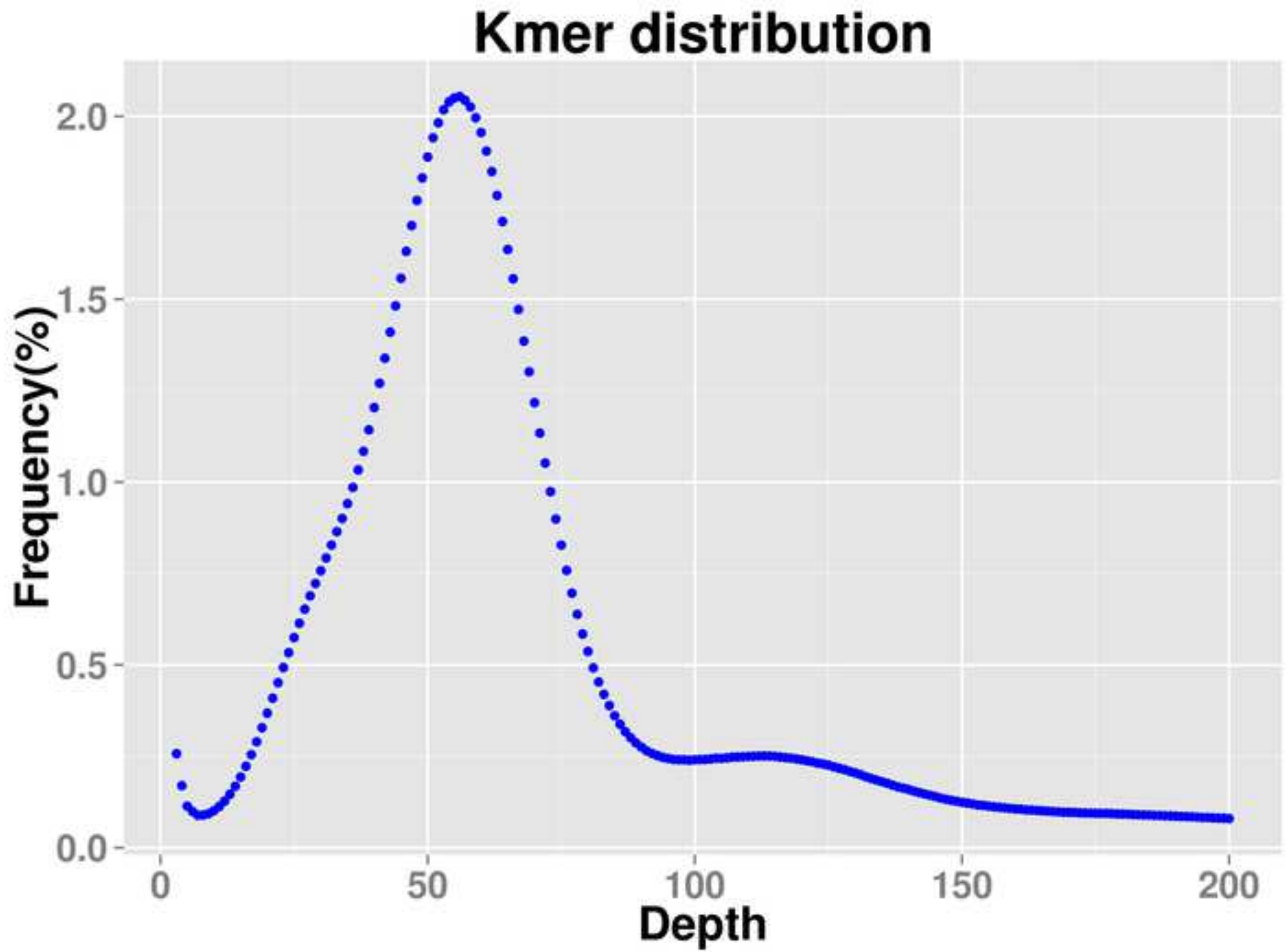
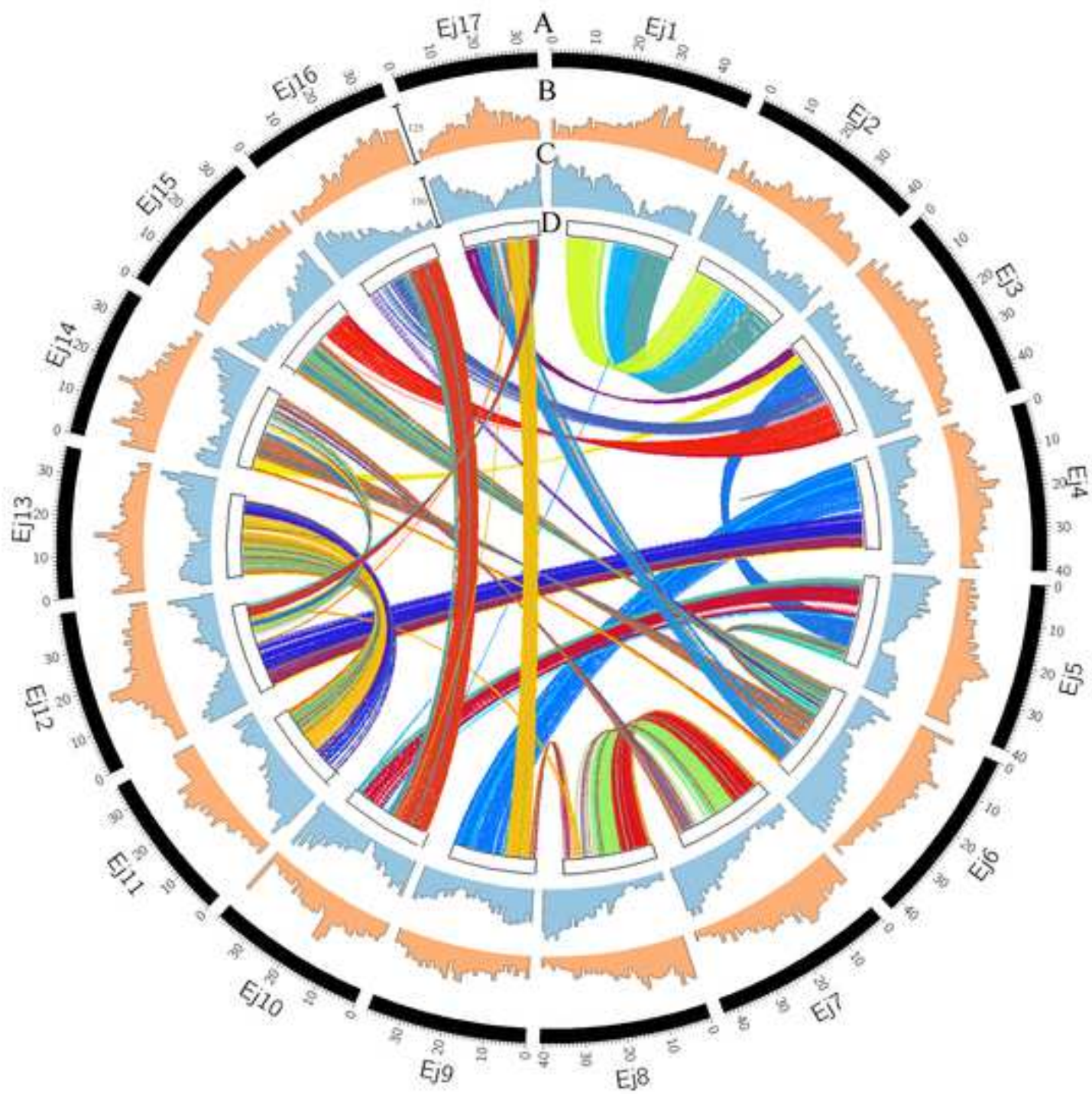
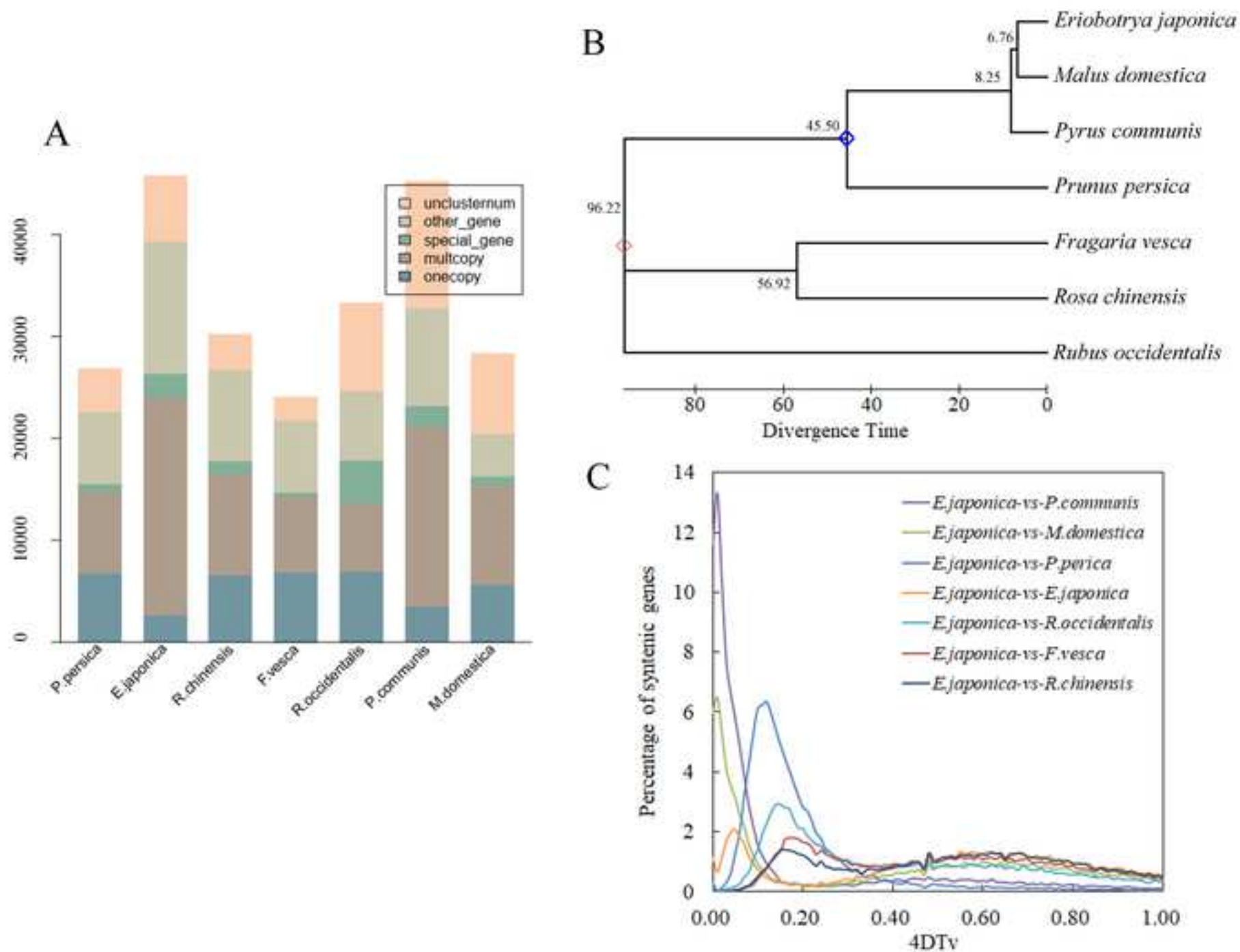
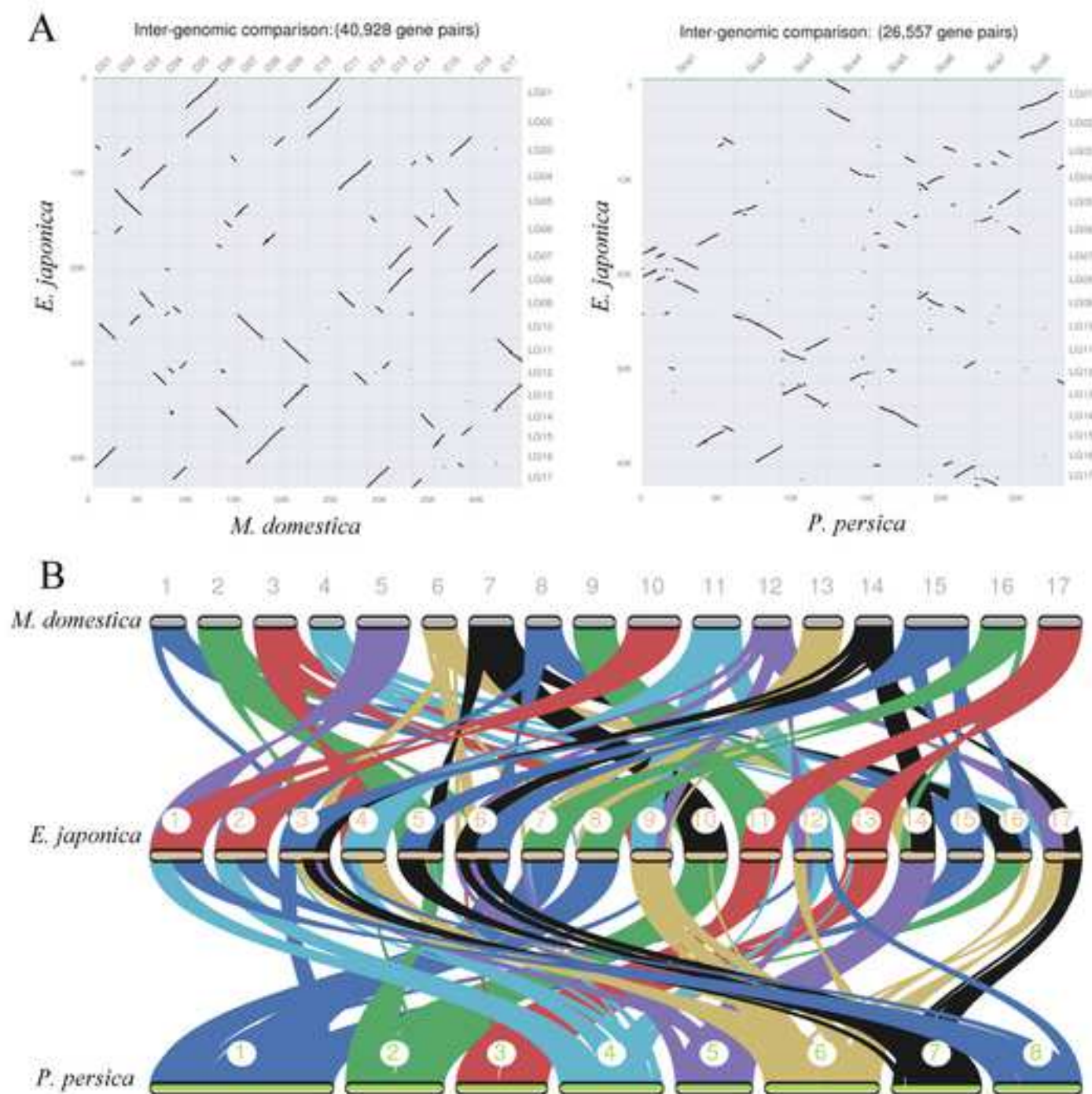
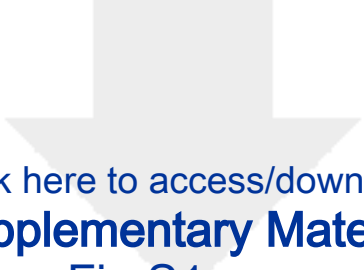


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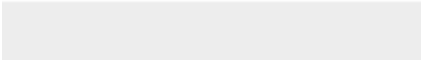



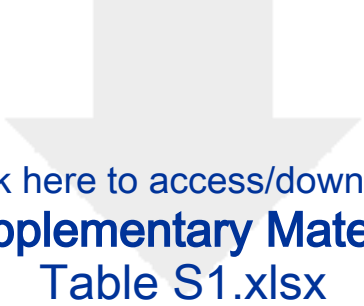







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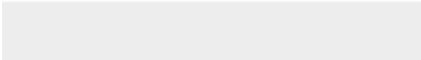

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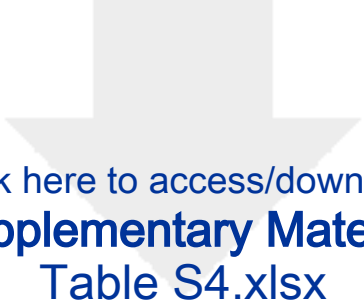


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