

A *de novo* assembly of the sweet cherry (*Prunus avium* cv. Tieton) genome using linked-read sequencing technology

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59 1. Introduction

60 The sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*), originated in Asia Minor near the Black Sea and the Caspian
61 Sea. It is known as one of the most economically significant fruit species in the world (Quero-
62 García et al., 2017) and its production in China has increased dramatically over the last three
63 decades with the expansion of acreage dedicated to its cultivation. Recent breeding efforts have
64 focused on improving yield, fruit quality, tree architecture and biotic and abiotic resistance
65 (Aranzana et al., 2019). Sweet cherry and other *Prunus* crops have a long juvenile period, which
66 means that traditional breeding methods are slow to produce improvements (Quero-García et al.,
67 2017). Marker-assisted breeding and genomic selection can speed up the breeding cycle, but
68 these methods require a high-quality reference genome in order to obtain a sufficient amount of
69 genetic variants and to identify the regulatory regions controlling the morphological and
70 physiological characteristics of the plant (Aranzana et al., 2019; Ru et al., 2015). Only one draft
71 genome assembly of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki (Shirasawa et al., 2017) and one mitochondrial
72 genome sequence of cv. Summit have been reported (Yan et al., 2019), despite the simple
73 genome of the sweet cherry ($2n=2x=16$). The draft genome of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki was
74 sequenced using Illumina short-read sequencing technology, resulting in a fragmented assembly
75 of 272.4 Mb with a scaffold N50 of 219.6 Kb (Shirasawa et al., 2017). The linked-read
76 sequencing pipeline developed by 10x Genomics may result in more continuous genomes for the
77 sweet cherry at a lower financial cost (Pollard et al., 2018; Zheng et al., 2016). This technology
78 use a barcoded sequencing library to generate long-range information (preferably >100 kb) and
79 standard short-read sequencing to ensure massive throughput and high accuracy. It was designed
80 for human genome assembly, but has been used effectively in many other animal and plant
81 species, including the wild dog, proso millet pepper and soybean (Armstrong et al., 2018; Hulse-
82 Kemp et al., 2018; Liu et al., 2018; Ott et al., 2018).

83 We demonstrated that linked-read technology is effective in the *de novo* assembly of the
84 genome of the sweet cherry cv. Tieton, which is the most popular cherry variety in China. The
85 sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome assembly surpasses the cv. Satonishiki genome assembled using
86 Illumina short-reads in continuity, with a tenfold improvement of scaffold N50 (Shirasawa et al.,
87 2017). The high-quality genome assembly and annotation in this study are valuable for genetic
88 marker development and gene mapping, which may improve sweet cherry breeding. Our
89 assembly platform will support future *de novo* genome assemblies for other *Prunus* crops using
90 the linked reads method.

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92 **2. Materials and Methods**

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94 **2.1 Sample and DNA extraction**

95 Leaf samples were collected from the sweet cherry cv. Tieton grown in the experimental orchard
96 of Shandong Institute of Pomology, Taian, Shandong Province, China, and frozen in liquid
97 nitrogen. High-molecular-weight (HMW) genomic DNA (gDNA) was extracted from the frozen
98 leaves using MagAttract HMW DNA Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) following the
99 manufacturer's protocol. The gDNA was quantified using Implen NanoPhotometer P330
100 (Implen, Munich, Germany) and assessed using agarose gel electrophoresis.

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102 **2.2 Chromium library construction and sequencing**

103 The single Chromium library was constructed by CapitalBio Technology Inc. (Beijing, China)
104 using the purified HMW gDNA sample. The library was sequenced in one lane as 150nt-
105 Chromium-linked paired-end reads on an Illumina HiSeq X Ten sequencer (Illumina, [http://](http://www.illumina.com/)
106 www.illumina.com/). We filtered out raw reads with >5% undetermined bases (Ns), >30%
107 nucleotides quality score lower than 20, and the adapter sequence overlap > 5 bp.

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109 **2.3 *de novo* assembly and evaluation**

110 We estimated the size of the sweet cherry genome based on the k-mer frequency of the sequence
111 data using the k-mer counting program Jellyfish (v.2.0.8) (Marcais & Kingsford, 2011) and
112 GenomeScope (v1.0.0)(Vurture et al., 2017). The genome was assembled and scaffolded using
113 the Supernova assembler (v2.0, <https://www.10xgenomics.com/>). This program links
114 sequencing reads to the originating HMW DNA molecule using barcoded information and
115 constructs phased, whole-genome *de novo* assemblies from the Chromium-prepared library
116 (Weisenfeld et al., 2017). Chromium-linked reads of different sizes (40x, 50x, 60x, 65x, 68x,
117 70x, and 75x) were used as input data. The assembly, using 70x coverage of the reads, was
118 selected for analysis based on superior quality, and higher contig N50 and scaffold N50. Default
119 parameters were set and two pseudohap assemblies were generated; pseudohap1 was used for
120 further analysis. 150 million reads were sampled and aligned to the assembled genome sequence;
121 the quality of the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome assembly was evaluated using the Burrows-
122 Wheller Alignment tool (BWA, 0.7.17-r1188) (Li & Durbin, 2009). Core Eukaryotic Genes
123 Mapping Approach (CEGMA, v2.5) (Parra et al., 2007) and Benchmarking Universal Single-

124 Copy Orthologs (BUSCO, v3.0, embryophyta_odb10) (Simao et al., 2015) were used to assess
125 the completeness of the assembly.

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127 **2.4 Chromosome-scale pseudomolecule construction**

128 Scaffolds were assembled using the Supernova assembler and were ordered and oriented using
129 seven previously published sweet cherry genetic maps for the construction of the chromosome-
130 scale pseudomolecules. Five of the seven maps were built by Shirasawa et al. (2017), Peace et al.
131 (2012), Klagges et al. (2013), Calle et al. (2018), and Guajardo et al. (2015). The initials of the
132 first author were used to name their respective maps and the maps are referred to as KS, CP, CK,
133 AC, and VG. The other two maps, named JWF (the framework map of the WxL map) and JWF1
134 (the second round of the WxL map), were both reported by Wang et al. (2015). Genetic markers
135 and/or flanking sequences for these maps were aligned to the current scaffolds using GMAP
136 (v2018-07-04)(Wu & Watanabe, 2005) as described by Hulse-Kemp et al. (2018). Markers were
137 manually filtered out if they were aligned to more than one scaffold or the same scaffold in
138 different linkage groups. The alignment results of GMAP were fitted into ALLMAPS
139 (v0.8.4)(Tang et al., 2015) to generate the final consensus map and chromosome-scale
140 pseudomolecules. Different weight parameters were tried for the seven linkage maps and the
141 optimal weight settings with the largest number of anchored and oriented scaffolds were : KS =2,
142 CP =3, CK =1, AC =1, VG =1, JWF =1, and JWF1=1.

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144 **2.5 Identification of repetitive elements in sweet cherry genome**

145 Homology-based and *de novo* methods were combined to identify repetitive and transposon
146 elements in our final assembly using RepeatMasker (v.4.0.6) (Smit et al., 2016) and
147 RepeatModeler (v.1.0.11) (<http://www.repeatmasker.org/RepeatModeler.html>).

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149 **2.6 RNA-Seq analysis**

150 Total RNA was extracted from the young leaves of a single plant for genome sequencing. The
151 cDNA library was constructed based on the description of Wei et al. (2015) and sequenced by
152 CapitalBio Technology Inc. (Beijing, China) using the Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform. The
153 adapters were trimmed and low-quality reads were removed before the remaining high quality
154 reads were assembled by Trinity (v2.8.5)(Grabherr et al., 2011).

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156 **2.7 Non-coding RNA prediction, protein-coding gene prediction and functional annotation**

157 INFERNAL (v1.1.2) (Nawrocki et al., 2009) was used to identify the non-coding RNAs
158 (ncRNAs) in the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome against the RFAM database (Griffiths-Jones et
159 al., 2005). The tRNAs were identified by tRNAscan-SE (v2.0.5)(Lowe & Eddy, 1997). The
160 rRNAs were identified using RNAmmer (v1.1.2)(Lagesen et al., 2007).

161 Homology-based, *de novo* and RNA-seq methods were combined to predict the protein-
162 coding genes in sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome. Augustus (v3.3.2)(Keller et al., 2011) and
163 SNAP (v2013-11-29)(Korf, 2004) were used in the *de novo* annotation to predict the protein-
164 coding gene in repeat-masked genome sequences. The predicted genes were annotated by

165 Genewise (v2.4.1)(Birney et al., 2004) and Exonerate (v2.4.0)(Slater & Birney, 2005). The
166 Program to Assemble Spliced Alignments (PASA, v2.4.1) pipeline (Haas et al., 2003) was used
167 in transcriptome-assistant method with the unigenes assembled by the RNA-seq data.
168 EVIDENCEModeler (EVM, v1.1.1)(Haas et al., 2008) and PASA were used to combine the
169 predicted results.

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171 **2.8 Gene family analysis**

172 OrthoFinder (v2.2.7) (Emms & Kelly, 2015) was used to identify the orthologous genes from 13
173 plant genomes of the sweet cherry cv. Tieton (*Prunus avium*, Pa), peach (*Prunus persica*, Pp),
174 Chinese plum (*Prunus mume*, Pm), flowering cherry (*Prunus yedoensis*, Py), apple (*Malus x*
175 *domestica*, Md), pear (*Pyrus bretschneideri*, Pb), black raspberry (*Rubus occidentalis*, Ro),
176 strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*, Fv), rose (*Rosa chinensis*, Rc), orange (*Citrus sinensis*, Cs), grape
177 (*Vitis vinifera*, Vv), tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*, Sl), and arabidopsis (*Arabidopsis thaliana*,
178 At) (Tomato Genome 2012, Zhang, Chen et al. 2012, Wu, Wang et al. 2013, Xu, Chen et al.
179 2013, Canaguier, Grimplet et al. 2017, Daccord, Celton et al. 2017, Li, Wei et al. 2017, Verde,
180 Jenkins et al. 2017, Baek, Choi et al. 2018, Raymond, Gouzy et al. 2018, Sloan, Wu et al. 2018,
181 VanBuren, Wai et al. 2018). The protein sequences of each plant genome were generated from
182 their most recently annotated versions and were used as input sequences for OrthoFinder. Table
183 S1 shows the annotated version and reference of the other 12 plant genomes except for our sweet
184 cherry cv. Tieton genome. CAFÉ (v4.2) (De Bie et al., 2006) was used to analyze the expansion
185 and contraction of their gene families. The species tree was generated using STRIDE (Emms &
186 Kelly, 2017), as part of OrthoFinder and used as the input phylogenetic tree for CAFÉ.

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188 **2.9 Comparison between sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome and cv. Satonishiki genome**

189 D-GENIES (v1.2.0) was used to compare the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome with the cv.
190 Satonishiki genome (Cabannes & Klopp, 2018; Shirasawa et al., 2017). The whole sequence
191 synteny analysis of the two assemblies were compared in both scaffold level and
192 pseudochromosome level.

193 To compare the gene content between the two genome assemblies, we used three annotation
194 versions that are the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome annotation, the cv. Satonishiki genome
195 annotation (Shirasawa et al., 2017), and an improved and re-annotated assembly of cv.
196 Satonishiki genome released by NCBI Eukaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline (NCBI *Prunus*
197 *avium* Annotation Release 100,
198 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/annotation_euk/Prunus_avium/100/). OrthoFinder was
199 used to compare the gene content among the three annotations (Emms & Kelly, 2015).

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201 **3. Results and Discussion**

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203 **3.1 Sequencing summary**

204 For sweet cherry cv. Tieton, a total of 121.61 Gb of raw sequencing data was generated with
205 more than 810 million Chromium-linked paired-end reads. Table 1 shows the statistics of the

206 sequencing for the linked-read library. The low quality reads were filtered out and 750,890,534
207 clean reads were used for *de novo* assembly. The average Q20 was 95.52% and GC content was
208 40.8%. A cDNA library was constructed and sequenced to improve the precision of the genome
209 annotation. As shown in Table S2, over 78 million 150-nt length paired-end reads were
210 generated and assembled.

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212 **3.2 Determination of genome size and heterozygosity**

213 The genome size of sweet cherry cv. Tieton was estimated to be 341.38 Mb based on 37-nt k-
214 mer, which is very close to the genome size of 338 Mb estimated by flow cytometry
215 (Arumuganathan & Earle, 1991). The k-mer distribution generated by GenomeScope was shown
216 in Figure S1. The sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki genome estimated by k-mer method was 352.9
217 Mb (Shirasawa et al., 2017), larger than cv. Tieton genome. The genome size difference is
218 probably due to the variety difference, but also may be caused by different library construction
219 and sequencing methods. Heterozygosity of sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome was estimated to be
220 0.45%, and the repeat content was estimated to be 48.5% as shown in Figure S1.

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222 **3.3 Genome assembly and quality-assessment**

223 The Supernova assembler (version 2.0) was used in *de novo* assembly and different sizes (40x,
224 50x, 60x, 65x, 68x, 70x, and 75x) of the Chromium-linked reads were attempted (Weisenfeld et
225 al., 2017). Table S3 listed these assembly results, illustrating that the assembly using 70x
226 coverage reads has the best assembly quality, and was selected for following analyses.
227 GapCloser filled gaps in the raw sequencing data (Luo et al., 2012), resulting in the draft genome
228 assembly of sweet cherry cv. Tieton of 280.33 Mb with contig N50 and scaffold N50 sizes of
229 63.65 kb and 2.48 Mb, respectively. Our sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome assembly had tenfold
230 better contiguity than the cv. Satonishiki genome assembly (Shirasawa et al., 2017). The whole
231 assembly increased in size from 272.36 to 280.33 Mb, whereas scaffold N50 increased from 219
232 kb to 2.48 Mb (Table 2).

233 150 million reads were sampled and 99.02% of the sampled reads were aligned to the sweet
234 cherry cv. Tieton genome sequence using BWA (Li & Durbin, 2009), shown in Table S4.
235 CEGMA (Parra et al., 2007) and BUSCO (Simao et al., 2015) were used to evaluate the
236 completeness of the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome and results were summarized in Table S5.
237 Out of 248 core eukaryotic genes, 231 and 13 were found to be complete and partial genes in the
238 CEGMA assessment, respectively. BUSCO analysis showed that our assembly captured 1,403
239 (97.43%) of the 1,440 single-copy orthologous genes of the embryo plant, of which 1,381
240 (95.9%) were complete (1,345 single-copy and 36 duplicated-copy), showing that the sweet
241 cherry cv. Tieton genome assembly is well covered the gene space of the sweet cherry genome.

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243 **3.4 Chromosome-scale pseudomolecule construction**

244 A consensus map was constructed from previously reported sweet cherry genetic maps for the
245 chromosome-scale pseudomolecule construction (Calle et al., 2018; Guajardo et al., 2015;
246 Klagges et al., 2013; Peace et al., 2012; Shirasawa et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2015). GMAP (Wu

247 & Watanabe, 2005) and ALLMAPS (Tang et al., 2015) were used to organize scaffolds onto
248 eight chromosome-scale pseudomolecules (Hulse-Kemp et al., 2018). 494 scaffolds representing
249 more than 214 Mb sequences, were anchored to eight chromosome-scale pseudomolecules of the
250 sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome using 7,838 genetic markers (36.6 markers per Mb). 202.6 of the
251 214 Mb anchored sequences were oriented, the anchor rate and synteny of the maps were shown
252 in Table S6 and Figure 1. This formation resulted in a higher contiguity than the sweet cherry cv.
253 Satonishiki genome, consisting of 905 scaffolds spanning 191.7 Mb (Shirasawa et al., 2017).

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255 **3.5 Annotation of repetitive sequences**

256 The Repbase library and repetitive motifs were searched and 32.71% (over 91 Mb) of the sweet
257 cherry cv. Tieton genome assembly was found to be repetitive. Different repetitive elements
258 were annotated in sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome, and their distribution were shown in Table 3.
259 Long-terminal-repeat retrotransposons (6.39%) were predominant among the repetitive elements.
260 The annotated repeat sequence length of the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome was 28.4Mb shorter
261 than the sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki genome (Shirasawa et al., 2017), which may explain why
262 the k-mer method estimated a smaller genome size for cv. Tieton than cv. Satonishiki (299.17
263 versus 352.9 Mb).

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265 **3.6 cDNA assembly and noncoding RNA (ncRNA) annotation**

266 Trinity was used to assembly the high quality cDNA reads (Grabherr et al., 2011). A total of
267 33,401 transcripts with a total length of 42.6 Mb were generated. The length of the assembled
268 transcripts ranged from 201 to 15,591 nt, with a mean length of 1,276 nt. These assembled
269 contigs were considered to be unigenes, and the distribution of their lengths is shown in Table
270 S7.

271 Noncoding RNA includes miRNA, rRNA, snoRNA, tRNA, and the tRNA pseudogene. A
272 total of 109,277 ncRNAs were generated, with a total length of 7.35 Mb, representing 2.63% of
273 the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome. As summarized in Table 4, our annotation predicted fewer
274 tRNAs and rRNAs, compared to the annotation in of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki genome
275 (Shirasawa et al., 2017).

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277 **3.7 Protein-coding gene prediction and functional annotation**

278 In total, 30,439 genes coding for 30,975 proteins were predicted in the sweet cherry cv. Tieton
279 genome assembly. A summary of the predicted results using different methods was shown in
280 Table 5. The *de novo* methods predicted 47,866 gene models, but the average gene length was
281 shorter than other methods. After correcting with the transcript evidence, more than 16,000 genes
282 were filtered out.

283 The predicted 30,975 proteins were blasted against non-redundant protein sequences (NR,
284 <https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>), Uniprot (The UniProt 2017), Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and
285 Genomes (KEGG) (Kanehisa et al., 2014), and InterPro (Finn et al., 2017) by using BLASTP
286 (v2.9.0)(Camacho et al., 2009). As shown in Table 6, 30,973 of 30,975 proteins (99.99%) were
287 annotated in at least one database.

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289 **3.8 Gene family analysis compared with other plant species**

290 OrthoFinder (Emms & Kelly, 2015) identified the potential orthologous genes between the sweet
291 cherry cv. Tieton genome and the other 12 plant genomes. The results of gene orthologous
292 analysis were shown in Table S8. Gene family clustering identified 23,129 common orthogroups
293 consisting of 375,493 genes (81.1% of the total genes) in these genomes. 8,465 orthogroups were
294 present in all species, and 246 were single-copy genes. In the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome, 46
295 orthogroups (124 genes) were unique and 2,062 orphan genes were identified that could not be
296 clustered with any genes in the thirteen genomes. A species tree was constructed using STRIDE
297 (Emms & Kelly, 2017), as part of OrthoFinder. As shown in Figure 2, sweet cherry (*Prunus*
298 *avium*) exhibits a closer relationship with cherry flowers (*Prunus yedoensis*) than peach (*Prunus*
299 *persica*) and Chinese plum (*Prunus mume*). A comparison was conducted to evaluate the
300 expansion or contraction of these gene families using CAFÉ (version 4.2) (De Bie et al., 2006),
301 and the results were shown in Figure 2. 1,012 gene families expanded and 3,642 gene families
302 contracted in the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome compared to the other 12 plant genomes
303 (Figure 2).

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305 **3.9 Comparison between sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome and cv. Satonishiki genome**

306 According to Figure 3A, genomic analysis using D-GENIES showed a high scaffold-level
307 synteny of the sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome compared to sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki
308 genome. High chromosome-level synteny was also detected in the two sets of pseudomolecules,
309 except at the end of chromosomes 1, 4, 5, and 6 (Figure 3B). Based on Figure 3A, the sweet
310 cherry cv. Tieton genome assembly had a better contig contiguity, whereas the sweet cherry cv.
311 Satonishiki genome was more fragmented.

312 The original annotation of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki genome (Shirasawa et al., 2017) and
313 the re-annotated version of cv. Satonishiki genome released by the NCBI Eukaryotic Genome
314 Annotation Pipeline were used to compare the gene content with our annotation of sweet cherry
315 cv. Tieton genome. OrthoFinder analysis showed that the originally annotated version of cv.
316 Satonishiki had 48 species-specific orthogroups represented 349 genes from our cv. Tieton
317 genome annotation and the NCBI annotation of cv. Satonishiki genome (Table 7). The original
318 version of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki assembly annotated 41% more genes than our cv. Tieton
319 genome annotation, however, the re-annotated version of cv. Satonishiki genome annotated a
320 similar number of genes with our cv. Tieton genome. The increased gene numbers in the original
321 annotation of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki genome can be attributed to the fragmentation of
322 genes onto multiple individual contigs. The re-annotated version of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki
323 genome adopted RNA-seq to improve the quality of the gene annotation by connecting genes
324 fragmented in the assembly process (Denton et al., 2014). This method was also used in our
325 sweet cherry cv. Tieton genome annotation process.

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327 **4. Conclusion**

328 We successfully assembled a high-quality reference genome of sweet cherry cv. Tieton using
329 linked reads sequencing technology. The assembly will be a valuable resource for future
330 breeding efforts, gene function characterization and cultivar identification in the sweet cherry, as
331 well as for comparative genomic analysis with other *Prunus* species.

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333 **Data availability**

334 Raw sequencing reads are available in GenBank under Bioproject ID PRJNA503752. Genome
335 assembly, annotation and chromosome-scale pseudomolecule construction data are available on
336 Figshare with DOI: 10.6084/m9.figshare.9810236.

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338 **Figures**

339 **Figure_1.**

340 Title: Pseudomolecule construction of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) by assigning scaffolds to
341 seven genetic maps.

342 Legend: Chr 1 to 8 represents constructed pseudomolecules by merging seven genetic maps. AC,
343 VG, CK, CP, KS, JWF, and JWF1 denote the sweet cherry genetic maps reported in Calle et al.
344 2018 ; Guajardo et al. 2015 ; Klagges et al. 2013 ; Peace et al. 2012 ; Shirasawa et al. 2017 ;
345 Wang et al. 2015, respectively.

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347 **Figure_2.**

348 Title: Species tree and gene family expansion analysis of 13 plant species.

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350 **Figure_3.**

351 Title: Synteny analysis between sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton genome and cv.
352 Satonishiki genome. (A) Scaffold level synteny dot plot. (B) Chromosome-scale synteny dot
353 plot.

354 Legend: Sequence identity is indicated by colors.

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356 **Figure_S1.**

357 Title: Genome size estimation of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton based on k-mer (37-
358 mer) analysis.

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Table 1 (on next page)

Raw data and valid data statistics of sequencing for linked-read libraries of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton

1 **Table 1.** Raw data and valid data statistics of sequencing for linked-read libraries of sweet cherry
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Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
Raw bases (Gb)	121.61	Clean bases (Gb)	112.63
Q20 (%)	97.52	Clean reads	750,890,534
Q30 (%)	94.24	Clean ratio (%)	92.62
GC content (%)	40.8	Low ratio (%)	5.51
N ratio (%)	0.01	Adapter ratio (%)	1.86

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Comparison of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) genome assemblies of cv. Tieton and cv. Satonishiki

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2 Table 2. Comparison of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) genome assemblies of cv. Tieton and cv.
3 Satonishiki

Assembly parameters	cv. Tieton	cv. Satonishiki
Assembled genome size (Mb)	280.33	272.36
Scaffold N50 (Mb)	2.48	0.22
Number of scaffold	14,344	10,148
Longest of scaffold (Mb)	17.96	1.46
Contig N50 (kb)	63.65	28.779
Number of contig	19,420	32,301
Longest of contig (kb)	670.29	19.97
Total contig length (Mb)	237.92	246.8
GC content (%)	37.86	37.7
Ns (%)	15.12	9.34

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5 Mb: Megabase, kb: Kilobase, GC: Guanine-cytosine, Ns: Ambiguous bases

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Summary of detected repeat elements of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton genome

1 Table 3. Summary of detected repeat elements of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton
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Repeat type	Number	Total length (bp)	Percent (%)
LTR	22,244	17,899,535	6.39
DNA elements	11,927	7,198,678	2.57
LINE	4,700	1,900,833	0.68
SINE	1	84	0
Simple repeat	6,266	4,736,127	1.69
Low complexity	141	23,252	0.01
Unknown	228,932	59,943,002	21.38
Total	274,211	91,701,511	32.71

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5 LTR: Long terminal retrotransposon; SINE: Short interspersed nuclear elements; LINE: Long interspersed
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Summary of noncoding-RNAs prediction in sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton genome

1 Table 4. Summary of noncoding-RNAs prediction in sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton
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Non-coding RNA type	Non-coding RNA number	Total length (bp)	Percentage (%)
miRNA	21,673	1,703,848	0.61
rRNA	35	51,780	0.02
snoRNA	86,993	5,560,365	1.98
tRNA	521	39,227	0.01
tRNA-pseudogene	48	3,585	0
Total	109,277	7,358,805	2.63

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miRNA: micro-RNA; rRNA: ribosomal RNA; snoRNA: small nucleolar RNA; tRNA: transfer RNA
 the total length of corresponding non – coding RNA type

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$$\text{Percentage (\%)} = \frac{\text{the total length of corresponding non – coding RNA type}}{\text{whole genome size of cv. Tieton}}$$

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Table 5 (on next page)

Statistics for protein-coding gene prediction of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton genome

1 Table 5. Statistics for protein-coding gene prediction of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton
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Prediction method or software	Number of genes	mRNA number	Average RNA length	Exon number	Average exon length	Intron number	Average intron length
<i>De novo</i>	47,866	47,866	2118.8	179,067	302.9	131,201	359.5
RNA-seq	16,512	16,512	4032.3	91,646	228.5	75,134	344.6
EVM	30,455	30,455	2433.3	139,225	275.8	108,770	328.3
PASA	30,439	30,975	2720.6	140,185	277	109,210	329.2

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EVM: EVIDENCEModeler; PASA: Program to Assemble Spliced Alignments.

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Statistics of functional annotated genes of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton genome

1 Table 6. Statistics of functional annotated genes of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton
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Functional database	Number of annotated genes	Percentage (%)
InterPro	30300	97.8
NR	30882	99.7
GO	16433	53.05
Uniprot	29444	95.05
KEGG	9202	29.7
Total	30973	99.99

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5 NR: NCBI Non-redundant protein, GO: Gene ontology, KEGG: Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes
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Table 7 (on next page)

Statistics of orthogroups analysis between sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton and cv. Satonishiki genome annotations.

1 Table 7. Statistics of orthogroups analysis between sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton and
 2 cv. Satonishiki genome annotations

Annotation summary	cv. Tieton	cv. Satonishiki	
		NCBI version	Original version
Number of genes	30975	35009	43673
Number of genes in orthogroups	26730	31314	25388
Number of unassigned genes	4245	3695	18285
Percentage of genes in orthogroups	86.3%	89.4%	58.1%
Percentage of unassigned genes	13.7%	10.6%	41.9%
Number of orthogroups containing species	21511	21258	20738
Percentage of orthogroups containing species	92.4%	91.3%	89%
Number of species-specific orthogroups	14	1	48
Number of genes in species-specific orthogroups	67	2	349

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4 NCBI version is the improved assembly annotation of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki released by National Center for
 5 Biotechnology Information (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genome/annotation_euk/Prunus_avium/100/).

6 Original version is the assembly annotation of sweet cherry cv. Satonishiki genome documented in (Shirasawa et
 7 al., 2017).

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Figure 1

Title: Pseudomolecule construction of sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) by assigning scaffolds to seven genetic maps.

Legend: Chr 1 to 8 represents constructed pseudomolecules by merging seven genetic maps. AC, VG, CK, CP, KS, JWF, and JWF1 denote the sweet cherry genetic maps reported in Calle et al. 2018 ; Guajardo et al. 2015 ; Klagges et al. 2013 ; Peace et al. 2012 ; Shirasawa et al. 2017 ; Wang et al. 2015, respectively.

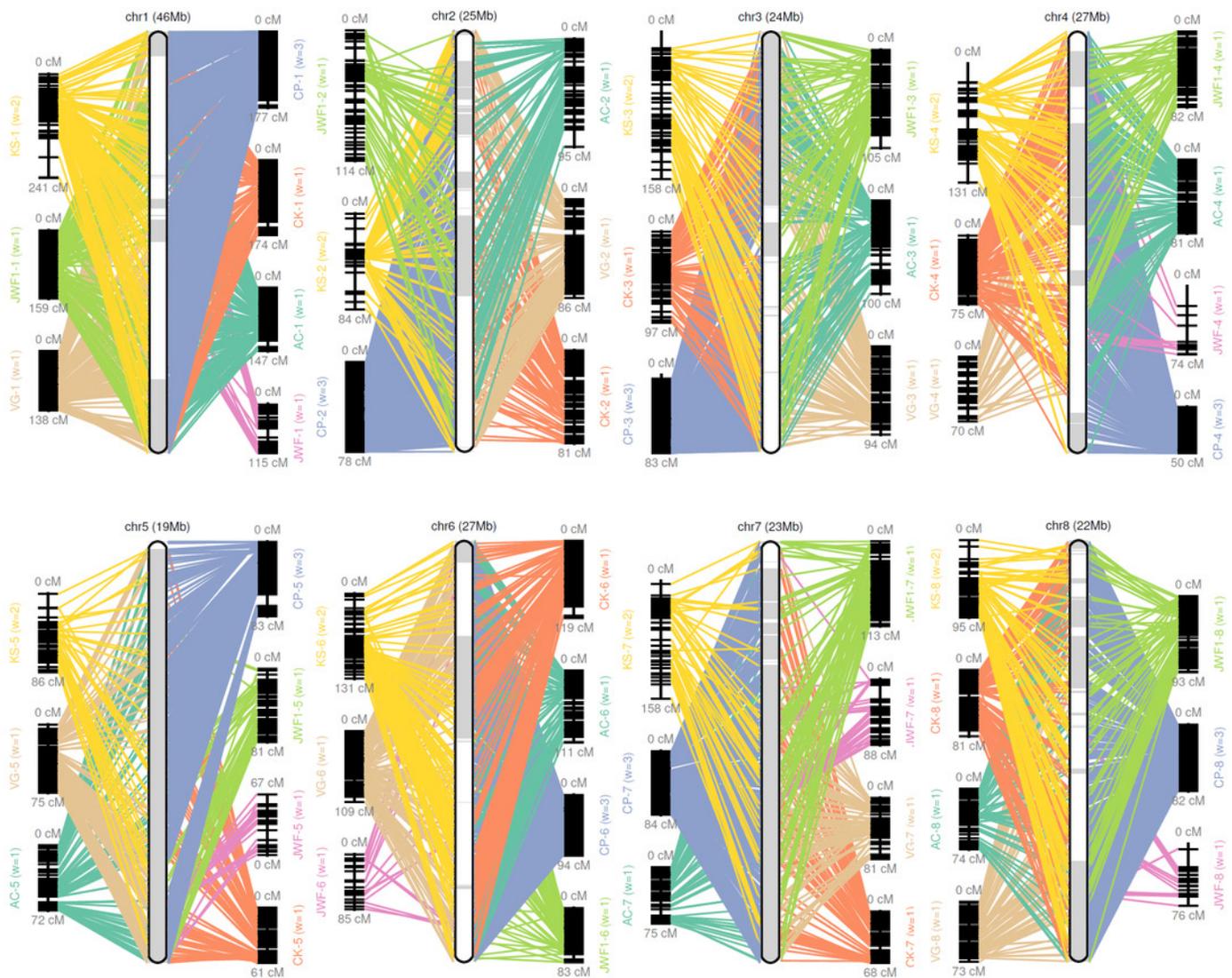


Figure 2

Title: Species tree and gene family expansion analysis of 13 plant species.

Legend: The species tree were constructed using STRIDE. Gene family expansions are indicated in red, and gene family contractions are indicated in green.

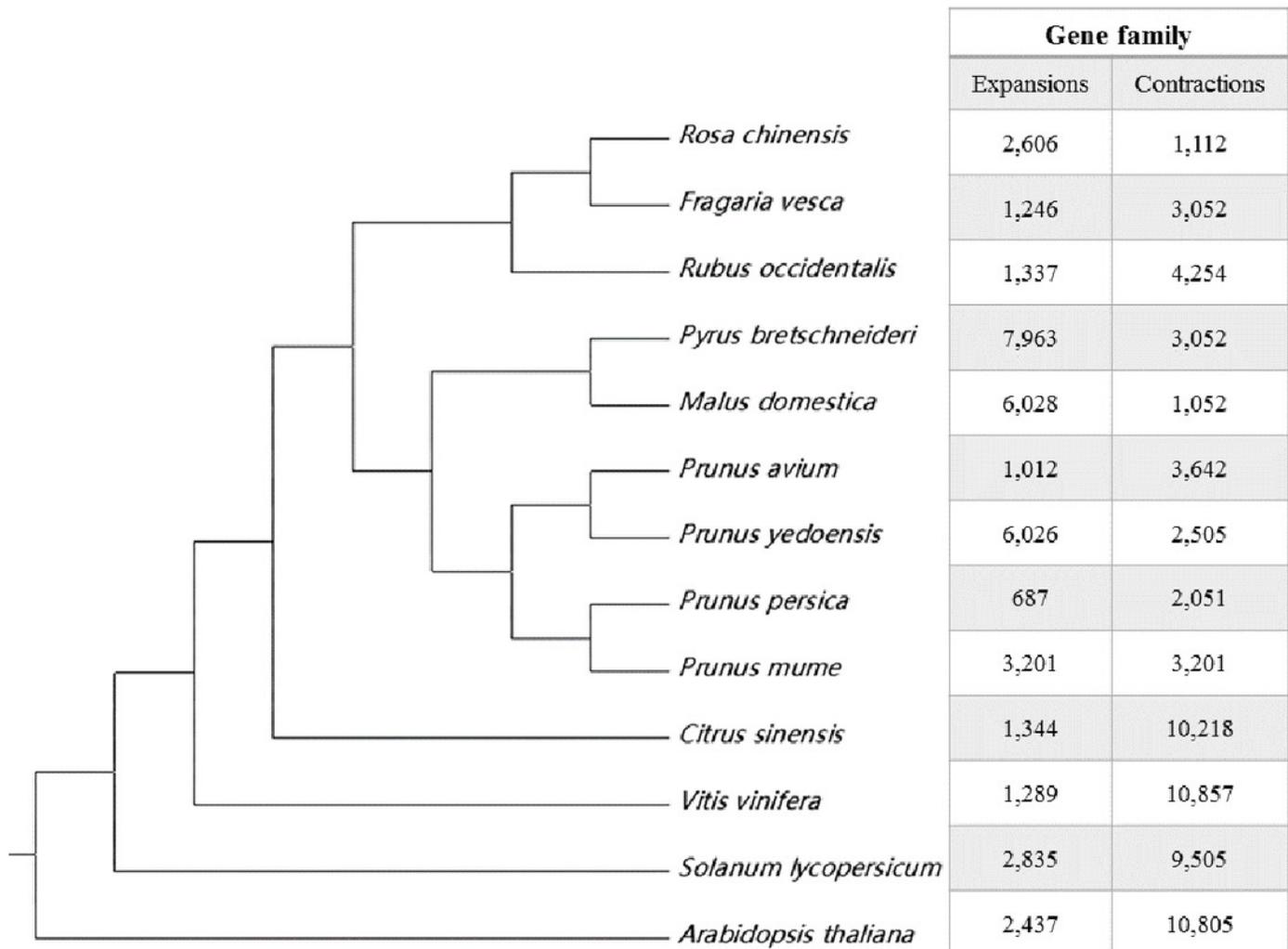


Figure 3

Title: Synteny analysis between sweet cherry (*Prunus avium*) cv. Tieton genome and cv. Satonishiki genome. (A) Scaffold level synteny dot plot. (B) Chromosome-scale synteny dot plot.

Legend: Sequence identity is indicated by colors.

