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ABSTRACT

Arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungi form symbiotic associations with diverse plant species. The AM fungi enhance mineral uptake from the soil, which benefits the growth of the host plants. Previous microarray and RNA-seq analyses have identified a large number of AM-responsive plant genes. However, little is known whether the gene expression profile of mycorrhiza is different among genetically distant plant species. The aim of this study was to assess the conservation and divergence of AM-responsive genes between two different hosts, *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and *Lotus japonicus* L., during AM development using RNA-seq data. In each host plant, gene expression was compared between AM roots and non-mycorrhizal (NM) roots. Potential orthologs of AM-responsive genes between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* were identified with reciprocal BLAST searches. Only one quarter to one third of the AM-inducible genes in each plant species were co-upregulated in both species. The co-upregulated genes included those known to be essential for AM development and function. The co-upregulated genes exhibited a wide range of fold changes in the AM symbiosis, and the fold change value for individual co-upregulated genes was positively correlated between the two hosts. Most of the species-dependent upregulated genes exhibited low levels of induction. We also analyzed gene expression in AM fungi colonizing roots of *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*. Overall, the gene expression profiles of *Rhizophagus irregularis* were similar among the roots of the two different hosts, although hundreds of fungal genes were differentially expressed between the two hosts. In particular, genes related to the mitochondrial electron transport chain were highly expressed in AM fungi colonizing *L. japonicus* roots, indicating that adenosine triphosphate (ATP) production was enhanced in the *L. japonicus*–*R. irregularis* symbiosis. Overall, these results show that a certain proportion of AM-responsive genes is conserved across plant species. The species-dependent AM-responsive genes may be related to the physiological differences between AM and NM roots in each plant species.

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1. Introduction

Arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) fungi form symbiotic associations with plants and provide the hosts with soil nutrients such as phosphorus, nitrogen, sulfur, zinc and copper, which promotes plant growth (Smith and Read 2008). In return, AM fungi receive carbon derived from the photoassimilates of their hosts. During AM development, AM fungi colonize plant roots and form highly branched structures known as arbuscules, where the nutrient exchange between the fungi and plants is thought to occur (Harrison *et al.* 2002; Parniske 2008; Gutjahr and Parniske 2013). More than 70% of terrestrial plant species establish this type of symbiotic association (Brundrett 2009). It has been suggested that some genetic systems of AM development are conserved among many land plants (Delaux *et al.* 2015).

The formation of the AM association begins with signal recognition between the plant and the AM fungus. Strigolactones secreted from plants are perceived by AM fungi, and these substances stimulate the hyphal branching and fungal metabolic activity (Akiyama *et al.* 2005; Bessener

et al. 2006, 2008). The AM fungi release lipochitooligosaccharides and chitooligosaccharides that activate the common symbiosis signaling pathway (CSSP) in plant root cells (Maillet *et al.* 2011; Genre *et al.* 2013). The CSSP is required for the initial steps in the accommodation of both AM fungi and rhizobia in roots, and comprises several genes encoding receptor kinases (Endre *et al.* 2002; Stracke *et al.* 2002), cation channels (Ané *et al.* 2004; Imaizumi-Anraku *et al.* 2005; Charpentier *et al.* 2008, 2016), nucleoporins (Kanamori *et al.* 2006; Saito *et al.* 2007; Groth *et al.* 2010), calcium- and calmodulin-dependent kinases (Lévy *et al.* 2004; Mitra *et al.* 2004; Tirichine *et al.* 2006), and CYCLOPS/IPD3 (Messinese *et al.* 2007; Yano *et al.* 2008; Singh *et al.* 2014). These components of the CSSP were first identified in genetic studies on mutants of the model symbiotic legume plants *Lotus japonicus* L. and *Medicago truncatula* L. (Parniske 2008; Gutjahr and Parniske 2013; Oldroyd 2013). It is now known that genes in the CSSP are conserved among AM plants including angiosperms, gymnosperms, pteridophytes and bryophytes (Banba *et al.* 2008; Gutjahr *et al.* 2008; Wang *et al.* 2010; Delaux *et al.* 2015). Downstream of the CSSP, genes

involved in AM development and functioning are induced (Pimprikar *et al.* 2016). Transcriptomic microarray and RNA-seq analyses of legumes and non-legumes have revealed that many genes encoding transporters, peptidases, transcription factors, receptor kinases and germin-like proteins are highly upregulated during AM development in diverse plant species (Liu *et al.* 2003; Wulf *et al.* 2003; Manthey *et al.* 2004; Gümil *et al.* 2005; Hohnjec *et al.* 2005; Kistner *et al.* 2005; Gomez *et al.* 2009; Guether *et al.* 2009; Benedito *et al.* 2010; Hoge Kamp *et al.* 2011; Gaude *et al.* 2012; Hoge Kamp and Küster 2013; Handa *et al.* 2015). However, a comparative microarray analysis of tomato *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and the model legume *M. truncatula* showed that only a small number of orthologous genes were upregulated in AM roots – this may have been because non-overlapping probe sets were used in these analyses (Fiorilli *et al.* 2009). Currently, the conservation and divergence of AM-responsive genes among plant species are largely unknown.

Comprehensive gene expression profiles have been obtained by RNA-seq analysis using next-generation sequencing technology. Handa *et al.* (2015) performed *de novo* transcriptome assembly using RNA-seq data from the model legume *L. japonicus* and identified thousands of genes that were differentially expressed in AM roots compared with non-mycorrhizal (NM) roots (Handa *et al.* 2015). High-quality genome sequence data are now available for *S. lycopersicum* (Tomato Genome Consortium 2012), allowing us to comprehensively explore the gene expression profiles of tomato. In this study, we compared the changes in gene expression during AM development between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* to investigate the conservation and divergence among plant AM-responsive genes. In addition, we analyzed the transcriptional profiles of the AM fungus *Rhizophagus irregularis* colonizing the roots of these two plant hosts.

2. Materials and methods

2.1. Biological materials

Seedlings of *S. lycopersicum* cv. Micro-Tom and *L. japonicus* MG-20 were grown in pots filled with autoclaved river sand, and inoculated with 500 spores plant⁻¹ of *R. irregularis* DAOM 197198 (Mycorise, Premier Tech, Rivière-du-Loup, Canada). The inoculated and non-inoculated plants were supplied with half-strength Hoagland's solution containing a low concentration of phosphate (100 µM potassium dihydrogen phosphate) every other day. The plants were grown in a growth chamber (25°C, 16-h light/8-h dark photoperiod) for 4 weeks. Plant roots were frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C until RNA extraction.

2.2. RNA-seq analysis

The RNA-seq procedures were as described previously (Handa *et al.* 2015). Briefly, total RNA was extracted from the frozen roots using RNAiso Plus (Takara Bio, Shiga, Japan) in combination with Fruit-mate (Takara Bio). Genomic DNA was removed from the RNA solutions by digestion with RNase-free DNase (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) on an RNeasy column (Qiagen). The

quality of the total RNA was checked using the Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer system (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA). The cDNA libraries were constructed using the TruSeq RNA Sample Prep Kit (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA) according to the manufacturer's instructions. Paired-end sequencing (2 × 100 bp) was conducted with the Illumina HiSeq 2000 Sequencing System (Illumina). The data sets of the short reads have been deposited in the DNA Data Bank of Japan (DDBJ) Sequence Read Archive (accession number: DRA005187).

The sequence reads obtained from *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* roots were mapped using the Tophat program (Trapnell *et al.* 2009) to genome sequences obtained from the International Tomato Annotation Group (release ITAG2.4) (https://solgenomics.net/organism/Solanum_lycopersicum/genome) (Tomato Genome Consortium 2012) and the reference sequences of *L. japonicus* (Handa *et al.* 2015), respectively. The *L. japonicus* reference sequences consisted of the gene model of *L. japonicus* genome assembly build 2.5 (Lj2.5, <http://www.kazusa.or.jp/lotus/release2/>), the novel coding sequences in Lj2.5 sequenced regions predicted by the Cufflinks assembly (<http://mycorrhiza.nibb.ac.jp>), and *de novo* assembled transcriptome sequences encoding putative novel protein coding sequences of un-sequenced regions in Lj2.5 (<http://mycorrhiza.nibb.ac.jp>). To analyze the transcriptional profiles of the AM fungi, reads obtained from mycorrhizal roots of *S. lycopersicum* or *L. japonicus* were mapped to the *R. irregularis* genomic sequence obtained from the JGI MycoCosm database (<http://genome.jgi.doe.gov/Gloin1/Gloin1.home.html>) (Tisserant *et al.* 2013), excluding putative rRNA genes (protein ID: 67218, 67222, 73108, 102514, 235478, 247295, and 336739). Reads mapped against the reference sequences were counted with BEDTools (Quinlan and Hall 2010). The read counts were normalized using the iDEGES/edgeR method (Sun *et al.* 2013). Plant genes differentially expressed between AM and NM roots were detected with edgeR (Robinson *et al.* 2010), with a false discovery rate (FDR) cut-off of 0.01. The AM fungal genes that were differentially expressed in AM roots between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* were also detected with edgeR (FDR < 0.01). Potential orthologs between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* were identified with reciprocal BLAST searches using the *S. lycopersicum* coding sequence set (Tomato Genome Consortium 2012) and the *L. japonicus* putative coding sequence set (Handa *et al.* 2015). Each coding sequence set was searched against the other sequence set using TBLASTX (e-value < 1e-6). The two genes that were each other's best hit in the pairwise comparison were considered to be orthologs. A gene ontology (GO) functional enrichment analysis was conducted using Fisher's exact test with a weight algorithm in the TopGO R/Bioconductor package (Alexa and Rahnenführer 2016). The GO annotations of *R. irregularis* genes were obtained from the JGI MycoCosm database (Tisserant *et al.* 2013).

2.3. Mycorrhizal colonization

Roots were cleared with 10% (w/v) potassium hydroxide (KOH) and stained with 0.05% (w/v) trypan blue in lactic acid (Phillips and Hayman 1970). Hyphal, arbuscular and vesicular

colonization were determined as the percentage of root length colonized using the magnified intersection method (McGonigle *et al.* 1990). Data were analyzed with Student's *t*-test ($P < 0.05$) using JMP7 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC, USA).

3. Results

3.1. Differentially expressed genes in *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* during AM development

Roots of both *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* were well colonized with *R. irregularis* (Fig. 1A). There were no significant differences in any of the parameters of AM colonization between the two plants. The shoot dry weight of *L. japonicus* was significantly increased by AM fungal inoculation, whereas that of *S. lycopersicum* showed no positive response (Fig. 1B). To detect AM-responsive genes of *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*, RNA-seq analyses of AM and NM roots were performed. Approximately 55–88% of raw sequence reads were uniquely mapped against the reference sequence of *S. lycopersicum* or *L. japonicus* (Table 1). We identified 928 and 1697 differentially expressed genes (DEGs) in AM roots versus NM roots of *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*, respectively (Tables S1 and S2), which corresponded to approximately 3% of the putative protein-coding genes in the two plants (Table 2). The majority

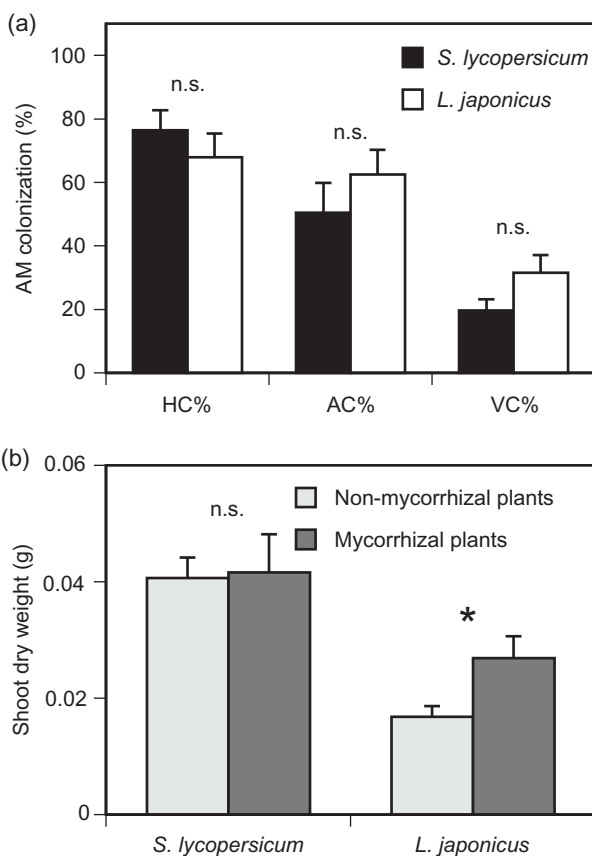


Figure 1. Arbuscular mycorrhizal colonization (a) and shoot dry weight (b) of *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and *Lotus japonicus* L. at 4 weeks after inoculation with *Rhizophagus irregularis*. HC%, hyphal colonization; AC%, arbuscular colonization; VC%, vesicular colonization. Error bars show standard errors ($n = 5$). *, Significant difference at $P < 0.05$ (Student's *t*-test); n.s., not significantly different at $P = 0.05$.

Table 1. Summary statistics for mapping Illumina RNA-seq reads of arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) roots and non-mycorrhizal (NM) roots against reference sequences of *Solanum lycopersicum* L., *Lotus japonicus* L. and *Rhizophagus irregularis*.

| | <i>S. lycopersicum</i> | | <i>L. japonicus</i> | |
|--|------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| | AM roots | NM roots | AM roots | NM roots |
| Total raw reads | 25,554,717 | 24,200,612 | 8,923,628 | 10,029,123 |
| <i>S. lycopersicum</i> / <i>L. japonicus</i> | | | | |
| Reads mapped against <i>S. lycopersicum</i> reference sequence | 21,306,768 | 21,337,381 | - | - |
| Reads mapped against <i>L. japonicus</i> reference sequence | - | - | 4,891,691 | 6,910,383 |
| Mapped reads /total raw reads (%) | 83 | 88 | 55 | 69 |
| <i>R. irregularis</i> | | | | |
| Reads mapped against <i>R. irregularis</i> reference sequence | 1,076,008 | - | 772,325 | - |
| Mapped reads /total raw reads (%) | 4 | - | 9 | - |

Table 2. Differentially expressed genes (FDR < 0.01) in arbuscular mycorrhizal roots compared with non-mycorrhizal roots of *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and *Lotus japonicus* L.

| | <i>S. lycopersicum</i> | <i>L. japonicus</i> |
|--|------------------------|---------------------|
| Putative protein-coding genes | 34,725 | 57,103 |
| Upregulation | | |
| Upregulated genes | 744 | 1,024 |
| Upregulated genes with significant TBLASTX hit against database of the other species (A) | 700 | 818 |
| Co-upregulated genes in both <i>S. lycopersicum</i> and <i>L. japonicus</i> (B) | 168 | 194 |
| B/A (%) | 24 | 24 |
| Downregulation | | |
| Downregulated genes | 184 | 673 |
| Downregulated genes with significant TBLASTX hit against database of the other species (C) | 143 | 624 |
| Co-downregulated genes in both <i>S. lycopersicum</i> and <i>L. japonicus</i> (D) | 6 | 9 |
| D/C (%) | 4 | 1 |

of the DEGs were upregulated in AM roots. To identify AM-inducible genes shared between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*, nucleotide sequences of the upregulated genes in one plant species were used in TBLASTX (e -value < $1e-6$) searches against the reference sequence of the other plant species. Most of the AM-inducible genes in one host hit against a reference sequence in the other host (700/744 genes in *S. lycopersicum* and 818/1,024 genes in *L. japonicus*; Table 2). For both hosts, 24% of the AM-inducible genes were co-upregulated in AM roots of the other host, while the proportion of co-downregulated genes between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* was 4% at the most (Table 2).

To compare the extent of gene induction or repression between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* during AM development, we analyzed the expression profiles of orthologous genes that were predicted using a one-to-one reciprocal best BLAST hit (RBH) procedure. We identified 11,631 RBH pairs (TBLASTX, e -value < $1e-6$). Ninety-two RBH pairs were co-upregulated in AM roots of both plants, accounting for 34 and 27% of RBH pairs that were upregulated in *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*, respectively (Fig. 2A). Only three RBH pairs were co-downregulated in *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* (Fig. 2A). We

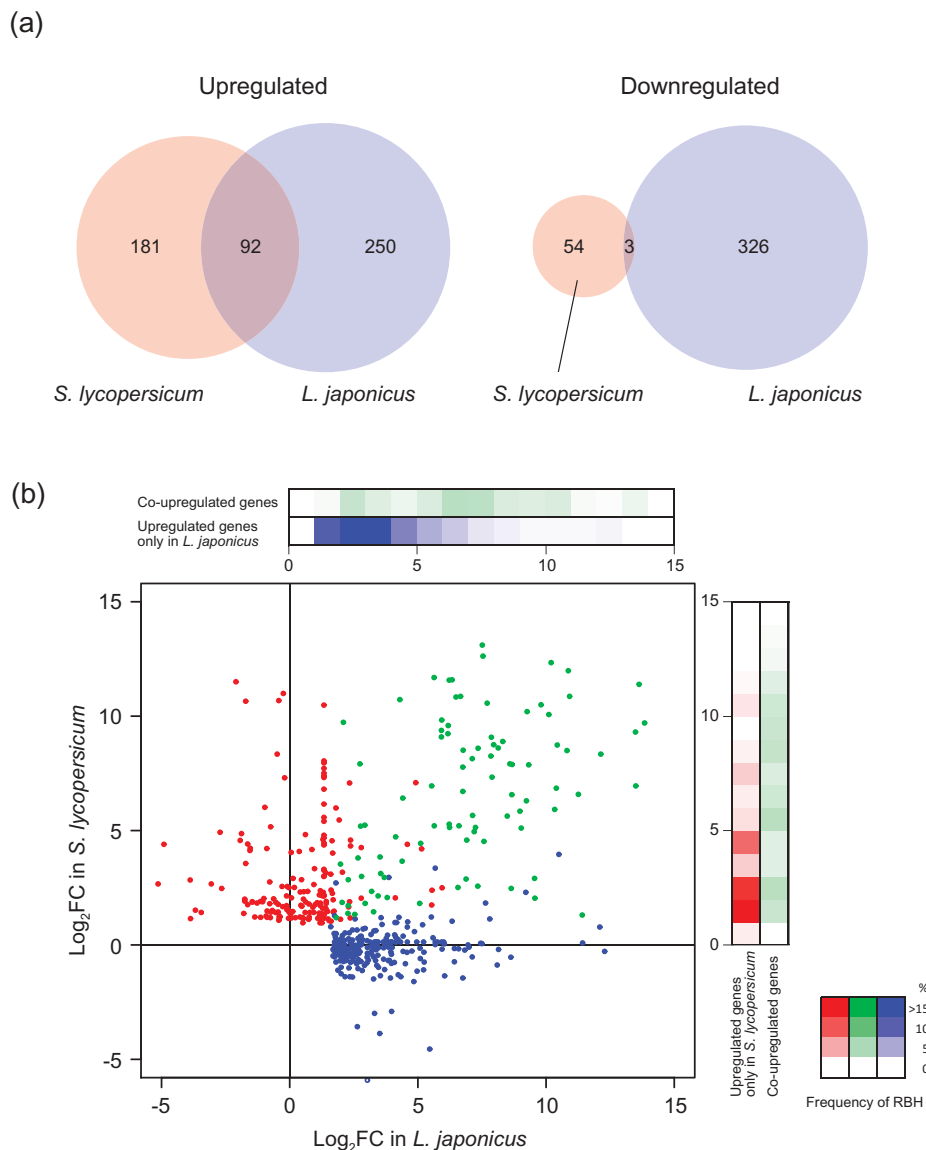


Figure 2. Comparative expression analysis of putative orthologs determined using reciprocal best hit (RBH) criterion between *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and *Lotus japonicus* L. Out of 11,631 RBH pairs identified, 330 and 671 genes were differentially expressed in arbuscular mycorrhizal (AM) roots of *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* compared with non-mycorrhizal (NM) roots, respectively (FDR < 0.01). (a) Venn diagram showing overlap of upregulated or downregulated orthologs between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*. (b) Relationship of fold expression changes (FC) of RBH pairs in AM roots against NM roots between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*. Figure shows RBH pairs significantly upregulated in AM roots of *S. lycopersicum* or *L. japonicus*. Green: co-upregulated RBH in *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*; red: upregulated RBHs only in *S. lycopersicum*; blue: upregulated RBHs only in *L. japonicus*. Heat maps adjacent to axes of scatter plot show relative frequency distribution of FC for upregulated RBH genes in *S. lycopersicum* or *L. japonicus*.

further analyzed the RBH pairs that were upregulated during AM development. The co-upregulated RBH pairs showed a wide range of fold changes in AM roots compared with NM roots, and the fold changes of individual genes were positively correlated between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* (Spearman's rank correlation $\rho = 0.437$, $P < 0.0001$; Fig. 2B). The co-upregulated RBH pairs included well-known AM-inducible genes involved in AM or arbuscule development (Table 3): e.g., AM-specific phosphate transporter *PT4* (Javot *et al.* 2007; Yang *et al.* 2012), ABCG transporters *STR* and *STR2* (Zhang *et al.* 2010; Gutjahr *et al.* 2012; Kojima *et al.* 2014), acyl ACP-thioesterase *FatM* (Bravo *et al.* 2016), GRAS transcription factors *RAM1* (Gobbato *et al.* 2012; Rich *et al.* 2015; Xue *et al.* 2015; Pimprikar *et al.* 2016) and *RAD1* (Xue *et al.* 2015; Pimprikar *et al.* 2016), and exocyst complex component

Exo7011 (Zhang *et al.* 2015). Hundreds of RBH pairs were induced in AM roots of either *S. lycopersicum* or *L. japonicus*, and most of them showed low-fold change values (Fig. 2B).

3.2. Gene expression profiles of AM fungi colonizing *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* roots

The gene expression analysis of *R. irregularis* colonizing roots of *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* was performed by mapping short reads against the *R. irregularis* genome. The proportion of *R. irregularis*-derived reads in AM roots was less than 10% (Table 1), consistent with the results of previous studies (Tisserant *et al.* 2013; Handa *et al.* 2015; Sugimura and Saito 2016). The expression levels of *R. irregularis* genes were significantly correlated between *S. lycopersicum* roots and *L.*

Table 3. Reciprocal best BLAST hit (RBH) pairs of genes co-upregulated between *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and *Lotus japonicus* L. during arbuscular mycorrhizal development.

| RBH | <i>S. lycopersicum</i> | | <i>L. japonicus</i> | | Annotation in <i>L. japonicus</i> |
|-------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| | Gene ID | Log ₂ FC ^a | Gene ID | Log ₂ FC ^a | |
| RBH01 | Solyc04g050940.1.1 | 13.1 | CM0105.260.r2.a | 7.5 | Serine-threonine protein kinase |
| RBH02 | Solyc11g007970.1.1 | 12.6 | CM0909.780.r2.m | 7.5 | 4-coumarate-CoA ligase |
| RBH03 | Solyc02g090080.1.1 | 12.3 | TCONS_00041135 | 10.2 | Unknown protein |
| RBH04 | Solyc05g053750.1.1 | 12.0 | LjT47N10.60.r2.a | 10.9 | Triacylglycerol lipase 2 |
| RBH05 | Solyc07g054700.2.1 | 11.7 | CM0432.310.r2.a | 5.6 | LysM domain containing protein |
| RBH06 | Solyc02g083160.1.1 | 11.6 | LjB12E19.100.r2.d | 6.3 | GDSL esterase/lipase |
| RBH07 | Solyc12g096380.1.1 | 11.6 | LjT04116.80.r2.d | 6.2 | High affinity cationic amino acid transporter 1 |
| RBH08 | Solyc06g051860.1.1 | 11.4 | CM2121.10.r2.a | 13.6 | AM-induced phosphate transporter <i>LjPT4</i> |
| RBH09 | Solyc05g008570.1.1 | 10.9 | CM0328.70.r2.d | 10.9 | Palmitoyl-acyl carrier protein thioesterase <i>LjFatM</i> |
| RBH10 | Solyc03g117460.1.1 | 10.9 | CM0573.170.r2.m | 6.7 | Major allergen Mal d 1 |
| RBH11 | Solyc07g065240.1.1 | 10.8 | LjT48A12.120.r2.d | 6.5 | Leucine-rich repeat receptor-like protein kinase |
| RBH12 | Solyc03g110950.1.1 | 10.7 | CM1864.540.r2.m | 4.3 | GRAS family transcription factor <i>LjRAD1</i> |
| RBH13 | Solyc09g098410.1.1 | 10.6 | CM0177.350.r2.m | 7.7 | ABCG transporter <i>LjSTR2</i> |
| RBH14 | Solyc08g062140.1.1 | 10.5 | TCONS_00007973 | 9.8 | Serine-threonine protein kinase |
| RBH15 | Solyc12g007220.1.1 | 10.2 | CM0617.810.r2.d | 9.3 | Peptide transporter |
| RBH16 | Solyc07g054570.1.1 | 10.1 | LjSGA_003462.2 | 10.1 | Kelch-like protein |
| RBH17 | Solyc07g006940.1.1 | 9.8 | CM0244.1000.r2.m | 5.9 | Cysteine-rich receptor-like protein kinase |
| RBH18 | Solyc06g007860.1.1 | 9.7 | CM0127.320.r2.m | 2.1 | Unknown protein |
| RBH19 | Solyc10g081520.1.1 | 9.7 | CM0104.2930.r2.a | 13.8 | Blue copper protein |
| RBH20 | Solyc08g077000.1.1 | 9.6 | CM0021.530.r2.m | 6.2 | Palmitate-like pentafoliata 1 transcription factor |
| RBH21 | Solyc12g010490.1.1 | 9.4 | CM0041.30.r2.a | 5.9 | AP2 domain-containing transcription factor |
| RBH22 | Solyc11g068580.1.1 | 9.3 | LjSGA_022237.1 | 13.5 | Germin-like protein <i>LjGLP</i> |
| RBH23 | Solyc03g097860.1.1 | 9.2 | CM0042.2530.r2.d | 6.2 | Potassium transporter |
| RBH24 | Solyc03g115620.1.1 | 9.1 | CM0087.740.r2.m | 5.9 | Unknown protein |
| RBH25 | Solyc03g119900.2.1 | 9.1 | TCONS_00033391 | 7.9 | Unknown protein |
| RBH26 | Solyc02g085060.1.1 | 8.9 | CM0249.1340.r2.m | 8.3 | Replication factor C subunit 5 |
| RBH27 | Solyc12g089230.1.1 | 8.7 | CM0195.70.r2.d | 7.9 | Peptide transporter PTR1 |
| RBH28 | Solyc03g005950.1.1 | 8.7 | CM0046.1690.r2.m | 10.4 | Peptide/nitrate transporter |
| RBH29 | Solyc03g117170.1.1 | 8.6 | LjSGA_026747.2 | 8.1 | Unknown protein |
| RBH30 | Solyc02g089150.2.1 | 8.6 | CM0163.300.r2.d | 7.3 | PI-PLC X domain-containing protein |
| RBH31 | Solyc02g069550.1.1 | 8.5 | CM0797.40.r2.m | 6.8 | Prune homolog |
| RBH32 | Solyc08g079780.1.1 | 8.5 | CM0104.2940.r2.a | 10.8 | Blue copper protein |
| RBH33 | Solyc12g056000.1.1 | 8.3 | LjB03G07.10.r2.a | 12.1 | Cysteine proteinase |
| RBH34 | Solyc09g072720.1.1 | 8.3 | TCONS_00120316 | 7.8 | Exocyst complex component |
| RBH35 | Solyc04g077760.1.1 | 8.1 | CM0096.900.r2.d | 7.1 | Exocyst complex component <i>LjExo7011</i> |
| RBH36 | Solyc01g105080.2.1 | 7.9 | CM0314.250.r2.d | 8.6 | Leucine-rich repeat receptor-like protein kinase |
| RBH37 | Solyc01g111790.1.1 | 7.9 | CM1439.100.r2.d | 2.7 | Serine/threonine protein phosphatase 2A |
| RBH38 | Solyc01g097430.2.1 | 7.9 | CM0042.2570.r2.d | 8.7 | ABCG transporter <i>LjSTR</i> |
| RBH39 | Solyc07g007080.1.1 | 7.9 | comp286719_c0_seq1 | 9.3 | Unknown protein |
| RBH40 | Solyc08g007960.1.1 | 7.8 | TCONS_00114768 | 6.8 | Nuclear transcription factor Y subunit C-1 <i>LjCbf</i> |
| RBH41 | Solyc11g008030.1.1 | 7.3 | CM0909.730.r2.m | 7.9 | Monocopper oxidase-like protein SKU5 |
| RBH42 | Solyc01g094450.1.1 | 6.9 | CM0284.730.r2.d | 13.5 | Ripening-related protein |
| RBH43 | Solyc09g061240.1.1 | 6.9 | CM0105.270.r2.a | 5.5 | Unknown protein |
| RBH44 | Solyc01g010260.2.1 | 6.8 | CM0318.690.r2.d | 10.4 | Cytochrome P450 93A1 |
| RBH45 | Solyc06g066390.1.1 | 6.7 | CM0608.1100.r2.m | 6.8 | AP2 domain-containing transcription factor |
| RBH46 | Solyc01g095250.1.1 | 6.6 | CM0105.320.r2.a | 11.3 | Acidic chitinase |
| RBH47 | Solyc04g080400.1.1 | 6.6 | CM0071.1240.r2.a | 8.7 | Reticuline oxidase |
| RBH48 | Solyc07g020870.1.1 | 6.4 | CM0617.800.r2.d | 4.4 | U-box domain-containing protein |
| RBH49 | Solyc02g092400.1.1 | 6.3 | LjSGA_134299.1 | 9.2 | Unknown protein |
| RBH50 | Solyc02g094340.1.1 | 5.9 | CM1852.30.r2.m | 10.3 | GRAS family transcription factor <i>LjRAM1</i> |
| RBH51 | Solyc11g072830.1.1 | 5.9 | CM0616.310.r2.d | 9.0 | Chitinase 2 |
| RBH52 | Solyc07g064120.1.1 | 5.7 | CM1543.140.r2.m | 7.1 | ABCB transporter |
| RBH53 | Solyc07g006610.2.1 | 5.6 | comp12648_c0_seq1 | 8.5 | PTI1-like tyrosine-protein kinase |
| RBH54 | Solyc09g072780.1.1 | 5.3 | CM0295.1000.r2.m | 6.2 | Peptide transporter |
| RBH55 | Solyc09g091700.2.1 | 5.2 | CM1323.380.r2.d | 2.9 | NADP-dependent alkenal double bond reductase |
| RBH56 | Solyc01g081080.1.1 | 5.2 | CM0017.1160.r2.a | 6.6 | Replication factor C subunit |
| RBH57 | Solyc01g068380.2.1 | 5.2 | CM0127.890.r2.m | 5.6 | Purple acid phosphatase |
| RBH58 | Solyc00g170200.1.1 | 5.2 | CM0153.40.r2.d | 2.8 | Alpha/beta-hydrolases superfamily protein |
| RBH59 | Solyc09g008360.2.1 | 5.1 | CM0012.1760.r2.d | 6.2 | Heparan-alpha-glucosaminidase <i>N</i> -acetyltransferase |
| RBH60 | Solyc03g112110.1.1 | 5.1 | LjSGA_012459.1 | 7.2 | Unknown protein |
| RBH61 | Solyc05g009960.2.1 | 5.1 | CM0124.80.r2.d | 9.0 | Unknown protein |
| RBH62 | Solyc02g088310.1.1 | 4.9 | comp41326_c0_seq1 | 7.2 | Ethylene-responsive transcription factor |
| RBH63 | Solyc03g080020.2.1 | 4.7 | TCONS_00022353 | 4.1 | Major facilitator superfamily transporter |
| RBH64 | Solyc08g062200.1.1 | 4.6 | CM0133.890.r2.m | 6.9 | Unknown protein |
| RBH65 | Solyc08g067170.1.1 | 4.5 | TCONS_00048122 | 7.6 | U-box domain-containing protein |
| RBH66 | Solyc09g011700.1.1 | 4.4 | LjT44L17.30.r2.d | 5.1 | Copper transporter |
| RBH67 | Solyc03g114080.1.1 | 3.8 | LjT46F11.70.r2.a | 3.5 | Leucine-rich repeat receptor-like protein kinase |
| RBH68 | Solyc05g009430.2.1 | 3.8 | CM0903.40.r2.d | 2.7 | Nuclease S1 |
| RBH69 | Solyc09g065040.1.1 | 3.7 | TCONS_00091213 | 4.4 | Antifungal protein ginkbilobin-2 |
| RBH70 | Solyc02g086820.2.1 | 3.5 | CM0081.350.r2.m | 2.0 | Carbonic anhydrase |
| RBH71 | Solyc01g095720.2.1 | 3.1 | CM0105.760.r2.a | 3.5 | Unknown protein |

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Table 3. (Continued).

| RBH | <i>S. lycopersicum</i> | | <i>L. japonicus</i> | | Annotation in <i>L. japonicus</i> |
|-------|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| | Gene ID | Log ₂ FC ^a | Gene ID | Log ₂ FC ^a | |
| RBH72 | Solyc02g083700.2.1 | 3.0 | comp13066_c0_seq1 | 2.8 | Lysosomal alpha-mannosidase |
| RBH73 | Solyc09g065750.2.1 | 2.9 | CM0375.30.r2.m | 3.7 | Unknown protein |
| RBH74 | Solyc09g009610.1.1 | 2.9 | CM0010.40.r2.d | 9.5 | Purple acid phosphatase |
| RBH75 | Solyc04g080480.1.1 | 2.9 | LjSGA_124844.1 | 6.9 | AMP-dependent synthetase and ligase |
| RBH76 | Solyc08g082620.2.1 | 2.9 | CM0004.1640.r2.a | 2.3 | Beta-ketoacyl-ACP synthase I |
| RBH77 | Solyc02g084940.1.1 | 2.6 | CM0249.1160.r2.d | 7.3 | Unknown protein |
| RBH78 | Solyc01g111050.2.1 | 2.5 | CM0113.40.r2.a | 6.6 | COBRA-like protein 1 |
| RBH79 | Solyc02g092060.1.1 | 2.5 | LjSGA_065775.1 | 8.6 | NAD(P)-binding Rossmann-fold superfamily protein |
| RBH80 | Solyc09g015430.2.1 | 2.3 | TCONS_00085591 | 3.2 | Unknown protein |
| RBH81 | Solyc08g062950.2.1 | 2.1 | CM0133.560.r2.m | 3.4 | Cytochrome P450 711A1 |
| RBH82 | Solyc01g006380.2.1 | 2.1 | CM0017.760.r2.a | 3.8 | U-box domain-containing protein |
| RBH83 | Solyc03g031830.1.1 | 2.1 | CM0367.670.r2.d | 9.6 | Unknown protein |
| RBH84 | Solyc07g062810.2.1 | 1.9 | LjSGA_054315.1 | 2.0 | Unknown protein |
| RBH85 | Solyc08g066650.2.1 | 1.8 | LjB19M02.90.r2.m | 2.9 | Carotenoid cleavage dioxygenase 8 <i>LjCCD8</i> |
| RBH86 | Solyc10g083180.1.1 | 1.8 | comp63373_c1_seq1 | 5.1 | Momilactone A synthase |
| RBH87 | Solyc03g117470.2.1 | 1.7 | comp40972_c0_seq1 | 2.3 | Unknown protein |
| RBH88 | Solyc01g059900.2.1 | 1.4 | comp62669_c0_seq1 | 3.3 | Dirigent protein |
| RBH89 | Solyc01g081620.2.1 | 1.4 | comp65143_c0_seq1 | 2.3 | Unknown protein |
| RBH90 | Solyc02g081050.2.1 | 1.3 | CM0367.820.r2.m | 2.5 | LysM type receptor kinase |
| RBH91 | Solyc06g069530.2.1 | 1.3 | CM1882.210.r2.a | 11.4 | Acetyl-CoA carboxylase biotin carboxyl carrier protein |
| RBH92 | Solyc04g081400.2.1 | 1.2 | comp64780_c0_seq1 | 1.8 | Hexokinase |

^a Fold change in normalized gene transcript level in arbuscular mycorrhizal roots compared with non-mycorrhizal roots.

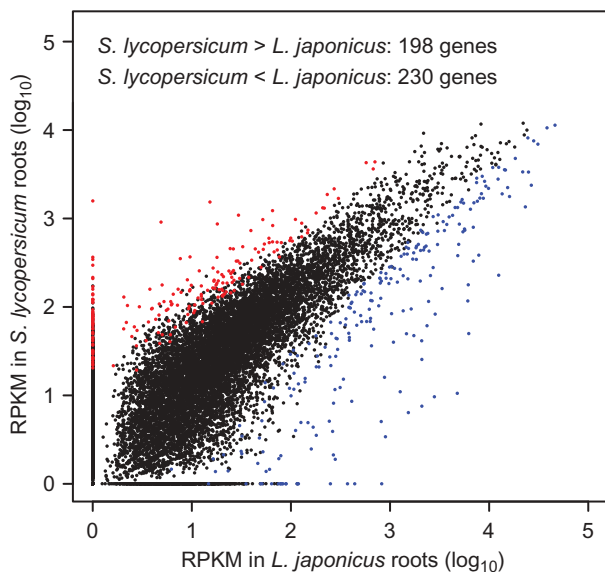


Figure 3. Global gene expression profile of *Rhizophagus irregularis* colonizing *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and *Lotus japonicus* L. roots. Reads per kilobase per million mapped reads (RPKM) of fungal genes are plotted. Red: *R. irregularis* genes with significantly higher expression in *S. lycopersicum* roots; blue: *R. irregularis* genes with significantly higher expression in *L. japonicus* roots; black: genes not differentially expressed between roots of *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus*. Differentially expressed genes were detected with a false discovery rate cutoff of 0.01.

japonicus roots (Spearman's rank correlation $\rho = 0.833$, $P < 0.0001$; Fig. 3). However, a total of 428 *R. irregularis* genes (1.4% of the putative protein-coding genes) were differentially expressed between roots of *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* (Fig. 3 and Table S3). A GO enrichment analysis of genes highly expressed in *L. japonicus* roots revealed an over-representation of GO terms related to adenosine triphosphate (ATP) synthesis such as ATP synthesis coupled electron transport, cellular respiration, ATP synthesis coupled proton transport, NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) activity, and proton-

transporting ATP synthase complex (Table 4). Some *R. irregularis* genes encoding respiratory enzyme complexes involved in the mitochondrial electron transport chain were more highly expressed in *L. japonicus* roots than in *S. lycopersicum* roots (Fig. 4). Several GO terms related to sterol metabolism were enriched in *R. irregularis* genes showing higher transcript levels in *S. lycopersicum* roots than those in *L. japonicus* roots (Table 4).

4. Discussion

A large number of AM-responsive genes in legumes, tomato and *Oryza sativa* L. have been detected by comparing AM roots with NM roots using microarrays and RNA-seq data (Liu *et al.* 2003; Manthey *et al.* 2004; Gümil *et al.* 2005; Hohnjec *et al.* 2005; Fiorilli *et al.* 2009; Gomez *et al.* 2009; Benedito *et al.* 2010; Hoge Kamp *et al.* 2011; Handa *et al.* 2015). Our comparative transcriptome analysis between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* revealed that only one fourth to one third of the AM-inducible genes (AM roots versus NM roots) of each plant species were co-upregulated, according to both reciprocal BLAST and unidirectional (non-reciprocal) BLAST searches. Furthermore, there were very few co-downregulated genes among the AM-repressive genes. The transcriptional responses of the co-upregulated RBH pairs, which included some essential genes for AM formation, were conserved between the two plants. That is, there was an enrichment of genes that play fundamental roles in AM development and function among the co-upregulated genes. We also detected some species-dependent upregulated genes, which generally showed low levels of induction. These genes are likely to be differentially expressed in relation to the physiological differences between AM and NM roots in each plant species, although some of them may function downstream of the CSSP. It is difficult to comprehensively survey the genes required for AM formation, maintenance and function by a simple comparison of gene expression profiles between AM and NM roots. Comparative

Table 4. Gene ontology (GO) enrichment analysis of *Rhizophagus irregularis* genes differentially expressed between roots of *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and *Lotus japonicus* L.

| GO ID | GO term | Number of genes | P value |
|--|--|-----------------|---------|
| <i>R. irregularis</i> genes showing higher transcript levels in <i>L. japonicus</i> roots | | | |
| Biological process | | | |
| GO:0042773 | Adenosine triphosphate (ATP) synthesis coupled electron transport | 4 | 2.5E-05 |
| GO:0045333 | Cellular respiration | 7 | 7.7E-05 |
| GO:0015986 | ATP synthesis coupled proton transport | 3 | 7.6E-04 |
| GO:0006334 | Nucleosome assembly | 3 | 1.7E-03 |
| GO:0006366 | Transcription from RNA polymerase II promoter | 2 | 3.3E-03 |
| GO:0006621 | Protein retention in endoplasmic reticulum (ER) lumen | 1 | 8.0E-03 |
| GO:0015703 | Chromate transport | 1 | 8.0E-03 |
| GO:0046087 | Cytidine metabolic process | 1 | 8.0E-03 |
| Molecular function | | | |
| GO:0015078 | Hydrogen ion transmembrane transporter activity | 13 | 5.9E-14 |
| GO:0008137 | NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) activity | 5 | 1.8E-07 |
| GO:0020037 | Heme binding | 9 | 4.8E-04 |
| GO:0005506 | Iron ion binding | 8 | 1.1E-03 |
| GO:0005507 | Copper ion binding | 3 | 3.6E-03 |
| GO:0004126 | Cytidine deaminase activity | 1 | 8.2E-03 |
| GO:0015109 | Chromate transmembrane transporter activity | 1 | 8.2E-03 |
| GO:0046923 | ER retention sequence binding | 1 | 8.2E-03 |
| GO:0008398 | Sterol 14-demethylase activity | 2 | 8.3E-03 |
| Cellular component | | | |
| GO:0045259 | Proton-transporting ATP synthase complex | 4 | 8.4E-04 |
| <i>R. irregularis</i> genes showing higher transcript levels in <i>S. lycopersicum</i> roots | | | |
| Biological process | | | |
| GO:0042364 | Water-soluble vitamin biosynthetic process | 3 | 4.1E-04 |
| Molecular function | | | |
| GO:0033764 | Steroid dehydrogenase activity, acting on the CH-OH group of donors, NAD or NADP as acceptor | 5 | 3.9E-05 |
| GO:0050051 | Leukotriene-B4 20-monooxygenase activity | 2 | 1.4E-03 |
| GO:0000253 | 3-keto sterol reductase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0004495 | Mevaldate reductase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0008875 | Gluconate dehydrogenase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0018451 | Epoxide dehydrogenase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0018452 | 5-exo-hydroxycamphor dehydrogenase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0018453 | 2-hydroxytetrahydrofuran dehydrogenase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0032442 | Phenylcoumaran benzylic ether reductase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0043713 | (R)-2-hydroxyisocaproate dehydrogenase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0048258 | 3-ketoglucose-reductase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0051990 | (R)-2-hydroxyglutarate dehydrogenase activity | 3 | 3.9E-03 |
| GO:0000252 | C-3 sterol dehydrogenase (C-4 sterol decarboxylase) activity | 3 | 4.3E-03 |
| GO:0033765 | Steroid dehydrogenase activity, acting on the CH-CH group of donors | 3 | 4.8E-03 |
| GO:0004448 | Isocitrate dehydrogenase activity | 3 | 5.2E-03 |
| GO:0004033 | Aldo-keto reductase (NADP) activity | 3 | 6.3E-03 |
| GO:0046933 | Proton-transporting ATP synthase activity, rotational mechanism | 3 | 7.5E-03 |
| GO:0046961 | Proton-transporting ATPase activity, rotational mechanism | 3 | 8.1E-03 |
| Cellular component | | | |
| GO:0016469 | Proton-transporting two-sector ATPase complex | 3 | 9.6E-03 |

transcriptome analyses of diverse plant species or temporal transcriptome analyses using a synchronous fungal colonization system will be useful to explore AM-responsive genes in plants.

The intraradical hyphae, extraradical hyphae and spores of AM fungi are morphologically and physiologically differentiated (Bago *et al.* 2002). The differentiation of these fungal structures is supported by their differential gene expression (Tisserant *et al.* 2012, 2013; Tang *et al.* 2016). In intraradical hyphae, genes related to transmembrane transport, small secreted proteins, lipid metabolism, carbohydrate metabolism and DNA replication are more highly expressed (Tisserant *et al.* 2012, 2013; Tang *et al.* 2016). It has been demonstrated that several genes encoding sugar transporters, aquaporins, small secreted proteins and cell-cycle related proteins are involved in AM fungal colonization or function in the roots of the host (Helber *et al.* 2011; Ait Lahmidi *et al.* 2016; Fiorilli *et al.* 2016; Kikuchi *et al.* 2016; Sugimura and Saito 2016; Tsuzuki *et al.* 2016). Many diverse plant species can establish associations

with AM fungi; that is, AM fungi have a very wide host range (Smith and Read 2008). Handa *et al.* (2015) showed that the gene transcript levels in AM fungi colonizing *L. japonicus* roots were correlated with those in AM fungi colonizing *M. truncatula* roots. In the present study, we detected similar expression patterns of *R. irregularis* genes between *S. lycopersicum* and *L. japonicus* roots, indicating that the gene expression profiles of *R. irregularis* are very similar even when the fungus colonizes host plants in different families. However, hundreds of *R. irregularis* genes were differentially expressed between the two hosts. The most remarkable difference was the higher expression of AM fungal genes related to the electron transport chain in *L. japonicus* roots than that in *S. lycopersicum* roots. In germinating spores of *Gigaspora margarita*, mitochondrial electron transport chain genes are induced in the presence of the endobacterium *Candidatus Glomeribacter gigasporarum* and by the application of strigolactones, which is accompanied by increased ATP production (Salvioli *et al.* 2016). It could be inferred, therefore, that the *L. japonicus*-

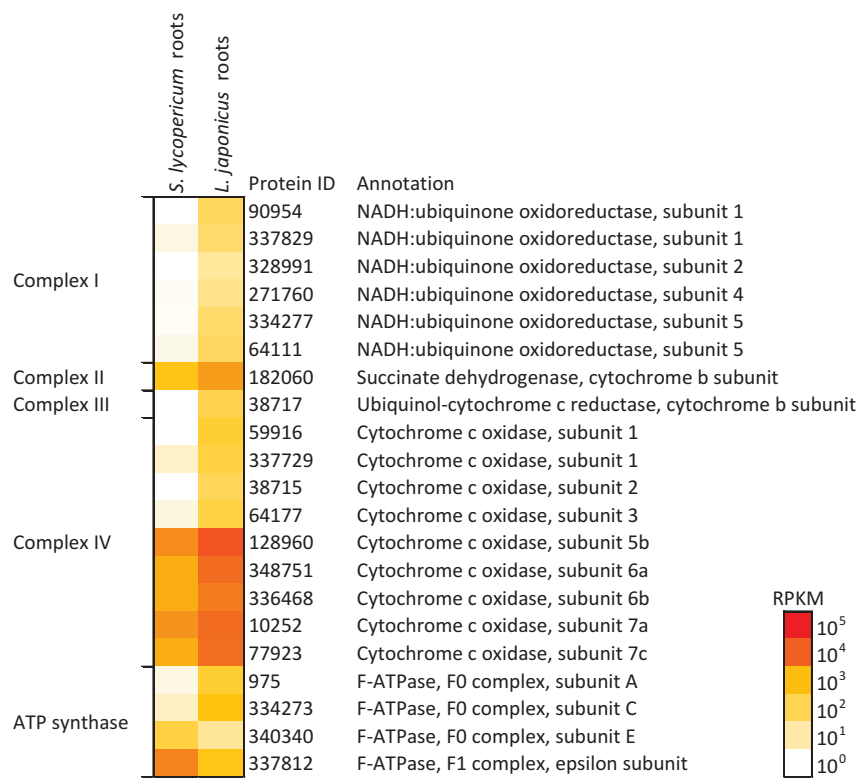


Figure 4. Transcript profiles of *Rhizopagus irregularis* genes related to electron transport chain. Differentially expressed genes (false discovery rate < 0.01) between AM fungi colonizing *Solanum lycopersicum* L. and *Lotus japonicus* L. roots are shown. Heat maps represent reads per kilobase per million mapped reads (RPKM) of *R. irregularis* genes.

induced expression of genes in the *R. irregularis* oxidative phosphorylation pathway enhances ATP production in the fungal hyphae. We observed positive growth responses to AM fungal colonization in *L. japonicus* but not in *S. lycopersicum*. It will be interesting to investigate the relationship between the mycorrhizal response of host plants and energy production in AM fungi in the future.

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