

The first gene-based map of *Lupinus angustifolius* L.-location of domestication genes and conserved synteny with *Medicago truncatula*

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Abstract We report the first gene-based linkage map of *Lupinus angustifolius* (narrow-leafed lupin) and its comparison to the partially sequenced genome of *Medicago truncatula*. The map comprises 382 loci in 20

major linkage groups, two triplets, three pairs and 11 unlinked loci and is 1,846 cM in length. The map was generated from the segregation of 163 RFLP markers, 135 gene-based PCR markers, 75 AFLP and 4 AFLP-derived SCAR markers in a mapping population of 93 recombinant inbred lines, derived from a cross between domesticated and wild-type parents. This enabled the mapping of five major genes controlling key domestication traits in *L. angustifolius*. Using marker sequence data, the *L. angustifolius* genetic map was compared to the partially completed *M. truncatula* genome sequence. We found evidence of conserved synteny in some regions of the genome despite the wide evolutionary distance between these legume species. We also found new evidence of widespread duplication within the *L. angustifolius* genome.

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Introduction

Narrow-leafed lupin (*Lupinus angustifolius* L.) is the most important grain legume crop in southern Australia. Up to 1.4 M tonnes of high protein grain are harvested annually for animal feed (Edwards and van Barneveld 1998) and human nutrition (Pettersson 1998), and for major benefits in crop rotation with cereals (Nelson 1994). Interest is growing in Europe and North America for this crop as a useful protein crop (Bhardwaj 2002; Carruthers et al. 2000; Reeves 1991; Wilkins and Jones 2000).

The domestication history of narrow-leafed lupin is relatively short (Cowling et al. 1998) and has involved

the introduction of key domestication traits controlled by mutations at five or six loci. Most domestication alleles are recessive mutants (Cowling 1999). *Iucundis* (*Iuc*), controls alkaloid production and bitterness in wild lupins, but the recessive mutant *iuc* is exploited to produce “sweet” low alkaloid forms (Gladstones 1977). *Mollis* (*Moll*) controls water permeability of seed, “hard” seeds being important for long term survival of the species in the wild, but the recessive mutant *moll* is necessary to allow immediate germination upon sowing (Mikolajczyk 1966). Two genes are known to be responsible for pod shattering, *Tardus* (*Ta*) and *Lentus* (*Le*), and the additive effect of the recessive mutants *ta* and *le* prevents pod shattering at harvest (Gladstones 1967). The *le* allele has a pleiotropic effect of deposition of a red pigment in the cortex at the base of the stem in green plants, and a red pigment inside dry mature pod walls and is therefore more easily identified than the *ta* gene (Gladstones 1967). Early flowering is promoted by the dominant mutant allele *Ku*, which is important for adaptation to short growing seasons in Australia (Gladstones 1977). *Leucospermus* (*Leuc*) controls pigment production in seeds, cotyledons, and flowers and the recessive mutant *leuc* is used to differentiate the domesticated crop by its white flowers and seeds from the bitter, blue-flowered, dark-seeded wild populations which may grow in the same region (Gladstones 1977).

L. angustifolius is a member of the Genistoid clade of the Fabaceae, which is believed to have diverged from the other crop legume species about 56.4 million years ago (Lavin et al. 2005). *L. angustifolius* is diploid with $2n = 40$ chromosomes and an estimated DNA content of $2C = 1.89\text{--}2.07$ pg (Hajdera et al. 2003; Naganowska et al. 2003). In these respects, *L. angustifolius* is similar to the soybean genome that shares the same number of chromosomes and approximately the same DNA content (Bennett et al. 1982). Furthermore, like soybean, *L. angustifolius* is thought to have undergone polyploidy in the past, most likely early in the formation of *Lupinus* genus (Atkins et al. 1998; Gupta et al. 1996; Naganowska et al. 2003; Shoemaker et al. 1996; Wolko and Weeden 1989; Yan et al. 2004). The chromosomes of *L. angustifolius* are small and morphologically uniform making classical cytogenetic analysis difficult for this species; however, fluorescent in situ hybridisation has been used to differentiate 5 of 20 chromosome pairs (Hajdera et al. 2003; Naganowska and Kaczmarek 2005; Naganowska and Zielinska 2002, 2004). Previous genetic linkage maps of *L. angustifolius* were based primarily on anonymous dominant genetic markers such as amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP), random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) and

microsatellite-anchored fragment length polymorphism (MFLP) markers (Boersma et al. 2005; Brien et al. 1999; Wolko and Weeden 1994). Such maps are less useful than gene-based maps because they are cultivar-specific and offer no opportunity to compare the genome of *L. angustifolius* with those of other legume species. A valuable resource for lupin genetic research and legume evolutionary studies would therefore be a genetic map of *L. angustifolius* made using codominant markers transferable between lupin crosses and across the legume family.

Comparative genetic mapping is well established in many families of crop species, most notably for cereals and crucifers (Devos 2005; Lagercrantz and Lydiate 1996; Moore et al. 1995) but also more recently for legumes (Choi et al. 2004b; Yan et al. 2004). Classically, comparative mapping has involved the use of the same set of genomic or cDNA probes as restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) markers in related species to identify regions of marker loci that show conservation of linkage (i.e. synteny) and order (i.e. collinearity: Lagercrantz and Lydiate 1996; Moore et al. 1995). More recently, RFLP maps of less well-characterised species (such as most crop species) have been aligned to the genome sequence of model species using the sequences of the RFLP probes (Lukens et al. 2003). A third comparative mapping approach is to use polymerase chain reaction (PCR) markers designed for use across related species. In this approach, oligonucleotide primers are designed to conserve DNA sequences such as gene exons, that encompass polymorphic regions such as introns or microsatellites (Lyons et al. 1997; Varshney et al. 2005).

In this study, we used a variety of sequenced RFLP markers, PCR-based, cross-species markers and AFLP markers to develop the first gene-based map of *L. angustifolius* including key domestication traits. This map was then used to assess the extent of conserved synteny between *L. angustifolius* and the model legume *M. truncatula*.

Materials and methods

Genetic population development

The seed parent was the breeding line 83A:476, a sister line of *L. angustifolius* cv. Wonga (Cowling 1999), and the pollen parent was *L. angustifolius*, accession number P27255, originally collected from a natural population in Morocco (Gladstones and Crosbie 1978). The breeding system of *L. angustifolius* is highly self-pollinating, and the F_1 is fully self-fertile. Both 83A:476 (an F_5 -derived

line) and P27255 were expected to be homozygous at most loci. The parents showed different phenotypes at the six key domestication loci used in the breeding program in Australia (Cowling 1999), and P27255 was blue-flowered, late, bitter, hard-seeded, with shattering pods and a non-pigmented cortex at the base of the stem (alleles *Leuc*, *ku*, *Iuc*, *Moll*, *Ta* and *Le*).

An F₁ individual (number 97L380) from this cross was grown over summer in 1997–1998 in a glasshouse, and 141 F₂ seeds harvested, scarified by hand and sown in a quarantine mesh field house at South Perth, Western Australia, in June 1998. F₂ plants were assessed for cotyledon and flower colour (pigmented types classified as *Leuc*- and white types as *leuc/leuc*), flowering date (early types classified as *Ku*-, and late types as *ku/ku*), presences of alkaloids (bitter types classified as *Iuc*-, and sweet types as *iuc/iuc*), pigmented pod walls (white pod walls classified as *Le*- and pigmented pod walls classified as *le/le*). The pod shattering gene, *Ta*, could not be reliably genotyped in the F₂/F₃ generations. Of the 136 numbered F₂ plants that emerged, F₃ seed was harvested from 121 survivors.

Up to 40 seeds from each F₂-derived F₃ family were assessed for swelling ability in water (non-permeable types were classified as *Moll*-, and permeable types as *moll/moll*), and sown (after scarification if necessary) in a quarantine mesh field house at Shenton Park, Western Australia, in June 1999. F₃ family rows were again assessed for segregation of alleles at domestication loci *Leuc*, *Ku*, *Iuc* and *Le* for comparison with the previous year's results. F₄ seed was harvested in bulk from 105 surviving rows, and tested for swelling ability (*Moll*) to confirm the previous year's results.

A single seed was taken at random from the F₄ bulk of each F₂-derived family to commence single seed descent to the F₈ to produce recombinant inbred lines (RIL). In total, 93 F₈-derived RIL progeny were developed from the original 136 F₂ plants. F₈ seeds (one per RIL) were sown in a quarantine mesh field house at Shenton Park, Western Australia, in June 2003 and plants were assessed for domestication traits as described previously. F₈-derived F₉ seed was harvested from each F₈ plant, and grown in rows in 2004 to confirm domestication trait genotypes assessed in 2003 and to provide leaf tissue for DNA sampling. As in the F₂/F₃ generations, the *Ta* trait could not be reliably assessed in the F₈/F₉ generations.

RFLP markers

The DNA extraction, restriction enzyme digestion, gel electrophoresis, alkaline transfer and Southern blot hybridisation were carried out according to the meth-

ods of Sharpe et al. (1995), except that *Eco*RI-digested lambda DNA was used as a size marker and positive hybridisation control. PCR inserts from a total of 199 partial (3'-end) cDNA clones from a developing seed library of *L. angustifolius* (Merrit cultivar) and 87 soybean genomic clones (Biogenetic Services Inc., SD, USA) were radiolabelled using ³²P-dCTP, hybridised to Southern blots of DNA from 83A:476, P27255 and a soybean DNA control using moderate stringency (1× SSC, 65°C) and visualised on Super RX film (Fuji Hanimex, Perth, Australia). The DNA samples were digested separately with each of the three restriction enzymes (*Eco*RI, *Eco*RV and *Hind*III). Markers showing polymorphism were then hybridised to *Eco*RI, *Eco*RV or *Hind*III-digested DNA of the mapping population. Plasmids containing the lupin cDNA inserts used in this study were sequenced using BigDye v3.1 Terminator Cycle Sequencing Ready Reaction Mix (Applied Biosystems [AB], Foster City, California) and using an AB Prism 3730 DNA Sequencer. The resulting DNA sequences were edited using Vector NTI (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, California). These lupin cDNA sequences along with soybean genomic clone sequences obtained from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) genomic survey sequence database were queried in September 2005 against the NCBI non-redundant database using BLASTn and BLASTx with a threshold expected value < 1×e⁻²⁰ in order to predict the function of the gene segments in the cDNA and genomic clones.

Design of gene-based PCR markers

Lupinus spp.-derived cross-species markers

Intron targeted amplified polymorphic sequence (ITAP) primers were designed to anneal to conserved adjacent exon sequences. Using the bioinformatics resource at LegumeDB (Moolhuijzen et al. 2006), *Lupinus* spp. EST sequences available from the NCBI dbEST in September 2004 were individually queried against *M. truncatula* EST subsets of NCBI databases. ESTs with hits to *M. truncatula* genes at significant values < e⁻²⁰ were retained. Putative orthologous pairs were identified if the reciprocal best fit of the *M. truncatula* gene was the same *Lupinus* EST. ITAP oligonucleotide primers were designed to anneal in exon sequences conserved between *M. truncatula* and *Lupinus* spp., and to amplify across intron regions predicted by GlimmerM (Majoros et al. 2003). *L. angustifolius* parental DNA of the mapping population was then amplified with each primer pair and purified products

were sequenced directly as described above. DNA polymorphisms were identified by aligning parental sequences in Vector NTI.

Lupinus spp.-derived SSR markers

Lupinus spp. ESTs from NCBI (September 2004) that were not developed into ITAP markers were screened for microsatellite (or Simple Sequence Repeat, SSR) motifs. Primers flanking the SSR motifs were then designed to anneal and conserve DNA sequence flanking SSR motifs as described for ITAP markers. Parental *L. angustifolius* PCR amplicons were assessed for length polymorphism by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. Markers that did not show length polymorphism and gave single bands were then direct-sequenced in order to identify sequence polymorphism as for the ITAP markers described above.

M. truncatula cross-species markers

One hundred and forty-four *M. truncatula* PCR markers designed for cross-legume use (Choi et al. 2004a; b, and H.-K. Choi, personal communication 2003) were tested for PCR amplification in *L. angustifolius*. Temperature gradient PCR was used to identify the optimum annealing temperature for each of the markers in *L. angustifolius*, and for *M. truncatula* positive controls. Markers that amplified single bands in *L. angustifolius* were used to amplify the parents of the mapping population, which were sequenced and analysed for polymorphism as described for the ITAP markers above.

M. truncatula SSR markers

A set of 360 primer pairs was selected from *M. truncatula* genomic sequences containing short repetitive motifs in the intron (information on primer sequences received from Professor Thierry Hugué UMR CNRS/INRA, France). PCR conditions were optimised on parental lines of the mapping population by the temperature gradient or standard touch-down PCR methods.

Amplification and allele resolution of gene-based PCR markers

Genomic DNA from the parents and 93 RILs were used as templates for PCR marker amplification using the following basic PCR protocol with minor variations: 50–100 ng of genomic DNA template, 1× PCR reaction buffer, 2 mM MgCl₂, 0.25 mM of each dNTP, 10 pmol of each primer and 1 unit of Taq DNA poly-

merase. The thermocycling conditions (with minor variations) were: 5 min initial denaturation step followed by 35 cycles of 94°C for 30 s, marker-specific annealing temperatures for 30 s and 72°C for 60 s, then a final extension step of 7 min at 72°C. Where restriction enzymes recognising differences in DNA sequence were available, markers were run as cleaved amplified polymorphic sequence (CAPS: Konieczny and Ausubel 1993). SNPs for which no restriction enzyme was available were detected using the SNaPshot kit (AB) and analysed on an AB3730 capillary sequencer. Large fragment size polymorphisms and CAPS markers were resolved by agarose gel electrophoresis and visualised using ethidium bromide staining. Small fragment size polymorphisms were resolved by native polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis or by AB3730 capillary sequencer using fluorescently labelled primers and GeneScanTM –500 LIZ® Size Standard (AB).

AFLP markers

AFLP markers were generated as described by Vos et al. (1995). Genomic DNA samples were digested using *MseI* and *EcoRI* restriction endonucleases, adapters ligated (Invitrogen Australia Pvt Ltd, Mt Waverley, Australia) followed by pre-amplification of 5 ng of 10-fold diluted, restricted/ligated template DNA. Pre-selective amplification was carried out using 12.5 pmol of each primer pair (*EcoRI*-A: GACTGCG TACCAATT CA and *MseI*-C: GATGAGTCCTGAG TAAC) combined in a PCR Master MixTM (Promega Corp, Madison, WI) or in a reaction mixture containing 1 U of Taq DNA polymerase, 200 mM of each dNTP and 2.5 mM MgCl₂. Two thermal cycling profiles were used: the first was 94°C for 5 min, followed by 30 cycles at 94°C for 30 s, 56°C for 60 s and 72°C for 60 s, then a final extension for 10 min at 72°C. The second profile was 72°C for 2 min, 20 cycles of 60 s at 94°C, 30 s at 56°C and 2 min at 72°C, then held for 30 min at 60°C. Selective amplification was carried out using two selective nucleotides added to the 3' ends of the pre-selective primers. The *MseI* selective primers were: M47 (*MseI*-C+AA), M48 (*MseI*-C+AC), M49 (*MseI*-C+AT), M59 (*MseI*-C+AA), M60 (*MseI*-C+AA), M61 (*MseI*-C+AA) and M62 (*MseI*-C+AA). The *EcoRI* selective primers were labelled with fluorescent dyes: E32 (*EcoRI*-A+AC), E35 (*EcoRI*-A+CA), E37 (*EcoRI*-A+CG), E38 (*EcoRI*-A+CT) and E41 (*EcoRI*-A+GG). The combinations of *MseI* and *EcoRI* selective primers were chosen on the basis of polymorphisms found during AFLP mapping in a subset of the F₂ population (Brien et al. 1999). Selective amplification reactions contained 5 µl of 20-fold diluted pre-amplified

template DNA, 1 pmol *EcoRI* selective primer and 5 pmol *MseI* selective primer in a PCR reaction mixture (as above) followed by standard touch down PCR conditions at 30 cycles of 94°C for 60 s, 65↓56°C for 30 s, 72°C for 2 min and 60°C for 30 min. The AFLP products were resolved with an AB3730 DNA Sequencer using a GeneScan™-500 LIZ® Size Standard (AB). Data were analysed using the method of Rinehart (2004) and by the automated allele calling parameters in GeneMapper® (AB). Three sequence-characterised amplified region (SCAR) markers were developed using standard cloning and sequencing procedures from AFLP bands identified in the F₂ generation to be linked to domestication traits (unpublished data). An additional SCAR marker previously reported by Brien et al. (1999) was also used in this study.

Linkage mapping

The mapping was conducted in two stages with the initial formation of a framework map using gene-based, codominant markers, followed by the addition of AFLP loci to add density. Scoring data from each marker were analysed with the aid of MapManager QTX version b20 (Manly et al. 2001). The most likely order of gene-based markers was checked by eye and with the help of the RIPPLE function. The marker scoring data were proof-read by re-scoring markers with particular attention to double recombinants which often indicate erroneous scoring. AFLP markers were tested separately for normal segregation ratios using the χ^2 test (one degree of freedom) and only those markers with $P > 0.01$ were incorporated into the framework map using the DISTRIBUTE function at a higher significance threshold (LOD4).

Comparative mapping with *M. truncatula*

M. truncatula pseudochromosomes 1–8 were constructed from phases 1, 2 and 3 BAC sequences (<http://mtgenome.ucdavis.edu>) and positioned on the *M. truncatula* genetic map using marker, fingerprinting (using FingerPrint Contig software) and overlap information. Markers mapped in *L. angustifolius* were located on the *M. truncatula* map by aligning marker sequences with the *M. truncatula* pseudochromosomes using BLASTN with an expected value $< 1e^{-20}$, hsp identity $\geq 60\%$ and hsp length > 50 nt. The results were displayed using CMap (<http://www.gmod.org/cmap/>), and GridMap 3.0 (http://cbr.jic.ac.uk/dicks/software/Grid_Map/) programs. A Perl script provided by Martin Trick (personal communication 2004; martin.trick@bbsrc.ac.uk) and

described by Nelson and Lydiate (2006) was modified to parse the data output from CMap and previously parsed BLAST results into a format suitable for GridMap. The *M. truncatula* genetic map (Choi et al. 2004a) was referred to for the approximate positions of markers that had been genetically mapped in *M. truncatula* but not yet positioned on the physical map.

Results

Scoring of domestication traits

The domestication trait phenotypes segregated in the ratios expected for single gene traits in the F₂ and F₈-derived RILs with the exception *Moll*, which had an excess of hard-seeded lines over soft-seeded lines in both the F₂ and RIL populations and *Iuc*, which had an excess of bitter over sweet types in the RIL population (Table 1). There were loss of plants in this population at the F₂ stage (due to insect damage) and in the F₂-derived F₃ plots (due to herbicide damage). Hence, the number of RILs recovered in the F₈ was only 93 compared with a possible 141 in the F₂. Double recessive progeny for each domestication gene in the F₂, as confirmed in F₃ and F₄ families, gave rise as expected to uniform double recessive F₈-derived RIL progeny with the exception of one line (97L380-118) which was bitter (*Iuc*) in the RILs and uniformly sweet (*iuc/iuc*) in the F₂ and F₂-derived families.

Genetic marker development

Three strategies were used to generate genetic markers: (1) RFLP markers using lupin cDNA and soybean genomic clones, (2) SNP and SSR polymorphisms in genic regions assayed by PCR, and (3) AFLP markers. RFLP and gene-based markers were used as core markers to form linkage groups and AFLP loci were used to add density to less-populated genomic regions. Table 2 summarises the efficiency of each marker type in terms of the number mapped in *L. angustifolius* and the usefulness of mapped markers for comparative mapping to *M. truncatula*.

RFLP markers

Of the 199 lupin cDNA probes tested, 99 detected at least one polymorphic locus between the parents of the mapping population. The GenBank accession numbers for each of the polymorphic markers, along with putative gene functions are provided in S1. The 99 polymorphic

Table 1 Segregation of domestication genes in the F₂ and F₈-derived RIL progeny

| Locus | Leucospermus | | Iucundis | | Mollis | | Ku | | Lentus | |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| | <i>Leuc</i> /- | <i>leuc</i> / <i>leuc</i> | <i>Iuc</i> /- | <i>iuc</i> / <i>iuc</i> | <i>Moll</i> /- | <i>moll</i> / <i>moll</i> | <i>Ku</i> /- | <i>ku</i> / <i>ku</i> | <i>Le</i> /- | <i>le</i> / <i>le</i> |
| F ₂ | 87 | 26 | 86 | 25 | 95 | 18 | 77 | 23 | 85 | 20 |
| χ^2 (3:1) | 0.239 NS | | 0.363 NS | | 4.959* | | 0.172 NS | | 1.984 NS | |
| F ₈ RILs | 53 | 41 | 59 | 35 | 58 | 36 | 42 | 50 | 52 | 41 |
| χ^2 (1:1) | 1.532 NS | | 6.128* | | 5.149* | | 0.696 NS | | 1.301 NS | |

F₂ data are presented only for those lines whose genotypes were confirmed in F₂-derived F₃ and F₄ families

NS Not significant ($P > 0.05$)

*Significant ($P < 0.05$)

Table 2 Summary of markers used for mapping in *L. angustifolius* and comparative mapping with *M. truncatula*

| Marker type | Screened | Loci mapped in <i>L. angustifolius</i> ^a | Loci used for comparative mapping ^b |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|--|
| <i>Lupinus</i> RFLP | 199 | 139 (70%) | 45 (32%) |
| Soy RFLP | 87 | 24 (28%) | 11 (46%) |
| <i>Lupinus</i> ITAP | 280 | 85 (30%) | 63 (74%) |
| <i>Lupinus</i> SSR | 28 | 14 (50%) | 4 (19%) |
| <i>M. truncatula</i> SSR | 360 | 13 (4%) | 7 (54%) |
| <i>M. truncatula</i> cross-species | 144 | 23 (16%) | 17 (74%) |
| AFLP | 276 | 75 (27%) | 0 (0%) |
| AFLP-derived SCAR | – | 4 | 0 (–) |
| Total | 1,374 | 377 | 147 |

^a Percentage figures in parentheses are the proportion of mapped loci compared to the number of markers screened

^b Percentage figures in parentheses are the proportion of mapped loci that were used for comparative mapping

probe-enzyme combinations detected 139 loci in the mapping population: an average of 1.4 loci per probe. Most lupin probes detected additional monomorphic bands, many of which probably represented additional loci that could not be mapped in this population.

Of 87 soybean genomic RFLP probes screened, 77 hybridised to lupin DNA and the remaining 10 hybridised only to the soybean DNA control. Of the 77 soybean probes that hybridised to lupin DNA, 14 detected 24 polymorphic loci in the mapping population: an average of 1.7 loci per probe. As with the lupin RFLP probes, most soybean probes also detected additional monomorphic bands that could not be mapped in this population. The GenBank accession numbers for each of the polymorphic markers, along with putative gene functions (when predicted coding sequences were present) are provided in S2.

Gene-based PCR markers

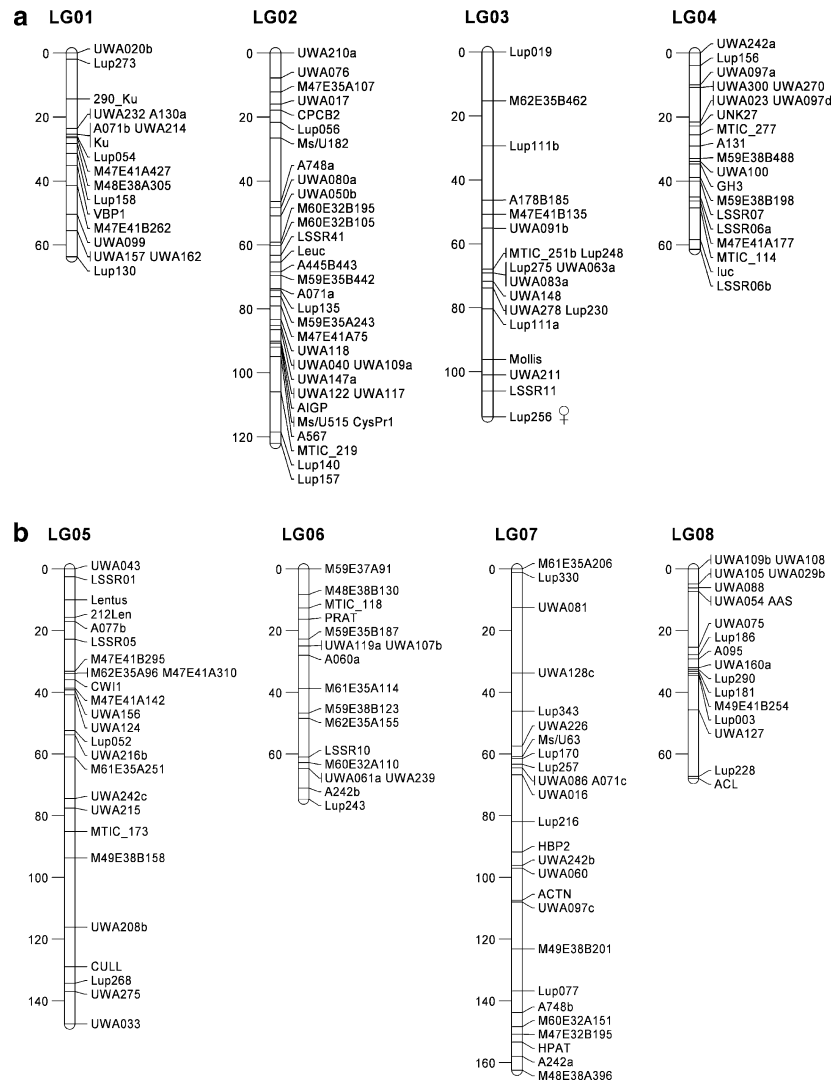
Table S3 provides detailed information on each polymorphic, gene-based PCR marker used to develop the genetic map. From 2,492 *Lupinus* EST sequences screened, 280 ITAP primer pairs were designed in conserved exons and spanning introns. Of these 280 primer pairs, 230 amplified single bands in *L. angustifolius*, while 28 amplified more than one band. Single amplicons were sequenced directly, resulting in 75 SNPs that were used to genotype the mapping population using CAPS and SNP assays (S3). Nine primer pairs detected length polymorphisms and one a dominant polymorphism. In total, 84 ITAPs were used to genotype the mapping population resulting in 85 mapped loci.

From the remaining 2,192 *Lupinus* EST sequences, 28 with microsatellite repeat motifs were selected as template sequences for designing primer pairs located in conserved exon regions and spanning the microsatellite repeat sequences. The *Lupinus*-derived SSR markers were highly efficient at detecting polymorphisms in the lupin cross with 14 loci mapped from 28 primer pairs tested (Table 2). Although most of these polymorphisms arose from variable numbers of microsatellite motif repeats, three of the markers detected SNPs that were assayed as CAPS markers (S3).

The *M. truncatula* cross-species markers were relatively inefficient in detecting polymorphisms in the lupin parents: 144 primer pairs tested resulted in only 23 mapped loci (16%; Table 2). This was due to a combination of a relatively low amplification success rate of these markers in *L. angustifolius* (87 markers produced ≥ 1 band on an agarose gel, 60% of the total), inability to directly sequence PCR products due to the amplification of > 1 locus (25 markers, 17%), and sequence monomorphism (38 markers, 26%).

The *M. truncatula* SSR markers showed relatively high amplification efficiency with 264 markers out of

Fig. 1 A genetic linkage map of *L. angustifolius* based on 382 loci in 20 major linkage groups (LG01–LG20) plus 2 triplets, 3 pairs and 11 unlinked loci. Each vertical bar represents an individual linkage group drawn to scale with Kosambi centiMorgan values on the left side at regular intervals. Locus names are shown on the right side of each linkage group with connecting lines indicating the position of each locus on the linkage group



360 primer pairs tested (73%; Table 2), amplifying one or more DNA products. However, the proportion of markers showing visible band size polymorphisms on agarose gels was very low with just 12 primer pairs (4%) detecting 13 length polymorphisms.

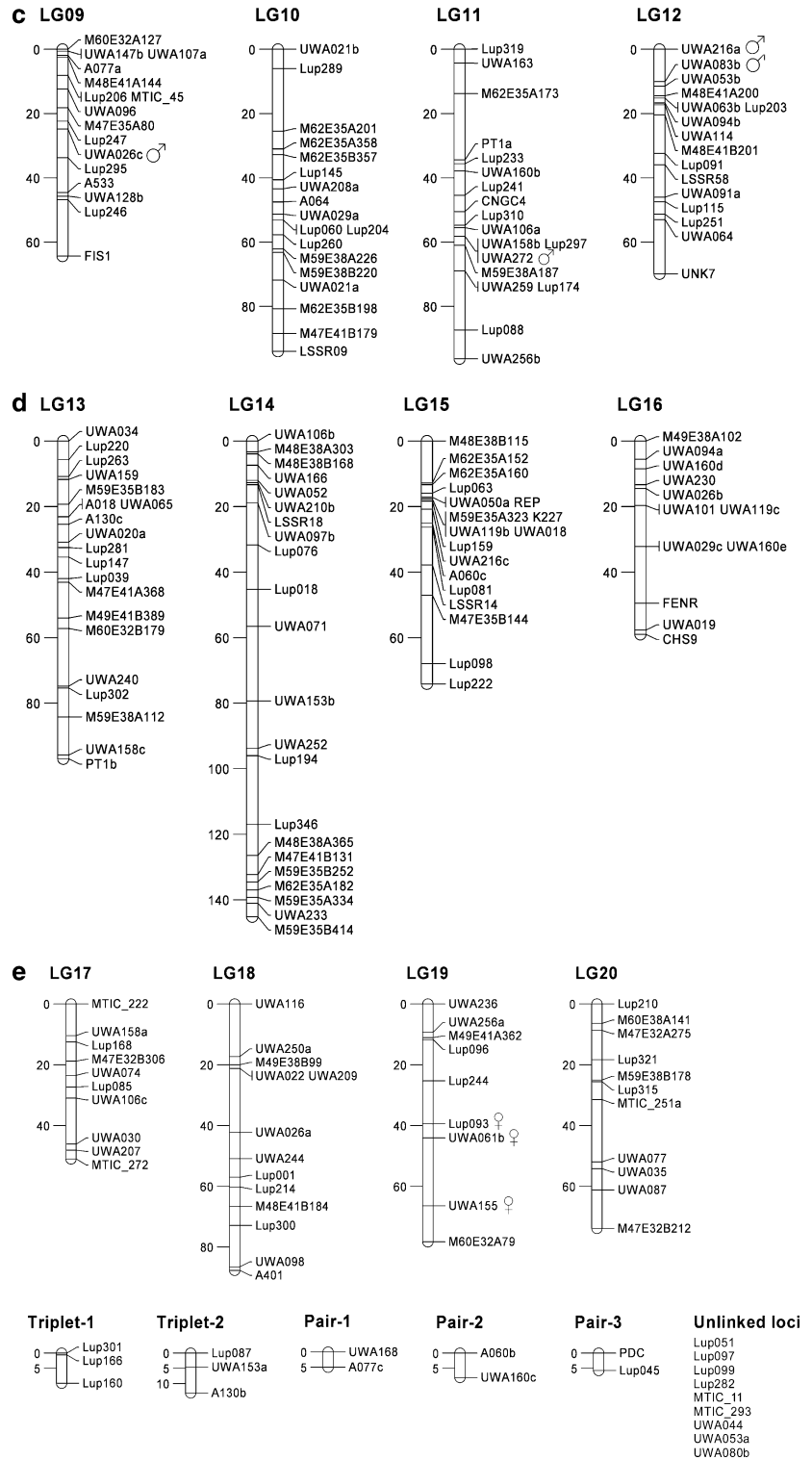
AFLP markers

From 15 selective primer combinations, 276 bands from either the female or the male parent appeared to segregate in a dominant fashion (i.e. presence or absence) in the mapping population. Of these segregating bands, 235 had segregation ratios in the mapping population that conformed to the expected 1:1 ratio of parental alleles at $\chi^2 < 6.635$ ($P > 0.01$), and these were selected for further analysis in the mapping procedure described below.

Genetic map construction

An initial framework map of 23 major linkage groups was developed based on 298 gene-based marker loci, 5 domestication trait scores and 4 AFLP-derived SCAR markers. This number of linkage groups was greater than the number expected for *L. angustifolius*, which has a haploid chromosome number of 20. Therefore, additional AFLP markers were placed on the framework map to add density and length to the linkage groups. Of the 235 AFLP bands that segregated in a normal Mendelian fashion, 75 AFLP loci appeared to have low error rates as inferred from the presence of few unexpected double recombinants when integrated into the framework map. These 75 AFLP loci were retained and added to the other markers for a second round of linkage mapping. With these additional data, 20 major linkage groups were

Fig. 1 (Contd.)



resolved matching the known haploid chromosome complement for this species. Figure 1 presents the genetic map for *L. angustifolius* comprising 359 loci in 20 major linkage groups, plus 2 triplets, 3 pairs and 11

unlinked loci (382 loci in total). The map length was 1,846 cM with a mean interval size of 5.3 cM. The major linkage groups varied in length from 51 cM (LG17) to 162.5 cM (LG07; Fig. 1).

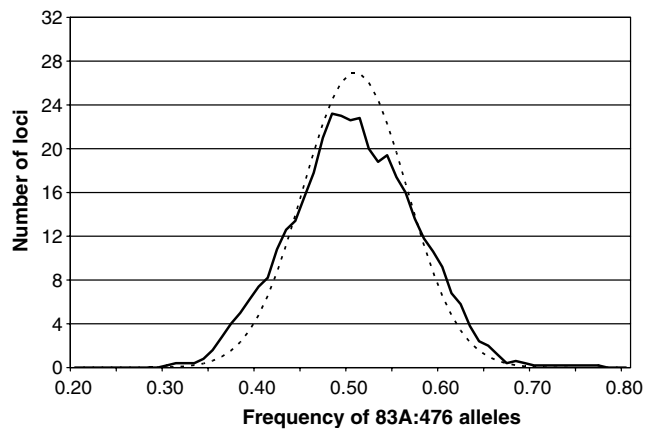


Fig. 2 The distribution of allele frequencies for 382 loci scored in 93 recombinant inbred lines. The graph was plotted using 5% windows taken at 1% intervals. The observed distribution (*solid line*) of 83A:476 (female parent) was compared with the expected binomial distribution (*dashed line*), with $P = 0.5$ and the average number of 84 individuals scored at each locus

Allele frequencies in the RIL population

Both parents of the mapping population appeared to be completely homozygous at all codominant marker loci, so that the interpretation of allele segregation ratios was straightforward. Taking all 382 loci together,

the overall allele transmission frequency was 0.499:0.501 (83A:476:P27255 alleles). The allele frequency was calculated at each of the 382 loci to evaluate the degree of deviation from the expected 0.5 transmission frequency for each allele at each locus. The observed frequency distribution for allele frequencies in the 93 RILs was compared with the expected binomial distributions (Fig. 2). There was in general a close correspondence between the observed and expected distributions. However, there were eight loci located on linkage groups LG03, LG09, LG11, LG12 and LG19 whose allele frequencies were significantly skewed ($P < 0.01$) towards one of the parents, and these are indicated by male and female icons on Fig. 1.

Genome duplications within the lupin genome

As described above, there was evidence of duplication in the *L. angustifolius* genome with lupin and soybean RFLP probes detecting an average of 1.4 and 1.7 polymorphic loci per probe, plus additional putative monomorphic loci. Four PCR-based markers (LSSR06, Lup111, MTIC251 and PT1) also detected duplicate loci (S3, and Fig. 1). When the distribution of these duplicate loci was investigated, 68 duplicate pairs of loci were observed between different linkage groups and 5 markers detected duplications within the same

Fig. 3 Duplication within the *L. angustifolius* genome. Twenty linkage groups (LG01–LG20) are plotted on each axis. Each dot represents a correspondence between linkage groups. The dense line at 45° represents self-correspondences. Other dots to the top right hand side represent non-self correspondences between duplicate loci. The reciprocal correspondences to the bottom left of the diagram have been omitted for simplicity

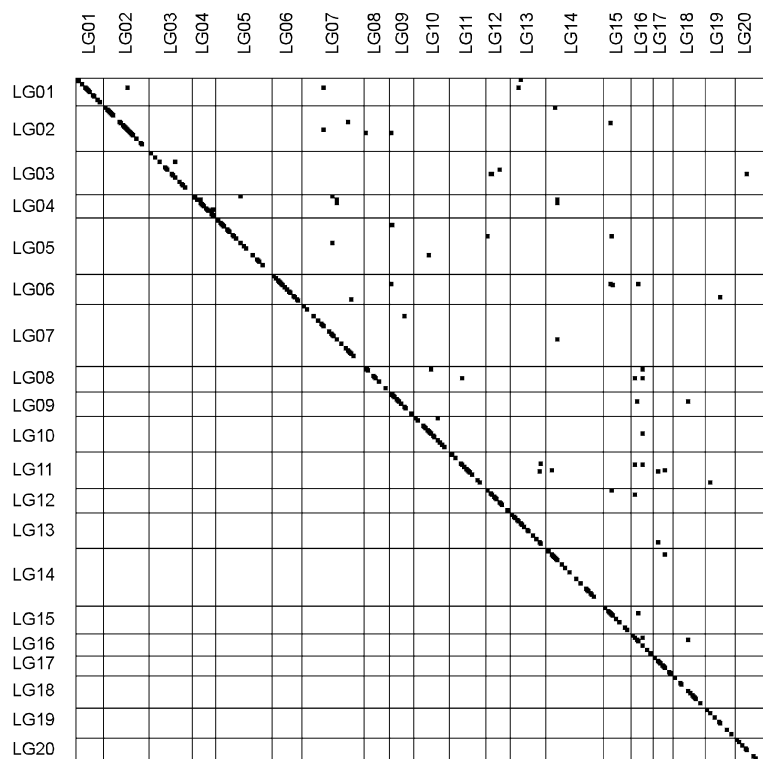
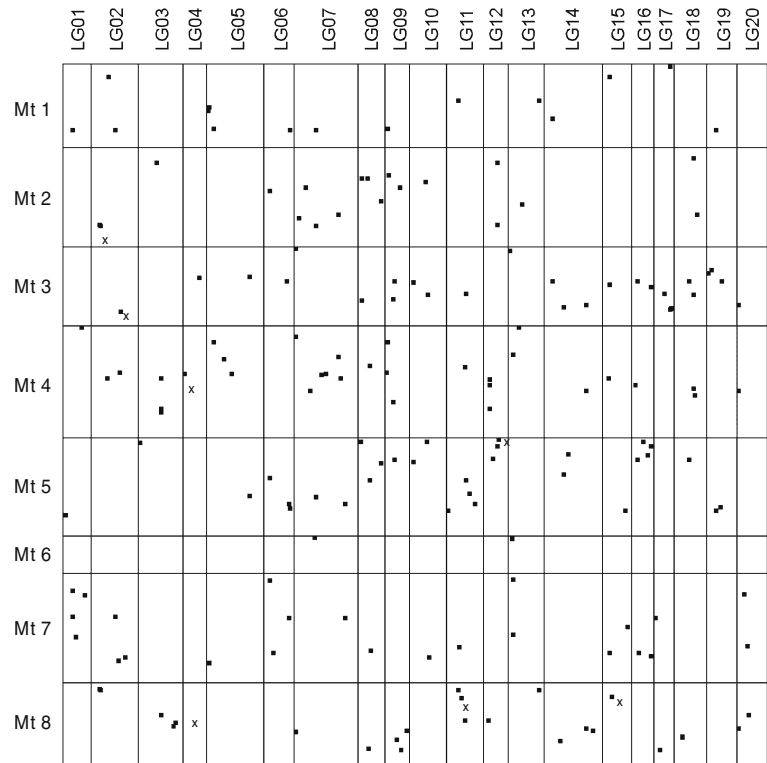


Fig. 4 A global overview of homology between the *L. angustifolius* and *M. truncatula* genomes. Dots indicate where mapped markers from *L. angustifolius* found homologous sequences in *M. truncatula*. Crosses denote the approximate positions of loci with known genetic map locations in *M. truncatula* but not yet within the sequenced portion of the *M. truncatula* genome



linkage groups (Fig. 3). There was no clear pattern in the distribution of these putative genome duplications.

Comparative mapping with *M. truncatula*

The narrow-leaved lupin genetic map was compared with the most up-to-date version of *M. truncatula* pseudochromosomes in order to assess the level of conserved synteny. Table 2 includes a summary of the efficiency of each marker type in identifying regions of homology in the *M. truncatula* genome map. Of the gene-based markers, the most efficient marker types were *Lupinus* ITAP and *M. truncatula* cross-species markers where 74% of the loci mapped in *L. angustifolius* could be used for comparative mapping (Table 2). Six RFLP probes (UWA023, UWA097, UWA158, UWA160, UWA270 and UWA300) and one LSSR marker (LSSR18) encoded histone or cysteine proteinase genes that had multiple homologues in the *M. truncatula* genome sequence. These markers were deemed unsuitable for comparative mapping and were therefore excluded from the comparative analysis.

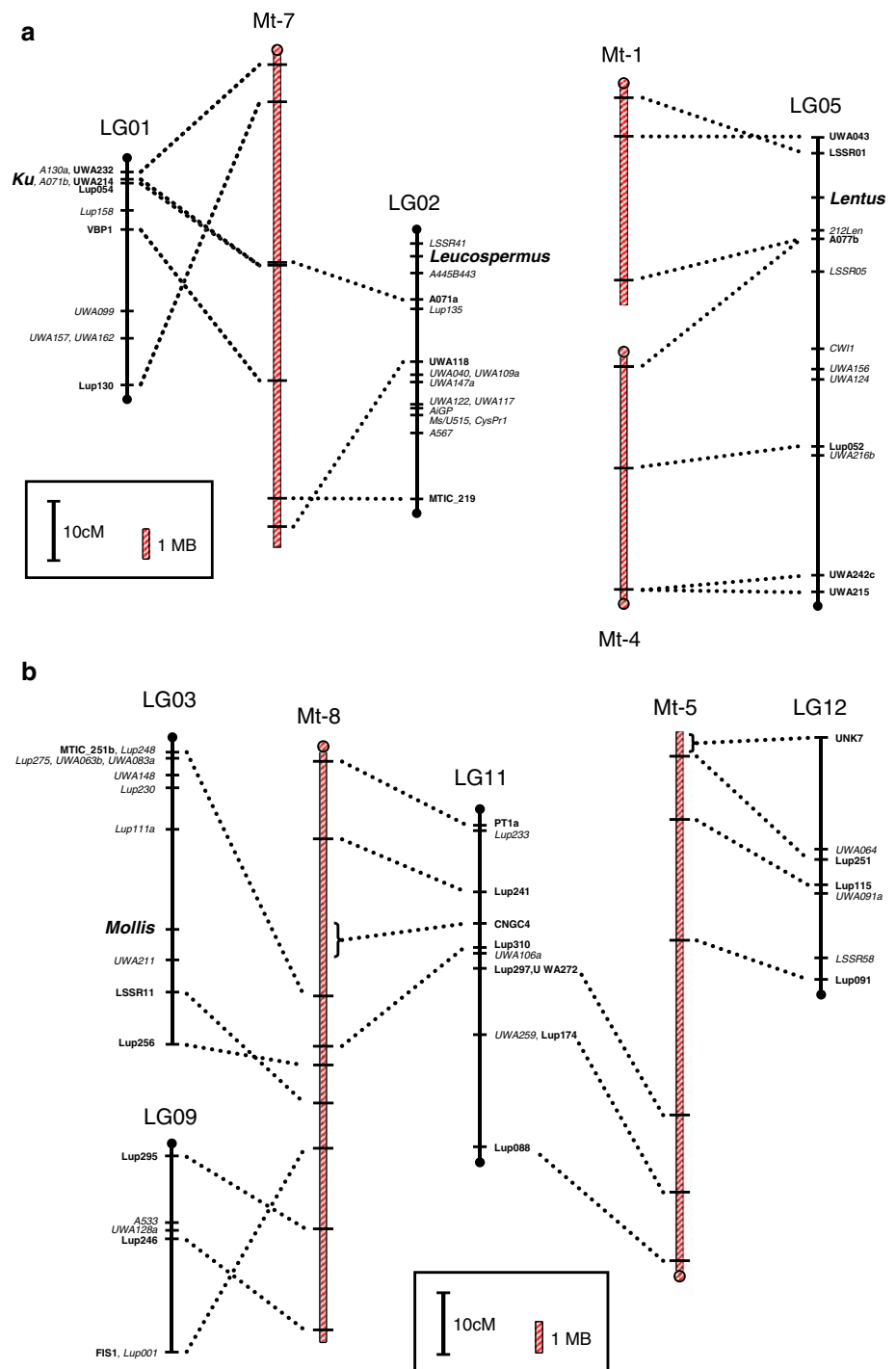
Using this homology search approach, 140 *L. angustifolius* marker loci found 184 homologous loci in *M. truncatula*. Seven *M. truncatula* cross-species markers whose physical locations on the *M. truncatula* genome had not yet been identified but which had already been

genetically mapped in *M. truncatula* (Choi et al. 2004a) were placed manually in approximate positions in the *M. truncatula* pseudochromosomes. Figure 4 provides a global view of similarity between the lupin and *M. truncatula* genomes based on 181 homologous loci. We considered a region to have conserved synteny when there were at least three homologous loci mapped in both species. Of the 20 *L. angustifolius* linkage groups, 14 appeared to have regions of conserved synteny with the *M. truncatula*. Of the eight *M. truncatula* pseudochromosomes, only Chromosome 6 had no apparent syntenic regions in *L. angustifolius*. In total, there were 94 markers that fell into the regions of 3 or more conserved markers. Examples of conserved syntenic blocks are detailed in Fig. 5. *Ku*, *Le* and *Moll* domestication genes fell within three such conserved blocks, while *Leuc* was adjacent to another conserved block (Fig. 5). The whole of LG04, including the part harbouring *Iuc*, did not fall within any syntenic blocks. The remaining 87 homologous loci did not fall into conserved homologous blocks.

Discussion

We present the first gene-based map of *L. angustifolius*. A total of 359 predominantly codominant markers

Fig. 5 Detailed examples of conserved synteny between *L. angustifolius* and *M. truncatula*. *L. angustifolius* linkage groups (LG) are represented by *black solid vertical bars* drawn to Kosambi centiMorgan (cM) scale. *M. truncatula* pseudochromosomes (Mt) are represented by *red hatched vertical bars* drawn to mega-base (MB) scale. Homologous loci are shown in *bold* and are connected by *dotted lines* between the *L. angustifolius* linkage groups and *M. truncatula* pseudochromosomes. *L. angustifolius* loci that do not fall within the conserved syntenic blocks are *italicised*. *Circles* at the ends of pseudochromosomes and linkage groups indicate that further DNA sequence/loci extend beyond the end of the syntenic blocks. Domestication gene loci are shown in *large, italicised, bold font*. Loci that have been genetically mapped in *M. truncatula* but not yet within the sequenced portion of the genome are shown in *parentheses* at their approximate locations in the *M. truncatula* pseudochromosomes. Linkage group LG12 is shown in the reverse orientation from Fig. 1. AFLP loci and gene-based markers that detected multiple homologues in *M. truncatula* have been omitted from this figure



resolved into 20 well-supported linkage groups, this matching the cytogenic chromosome number. There were 23 additional loci that either formed triplets or pairs or were unlinked; these loci may join onto the ends of smaller linkage groups as additional markers are screened in this mapping population. The mapping was achieved using an F_8 RIL population that has proved to be well-balanced in terms of allele segrega-

tion and was moderately polymorphic at the marker loci assayed. This genetically characterised mapping population now provides an excellent resource for the lupin genetic community.

A suite of new PCR-based markers designed for cross-legume utility are described. These should be useful for genetic research across all legumes and in particular for developing genetic maps of the other

agriculturally significant lupin species, *L. albus* and *L. luteus* (white and yellow lupin).

We positioned five domestication genes that differentiate domestic from wild forms of *L. angustifolius* on this linkage map. Segregation distortion of two genes, *Moll* and *Iuc*, in the RILs did not disturb mapping of these loci. Two RFLP markers (A071b and UWA214) cosegregated with *Ku* on LG01, the early flowering time gene (Fig. 1). After conversion to SCAR markers, these would enable marker-assisted introgression of new germplasm from wild accessions into domesticated lines. *Leuc* mapped to LG02 in a 5 cM interval defined by flanking microsatellite marker LSSR41 and SCAR marker A445B443 (Fig. 1); these simple PCR markers are suitable for marker-assisted selection of *Leuc* without any further development. For *Moll* (LG03), *Iuc* (LG04) and *Le* (LG05) genes, more closely linked markers are required for marker-assisted selection to be practical in breeding programmes. For *Moll* and *Le* genes, this could feasibly be achieved using a candidate gene or marker approach since these genes fall within, or are immediately adjacent to, conserved syntenic blocks (Fig. 5). Additional gene-based markers are required for this approach to be feasible with *Iuc*, as linkage group 4 currently has few markers that corresponded to orthologous loci in *M. truncatula* (Fig. 4).

This is the first genome-wide study to assess the level of conserved synteny between *L. angustifolius* and *M. truncatula*. As expected from the wide evolutionary distance and differing chromosome numbers between these species, there were numerous breaks in synteny between the two genomes. However, there were also striking examples of conserved synteny that could form the basis for marker-assisted selection in lupin and be used to direct the fine-mapping of important genes located in conserved regions. Interestingly, Chromosome 6 of *M. truncatula* showed very little homology to any of the markers used in this study, which was also previously found in a study between *M. truncatula* and other more closely related legume species (Choi et al. 2004b). Given that the majority of comparative markers used in this present study were newly developed adds further strength to the assertion that Chromosome 6 of *M. truncatula* is sparsely populated by conserved, transcribed genes (Choi et al. 2004a).

RFLP markers provided strong evidence of widespread genome duplication in *L. angustifolius*, possibly arising from a polyploidisation event. If that was the case, the polyploidy event must have been quite ancient because there was little evidence of residual structure in the distribution of duplicated loci, which is generally apparent in more recent polyploidy events such as those seen in soybean or in crucifer species

(Nelson and Lydiate 2006; Shoemaker et al. 1996). These findings are supported by isozyme and cytological marker analyses, which suggested that there was a polyploidy event early in the formation of the *Lupinus* genus (Naganowska et al. 2003; Wolko and Weeden 1994). However, we cannot rule out other duplication mechanisms such as segmental duplications or chromosome additions from related species. Developing genetic maps in other lupin species using the same RFLP markers would help clarify the nature of the duplications. Pfeil et al. (2005) have assessed polyploidy in relation to the divergence between the *Glycine max* and *Medicago truncatula* lineages and infer a full-genome polyploidy event in the ancestral lineage of both species. Our research provides a starting point for further examination of polyploidy events early in evolution of the legumes. The development and cross-comparison of genome models in each of the legume crown clades promises significant insight to the molecular events that shaped the phylogeny of this extremely diverse and successful plant family.

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