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## (54) AROGENATE DEHYDROGENASE POLYNUCLEOTIDES, POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME

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#### (57)ABSTRACT

The invention generally relates to arogenate dehydrogenase polynucleotides and methods of using the same. More specifically, the invention relates in part to compositions including arogenate dehydrogenase polynucleotides from beet varieties and other Caryophyllales species and methods of using the same.

Specification includes a Sequence Listing.







Fig. 10



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Fig. 1D



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Fig. 2B

	BvADHa	BVADHB	AtADH1	AtADH2	GmPDH1	AaPDH	EcPDH	SYADH
BvADHa	100	66	66	61	52	18	28	24
BVADHB	66	100	72	59	54	24	26	25
AtADH1	66	72	100	61	56	22	25	34
AtADH2	61	59	61	100	52	23	23	32
GmPDH1	52	54	56	52	100	23	23	29
AaPDH	18	24	22	23	23	100	21	28
EcPDH	28	26	25	23	23	21	100	23
SYADH	24	25	34	32	29	28	23	100

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Fig. 3A



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# Fig. 5A

a). Nucleotide sec	uenc	e alignment of BVADHg
Redbeet1 BvADHo	1	ATGATTTCACTCHUTTTTTCATCCHTCCTCCALCACCGCCACCGCCAC
Yellowbeer SyALHo	2	A IGATI FUACICITY CITY TCATECY FUCTOUS CONCOCCAC
Whitebeet ByADHo	3	ATGATTTCACTCTTTTTTTTTTCTTCCTCCACCACCGCCACCGCCAC
Sugarbeer, ByADha	1	ATGATTTCACTCHCTTUTTTTCATCCTTCCTCCACCACCGCCACCGCCAC
Seabeet ByADEq	1	ATGATTTCACTUTCTTTTCATCCTTUCTCUACCACCGCCACCGCCAC
Redbeet2 ByADHo	1	ATGATTTCACTCTCTTTTTTTTTTTTTCTTCCTCCACEACCGCCACCGCCAC
Redbeet11_SvADHx	51	CGCCGCCGCCAIC
Yellowbeet SvACHa	51	EGECGECEGECAEC
Whitebeet SvADHo	51	CGUEGUEGUEGUEAIU
Sugarbeet ByADHr	51	EGGEGEC ECGCCACC
Seabeet_BvADEq	51	CGCCGCCACCACCGCCACCGCCACCGCCACCGCCACCACC
Redbeet2_BvADHa	51	EGCEECCGEEGCCAEC
Redbeeri Butthe	74	CMCCT - MACANTER - CONTRACTOR -
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Whitehest SyaDia	24	
Sugarbaat Bullity	74	CALCACAACAARDEECCCCTTTTTCCTCTCCTCCTCCTCCTCCTCCTCCTCTCCCTT
Saabaar BubDirg	101	CACCACAMENATOR CONCERTING CONCERTS CONTRACTOR
Desileaner 2 Publiker	101	
Reader 12_DVRDNA		
Redbeet1 SvADHor	124	ECTITACCCCACCUTCGCCAACACCTTG LAGTTCGGTGCGGTGGAGGTGG
Yellowbeet ByADHa	124	CCTTTACGCCACCCCCGCCAACACCTTGIAGTTCGGTECGGIGGAGGTGG
Whitebeet SyADBo	124	CETTTACGCCACCTCGCCAACACCTTG1AGTTCGGTGCGGTG
Sugarbeet ByADHo	124	CUTTTACGCUACCTCGCUAACACCTTGTAGTTEGGT6CGGT6GA6GT6G
Seabeer ByADHg	151	CCTTTACGCCACCTCGCCAACACCTTGIAGTTEGGTECGGTGGAEGTGG
Redbeet2 ByADHg	124	CETTTACCCCACCCCCGECANEACCTTGTAGTTCGGTGCGGTGGAGGIGG
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Redbeet1_BvADHo	174	TTCGGCCTCCGAATCGGTATTTAACCETGATAGTGETGCTACTCGTGTTT
Yellowbeet BvADHa	174	TTEGGCCTCCGAATCGGTATTTAACCGTGATAGYCCTECTACTCGTGTTT
Whitebeet ByADHa	174	TICGGECTCEGAATCGGTATITAACCETGATAGTGETGCTACTCGTGTTT
Sugarbeet SvADHa	174	ITCCCCTCCGAATCCGTATTTAACCCTGATAGTCCTCCTACTCGTGTTT
Seabeet BvADha	201	TTEGGECTEEGAATEGGTATTTAACCG RGATAGTGETGETAETEGIGTTT
Redbeet2 BvADHo	174	ITCGGCCTCCGAATCGGTATTTAACCETGATAGT6CTGCTACTCGTGTTT
Redbeet1 BvADHa	224	CTAATGATCATCTTGACGTTAGTAAAAGAGATGTTAAGCTTAAGATTGCT
Yellowbeer_BvADEa	224	CTAAIGATCATCTIGACGTTAGTAAAAGAGATGTIAAGCTTAAGATTGCT
Whitebeet BVADHo	224	CTAATGATCATCTTGACGTTAGTAAAAGAGATGTTAAGCTTAAGAITGCT
Sugarbeet BvADHg	224	CTAATGATCATCTTCACGTTAGTAAAAGAGATGTINAGCTTAAGATTGET
Seabeet_BVADHa	251	CTAATGATCATCTTGACGTTAGTAAAAGAGATGTTAAGCTTAAGATTGCT
Redbeet2_BvADHa	224	CTAATUATCATCTTCACGTTAGTAAAACAGATGTTAAGCTTAAGATTGCT
Redbeet1 ByADHg	274	ATTATTGGTTTGGTAACTTTGGCCAGTTTTTGGCTAAGACAATGGCTAA
Yellowbeet ByADHa	274	ATTATTGGGTTEGGTAACTTTGGCCAGTTTTTGGCTAAGACAATGGCTAA
Whitebeet ByaDHo	274	ATTATEGGETTEGTAACTTEGGCAGTTTTTGGCTAAGACAATGGCTAA
Sugarbeet ByAGEg	274	ATTATTGGGTTTGGTAACTTTGGCCAGTTTTTGGCTAAGACAATGGCTAA
Seabeet SvADHa	301	ATTATTGGGTTTGGTAACTTTGGCCAGTTTTTGGCTAAGACAATGGCTAA
Redbeet2 ByADHa	274	ATTATTGGGTTTGGLAACTTTGGCCAGTTTTTGGCTAAGACAATGGCTAA
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Redbeet1 BvADHa	324	GCAAGGTLATAGAGTGTTGGUTTACTCACHCTCGGACTACTLUCGCGCTG
Yellowbeet_BVADEa	324	GCAAGGTCATAGAGIGTTGGCTTACTCACGCTC6GACIACTCCCGCGCTG
Whitebeet ByADHa	329	GCAAGGTCATAGAGTGTTGGCTTACTCADECTCSCACTACTEEEGCGCTG
Sugarbeet SvADHa	324	GCAAGGTCATAGAGTGTTGGCTTACTCACGCTCGGACTACTCCCGCGCTG
Seabeet_BvADHo	351	GUAAGHICATAGAGIGITIGCCTTACTC8CGCTC6GRCTACTCCCGEGCTC
Redbeet2_BvADHa	324	CLAACGYCATAGAGIGIIGGCIIACICACGCIEGGACIACIECEECGCIG
Dechasti Buillin	274	TTA NGENCATI COCCTO CACENTETTA TON COCCTATON CONCERCIONS
Vallaubaar Bulla	374	CTANGERGATCGOCTCGAGTATTTTATTORCGCCTATGACCTC1C0GAG
Whitchast Sulla	374	CTN BOONGATCOLCOTCOLCOTATTTTNCTOLCOCCUCATCOLCOCC
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## Fig. 5A cont.

Seabeet BvADKa	401	CTAAG58GATCGGCGICEAG_2TTTTACTGACGCCGATGACCTCTGCG8G
Redbeet2_BvADHa	374	CTAAG58GATCGGCGTCG8GCATTTTACTG8CGCCGATG8CCTCTGCG8G
Redbeetl BVADHa	424	GAGUACCEGAGGTTA THETGTTGEGALATECATUCTETCAACEGAGAA
Hellowbeet BVADHa	424	GAGUACUEGAGGTTA TICTGETGEGUALATECATUCTETCAACEGAGAA
Whitebeet BVADHa	424	GAGUACUEGAGGTTA TICTGETGEGCGECTUATCCTUTCAACEGAGAA
Sugarbeet BVADHa	424	GAGUACUEGAGGTTA TICTTTGEGCACETCCATCCTUTCAACEGAGAA
Seabeet BVADHa	451	GAGUACUEGAGGTTA TICTTTGEGCACATCUTCTCCAACEGAGAA
Redbeet2_BVADHa	434	GAGUACUEGAGGTTA TICTTGETGEGCACATCUTCTCTCAACEGAGAA
Redbeet1 BvADHa	474	GGTELTECGATEGATE/COLLTCCAECGGETECGTUGTEGATCAECCTETTTG
Kellowbeet BvADHa	474	GGTECTECGATEGATECECETECACCGGETECGTEGATECACCETETTG
Whitebeet BvADHa	474	GGTECTECGATEGATECCECETECACCGGETECGTEGATCACCETETTG
Sugarbeet BvADHa	474	GGTECTECGATEGATECECETECACCGGETECGTEGATECATECTETTG
Scabeet BvADHa	501	GGTECTECGATEGATECECETECACCGGETECGTEGTEGATECCTETTTG
Redbeet2_BvADHa	474	GGTECTECGATEGATECECETECACCGGETECGTEGTEGATECCTETTTG
Redbeetl BvADHa Yellowbeet BvADHa Mhitebeet BvADHa Sugarbeet BvADHa Seabeet BvADHa Redbeet2_BvADHa	524 524 524 524 524 551 524	CGGATGTTCTCTCGGTCAAGGAATTTCCTCGATCGCTCTTCCTTC
Redbeetl BvADHa	574	CTTECTAAGGACTTTGATATECTATGEAECCACECTATGTTTGGECCAGA
Yellowbeet BvADHa	579	CTTECTAAGGACTTTGATATECTATGEAECCACECTATGTTTGGECCAGA
Whitebeet_BvADHa	574	CTTECTAAGGACTTTGATATECTATGEAECCACECTATGTTTGGECCAGA
Sugarbeet_BvADHa	579	CTTECTAAGGACTTTGATATECTATGCAECCACECTATGTTGGECCAGA
Seabeet BvADHa	601	CTTECTAAGGACTTTGATATECTATGCAECCACECTATGTTTGGECCAGA
Redbeet2_BvADHa	579	CTTECTAAGGACTTTGATATECTATGCAECCACECTATGTTTGGECCAGA
Redbeetl BvADRa Yellowbeet BvADRa Whitebeet_BvADRa Sugarbeet_BvADRa Seabeet BvADRa Redbeet2_BvADRa	624 624 624 624 651 624	CTCCGGCAAAGACGGGTGGGGTGGACTACCTTTTGTGTTCGATAAAGTTA CTCCGGCAAAGACGGGTGGGGTG
Redbeet1 BvADHa	674	BAGTCEGATCAGATCAGAGTCEGGACATCTCGTGCTGA2GCATTCCTAGAC
Yellowbeet BvADHa	674	GAGTCEGATCAGATCAGAGTCEGGACATCTCGTGCTGA2GCATTCCTAGAC
Whitebeet BvADHa	674	GAGTCEGATCAGATCASAGTCEGGACATCTCGTGCTGA3GCATTCCTAGAC
Sugarbeet BvADHa	674	GAGTCEGATCAGATCASAGTCEGACATCTCGTGCTGA5GCATTCCTAGAC
Seabeet BvADHa	701	GAGTCEGATCAGATCAGAGTCEGGACATCTCGTGCTGABGCATTCCTAGAC
Redbeet2_BvADHa	674	GAGTCEGATCAGATCAGAGTCEGGACATCTCGTGCTGABGCATTCCTAGAC
Redbeetl BvADHa Yellowbeet BvADHa Whitebeet BvADHa Sugarbeet BvADHa Seabeet BvADHa Redbeet2_BvADHa	724 724 724 724 724 751 724	GTGTTTAGGAATGCCGGGTGTAGGATGGTGGAAATGAGTTGTGTTGATCA GTGTTTAGGAATGCCGGGTGTAGGATGGTGGAAATGAGTTGTGTTGATCA CTGTTTAGGAATGCCGGGTGTAGGATGGTGGAAATGAGTTGTETTGATCA GTGTTTAGGAATGCCGGGTGTAGGATGGTGGAAATGAGTTGTGTTGATCA GTGTTTAGGAATGCCGGGTGTAGGATGGTGGAAATGAGTTGTGTTGATCA GTGTTTAGGAATGCCGGGTGTAGGATGGTGGAAATGAGTTGTGTTGATCA
Redbeet1_BVADHa Yellowbeet BvADHa Whitebeet BvADHa Sugarbeet BvADHa Seabeet BvADHa Redbeet2_BvADHa	774 774 774 774 774 801 774	TGACAAGCATGCAGCCGGGTCTCAATTTATTACACATATGATGGGACGAG TGACAAGCATGCAGCCGGGTCTCAATTTATTACACATATGATCGGACGAG TGACAAGCATGCAGCCGGGTCTCAATTTATTACACATATGATGGGACGAG TGACAAGCATGCAGCCGGTCTCAATTTATTACCATATGATGGGACGAG TGACAAGCATGCAGCCGGTCTCAATTTATTACACATATGATGGGACGAG TGACAAGCATGCAGCCGGTCTCAATTTATTACACATATGATGGGACGAG TGACAAGCATGCAGCCGGTCTCAATTTATTACACATATGATGGGACGAG

Sugarbeet BvADHu 374 CTAAGGAGATCGGCGTCGAGTATTTTACTGACGCCCAATGACCTCTGCGAG

## Fig. 5A cont.

Redbeet1 BvADHa	824	TITTGGAGAAATTGGCCTTGGAAAATACACCAATTAATACAAAAGGGTAC
Yellowbeet BvADHa	824	TTTTGGAGAAATTGGCCTTGGAAAATACACCAATTAATACAAAAGGGTAC
Whitebeet BvADHa	824	TTTTGGEGALATTGGCCTTGGARAATACACCAATTAATACAAAAGGGTAC
Sugarbeet ByADHe	824	TTTTGGAGAAATTGGCCTTGGAAAATMCMCCAATTAATACAAAAGGGTAC
Seabeet ByADHa	851	TTTTGGAGAAATTGGCCTTGGAAAATACACCAATTAATACAAAAGGGTAC
Redbeet2 BvADHo	824	TTTTGEAGAAATTGGCCTTGGAAAATACACCAATTAATACAAAAGGGTAC
Redbeet1 BvADHa	874	GAAAGTTTGTTAAATTTGGTGGATAATACTGCAAGGGATAGTTTIGAGTT
Yellowbeet SvADEg	874	GAMAGTTIGTTAAATTT6GT6GATAATACT6CAA666ATAGT7TT6A6TT
Whitebeet ByADHa	874	GAAAGTTTGTTAAATTIEGTGGATAATACTGCAAGGGATAGTTTTGAGTT
Sugarbeet SyADHo	874	GANAGTTIGTTAAATTTGGTGGATAATACTGCAAGGGATAGTTTTGAGTT
Seabeer SvADig	901	GAAAGUTTGTTAAATTUGUGTATAATACTGCAAGGATAGTTTTGAGTT
Recheet 7 ByADHo	874	GAAAGTTTGTTAAATTTGGTGGATAATAATACTGCAAGGGATAGTTTTGAGTT
Redbeet1 ByADHo	924	GTIPPIACGEGINGTITUNGPACAATAAAAATGCAATGGAGGAATIGG2TA
Yellowbeet SvADHor	924	GITTTACGGTTGTTTTTGTACAATAAAAATGCAATGGAGCAATIGGATA
Whitebest ByADHo	924	GITTTACGGGTTGTTTTTGTACAATAAAAATGCAATGGAGCAATTGGATA
Sugarbeer SyADHo	924	GTTTTP GREATGATTTTTTGTACALTAAAAATGCALTGGAGCAATTGGATA
Seabeet Suanta	951	GTTTTN TEETTGTTTTTTGTACAATAAAAATGCAATGGAGCAATTGGATA
Pedbaet 2 ByADHo	574	CTTTTA COCCTTCTTTTTTCTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACTACT
Neubeeus_byabilu	264	01111A00001101111101A0AA1AAAA100AA105A0AA11100A1A
Redbeet1 SvA0Hg	974	GAATGGALEGGGCTTTCCMGATGGTAAAAAGCAMCPEECGGGATATTTG
Yellowheet SyADHor	974	GAATGGATTGEECTTTCGAGATGGTAAAAAGCAACTTTCGEGATATTTG
Whitehest BullHa	974	GAATGGATTGGGTTTTTGAGATGGTARAAAAGGTAACTTTCGGGATATTTG
Sugarbeer ByARHo	974	GASTGGATTGGGTTTTCGAGATGGTALAALAGCAACTTTCGGGATETTTG
Saabeet Bullio	1001	CANTEENTICEETTTEEACATEETAZAAAGENACTTTEEEEEATATTTE
Dedbeet Ovacuu	1001	CAN ICONTTOCOUT TECCOURSE COLLAR A CONSTITUTE COURSE AND A COURSE AN
Veribee ci DAMpura	213	0AA70093110000311003081003AAAAA0CASC122000A1A1110
Redbeet1 ByADHg	1024	CATGATOMICTUAGAAMACAAUTGATGTTGGAGGGTAATAATGATGAAGG
Yellowbeer Buaden	1024	CATGATCTTCTTAGAALECAATTGETCTGGSGGGTAATAATGETCESGG
Shirehast Bullky	1024	CATESTETTETTACABEDEALTTCATETTCCACCACCTARTARTCATEACT
Suparbeer Byanky	1024	CANGATOTTGTTAGAAAAACAATTGATGTTGGAGGTAATAATGATCAAGC
Sashaat Builder	1061	CATCATCTTCTTACAAAACAATTCATCCACCCCTAAAAAA
Pedbeet Bullen	1024	CALONICI IVI INVIDUODILI CALOTICACOSTANIALIASI CANGO ENTENTETTETTALINI NA MUNITERTICI TETTELE CONCOSTANIANI CANGO
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Redbeetl ByADHo	1074	TGACGTTACTTTTGACAAACCATTGATGCTTCCTTCTCCTACTATTAATC
Yellowbeet SyADHa	1074	TEAGGTFACTITTGACAAACCATTEAIGCFFCCFFCTCCTACTATTAATC
Whitebeet ByADHo	1074	TERESTTACTITICACEAACCATTGATGCTPCCTTCTCCTACTATTAETC
Sugarbeet ByADHo	1074	TGAGGTTACTITTGACAAACCATENALGUITCCTTCTCCTACTATTAATC
Seaheet Bullin	1101	TEAGETTACTITICACAAACCATTAATCCTTCCTCCTACTATTAATC
Rechest? BubDHo	1074	TCACCTTACTTTCACADDCCTTCGATGCTTCCTTCCTACTACTATT
	+0/1	
Redbeet1 ByADHa	1124	CTCCACAAATAGTTCCCTCTGCTGATATGGCTGAGAAGAAGAAGCATGATTTA
Yellowbeer ByADHr	1124	CTCCACAAATAGTTCCCTCTGCTGATATGGCTGAGAAGAAGAAGEATGATTTA
Whiteheer BuanHo	1124	CTCCACAALTAGTTCCCTCTGCTGATATGGCTGAGAAGCATGATTTA
Sugarbeet ByaDho	1124	CTOCACA AA TACTTOOTTTTCCTGATATGECTGAGAAGAAGCATGATTTA
Seabaat Bullin	1151	CTCCACANATACTTCCTTCATATECTTCAGAACAACTATCATTTA
Bedbeet ByADHa	1124	CICCACAMINGI ICONICIO IONINIOGOI SACAMORACAIGATI IA
vermee of pranting	4463	
Redbeet1 BvADHa	1174	GTEGTEGTTAATEGTACTAGATAG
Yellowbeet ByADHa	1174	GTOGTGGTTAATGGTACTAGATAG
Whiteheet SvADBo	1174	STRETEGITAATGGTAGTAGATAG
Sugarbeet ByanHo	1174	GTOGTOGTTAATGGTACTAGATAG
Seabeet BVADSo	1201	STGSTGSTTAATGGTACTAGATAG
Redbeer? BusDRo	1174	GTOSTECTTAATGGTACTAGATAG

## Fig. 5B

#### b) Nucleotide sequence alignment of BVADHB ATGCTTTCTC PCTCC.TCCACMCCACCGCAAAACCCTCGCUGTCGCCAT Sugarbeet ByADHS ATGUTTTUTUTUTUTUTUGACAACCACCGCAAAACCCTCGCCGTCGCCATC Yellowbeet ByADHS Redbeet1\_BVADHS ATGCTTTCTCTCTCCACACCACCGCCAAACLETCGCCGTCGCCATC Whitebeet SvADAS TETETETECACAACCACCGCAAAACCCTCGCCGTCGCCAT Seabeet SvADES IGCTITCTCTCTCCACAACCACCGIAAAACCCTCGCCGTCGCCAT Redbeet2 BVADHS ATGCTTTCTCTCCCCCCCACAACCACCGCAAAAOUUTCGOUGTCGCCAT Sugarbeet ByADHS 51 GOLGAATTTTCCGGCGAAACTTTCTCTCTCTCCACCATCACCACC Yellowbeet BVADKB 51 TOUGGEGAATTTECCGGCGAAACTTETETETETECACCATCACCACC Redbeet1 BvADHS 51 TCCGGCGAATTTTCCGGCGAAACTTTCTCTCTCTCCACCATCACCACC Whitebeet SVADHB 51 LCCGGCGAATTTTCCGGCGAAACTTTCTTCTCTCCACCATCACCACC Seabeet ByADHS 53 Redbeet2\_BvADH# 53 Sugarbeet SvADHS 101 CTCTCTCTTTCTCTCCCCGGCGGGGGAGATATTTCA Yellowbeet BvADHA 101 TCTCTCTTTTCTCCCCGCCGGAGATATTTTCATGGCGTCAAAACCC Redbeet1 BvADHS 101 TETETETETETETEGECGGAGATATTTCA::GGGTCAARACCC CTCTCTCTTTCTCCCCCGCGGAGATATTTTCACGCGTCAAAACCCT Whitebeet ByADHS 101 Seabeet SvADEB 101 TNTCEC TTETCTCCTCGCCGGAGATATTTCAT/GCGTCAAAACCU Redbeet2 BvADHB 101 TCTUTO TTUTCTCCCCGGGGGAGATATTTTCATHGCGTCAAAACOUT Sugarbeet ByADHp GLAGEATEGACCOCCACACTET 151 Yellowbeet BVADH8 151 ACRATICGERGERTEGREGEOGENERATTETTEGRTTREGRATERRAR CAATICOCAGCATOGACGCOGCACAATTCITCGATIACGAATCAAAA Redbeet1 BvADHS 151 ACAATTCGCAGCATCGACGCCGCACAATTCTTCGATTACGAATCAAAAC Whitebeet ByADHS 151 ACANTTEGENGEATEGACGETECCAENATEETTEGATTAEGAATEANA ACANTTEGENGEATEGACGETECAENATTETTEGATTAEGAATEANAA Seabeet ByADES 151 Redbeet2\_BvADHS 151 Sugarbeer BVADHS TECCECCATTAACACAAUCHUTTUGTUFTCATCTTUATC 201 201 IGCCGCCATTAACACAACCICTTCGTCTTCATCTTCATCTTATTCGAAG Yellowbeet ByADHS TREDREATTINGAGACCTCTTCFTCTCATCTTCATCTTATTCGAG TREDREATTINGAGACCTCTTCFTCTCATCTTCATCTTATTCGAG GCCCCCCATTINGCAGACCTCTTCFTCTCATCTTATTCGAG CCCCCCCATTINACAGACCTCTTCFTCCATCTTATTCGAG 201 Redbeet1 ByADHS Whitebeet ByADHS 201 Seabeet SvADER 201 Redbeet2 ByADHS 201 251 ICAAAATCGCAAICGTAGGTTCGGAAATTACGGACAATTTCTCGCGAAA 251 ICAAAATCGCAAICGTAGGTTCGGAAATTACGGACAATTTCTCGCGAAA Sugarbeet BvADHB Yellowbeet SvADHS TCAANATCOCATCOTROGOTICOGAAATTACOGPEAATTCCTOSCAA TCAANATCOCATCOTROGOTICOGAAATTACOGPEAATTCCTOSCAA CAANATCOCAATCOTAGTATTCCGGAAATTACOGPCAATTCCTOSCGAA CAANATCOCAATCOTAGTTCOGAAATTACOGPCAATTCCTGCGAA TCAANATCOCAATCOTAGTTCOGAAATTACOGPCAATTCCTGCGAA Redbeet1\_BvADH8 251 Whitebeer BVADHS 251 Seabeet BVADES 251 Redbeet2 BVADHS 251 Sugarbeet BVADHS 301 ICTAGTTTCTCAAGGTCATACTGTTCTUGCTTATTCTCGCTCTGAT Yellowbeet BvADHS 301 ACUCTAGTITETCAAGGTCATACTGTTETCQCTTATTCTUGCTCIGALT. Redbeet1 ByADHS 301 ACCETAGETTETCEAAGGECATACTETETCECCTTATECCCCTCTGAT Whitebeet ByADHB 301 ACCUTAGETTUEUAAGGTUATAUTGTEUEOGUTTATTUEUUUTUTGATT Seabeet SVADMS 301 ACCORAGETETCECAAGGECATACEGETETCGCTTATECEGETCEGATE Redbeet2 BvADHB 301 ACUCTRGTTTCTCAAGGICATACTGTTCTCGCTTATTCTCGCTCTGATT CTCFANAATUGCIGCGANTCTCGGCGTTTCTTACTTTCTGATECTGAT Sugarbeet ByADHS 351 CTCTAAAATCGCIGCGAATCTCGCCGTTTCTTACTTTTCTGATCCTGAT Yellowbeet BvADRS 351 Redbest1 ByADHB 351 CTCTAAAATCGCTGCGAATCTCGGCGTTLCTTACTTTTCTGATCCTGAT Whitebeet BVADHB 351 CICTAMAATCOCTOCGAATCTCCGCGTTUCTTACTITTCTGATCCTGAT ITCTAARATCUCTUCGAATUTCGOUGTTICTTACTT TTCTGATECTGATE Seabeer BVADHS 351 TCTAMAATCGCTGCGAATCTCGGEGTTFCTTACTTTCTGATCCTGAT Redbeet2\_BvADH3 351 Sugarbeet SvADHS 401 ATUTTICCUAAUAAUATUCTGAGGTAMTIATGTTGIGIGTACTTUGATI A LET I TOULINADALA LUCRUNGTANTIANG I GUIGTACT LUGATITT ALET THUGBAGBACATUL TGAOGTANTIANG I YOLGTACT LUGATITT ALETTTUL GAAGBACATUL TGAOGTANTIANG I YOLGTACT LUGATITT Yellowbeet ByADHS 901 Redbeet1 ByADHS 901 Whitebeet SvADBB 501 ATCITTGCGAAGAACATCCTGAGGTAATTA INTIGTGFACTTCGATTT Seabest SVADES 401 AICTITIGCGAAGAACATICEGAGGTAATTATGTTGIGTACTTCGATIT Redbeet2 BVADHB 401

# Fig. 5B cont.

Sugarbeet BvADH\$

ierrowneec pownup	327	LEAVELOAM THIOTIGAN COLLACALLOCHOOM COMPACT
Redbeeti BvADH3	451	TCAACIGAAGITAIGTIGAATTCGTTACCAITGCAGCGACTTAAACGATC
Whitebeet ByADHS	451	TCAACTGAAGTTATGTTGAATTCGTTACLATTGCAGCGACTTAAACGATC
Sombor Buildes	451	TENDETEN STRUCTED ATTECTOR ATTECNESS
Backmar 7 Butting	481	TO A NOTO A STRATCHTCA & TROUT & COMPANY OF A COMPANY OF
Nettore 12 Dysons	491	TCAACTGAASTTATG. TOARTTCOTTACCAL TOCAGCOACTTAAACOATC
Sugarbeet SvADHS	S01	GAEGOFTETTHATIGATGITETTATEGGTGAAAGAATTTCEECGTAATTTGT
Vellowbeer BulDNA	501	CALLETTTTTCTCATCTTTTTTTCCCCAAAAAATTTCCCCCTAATTTTT
Decharts Building	501	CACCETTTTCTC TTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTCCCCCCCANCELITICCCCCCCANTTTTCTTCTTCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
Whitehear Building	501	CACCCTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT
WILLCEDGEC_BYADID	301	GREGOLITITETTERICTITIRICGETORARGARITICCOCGINALITOT
Seabeet SVADAB	503	GACGCITTIIGTIGAIGITTIATCGGIGAAGAATTIUCGCGTAATTIST
Redbeet2_BvADHS	501	GACGCTTTTTGTTGATGTTTTATCGGTGAAAGAATTTCCCCCGTAALTTGI
Sugarbeer Bulbhs	551	TYCTTCASSCTTCACCETCTESTTTGSTSTSTSTATECTCSFCTATE
Vollauber BulDig	661	TTCTTC > > = C''TT > CCCTCTC> C > TTTC > T > TC > TC
Reduced Building	5.51	TICTICAAAQUIIACGUCIGAIIIIQAIAIAIIAIGACCACCAACCIAIG
REGIMEELI BYADAD	331	TICTICRAMC. TRACOTCIGATITICATATATATATATATATATA
Whitebeet_BVADHp	221	TTCHICAAAU. UACCOICIGATHIJGAJATAHAAGIACILAIOLIA IB
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Redbeet2_BvADHS	551	TTCTTCA ACTITACCETCTGATTTTGATATATTATETACTCATCCTATE
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Segurbeet DVRDhp	601	1175000010AA102000AAAA700220008AA071100012110301A
Jellowbeet ByADhp	100	
Redbeeti BVADAD	601	1116660016AA101666AAAAA166116666AA6111600111161.1A
Whitebeet_BVADHB	601	THIGGETTEARTCIGGGAAAAAIGGIIGGGGAAGITIGECTIIIGIITA
Seabeet BVADHB	601	TTTGGGCCTGAAICTGGGAAAAATGGTTGGGGAAGTITGCCTTTIGTTTA
Redbeet2_BvADHB	601	TTTGGGECTGRATCIGGGAAAAATGGITGGCGAAG7TTGEC <mark>E</mark> ITTGITTA
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Seabeet BvADEB	651	TGATAAGGTTAGGATTGGGAAAGATGAGGGTAGAATTAAGAGATGTGAGA
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Whitebeet_BvADHß	701	SITTITTGGATGTTTTTAGGAEAGAAGGTTOTAEGGTTGAGGAAATGACT
Seabeet BVADEB	701	GTTTTTTCGATGTTTTTAGGAGAGAGAGGTTGTAGGETTGAGGAAATGACT
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Whitebeer_BVADHB	751	TGIGCTGAGCATGATAAGITTGCAGCREGGTLTCABTTTATAACACALITT
Seabeet BVADHB	751	LGTGCTGAGCATGATAAGTTTGCAGCAGGGTCTCAGTTTAT <mark>T</mark> ACACATTT
Redbeet2_BvADH\$	751	TGIGCIGAGCATGATAAGTITGCAGCAGGPDITCAGTITATAACACAIIT
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Seabeet_SVADES	801	CTTAGGGAGGGTTTTGGAGAAGCTTGATTTGGAGGATACGCCGATTAATA
Redbeer2_BvADH8	801	CTTAGGGAGGGTILIGGAGAAGCTTGATILGGAGGATACOCCGATTAATA
Sucarbeet ByaDHa	851	GAAAGGTAT AGAGTTTGTTGAATTTGGTGGATAATACGTCGARGAT
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Redbeet2_BvADHB	851	CEAAAGGGTATGAGAGTITGTIGAATTIGGTGGATAATACGTCGAAGGAT
Sugarbeet_BvADHß	901	AGTTICGAGTIGTITTATGGGTTGTTTTIGTATAATCAGAATGCTATGGA
fellowbeet BvADHS	901	AGTTTCGAGTTGTTTTATGGGTTGTTTTTGTATAATCAGAATGCTATGGA
Redbeet1 BvADHß	901	AGTTTCGAGTTGTTTTATGGGTTGTTTTTGTATAATCAGAATGCTATGGA
Whitebeet SvADHB	901	AGTITCGAGITGITITAIGGGITGTITITGTATAAICAGAATGCIAIGGA
Seabeet BVADHB	901	AGTTTCGAGTTGTTTTATGGGTTGTTTTTGTATAATCAGAATGCTATGGA
Redbeet2_BvADHß	901	AGTITCGAGITGITTIAIGCGITGTTTITGIATAATCAGAATGC7ATGGA
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Yellowbeet ByADHS	1001	TTGGACACTTGCATGGGTTGCTAAGGAAACAGTTGTTTGGGTTTTCTGAG
Redbeet1 BvADH8	1001	TTGGACACTTGCATGGGTTGCTAAGGAAACAGTTGTTTGGGTTTTCTGAG
Whitebeet ByADHB	1001	TTGGACACTTGCATGGGTTGCTAAGGAAACAGTTGTTTGGGTTTTCTGAG
Seabeet ByADEB	1001	TTGGACACTTGCATGGGTTGCTAAGGAAACAGTTGTTTGGGTTTTCTGAG
Redbeet2 BvADH8	1001	TTGGACACTTGCATGGGTTGCTAAGGAAACAGTTGTTTGGGTTTTCTGAG
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Redbeet1 BvADHS	1051	ATAGATGAACGTATTGGGAAGGCGAAGGAGATCAAATTTCTCTCTGATGC
Whitebeet BVADHB	1051	ATAGATGAACGTATTGGGAASGCGAAGGAGATCAAATTTCTCTCTGATGC
Seabeet ByADHS	1051	ATAGAIGAACGTATTGGGAAGGCGAAGGAGATCAAATTTCTCTCTGATGC
Redbeer2 ByADH8	1051	ATAGAIGAACGTATIGGGAAGGCGAAGGAGATCAAATTTCTCTCTGATGC
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Yellowbeet BvADHB	1101	TGCAGAACAGAATGGCTCTGCCTTGTCTGCTAGGGAGAATGCAAATTCGG
Redbeet1 BvADHS	1101	TECAGAACAGAATEGCTCTECCTTETCTECTAGGGAGAATECAAATTCGG
Whitebeet BVADHS	1101	TGCAG3ACAGAATGGCTCTGCCTTGTCTGCTAGGGAGAATGCAAATTCGG
Seabeet BVADHB	1101	16CAGAACAGAAIGGCICIGCCITGICIGCIAGGGAGAAIGCAAAITCGG
Redbeet2_BvADHß	1101	TGCAGAACAGAATGGCTCTGCCTTGTCTGCTAGGGAGAATGCAAATTCGG
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## Fig. 5C

#### c) Amino acid sequence alignment of ByADHa dbest1.ByADHa 1 HISLSSERPSSTTATATAAAA itcheet\_ByADHa 1 HISLSSERPSSTTATATAAAA Redbert1 . ByADHa THPHOOCPAESSPESHLSI Whitebeet SvADHa HPPOOCPAFS5PPSHLS 1 МІŚLŚŚTĘ PSSITATATAAAA 1 MIŚLŚŚTĘ PSSITATATAAAA 1 MIŚLŚŚTĘ PSSITATATAĄĘ A 1 MIŚLŚŚTĘ PSSITATATAĄCA 1 MIŚLŚŚTĘ PSSITATATAĄCA 1 MIŚLŚŚTĘ PSSITATATAAAA 1 MIŚLŚŚTĘ PSSITATATAAAA Yellowbeet ByADHo THPPOOCPAF55PPSHLSI THPPOOCPAF55PPSHLSI Sugarbeet SvaDha Seabeet ByADHa Redbeet2 SvADHa Redbeeti SvADHa 42 PLRHPROHLVVRCGGGGSASESVFNRDSAATRV5NDHLDV5KRDVKURT Whitebeet SVADEA PLRHPROHLVVRCGGGSASESVENRDSAATRVSNDHLDVSKRDVKLRT 42 PLRHPROHLVVRGGGGGASESVENRDSAATRVENDHLDVSKRDVKLK1 Yellowheet ByADHo 42 PLRHPROHLWVRCDGGGSASESV711RDSAA 1RVSNDHLDVSKROVELK 12 PLRHPROHLWVRCGGGGGSASESV71NRDSAA TRVSNDHLDVSKROVELK 12 Sugarbeet Svabhg 43 Seabeet BVADHg 51 PLRHPRORLVVRCOCOUSASENVFNRDSAATRVSNDRLOVSNRDVKLKI Redbest2 BvADHa 42 92 ITGEGNEGOFLAKTMAKOGHAVLAYSRSDYSRAAKEIGVEYFTDADDLCE 92 ITGEGNEGOFLAKTMAKOGHAVLAYSRSDYSRAAKEIGVEYFTDADDLCE Redbeet1 BvADHa Whitebeet SvADHo Yellowbeet ByADHo 92 LIGFONFORFLAKTMAKOGHRYLAYSRSDYSRAAKEIGVEYFTDADDLCE I I GFONFOOF LAKTMAKOOHRY LAYSRSDY SRAAKE I GVEYFTDADOLCE Sugarbeet ByADHo 92 Seabeet ByADEa 101 ITOFONFOOTLAKTHANOOHRVLAYSRSDYSRAAKETOVEYSTDADDLCE 92 ITOPONFOOTLAKTHANOOHRVLAYSRSDYSRAAKETOVEYFTDADDLCE Redbeet2 BvADHa Redbeet1 ByADHo 102 FREEVILUITSTLISTERVLRSLPURRURGTLEADVLSVREEPRSLELO 102 EREVILUITSTLISTERVLRSLPURRURSTLEADVLSVREEPRSLELO Whitebeet SvADEa 142 EMPEVTILCISILSTERVLRSLPLHRLRRSTLFADVLSVREFPRSLFLD 142. EMPEVTLLCISILSTERVLRSLPLHRLRRSTLFADVLSVREFPRSLFLD Yellowbeet SyADHo Sugarbeet ByADHo Seabeet SyADHa 151 EMPEVILUUTSILSTEKVLRSLPLERIRRSTLSADVLSVKEFPRSLFLO 142 EMPEVILUUTSILSTEKVLRSLPLERIRRSTLSADVLSVKEFPRSLFLO Redbeet2 BVADHg Redneeti SvADHa 192 KDEDILCTHPMEGEDSGKDGWGGLPEVEDKVRVGSDOSRTSRAFAFL PKOFDTLCTHPMFGPOSGKDGWGGLPFVFDKVRVGSDQSHTSRAEAFL Whitebeet ByADRa 192 Yellowbeet SvADHa 192 LPKDFD1LCTHPMFGPD5GKDGWGGLPFYFDKVRVCSDQSRTSRAEAFL Sugarbeet ByADRa 192 LPKDEDILCTHCMFGPD5CKDGWCGLPFVFDKVRVGSDOSRISRAEAFL Seapeer BVADKa LPKDFDILCTHPMFGPDSGKDGWGGLPFVFDKVRVCSDQSRTSRAEAFI. 201 Recibert2 BVADHa LPK0F01LCTHPMFGP050KiX5WCGL0FVF0KVRVCSPQSRTSRAEAFLI 192 N FRIAGCRIVENSCVOHDKHAAGSOFTTHMISRVLEKLALENTPINTKO VFRNAGCRIVENSCVOHDKHAAGSOFTHMISRVLEKLALENTPINTKO VFRNAGCRIVENSCVOHDKHAAGSOFTHMISRVLEKLALENTPINTKO Redbeeti BvADHa 242 Whitebeet ByADHa 242 Yellowbest SyADHa 243 VFRNAGCRMVEMSCVDHOKHAAGSOFITHMMERVLEKLALENTPINTKGY Sugarbeet ByADHo 242 Seabeet BVADPa VFRNAGCRMVEMSCVURUKHAAGSQFITHMMGRVLERLALEMTPINTKG 251 Redbeet2 BvADHa FRNASCRMVEMSCVDHDKHDAGSOFTTHMMERVLERLALENTPINTKC 243 Redbeet1 BvADHa 292 ESLENI VORTARUSFELFYGLELYNKNAMEOLORMORAFEMYNKOLSGYI Whitebeet ByADHa 292 ESILMI-VONTAROSFELFYGLELSNKNAMEQLERMEWAFENVKKOLSGY Yellowbeet ByADHa 292 E SLUNLVONTAROSFE LEYGLELYNKNAMEQUORMIWAFENVRKOLSGY Sugarbeet\_BvADNo 282 ESLLIGVONTARDSFELFYGLFLYNKNAMEOLDRMONAFEMVEROLSGY ESLLNLVDITARDSFELFYGLELYNKNANEOLORMDNAFEMVKROLSGY Scabeet SVADER 301 ESLUAL VONTARDSFELFYGLELYNKNANE OLDRMORA FEMVKKOLSG Redbeet2\_BvADHa 392 Redbeet1\_BvADHg · 342 HDLVRKOLMLEGNNICOAEVTFUKFLMLPS PTIMPPOIVPSALMAEKKED Whitebeet ByADHa 342 HOLVRKOLMLEGNHDCAEVTEDKPLMLPSPTINPPOIVPSAOMAEKKHD HOLVRROUMLEGNNDQAEVTEDKEIMLPSPTINPPQIVP5ADMAEKKHD Yellowbeet SvADHo 342 Sugarbeet BvADHa 342 HOLVRKOLMLEGNNDCAEVTFEKELMLPSPTINPPOLVPSADMAENKHO Seabeet BVADHG 351 HOLVEROLALEGENDOAEVTEDEFLMDPSPTINPPOLVPSADMAENKH Redbeet2\_BvADHa 342 HOLVRKOIMLEGNNOOAEVTFOKPLMLPSPTINPPOLVPSADMAERKE Redbeet1 BVADHa 392 352 WWW.01 352 WWW.01 Whitebeet ByADHa Yellowbeet ByADHa 352 2VVNG Sugarbeet BvADNo Seabeet BVADHa 401 WNGT Recibert2 ByABHo 392

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Redbeeti BVADAB	1	MLSLSS1T1AXPSPSPSPANFPARLSSLS11T11LSESPRRMTEHOVK11
Whitebeet Byauns	1	ALSESSTITAKPSPSPSPANEPARESSESTITTELSESPRROTEHGVKIL
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Yellowbeet ByADHS	51	TIRSIDAAQFTDYESKLAAINTTSSSSSSSSYSKLKIAIVGFGNYGQFLAR
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Yellowbeet BvADHB	101	TLVSQGHTVLAYSRSDYSKI AANLGVSYFSDPDDLCEEHPEVIMLCTSIL
Redbeet1 BvADHS	101.	TLVSOGHTVLÆYSR5DY5KI AANLGVSYFSDPDDLCEEHPEVIMLCTSIL
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Seabeet BVADHB	101	TLV5QGHTVLAYSRSDYSKIAANLGV5YF5DPDDLCEEEPEVIMLCT5IL
Redbeet2_BvADHß	101	TLVSQGHTVLAYSRSDYSKJAANLGVSYFSDPDDLCEEHPEVIMLCTSIL
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Redbeet1 ByADH6	201	FGPE SCHNGWOSL PEVY DKYRIGKDEGRIKFCE SFLDVFRREGCRVEENT
Whitebeet ByADHS	201	EGPE SGKNGWESL PEVYDKYRIGKDEGRIKECESELDVERREGCRVEEMT
Seabeer SvADES	201	FGPE SGKNGWGSLPFVYDKVRIGKDEGRIKECESFLDVFRREGCRVEEMT
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Sugarbeet BvADHB	301	SFELFYGLFLYNONAMEQLERLDWAFELVRKOLFGHLHGLLRKQLFGFSE
Yellowbeet SvADHB	301	SFELFYGLFLYNONAMEQLERLDWAFELVKKQLFGHLHGLLRKQLFGFSE
Redbeet1 BvADHS	301	SFELFYGLFLYNONAMEOLERLEWAFELVKKOLFGHLBGLLRKOLFGFSE
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Seabeet ByADSS	301	SFELFYGLFLYNONAMEOLERLDWAFELWKMOLFGHLHGLLRKOLFGFSE
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Fig. 9B









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L-Tyrosine concentrations (μM







## a) ADHa CDS



Fig. 14B

## b) ADHa Peptide









Fig. 17



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## AROGENATE DEHYDROGENASE POLYNUCLEOTIDES, POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME

### CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED PATENT APPLICATIONS

**[0001]** The present application claims the benefit of priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 62/459,798, filed on Feb. 16, 2017, the content of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

### STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH

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### INTRODUCTION

[0004] Plants synthesize numerous specialized metabolites (also known as secondary metabolites), which play crucial roles in plant adaptation. In contrast to well-documented diversification of plant enzymes directly involved in specialized metabolism, relatively little is known about the evolution of primary metabolic enzymes that provide precursors to the production of various specialized metabolites. [0005] L-Tyrosine (Tyr) is an aromatic amino acid required for protein biosynthesis in all organisms; however, it is synthesized de novo only in bacteria, fungi and plants, but not in animals. Consequently, animals have to consume Tyr, or L-phenylalanine (Phe) that can be hydroxylated to Tyr. Besides protein biosynthesis, plants also use Tyr to produce a diverse array of specialized metabolites that are important for defense (e.g. dhurrin), antioxidants (e.g. tocopherols), and pollinator attraction (e.g., betalains). Notably, humans have a long history of utilizing Tyr-derived specialized metabolites, such as the psychedelic alkaloid mescaline derived from the cactus Lophophora williamsii and the analgesic morphine derived from Papaver somniferum (oppium poppy).

[0006] Tyr is synthesized from prephenate, which is converted from the final product of the shikimate pathway, chorismate. In most bacteria and fungi, prephenate is oxidatively decarboxylated by prephenate dehydrogenase (TyrA<sub>p</sub>/PDH, hereafter referred only as PDH; EC 1.3.1.12) to produce 4-hydroxyphenylpyruvate (HPP), which is subsequently transaminated to Tyr (See, e.g., FIG. 1). On the other hand, most plants first transaminate prephenate into arogenate and subsequently decarboxylate into Tyr by arogenate dehydrogenase (TyrA<sub>a</sub>/ADH, hereafter referred only as ADH; EC 1.3.1.78), both steps occurring in the plastids. The Tyr pathway is usually highly regulated at PDH and ADH. These homologous enzymes are strongly feedback

inhibited by Tyr and control carbon flow between the two competing Tyr and Phe pathways. A recent report showed that, in addition to plastidic ADH enzymes, some plants possess a PDH enzyme(s) that is not inhibited by Tyr and is localized to the cytosol. Clearly, there is evolutionary variation in the Tyr pathway(s) in different plant lineages that warrants investigation. In addition, the contribution of Tyr biosynthesis and its regulation to the generation of Tyrderived plant natural products is currently unknown.

[0007] Betalains are a class of pigments that, within the flowering plants, occur exclusively in the order Caryophyllales where they replace the otherwise ubiquitous anthocyanins. Within Caryophyllales, the majority of families are betalain pigmented. In two families, Molluginaceae and Caryophyllaceae, however, evolutionary reversions from betalain to anthocyanin pigmentation have occurred, highlighting the fact that these two classes of water-soluble pigments have never been found in the same organism. Betalains and anthocyanins are synthesized from Tyr and Phe, respectively, but have similar chemical properties and physiological functions in pollinator attraction and stress tolerance. Betalains are also used as a natural food dye (E162) and have anticancer and antidiabetic properties. Furthermore, intermediates in the betalain pathway are important pharmaceuticals [e.g. L-dihydroxyphenylalanine (L-DOPA) for the treatment of Parkinson's disease) or are substrates for other pharmaceutical agents (e.g. the production of dopamine and isoquinoline alkaloids such as morphine). Consequently, understanding the coordinated regulation of Tyr and betalain biosynthesis has the potential to enhance the production of Tyr, and the yield of Tyr-derived plant natural products important for human health and nutrition.

### SUMMARY

**[0008]** In one aspect, ADH polynucleotides encoding ADH polypeptides are provided. The polynucleotides may encode a polypeptide having at least 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, or 99% sequence identity to any one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47. SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47 are polypeptide sequences of ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$  polypeptides identified in W357B red beet variety, Big Buck sugar beet variety, Touch Stone yellow beet variety, Blankoma white beet variety, Sea beet PI562585 variety, and other Caryophyllales species.

[0009] In another aspect, constructs are provided. The constructs may include a heterologous promoter operably linked to any one of the polynucleotides described herein. [0010] In a further aspect, vectors including any of the

constructs or polynucleotides described herein are provided. [0011] In another aspect, cells including any of the polynucleotides, constructs, or vectors described herein are provided.

**[0012]** In a further aspect, plants including any of the polynucleotides, constructs, vectors, or cells described herein are also provided.

**[0013]** In a still further aspect, methods for increasing production of at least one product of the tyrosine or HPP pathways in a cell are provided. The methods may include introducing any of the polynucleotides, constructs, or vectors described herein into the cell. Optionally, the methods may further include purifying the product of the tyrosine or HPP pathways from the cells.

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## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

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[0015] FIGS. 1A-1D shows Beta vulgaris have two ADH enzymes localized in the plastids. FIG. 1A shows tyrosine and betalain biosynthetic pathways in plants. L-Tyrosine (Tyr) can be synthesized from prephenate via arogenate dehydrogenase (ADH/Tyr $A_a$ ) or prephenate dehydrogenase  $(PDH/TyrA_n)$ . Tyr is exported from the plastid to cytosol and then converted to L-dihydroxyphenylalanine (L-DOPA) by CYP76AD1α, CYP76AD5, and CYP76AD6 (CYP76AD1 $\alpha$ /5/6). L-DOPA is then eventually converted to betalains, red betacyanins and yellow betaxanthins. Biosynthesis of Tyr competes for arogenate or prephenate substrate with that of L-phenylalanine (Phe), the precursor of anthocyanins. Blue lines denote feedback regulation by Tyr. DODA, L-DOPA dioxygenase. FIG. 1B is a graph showing arogenate substrate was incubated with the purified recombinant enzymes of BvADHa or BvADHB together with NADP<sup>+</sup> cofactor and the production of Tyr was analyzed. The High Pressure Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) traces were offset for presentation. Arabidopsis thaliana ADH2 (AtADH2) was used as a control for the ADH assay. In FIG. 1C green fluorescence protein (GFP) was fused at the C-terminal of BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$  and transiently expressed in Arabidopsis protoplasts. Free GFP and GFPfused Arabidopsis ADH2 (AtADH2) were used as controls for cytosolic and plastidic localization, respectively. Representative images show GFP fluorescence and chlorophyll autofluorescence in green and magenta, respectively. Scale bars, 10 µm. FIG. 1D is a set of graphs showing expression levels of BvADHa and BvADHß were compared with those of betalain pathway genes in the cotyledon and hypocotyl of 7 day-old sugar beet and red beet (W357B). Asterisks indicate significant differences between the two genotypes (p<0.05, Student's t-test). Bars represent percent expression relative to the sample with the highest expression. Data are means of three biological replicates±s.e.m. N.D., not detectahle

**[0016]** FIGS. **2**A-**2**B show physical location, homology, and phylogeny of BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$ . FIG. **2**A shows the location and physical distance of BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$  on chromosome 8 of the *B. vulgaris* genome. A nearby gene is indicated in gray. FIG. **2**B shows amino acid identity of ADH and PDH proteins from different plants and bacteria. AaPDH, *Aquifexaeolicus*; AtADH1 and AtADH2, *Arabidopsis thaliana*; GmPDH1, *Glycine max*; EcPDH, *Escherichia coli*; and SyADH, *Synechocystis* sp. PCC6803.

**[0017]** FIGS. **3**A-**3**C shows ADH but not PDH activity detected from *B. vulgaris* tissues (FIGS. **3**A, **3**B) or recombinant enzyme (FIG. **3**C). Arogenate (FIGS. **3**A) or prephenate (FIGS. **3**B, **3**C) substrates were incubated with NADP<sup>+</sup> cofactor and desalted protein crude extract (FIGS. **3**A, **3**B) of beet leaf (L), root/stem (R/S) tissues or recombinant enzyme of BvADH $\alpha$  or BvADH $\beta$  together with NADP<sup>+</sup> cofactor (FIG. **3**C). The production of Tyr (FIG. **3**A) or HPP (which was converted to 4-hydroxyphyenyllactic acid, HPLA) FIGS. **3**B, **3**C were analyzed by HPLC. The HPLC traces were offset for presentation. *Arabidopsis thaliana* 

ADH2 (AtADH2) [17,18] and *Medicago truncatula* PDH (MtPDH) [22] were used as a control for the ADH and PDH assay, respectively.

[0018] FIG. 4 shows BvADHs prefer NADP<sup>+</sup> over NAD<sup>+</sup> as cofactor. ADH activity was analyzed using NADP+ or NADP<sup>+</sup> cofactor, which is expressed as the mean of three independent experiments±s.e.m. in nmols-1 mg-1 of protein. [0019] FIGS. 5A-5D show no amino acid changes were found in the mature protein coding region of BvADHa among different B. vulgaris varieties. The BvADHa and BvADHβ genes were sequenced from five different varieties of domesticated (red 1 [W357B], red 2 [Bohardy], sugar, yellow, and white) and a wild beet (sea beet ascension number PI562585). In nucleotide sequence comparisons of BvADHα (FIG. 5A, SEQ ID NOs: 21-25, 44) and BvADHβ (FIG. 5B SEQ ID NOs: 34-38, 48), several single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were found among varieties. Amino acid sequence alignments of BvADHa (FIG. 5C, SEQ ID NOs: 1-5, 43) and BvADHβ (FIG. 5D, SEQ ID NOs: 14-18, 47), however, showed that these SNPs were mostly synonymous (no changes in amino acid), with two exceptions found in the N-terminal predicted chloroplast transit peptide, which was eliminated for recombinant enzyme expression. The predicted chloroplast transit peptide cleavage sites are denoted by green triangles.

**[0020]** FIG. **6** shows beet and *spinach* ADH $\alpha$  but not ADM $\beta$  have reduced sensitivity to Tyr. ADH activity was measured at different Tyr concentrations using NADP<sup>+</sup> cofactor and purified recombinant ADH enzymes of beet (BvADH $\alpha$ , BvADH $\beta$ ), *spinach* (SoADH $\alpha$ , SoADH $\beta$ ), and *Arabidopsis* (AtADH2). Data are expressed as the percentage of respective control activity without Tyr (0  $\mu$ M) and means of three independent experiments±s.e.m. N.D., not detectable; N.T., not tested.

**[0021]** FIG. 7 shows recombinant His-tagged BvADH $\alpha$  also exhibits reduced sensitivity to Tyr relative to AtADH2. BvADH $\alpha$  and AtADH2 recombinant enzymes were also generated as 6×His-tag proteins to determine if GST-tag affects Tyr sensitivity of BvADH $\alpha$ . The His-BvADH $\alpha$  recombinant enzyme still exhibited relaxed sensitive to Tyr inhibition. Data are expressed as the percentage of respective control activity without Tyr (0  $\mu$ M) and the means of three independent experiments±s.e.m. N.D., not detectable; N.T., not tested.

**[0022]** FIG. **8** shows BvADHs are not inhibited by phenylalanine, tryptophan, and betanin. ADH activity of BvADH $\alpha$ , BvADH $\beta$  and AtADH2 was measured in the presence and absence of 1 mM final concentration of L-phenylalanine (L-Phe), L-tryptophan (L-Trp), and betanins as an effector. Data are expressed as the percentage of respective control activity without effector and the mean of three independent experiments±s.m.e. No significant reduction was observed by any effector treatment relative to respective no effector control (P<0.05, student t test).

**[0023]** FIGS. **9**A-**9**B show transgene expression and tyrosine levels of individual leaf samples of infiltrated *Nicotiana benthamiana. Agrobacterium tumefaciens* carrying the construct of 35S::GFP, 35S::BvADH $\alpha$ , or 35S::BvADH $\beta$  was infiltrated to *Nicotiana benthamiana* leaves (sample names ending with G, a, and b, respectively). 1a-1 and 1a-2 are technical replicates of the same leaf infiltrated with 35S:: BvADH $\alpha$ , so do 1b-1 and 1b-2 for 35S::BvADH $\beta$ . FIG. **9**A shows expression of respective transgenes shown by RTPCR. (+) denotes a positive control using the original 2.

plasmid as a template, while (-) indicates a negative control cDNA from a leaf area without infiltration. (-RT) is an additional negative control without reverse transcriptase to detect genomic DNA contamination. FIG. 9B shows tyrosine contents of individual samples. Two technical replicates showed very similar results. Means±s.e.m. of Tyr and other amino acids analysis are shown in FIGS. 10A-10B and Table

[0024] FIGS. 10A-10B shows heterologous expression of BvADHa but not BvADHß increases tyrosine levels in Nicotiana benthamiana. Agrobacterium tumefaciens carrying the construct of 35S::GFP, 35S::BvADHa, or 35S:: BvADHß was infiltrated to N. benthamiana leaves, which were analyzed for amino acid contents using GC-MS. The levels of tyrosine (FIG. 10A) and phenylalanine (FIG. 10B) are shown. Asterisks indicate significant differences from the 35S::GFP control (p<0.05, Student's t-test). Data are means±S.E.M. (n=5).

[0025] FIGS. 11A-11C show phylogenetic distribution of ADH $\alpha$  in Caryophyllales. The blue and pink branches represent anthocyanin and betalain-producing families, respectively, while families with unclear/unidentified pigmentation are shown in gray. FIG. 11A shows maximumlikelihood phylogeny of ADH genes in Caryophyllales. Scale bar indicates inferred number of amino acid substitution per site. ADH enzymes characterized in this study are indicated at the end of each branch. FIG. 11B shows presence and absence of  $BvADH\alpha$  and  $BvADH\beta$  orthologs detected from genome or transcriptome data was mapped to the family-level phylogenetic tree of the Caryophyllales order. Filled circles denote that corresponding orthologs were detected in all species within the family, whereas partially filled circles indicate that the filled portion of the species within each family had corresponding orthologs. Open circles denote no corresponding orthologs were detected. Red lines indicate estimating timings of duplication events of ADH and betalain pathway genes (CYP76AD1 and DODA). Dash lines (-) represent families with no available transcriptomic or genomic data. FIG. 11C shows Tyr contents analyzed in various Caryophyllales species. Arabidopsis thaliana was used as outgroup. Orange bars indicate species having ADHa orthologs. Young leaf tissues were used for all samples except a Cactaceae species, in which flowers were used to avoid succulent tissues. Asterisks denote significant difference from Arabidopsis (p<0.05) based on fixed effect model (see method). Also, a statistical analysis based on the mixed effect model showed significant differences between two groups, plants with and without ADHa (p<0.0001). Bars represent means±s.e.m. (n=four biological replicates).

[0026] FIG. 12 shows ADH $\alpha$  from various species of core Caryophyllales also exhibit relaxed sensitivity. ADH activity was measured under different Tyr concentrations using purified recombinant ADH enzymes of Nepenthes ventricosax alata (NaADHβ), Rivina humilis (RhADHα), Mirabilis jalapa (MjADHa), and Portulaca oleracea (PoADHa) ADH. Data are expressed as the percentage of respective control activity without Tyr (0  $\mu$ M) and the mean of three independent experiments±s.e.m. N.D., not detectable; N.T., not tested.

[0027] FIG. 13 shows Tyr sensitivity of ADH activity from plant tissues. The plastid extracts of spinach (Spinaciaoleracea), and the crude extracts of Dianthus barbatus and Arabidopsis thaliana were incubated with 1 m Marogenate substrate and 1 mM NADP+ cofactor for indicated times. Plastids were isolated for spinach ADH assays to eliminate strong polyphenoloxidase activity present in the crude extracts. Data are means±s.e.m. (n=4). Activity increased linearly during the first two hours, which were used to calculate ADH activity presented in Table 4.

[0028] FIGS. 14A-14B shows ADHa sequences used for texting relax selection. FIGS. 14A and 14B show ADH $\alpha$ orthologs of Caryophyllaceae (blue, designated as test branches in RELAX analysis, Table 5), as compared to those betalain-producing Caryophyllales species (pink, designated as reference branches in RELAX analysis, Table 5). Blue branches showed no obvious acceleration of substitution in their coding sequences (CDS, FIG. 14A), whereas there was apparent acceleration in their peptide sequences (FIG. 14B). Tips marked with '@' are from assembled transcriptomes. The rest of the sequences are from PCR and Sanger sequencing from DNA (H. latifolia, S. marina, and P. polygonifolia) or RNA.

[0029] FIG. 15 shows the Histidine 217 residue responsible for Tyr sensitivity of Aquifex aeolicus PDH (AaPDH) is still present in BvADHa. Previous studies showed that the H217 residue of AaPDH (denoted by red triangles) is absent in Tyr-insensitive ADH of Synechocystis sp. PCC6803 (Sy-ADH) and confers Tyr sensitivity of AaPDH (Sun et al., 2009, Legrand, P. et al. 2008). The amino acid alignment of AaPDH, SyADH together with  $BvADH\alpha$ ,  $BvADH\beta$ , and Arabidopsis ADH (AtADH2) (SEQ ID NOs: 1, 14, and 92-94) showed that corresponding His residues are present in all plant ADHs. This result suggests that yet to be identified novel residues and mechanism are involved in the relaxed Tyr sensitivity of BvADHa.

[0030] FIG. 16 shows expression of BvADHa in Arabidopsis leads to hyper-accumulation of tyrosine. Overexpression of tyrosine-insensitive BvADH $\alpha$ , but not BvADH $\beta$  or AtADH2, in Arabidopsis drastically enhanced accumulation of tyrosine and homogentisate, the downstream product of tyrosine and precursor of tocopherols and plastoquinone. Four-week old Arabidopsis leaf tissue was submitted to chemical analysis by GC-MS. Two representative homozygous lines for each construct were selected. Control plants (Ctrl) are lines transformed with the empty vector. The content of tyrosine (Tyr), homogentisate, phenylalanine (Phe), and alanine (Ala) are shown as nmol/g of fresh weight. Samples were normalized by the internal recovery standard, norvaline. Values are mean of 3 biological replicates±SD (standard deviation). The above experiments were repeated at least 3 times with similar results.

[0031] FIG. 17 shows in planta expression of de-regulated BvADHa leads to enhanced accumulation of Tyr in Arabidopsis.

[0032] FIG. 18 shows heterologous expression of deregulated BvADHa leads to hyper-accumulation of Tyr in Glycine max (soybean).

### DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0033] The present inventors investigated the Tyr biosynthetic pathway and its regulation in table beet (Beta vulgaris L.), which produces high levels of betalains. Using comparative genomics, biochemical, and cellular analyses, they found that B. vulgaris possesses two paralogous genes encoding two ADH enzymes, which they named ADH $\alpha$  and ADHB. Interestingly, ADHa but not ADHB exhibited relaxed sensitivity to Tyr inhibition. Although the present

inventors recently reported that legume PDH enzymes are also Tyr insensitive, BvADH $\alpha$  and legume PDHs have two major differences. First, legume PDHs are localized in the cytosol, whereas BvADH $\alpha$  (and BvADH $\beta$ ) was targeted to the plastids. Second, legume PDHs completely lost Tyr sensitivity but BvADH $\alpha$  was still inhibited by Tyr at higher concentrations.

[0034] Other insensitive ADH/PDH enzymes have been previously found in microorganisms and the structural analyses of Tyr sensitive and insensitive enzymes identified histidine 217 as a possible residue responsible for its Tyr sensitivity. However, the corresponding histidine residue was still present in BvADH $\alpha$ , suggesting that different mechanisms, and as yet unidentified residues, are involved in the relaxed Tyr sensitivity of BvADH $\alpha$ . The identified BvADH $\alpha$  and other Caryophyllales ADH $\alpha$  enzymes may be introduced into various types of cells to deregulate Tyr biosynthesis and redirect carbon flow from Phe to Tyr, to improve the production of Tyr-derived products (e.g., vitamin E, isoquinoline alkaloids including morphine).

**[0035]** ADH polynucleotides encoding ADH polypeptides are provided. The polynucleotides may encode a polypeptide having at least 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, or 99% sequence identity to any one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47. SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47 are polypeptide sequences of ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$  polypeptides identified in W357B red beet variety, Big Buck sugar beet variety, Touch Stone yellow beet variety, Blankoma white beet variety, Sea beet PI562585 variety, and other Caryophyllales species.

**[0036]** As used herein, the terms "polynucleotide," "polynucleotide sequence," "nucleic acid" and "nucleic acid sequence" refer to a nucleotide, oligonucleotide, polynucleotide (which terms may be used interchangeably), or any fragment thereof. These phrases also refer to DNA or RNA of natural or synthetic origin (which may be single-stranded or double-stranded and may represent the sense or the antisense strand). The polynucleotides may be cDNA or genomic DNA.

**[0037]** In some embodiments, the polynucleotides of the present invention may include any one of the polynucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 21-40, 44, 46, or 48 or a polynucleotide having at least 50%, 55%, 60%, 65%, 70%, 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, or 99% sequence identity to any one of the polynucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 21-40, 44, 46, or 48. SEQ ID NOS: 21-40, 44, 46, or 48 are polynucleotide sequences of ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$  polynucleotides that encode the ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$  polynucleotides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47 and identified in W357B red beet variety, Big Buck sugar beet variety, Sea beet PI562585 variety, and other plant species. The polynucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NO: 21-40, 44, 46, or 48 are cDNA sequences.

**[0038]** Polynucleotides homologous to the polynucleotides described herein are also provided. Those of skill in the art understand the degeneracy of the genetic code and that a variety of polynucleotides can encode the same polypeptide. In some embodiments, the polynucleotides (i.e., polynucleotides encoding the ADH polypeptides) may be codon-optimized for expression in a particular cell including, without limitation, a plant cell, bacterial cell, or fungal cell. While particular polynucleotide sequences which are found in plants are disclosed herein any polynucleotide sequences may be used which encode a desired form of the polypeptides described herein. Thus, non-naturally occurring sequences may be used. These may be desirable, for example, to enhance expression in heterologous expression systems of polypeptides or proteins. Computer programs for generating degenerate coding sequences are available and can be used for this purpose. Pencil, paper, the genetic code, and a human hand can also be used to generate degenerate coding sequences.

[0039] Regarding ADH polypeptides, the phrases "% sequence identity," "percent identity," or "% identity" refer to the percentage of residue matches between at least two amino acid sequences aligned using a standardized algorithm. Methods of amino acid sequence alignment are wellknown. Some alignment methods take into account conservative amino acid substitutions. Such conservative substitutions, explained in more detail below, generally preserve the charge and hydrophobicity at the site of substitution, thus preserving the structure (and therefore function) of the polypeptide. Percent identity for amino acid sequences may be determined as understood in the art. (See, e.g., U.S. Pat. No. 7,396,664, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety). A suite of commonly used and freely available sequence comparison algorithms is provided by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) Basic Local Alignment Search Tool (BLAST), which is available from several sources, including the NCBI, Bethesda, Md., at its website. The BLAST software suite includes various sequence analysis programs including "blastp," that is used to align a known amino acid sequence with other amino acids sequences from a variety of databases.

**[0040]** Polypeptide sequence identity may be measured over the length of an entire defined polypeptide sequence, for example, as defined by a particular SEQ ID number, or may be measured over a shorter length, for example, over the length of a fragment taken from a larger, defined polypeptide sequence, for instance, a fragment of at least 15, at least 20, at least 30, at least 40, at least 50, at least 70 or at least 150 contiguous residues. Such lengths are exemplary only, and it is understood that any fragment length supported by the sequences shown herein, in the tables, figures or Sequence Listing, may be used to describe a length over which percentage identity may be measured.

**[0041]** Suitably, the polypeptides encoded by the polynucleotides provided herein are not sensitive to tyrosine inhibition. The polypeptide is considered to not be sensitive, i.e. to lack sensitivity to tyrosine feedback inhibition, if at least 50% of the activity in the absence of tyrosine is maintained in the presence of 1-100  $\mu$ M (or any range therein) tyrosine. The polypeptide is considered to lack tyrosine feedback sensitivity if at least 40% of the activity in the absence of 1 mM tyrosine.

**[0042]** The ADH polypeptides disclosed herein may include "variant" polypeptides, "mutants," and "derivatives thereof." As used herein the term "wild-type" is a term of the art understood by skilled persons and means the typical form of a polypeptide as it occurs in nature as distinguished from variant or mutant forms. As used herein, a "variant, "mutant," or "derivative" refers to a polypeptide molecule having an amino acid sequence that differs from a reference protein or polypeptide molecule. A variant or mutant may have one or more insertions, deletions, or substitutions of an amino acid residue relative to a reference molecule. For example, a ADH polypeptide mutant or variant may have one or more insertions, deletions, or substitution of at least one amino acid residue relative to the ADH "wild-type" polypeptides disclosed herein. The polypeptide sequences of the "wild-type" ADH polypeptides from beets and other plant species are presented in SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47. These sequences may be used as reference sequences.

[0043] The ADH polypeptides provided herein may be full-length polypeptides or may be fragments of the fulllength polypeptide. As used herein, a "fragment" is a portion of an amino acid sequence which is identical in sequence to but shorter in length than a reference sequence. A fragment may comprise up to the entire length of the reference sequence, minus at least one amino acid residue. For example, a fragment may comprise from 5 to 1000 contiguous amino acid residues of a reference polypeptide, respectively. In some embodiments, a fragment may comprise at least 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150, 250, or 500 contiguous amino acid residues of a reference polypeptide. Fragments may be preferentially selected from certain regions of a molecule. The term "at least a fragment" encompasses the full length polypeptide. A fragment of an ADH polypeptide may comprise or consist essentially of a contiguous portion of an amino acid sequence of the fulllength ADH polypeptide (See SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47). A fragment may include an N-terminal truncation, a C-terminal truncation, or both truncations relative to the full-length ADH polypeptide.

**[0044]** A "deletion" in an ADH polypeptide refers to a change in the amino acid sequence resulting in the absence of one or more amino acid residues. A deletion may remove at least 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, or more amino acids residues. A deletion may include an internal deletion and/or a terminal deletion (e.g., an N-terminal truncation, a C-terminal truncation or both of a reference polypeptide).

**[0045]** "Insertions" and "additions" in an ADH polypeptide refer to changes in an amino acid sequence resulting in the addition of one or more amino acid residues. An insertion or addition may refer to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150, 200, or more amino acid residues. A variant of an ADH polypeptide may have N-terminal insertions, C-terminal insertions, internal insertions, or any combination of N-terminal insertions, C-terminal insertions, and internal insertions.

[0046] The amino acid sequences of the ADH polypeptide variants, mutants, derivatives, or fragments as contemplated herein may include conservative amino acid substitutions relative to a reference amino acid sequence. For example, a variant, mutant, derivative, or fragment polypeptide may include conservative amino acid substitutions relative to a reference molecule. "Conservative amino acid substitutions" are those substitutions that are a substitution of an amino acid for a different amino acid where the substitution is predicted to interfere least with the properties of the reference polypeptide. In other words, conservative amino acid substitutions substantially conserve the structure and the function of the reference polypeptide. Conservative amino acid substitutions generally maintain (a) the structure of the polypeptide backbone in the area of the substitution, for example, as a beta sheet or alpha helical conformation, (b) the charge or hydrophobicity of the molecule at the site of the substitution, and/or (c) the bulk of the side chain.

[0047] The disclosed variant and fragment ADH polypeptides described herein may have one or more functional or biological activities exhibited by a reference polypeptide (e.g., one or more functional or biological activities exhibited by wild-type ADH polypeptides (i.e, SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47). Suitably, the disclosed variant or fragment ADH polypeptides retain at least 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, or 100% of the arogenate dehydrogenase activity of the reference polypeptide (i.e., SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47). As used herein, a "functional fragment" of an ADH polypeptide is a fragment of, for example, one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20 that retains at least 20%, 40%, 60%, 80%, or 100% of the arogenate dehydrogenase activity of the full-length ADH polypeptide. Exemplary functional fragments of the ADH polypeptides disclosed herein may include, for example, fragment ADH polypeptides of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20 that lack the N-terminal plastid transit peptide within these sequences. The N-terminal plastid transit peptide (identified by SEQ ID NO: 41 for BvADHa and SEQ ID NO: 42 for BvADHB) functions to localize the ADH polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47 to the plastid in plant cells. This function is not necessarily required for the ADH polypeptides arogenate dehydrogenase activity and thus may be removed from SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47.

[0048] FIGS. 5 and 15 show sequence alignments including some of the ADH polypeptides disclosed as SEQ ID NOs: 1-20. Based on these alignments it becomes immediately apparent to a person of ordinary skill in the art that various amino acid residues may be altered (i.e. substituted, deleted, etc.) without substantially affecting the arogenate dehydrogenase activity of the polypeptide. For example, a person of ordinary skill in the art would appreciate that substitutions in a reference ADH polypeptide could be based on alternative amino acid residues that occur at the corresponding position in other ADH polypeptides from other species. SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47 may also include ADH polypeptides that are not shown in FIGS. 5 and 15. A person of ordinary skill in the art, however, could easily align these polypeptide sequences with the polypeptide sequences shown in FIGS. 5 and 15 to determine what additional variants could be made to the ADH polypeptides.

**[0049]** In another aspect of the present invention, constructs are provided. As used herein, the term "construct" refers to recombinant polynucleotides including, without limitation, DNA and RNA, which may be single-stranded or double-stranded and may represent the sense or the antisense strand. Recombinant polynucleotides are polynucleotides formed by laboratory methods that include polynucleotide sequences derived from at least two different natural sources or they may be synthetic. Constructs thus may include new modifications to endogenous genes introduced by, for example, genome editing technologies. Constructs may also include recombinant polynucleotides created using, for example, recombinant DNA methodologies.

**[0050]** The constructs provided herein may be prepared by methods available to those of skill in the art. Notably each of the constructs claimed are recombinant molecules and as such do not occur in nature. Generally, the nomenclature used herein and the laboratory procedures utilized in the present invention include molecular, biochemical, and recombinant DNA techniques that are well known and commonly employed in the art. Standard techniques available to those skilled in the art may be used for cloning, DNA
and RNA isolation, amplification and purification. Such techniques are thoroughly explained in the literature.

[0051] The constructs provided herein may include a heterologous promoter operably linked to any one of the polynucleotides described herein. As used herein, the terms "heterologous promoter," "promoter," "promoter region," or "promoter sequence" refer generally to transcriptional regulatory regions of a gene, which may be found at the 5' or 3' side of the ADH polynucleotides described herein, or within the coding region of the ADH polynucleotides, or within introns in the ADH polynucleotides. Typically, a promoter is a DNA regulatory region capable of binding RNA polymerase in a cell and initiating transcription of a downstream (3' direction) coding sequence. The typical 5' promoter sequence is bounded at its 3' terminus by the transcription initiation site and extends upstream (5' direction) to include the minimum number of bases or elements necessary to initiate transcription at levels detectable above background. Within the promoter sequence is a transcription initiation site (conveniently defined by mapping with nuclease S1), as well as protein binding domains (consensus sequences) responsible for the binding of RNA polymerase.

**[0052]** In some embodiments, the disclosed ADH polynucleotides are operably connected to the heterologous promoter. As used herein, a polynucleotide is "operably connected" or "operably linked" when it is placed into a functional relationship with a second polynucleotide sequence. For instance, a promoter is operably linked to an ADH polynucleotide if the promoter is connected to the ADH polynucleotide such that it may affect transcription of the ADH polynucleotides. In various embodiments, the ADH polynucleotides may be operably linked to at least 1, at least 2, at least 3, at least 4, at least 5, or at least 10 promoters.

[0053] Heterologous promoters useful in the practice of the present invention include, but are not limited to, constitutive, inducible, temporally-regulated, developmentally regulated, chemically regulated, tissue-preferred and tissuespecific promoters. The heterologous promoter may be a plant, animal, bacterial, fungal, or synthetic promoter. Suitable promoters for expression in plants include, without limitation, the 35S promoter of the cauliflower mosaic virus, ubiquitine, tCUP cryptic constitutive promoter, the Rsyn7 promoter, pathogen-inducible promoters, the maize In2-2 promoter, the tobacco PR-1a promoter, glucocorticoid-inducible promoters, estrogen-inducible promoters, tetracycline-inducible promoters, tetracycline-repressible promoters, and promoters for monocots like actin. Other promoters include the T3, T7 and SP6 promoter sequences, which are often used for in vitro transcription of RNA. In mammalian cells, typical promoters include, without limitation, promoters for Rous sarcoma virus (RSV), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV-1), cytomegalovirus (CMV), SV40 virus, and the like as well as the translational elongation factor EF-1 $\alpha$  promoter or ubiquitin promoter. Those of skill in the art are familiar with a wide variety of additional promoters for use in various cell types. In some embodiments, the heterologous promoter includes a plant promoter, either endogenous to the plant host or heterologous.

**[0054]** Vectors including any of the constructs or polynucleotides described herein are provided. The term "vector" is intended to refer to a polynucleotide capable of transporting another polynucleotide to which it has been linked. In some embodiments, the vector may be a "plasmid," which refers to a circular double-stranded DNA loop into which additional DNA segments may be ligated. Certain vectors are capable of autonomous replication in a host cell into which they are introduced (e.g., bacterial vectors having a bacterial origin of replication and episomal mammalian vectors). Other vectors can be integrated into the genome of a host cell upon introduction into the host cell, and thereby are replicated along with the host genome, such as some viral vectors or transposons. Plant mini-chromosomes are also included as vectors. Vectors may carry genetic elements, such as those that confer resistance to certain drugs or chemicals.

[0055] Cells including any of the polynucleotides, constructs, or vectors described herein are provided. Suitable "cells" that may be used in accordance with the present invention include eukaryotic or prokaryotic cells. Suitable eukaryotic cells include, without limitation, plant cells, fungal cells, and animal cells. Suitable prokaryotic cells include, without limitation, gram-negative and gram-positive bacterial species. In some embodiments, the cell is a plant cell such as, without limitation, a soybean plant cell, a mung bean plant cell, an opium poppy plant cell, a quinoa plant cell, an alfalfa plant cell, a rice plant cell, a wheat plant cell, a corn plant cell, a sorghum plant cell, a barley plant cell, a millet plant cell, an oat plant cell, a rye plant cell, a rapeseed plant cell, a beet plant cell, and a miscanthus plant cell. In some embodiments, the cell is a bacterial or fungal cell.

**[0056]** Plants including any of the polynucleotides, constructs, vectors, or cells described herein are also provided. Suitable plants may include, without limitation, a beet plant, a soybean plant, a mung bean plant, an opium poppy plant, a *quinoa* plant, an alfalfa plant, a rice plant, a wheat plant, a corn plant, a sorghum plant, a barley plant, a millet plant, an oat plant, a rye plant, and a rapeseed plant as well as perennial grasses such as a *miscanthus* plant. For example, ADH polynucleotides encoding any one of the ADH polypeptides of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47 may be used to generate transgenic plants.

**[0057]** Portions or parts of these plants are also useful and provided. Portions and parts of plants includes, without limitation, plant cells, plant tissue, plant progeny, plant asexual propagates, plant seeds. The plant may be grown from a seed comprising transgenic cells or may be grown by any other means available to those of skill in the art. Chimeric plants comprising transgenic cells are also provided and encompassed.

[0058] As used herein, a "plant" includes any portion of the plant including, without limitation, a whole plant, a portion of a plant such as a part of a root, leaf, stem, seed, pod, flower, cell, tissue plant germplasm, asexual propagate, or any progeny thereof. Germplasm refers to genetic material from an individual or group of individuals or a clone derived from a line, cultivar, variety or culture. Plant refers to whole plants or portions thereof including, without limitation, plant cells, plant protoplasts, plant tissue culture cells or calli. For example, a beet plant refers to whole beet plant or portions thereof including, without limitation, beet plant cells, beet plant protoplasts, beet plant tissue culture cells or calli. A plant cell refers to cells harvested or derived from any portion of the plant or plant tissue culture cells or calli. [0059] Methods for increasing production of at least one product of the tyrosine or HPP pathways in a cell are provided. The methods may include introducing any of the polynucleotides, constructs, or vectors described herein into the cell. Suitable products of the tyrosine or HPP pathways include, without limitation, vitamin E, plastoquinone, a cyanogenic glycoside, a benzylisoquinoline alkaloid, rosmarinic acid, betalains, suberin, mescaline, morphine, salidroside, a phenylpropanoid compound, dhurrin, a tocochromanol, ubiquinone, lignin, a catecholamine such as epinephrine (adrenaline) or dopamine (i.e., L-dihydroxyphenylalanine (L-DOPA)), melanin, an isoquinoline alkaloid, hydroxycinnamic acid amide (HCAA), an amaryllidaceae alkaloid, hordenine, hydroxycinnamate, hydroxylstyrene, or tyrosine. Phenylpropanoid compounds (i.e., lignin, tannins, flavonoids, stilbene) may be produced from tyrosine, for example, by combining the polypeptides disclosed herein with a tyrosine-ammonia lyase (TAL) or by using cells that naturally have a TAL such as grass cells.

[0060] As used herein, "introducing" describes a process by which exogenous polynucleotides (e.g., DNA or RNA) are introduced into a recipient cell. Methods of introducing polynucleotides into a cell are known in the art and may include, without limitation, microinjection, transformation, and transfection methods. Transformation or transfection may occur under natural or artificial conditions according to various methods well known in the art, and may rely on any known method for the insertion of foreign nucleic acid sequences into a host cell. The method for transformation or transfection is selected based on the type of host cell being transformed and may include, but is not limited to, the floral dip method, Agrobacterium-mediated transformation, bacteriophage or viral infection, electroporation, heat shock, lipofection, and particle bombardment. Microinjection of polynucleotides may also be used to introduce polynucleotides into cells.

**[0061]** In some embodiments, the present methods may further include purifying the product of the tyrosine or HPP pathways from the cells. As used herein, the term "purifying" is used to refer to the process of ensuring that the product of the tyrosine or HPP pathways is substantially or essentially free from cellular components and other impurities. Purification of products of the tyrosine or HPP pathways is typically performed using analytical chemistry techniques such as high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and other chromatographic techniques. Methods of purifying such products are well known to those skilled in the art. A "purified" product of the tyrosine or HPP pathways means that the product is at least 85% pure, more preferably at least 95% pure, and most preferably at least 99% pure.

[0062] The present disclosure is not limited to the specific details of construction, arrangement of components, or method steps set forth herein. The compositions and methods disclosed herein are capable of being made, practiced, used, carried out and/or formed in various ways that will be apparent to one of skill in the art in light of the disclosure that follows. The phraseology and terminology used herein is for the purpose of description only and should not be regarded as limiting to the scope of the claims. Ordinal indicators, such as first, second, and third, as used in the description and the claims to refer to various structures or method steps, are not meant to be construed to indicate any specific structures or steps, or any particular order or configuration to such structures or steps. All methods described herein can be performed in any suitable order unless otherwise indicated herein or otherwise clearly contradicted by context. The use of any and all examples, or exemplary language (e.g., "such as") provided herein, is intended merely to facilitate the disclosure and does not imply any limitation on the scope of the disclosure unless otherwise claimed. No language in the specification, and no structures shown in the drawings, should be construed as indicating that any non-claimed element is essential to the practice of the disclosed subject matter. The use herein of the terms "including," "comprising," or "having," and variations thereof, is meant to encompass the elements listed thereafter and equivalents thereof, as well as additional elements. Embodiments recited as "including," "comprising," or "having" certain elements are also contemplated as "consisting essentially of" and "consisting of" those certain elements. [0063] Recitation of ranges of values herein are merely intended to serve as a shorthand method of referring individually to each separate value falling within the range, unless otherwise indicated herein, and each separate value is incorporated into the specification as if it were individually recited herein. For example, if a concentration range is stated as 1% to 50%, it is intended that values such as 2% to 40%, 10% to 30%, or 1% to 3%, etc., are expressly enumerated in this specification. These are only examples of what is specifically intended, and all possible combinations of numerical values between and including the lowest value and the highest value enumerated are to be considered to be expressly stated in this disclosure. Use of the word "about" to describe a particular recited amount or range of amounts is meant to indicate that values very near to the recited amount are included in that amount, such as values that could or naturally would be accounted for due to manufacturing tolerances, instrument and human error in forming measurements, and the like. All percentages referring to amounts are by weight unless indicated otherwise.

**[0064]** No admission is made that any reference, including any non-patent or patent document cited in this specification, constitutes prior art. In particular, it will be understood that, unless otherwise stated, reference to any document herein does not constitute an admission that any of these documents forms part of the common general knowledge in the art in the United States or in any other country. Any discussion of the references states what their authors assert, and the applicant reserves the right to challenge the accuracy and pertinence of any of the documents cited herein. All references cited herein are fully incorporated by reference in their entirety, unless explicitly indicated otherwise. The present disclosure shall control in the event there are any disparities between any definitions and/or description found in the cited references.

**[0065]** Unless otherwise specified or indicated by context, the terms "a", "an", and "the" mean "one or more." For example, "a protein" or "an RNA" should be interpreted to mean "one or more proteins" or "one or more RNAs," respectively.

**[0066]** The following examples are meant only to be illustrative and are not meant as limitations on the scope of the invention or of the appended claims.

## EXAMPLES

## Example 1—Relaxation of Tyrosine Pathway Regulation Underlies the Evolution of Betalain Pigmentation in Caryophyllales

**[0067]** This Example is based on data reported in Lopez-Nieves et al., "Relaxation of Tyrosine Pathway Regulation 8

Underlies the Evolution of Betalain Pigmentation in Caryophyllales," *New Phytologist*, 217(2):896-908 (2018), the contents of which (including all supplemental data, figures, and associated materials) is incorporated herein by reference.

#### SUMMARY

- **[0068]** Diverse natural products are synthesized in plants by specialized metabolic enzymes, which are often lineage-specific and derived from gene duplication followed by functional divergence. However, little is known about the contribution of primary metabolism to the evolution of specialized metabolic pathways.
- **[0069]** Betalain pigments, uniquely found in the plant order Caryophyllales, are synthesized from the aromatic amino acid L-tyrosine (Tyr) and replaced the otherwise ubiquitous phenylalanine-derived anthocyanins. This study combined biochemical, molecular and phylogenetic analyses and uncovered coordinated evolution of Tyr and betalain biosynthetic pathways in Caryophyllales.
- **[0070]** We found that *Beta vulgaris*, which produces high levels of betalains, synthesizes Tyr via plastidic arogenate dehydrogenases (TyrA<sub>a</sub>/ADH) encoded by two ADH genes (BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$ ). Unlike BvADH $\beta$  and other plant ADHs that are strongly inhibited by Tyr, BvADH $\alpha$  exhibited relaxed sensitivity to Tyr. Also, Tyr-insensitive BvADH $\alpha$  orthologs arose during the evolution of betalain pigmentation in the core Caryophyllales and later experienced relaxed selection and gene loss in lineages that reverted from betalain to anthocyanin pigmentation, such as Caryophyllaceae.
- **[0071]** These results suggest that relaxation of Tyr pathway regulation increased Tyr production and contributed to the evolution of betalain pigmentation, highlighting the significance of upstream primary metabolic regulation for the diversification of specialized plant metabolism.

#### INTRODUCTION

**[0072]** Plants synthesize numerous specialized metabolites (also known as secondary metabolites), which play crucial roles in plant adaptation. In contrast to well-documented diversification of plant enzymes directly involved in specialized metabolism (Chen et al., 2011; Mizutani & Ohta, 2010; Moghe & Last, 2015; Pichersky & Lewinsohn, 2011; Weng, 2014), relatively little is known about the evolution of primary metabolic enzymes that provide precursors to the production of various specialized metabolites.

**[0073]** L-Tyrosine (Tyr) is an essential aromatic amino acid required for protein biosynthesis in all organisms; however, it is synthesized de novo only in bacteria, fungi, and plants, but not in animals. Consequently, animals have to consume Tyr or L-phenylalanine (Phe) that can be hydroxylated to Tyr (Pencharz et al., 2007). Besides protein biosynthesis, plants also use Tyr to produce a diverse array of specialized metabolites that are important for defense (e.g. dhurrin, Gleadow & Møller, 2014), stress tolerance (e.g. tocopherols, Mene-Saffrane et al., 2008). Notably, humans have a long history of utilizing Tyr-derived specialized metabolites, such as the psychedelic alkaloid mescaline derived from the cactus *Lophophora williamsii* (Ibarra-Laclette et al., 2015) and the analgesic morphine derived from *Papaver somniferum* (opium poppy, Beaudoin & Facchini, 2014; Millgate et al., 2004).

[0074] Tyr is synthesized from prephenate, which is converted from the final product of the shikimate pathway, chorismate (Maeda & Dudareva, 2012; Siehl, 1999; Tzin, V. & Galili, 2010). In most bacteria and fungi, prephenate is oxidatively decarboxylated by prephenate dehydrogenase (TyrA<sub>r</sub>/PDH, hereafter referred only as PDH; EC 1.3.1.12) to 4-hydroxyphenylpyruvate (HPP), which is transaminated to Tyr (Bentley, 1990, FIG. 1A). On the other hand, most plants first transaminate prephenate into arogenate and subsequently decarboxylate into Tyr by arogenate dehydrogenase (TyrA<sub>a</sub>/ADH, hereafter referred only as ADH; EC 1.3.1.78, Rippert & Matringe, 2002a,b), both steps occurring in the plastids (Dal Cin et al., 2011; Rippert et al., 2009; FIG. 1A). The Tyr pathway is usually highly regulated at PDH and ADH. These homologous enzymes are strongly feedback inhibited by Tyr and control carbon flow between the two competing Tyr and Phe pathways (Gaines et al., 1982; Bentley, 1990; Rippert & Matringe, 2002a,b; FIG. 1B). A recent report showed that, in addition to plastidic ADH enzymes, some plants possess a PDH enzyme(s) that is not inhibited by Tyr and is localized to the cytosol (Rubin & Jensen, 1979; Schenck et al., 2015; 2017; Siehl, 1999). Clearly, there is evolutionary variation in the Tyr pathway(s) in different plant lineages that warrants investigation.

[0075] Betalains are a class of Tyr-derived pigments that, within the flowering plants, occur exclusively in the order Caryophyllales where they replace the otherwise ubiquitous anthocyanins (Mabry, 1964; Tanaka et al., 2008). Within Caryophyllales, the majority of families are betalain pigmented. In two families, Molluginaceae and Caryophyllaceae, however, evolutionary reversions from betalain to anthocyanin pigmentation have occurred (Brockington et al., 2015), highlighting the fact that these two classes of water-soluble pigments have never been found in the same organism (Bate-Smith, 1962; Brockington et al., 2011; Clement & Mabry, 1996; Mabry, 1964). Betalains and anthocyanins are synthesized from Tyr and Phe, respectively, but have similar physiological functions in pollinator attraction and stress tolerance (Tanaka et al., 2008). Betalains are also used as a natural food dye (E162) and have anticancer and antidiabetic properties (Khan, 2015; Lee et al., 2014; Neelwarne & Halagur, 2012). Furthermore, intermediates in the betalain pathway are important pharmaceuticals [e.g. L-dihydroxyphenylalanine (L-DOPA) for the treatment of Parkinson's disease] or are substrates for other pharmaceutical agents (e.g. the production of dopamine and isoquinoline alkaloids such as morphine). Consequently, understanding the coordinated regulation of Tyr and betalain biosynthesis has the potential to enhance the production of Tyr, and the yield of Tyr-derived plant natural products important for human health and nutrition.

**[0076]** Betalain biosynthesis starts with hydroxylation of Tyr to L-DOPA by at least three closely related cytochrome P450 enzymes (CYP76AD1, CYP76AD5, and CYP76AD6, FIG. 1A) (Polturak et al., 2016; Sunnadeniya et al., 2016). L-DOPA is further converted into betalamic acid or cyclo-DOPA by L-DOPA dioxygenases (DODA, Christinet et al., 2004; Gandía-Herrero & García-Carmona, 2012) or CYP76AD1 (Hatlestad et al., 2012), respectively (FIG. 1A). Betalamic acid then spontaneously reacts with cyclo-DOPA or amines to produce various forms of betacyanins or betaxanthins, respectively, which are usually further glycosylated. Recent studies found that the two key enzymes within the betalain pathway, DODA, and CYP76AD1, duplicated just prior to the emergence of betalain pigmentation (Brockington et al., 2015). Subsequently, one of the duplicated copies (DODA $\alpha$  and CYP76AD1 $\alpha$ ) in both genes became specialized for betalain biosynthesis and were lost or downregulated in the anthocyanin-producing families such as Molluginaceae and Caryophyllaceae (Brockington et al., 2015). Despite recent and rapid progress in understanding the betalain pathway enzymes and their evolution, little is known about the regulation of primary Tyr metabolism in relation to the evolution of this novel Tyr-dependent betalain pathway.

[0077] Here we first investigated the Tyr biosynthetic pathway and its regulation in table beet (*Beta vulgaris* L.). which produces high levels of betalains (Goldman, 1996). Using comparative genomics, biochemical, and cellular analyses, we found plastidic ADH enzymes from B. vulgaris that exhibit relaxed sensitivity to Tyr inhibition in vitro and in vivo. Phylogenetic analysis combined with recombinant enzyme characterization further demonstrated that de-regulated ADH enzymes emerged during the evolution of betalain pigmentations in the core Caryophyllales, and were lost or downregulated following disappearance of betalains. Furthermore, transient expression of the de-regulated ADH in Nicotiana benthamiana led to high accumulation of Tyr in planta. The results revealed the important contribution of primary Tyr pathway regulation to the unique evolution of a plant specialized metabolic pathway, betalain biosynthesis.

#### Materials and Methods

**[0078]** Plant Source and Growth Conditions *B. vulgaris* varieties, red beet (W357B), yellow beet (Touch Stone), and white beet (Blankoma), were provided by Dr. Irwin Goldman from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Horticulture (Goldman, 1996), whereas sugar beet (Big Buck) and sea beet (PI 562585) were commercial sugar beets obtained from the Heirloom Seeds (West Finley, Pa., USA) and the National Plant Germplasm System (NPGS), respectively. *Spinach (Spinacia oleraceae)*, Pigeonberry (*Rivina humilis*), four o'clock (*Mirabilis jalapa*), and common purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*) were grown from seed with a growing mix soil (Fafard®, Agawam, Mass., USA) in a growth chamber under 12 hr light (100  $\mu$ E), 22° C. and 60% humidity. After one month of growth, their leaves were harvested for RNA extraction.

Identification and Cloning of ADH Homologs from Caryophyllales

[0079] BLASTP searches were performed using the protein sequences of ADH and PDH enzymes from *A. thaliana* (AtADH1/At5g34930, NP\_173023; AtADH2/At1g15710, NP\_198343), *Glycine max* (GmPDH, KM507071), *Synechocystis* sp. PCC6803 (SyADH, WP\_010872597), *Escherichia coli* (EcPDH, WP\_052912694), *Aquifex aeolicus* (AaPDH, WP\_010881139) as queries against the sugar beet genome (*Beta vulgaris* http://bvseq.molgen.mpg.de/) (FIG. 2B). Potential ADH candidates were identified based on a broad phylogenetic analysis that included various plant ADH and PDH sequences.

**[0080]** Genomic DNA was extracted using Tris-sodium chloride-EDTA/sodium dodecyl sulfate buffer and precipitated with isopropanol and 200 mM ammonium acetate. For RNA isolation, the method described by Wang et al (2011) was used with some modifications. The tissues were ground in a mortar with liquid nitrogen and powder polyvinylpyrrolidone (PVP). After addition of 700  $\mu$ L fresh pre-warmed lysis buffer (2% CTAB, 2 M NaCl, 100 mM Tris-HCl pH 8, 25 mM EDTA and 5%  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol), the samples were shaken vigorously for 2 min and incubated in a water bath at 65° C. for 5 min. The RNA was converted into complementary DNA (cDNA) using the High-Capacity cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit (Applied Biotechnology, USA) and SuperScript IV Reverse Transcriptase with oligo dT<sub>20</sub> primer or random primers (Invitrogen, USA).

[0081] Cloning primers were designed with the Invitrogen primer design (http://tools.lifetechnologies.com/content.cfm?pageid=9716) and the PCR In-Fusion® primers designing program (http://bioinfo.clontech.com/infusion/convert-PcrPrimersInit.do, Clontech, Mount View, Calif.). All ADH candidate genes, except for PoADH $\alpha$  (see below), were PCR amplified from cDNA using gene-specific primers (Table 1) and Phusion DNA polymerase (Thermo, Waltham, Mass.) with the following conditions: initial denaturation at 95° C. for 5 min, 35 cycles of amplification at 95° C. for 30 s, 58° C. for 30 s, 72° C. for 30 s, with a final extension at 72° C. for 10 min. The PCR fragments were purified using QIAquick gel extraction kit (Qiagen, Valencia, Calif.) and were inserted into the pGEX-2T vector (GE Healthcare) at EcoRI and BamHI sites using the In-Fusion cloning method (Clontech). PoADHa was gene synthesized (Biomatik, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada) and directly cloned into the same pGEX-2T vector. For generation of His-tagged proteins, the cloned PCR fragments were inserted into the pET28a vector (Novagen, Madison Wis., USA) at NdeI and EcoRI site.

TABLE 1

	Primers	used	as	indica	ted i:	n the	descripti	ion and me	thods	
Species	(gene)		Pu os	rp e	Prime	r name	e Primer s	equence 5	' to 3	,
Beta vu. (BvADHβ)	lgaris		RT PC	- R	pHM02 BvADH	90SLN ßF	GGTTCCGC GCAGCAT	CGTGGATCCC (SEQ ID N	TAACAA 0: 49)	ATTC
Beta vu. (BvADHβ)	lgaris		RT PC	- R	pHM02 RBvAD	91SLN HβR	AATTCGGA CGTGACTG	AGACAAATTG G (SEQ ID	AGAATT NO: 50	CAT
Beta vu. (BvADHα	lgaris )		RT PC	- R	pHM03 BvADH	72SLN aF	CTGGTTCC AGGTGGT1	CGCGTGGATC	CTGCGG D NO:	TGG 51)

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Primers used	as indica	ated in the	description and methods
Species (gene)	Purp ose	Primer name	Primer sequence 5' to 3'
Beta vulgaris	RT-	pHM0373SLN	GTTAATGGTACTAGATAGGAATTCAT
(BvADHα)	PCR	BvADHaR	CGTGACTGA (SEQ ID NO: 52)
Arabidopsis thaliana	Cloning	pHM0384SLN	CTGGTTCCGCGTGGATCCGCAATCGA
(AtADH2)		AtADH $\alpha$ F	CGCCGCCCAA (SEQ ID NO: 53)
Arabidopsis thaliana	Cloning	pHM0385SLN	TCATCATCATCATCTTAAGAATTCATC
(AtADH2)		AtADHaR	GTGACTGA (SEQ ID NO: 54)
Spinacea oleracea	Cloning	pHM0582SoA	CTGGTTCCGCGTGGATCCGCCGCTAC
(SoADHβ)		DHβF	CAATACCTCC (SEQ ID NO: 55)
Spinacea oleracea	Cloning	pHM0583SoA	AATTCAGAGATCAATTGAGAATTCAT
(SoADHβ)		DHβR	CGTGACTGA (SEQ ID NO: 56)
Spinacea oleracea	Cloning	pHM0584SoA	CTGGTTCCGCGTGGATCCTGCGCCGC
(SoADHa)		DHaF	CTCTGACTCC (SEQ ID NO: 57)
Spinacea oleracea	Cloning	pHM0585SoA	TGGTAATAATTCTAGATAGGAATTCA
(SoADHα)		DHaR	TCGTGACTGA (SEQ ID NO: 58)
Nepenthes alata	Cloning	pHM0603SLN	CTGGTTCCGCGTGGATCCGCCGCGCT
(NaADHβ)		NaADHF	GCCAAACGACT (SEQ ID NO: 59)
Nepenthes alata	Cloning	pHM0604SLN	AAATGTTGAGAGAAATTGAGAATTCA
(NaADHβ)		NaADHR	TCGTGACTGA (SEQ ID NO: 60)
Portulaca	RT-	pHM0609SLN	CTGGTTCCGCGTGGATCCTGCTCATCA
oleracea(PoADHα)	PCR	PoADHaAF	TCATCATCAT (SEQ ID NO: 61)
Portulaca	RT-	pHM0610SLN	CGTCAACGATAGATCATAGGAATTCA
oleracea(PoADHα)	PCR	PoADHaAR	TCGTGACTGA (SEQ ID NO: 62)
Mirabilis	Cloning	pHM0624SLN	CTGGTTCCGCGTGGATCCATAGCGAT
jalapa(MjADHα)		MjADHαAF	AGTTGGGTTTG (SEQ ID NO: 63)
Mirabilis	Cloning	pHM0625SLN	TATCAATGGTCGTCGATAGGAATTCA
jalapa(MjADHα)		MjADHαAR	TCGTGACTGA (SEQ ID NO: 64)
Rivina hurndis (RhADH $\alpha$ )	Cloning	pHM0647SLN RhADHaF	CTGGTTCCGCGTGGATCCTGCACGGC CTTCACTAAAAC (SEQ ID NO: 65)
Rivina humilis(RhADH $lpha$ )	Cloning	pHM0648SLN RhADHaR	TCAATGGATCAAAGCGGTAGGAATTC ATCGTGACTGA (SEQ ID NO: 66)
Beta vulgaris	RT-	$BvADHa_q_F$	TCAAGCTGAGGTTACTTTTGACA (SEQ
(BvADHα)	PCR		ID NO: 67)
Beta vulgaris	RT-	BvADHa_q_R	AAGAAGCATGATTTAGTGGTGGT (SEQ
(BvADHα)	PCR		ID NO: 68)
Beta vulgaris	RT-	$BvADHa_q_F$	TGCAGCGACTTAAACGATCG (SEQ ID
(BvADHβ)	PCR		NO: 69)
Beta vulgaris	RT-	BvADHa_q_R	TTGGGGAAGTTTGCCGTTTG (SEQ ID
(BvADHβ)	PCR		NO: 70)
Beta vulgaris	RT-	pHM0793SLN	AGTTCCCTCTGCTGATATG (SEQ ID
(BvADHα)	PCR	BvADHaF	NO: 71)
Beta vulgaris	RT-	pHM0794SLN	GTGGTTAATGGTACTAGATAG (SEQ
(BvADHα)	PCR	BvADHaR	ID NO: 72)
Beta vulgaris	qPCR	pHM0791SLN	GCGAAGGAGATCAAATTTCT (SEQ ID
(BvADHβ)		BvADHβF	NO: 73)
Beta vulgaris (BvADHβ)	qPCR	pHM0792SLN BvADHβR	TCAATTTGTCTCCGAATTTGC (SEQ ID NO: 74)
Beta vulgaris (BvADHα)	qPCR	$BvADH\alpha_F$	ATGATTTCACTCTCTTCTTTCATCC (SEQ ID NO: 75)

TABLE 1 -continued

Primers us	ed .	as indica	ated in the	description and methods
Species (gene)		Purp ose	Primer name	Primer sequence 5' to 3'
Beta vulgaris (BvADHα)		qPCR	BvADHa_R	GATTTAGTGGTGGTTAATGGTACTAG ATAG (SEQ ID NO: 76)
Beta vulgaris (BvADHβ)		qPCR	$BvADH\beta_F$	ATGCTTTCTCTCTCCCAC (SEQ ID NO: 77)
Beta vulgaris (BvADHβ)		qPCR	$BVADH\beta_R$	CAAATTCGGAGACAAATTGA (SEQ ID NO: 78)
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> (BvActin)		qPCR	pHM0001HM BvACT	TCTATCCTTGCATCTCTCAG (SEQ ID NO: 79)
<i>Beta vulgaris</i> (BvActin)		qPCR	pHM0002HM BvACT	TCTCCAAGGGCGAGTATGAT (SEQ ID NO: 80)
Beta vulgaris (BvDODA)		qPCR	pHM0003HM BvDODA	CATTGGTTCAGGAAGTGCAA (SEQ ID NO: 81)
Beta vulgaris (BvDODA)		qPCR	pHM0004HM BvDODA	CCTTTGATTCATGGCTTCGT (SEQ ID NO: 82)
Beta vulgaris (BvMYB1)		qPCR	pHM057613vM YB1F	TATCAAACGAGGGCACTTC (SEQ ID NO: 83)
Beta vulgaris (BvMYB1)		qPCR	pHM0577BvM YB1R	GATGGTCTTTGATAGCAGC (SEQ ID NO: 84)
Beta vulgaris (BvCYP76AD1)		qPCR	pHM0005HM BvCYP76AD1	CTTTTCAGTGGAATTAGCCCACC (SEQ ID NO: 85)
Beta vulgaris (BvCYP76AD1)		qPCR	pHM0006HM BvCYP76AD1	TGGAACATTATGGAAGATATTGGG (SEQ ID NO: 86)
GFP		qPCR	tGFP_q_F	GGCTGGAAGAGTGATCGGAG (SEQ ID NO: 87)
GFP		qPCR	tGFP_q_R	ACGCTACTGTTGAGCATCTTCA (SEQ ID NO: 88)
Gene Racer oligoT		RT- PCR	GeneRacer OligoT	GCTGTCAACGATACGCTACGTAACGGCA TGACAGTG(T)20 (SEQ ID NO: 89)
Eukaryotic translational elongation factor	1α	qPCR	EF1a_q_F	AGCTTTACCTCCCAAGTCATC (SEQ ID NO: 90)
Eukaryotic translational elongation factor	1α	qPCR	EF1a_q_R	CCAAGATTGACAGGCGTTCT (SEQ ID NO: 91)

TABLE 1 -continued

Recombinant Enzyme Expression and Purification

**[0082]** The His-tagged recombinant protein expression was carried out as we described previously (Dornfeld et al., 2014). For GST-tagged recombinant protein expression, the cloned pGEX-2T vectors were introduced into Rosetta-2 *E. coli* competent cells (Novagen, Madison Wis., USA) and cultured overnight at 37° C., 200 r.p.m. in 10 mL LB medium containing Ampicillin (100  $\mu$ g/mL). The ten milliliters of the overnight culture were transferred to 1 L LB medium with Ampicillin (100  $\mu$ g/mL and further incubated at 37° C. and 200 r.p.m. until the OD<sub>600</sub> reached 0.3. The temperature was then changed to 18° C. and, after 1 hr, isopropyl 13-D-1-thiogalactopyranoside (IPTG, 400 mM final concentration) was added to induce recombinant protein expression. After overnight incubation at 18° C. under constant shaking at 200 r.p.m., cultures were harvested by

centrifugation at 2,000 g for 10 min at 4° C., and the pellet was washed with 0.9% NaCl solution. The samples were harvested and resuspended in 25 mL of lysis buffer [phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) pH 7.4, 1 mM phenylmethylsulfonyl fluoride (PMSF), 1 mM dithiothreitol (DTT) and plant proteases inhibitor cocktail (Amresco, Solon, Ohio, USA)]. The resuspended cells were sonicated for periods of 20 s for 5 min. The cell lysate was centrifuged at 10,000 g for 30 min at 4° C., and the supernatant was applied to Fast Protein Liquid Chromatography (FPLC, AKTApure25 FPLC system, GE Healthcare) equipped with GSTtrap™FF (GE Healthcare, USA). Prior and after injection, the column was washed with five times bed volume wash buffer A (PBS, pH 7.6) followed by five times bed volume of wash buffer B (10 mM glutathione, 1.54 g of reduced glutathione dissolved in 500 mL of 50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8). The recombinant enzymes containing GST-tag were eluted with tenbed volumes of the elution buffer B and collected into Eppendorf tubes containing 500 Recombinant enzymes eluted in the fraction five and six, which were combined and desalted using a gel filtration column (Sephadex G50-80 resin, Sigma-Aldrich, St Louis, Mo., USA) in the reaction buffer [200 mM HEPES (pH 7.6), 50 mM KCl, 10% ethylene glycol]. Enzyme concentrations were measured using Bradford assay (Bio-Rad, Des Plaines, III., USA) and the enzyme purity was estimated by running on SDS-PAGE gel and analyzing with ImageJ (http://imagej.nih.gov/ij/).

## ADH and PDH Activity Assays In Vitro

[0083] ADH and PDH activity from beet tissues (FIGS. 3A, 3B) were analyzed by using the leaves and stem/root crude protein extract of red beet (W357B). The beets were grown in a greenhouse for 12 weeks with a temperature of 22-25° C. and 16 hr of ambient and supplemented lights. Protein extraction was performed by grinding 1 g of tissues in liquid nitrogen and resuspending the powder in the extraction buffer [200 mM HEPES (pH 7.6), 50 mM KCl, 10% ethylene glycol, 1 mM PMSF, 1 mM DTT and plant proteases inhibitor cocktail (Ameresco)]. The extracts were desalted using the gel filtration column (Sephadex G50-80 resin, Sigma-Aldrich St. Louis, Mo., USA) into the reaction buffer. The ADH or PDH assays were performed by mixing the desalted protein extract with 1 mM NADP<sup>+</sup> and 1 mM L-arogenate or prephenate in a total volume of 10 µL or 25 µL, respectively. L-Arogenate was prepared by enzymatic conversion from prephenate (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, Mo., USA), as previously described (Schenck et al., 2015). The reactions were started by adding the enzyme (crude extract or recombinant enzyme) and incubated at 37° C. for 45 min. The reaction was stopped with two times volume of methanol. The same ADH and PDH assay protocols were used for initial characterization of purified recombinant BvADH enzymes

**[0084]** For detection of Tyr product from the ADH assays, 10 µL of the reaction mixture was first derivatized with the equal volume of the 40.26 mM OPA solution [5.4 mg OPA (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, Mo., USA) mixed in 100 µL methanol, 5 µL 2-mercaptoethanol and 900 µL 0.4M boric acid) for 3 min, injected to high pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC, Agilent 1260) equipped with the Eclipse XDH-C18 column (5 µm, 3.0×150 mm, Agilent, USA), and separated by a 30 min linear gradient from 20-45% methanol in 0.1% ammonium acetate at a flow rate of 0.8 ml/min. The substrate and product of ADH assays (Tyr and arogenate, respectively) were detected by a fluorescence detector (Agilent, USA) with excitation at 360 nm and emission of 455 nm. For PDH assays, the reactions were stopped by addition of NaBH<sub>4</sub>, which converts the reaction product HPP into hydroxyphenyllactic acid (HPLA), followed by neutralization with 100 µl of 6 N HCl as described by Schenck et al. 2015. The HPLC was equipped with ZORBAX SB-C18 column (Agilent, USA) using a 6 min isocratic elution at 25% methanol in 0.1% phosphoric acid, followed by a 20 min linear gradient of 25-60% methanol at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. The HPLA were monitored by absorption at 270 nm.

[0085] To test the electron donor and substrate preferences of purified recombinant enzymes, the ADH and PDH reactions were performed as described above, except for 12 min with 400  $\mu$ M L-arogenate and 1 mM cofactor (NAD<sup>+</sup> or

NADP<sup>+</sup>). The reaction was stopped by placing the tubes on ice and immediately measured for the production of the reduced cofactor, NAD(P)H, at 340 nm by spectrophotometer (NanoDrop 2000, Thermo Scientific, USA). The quantification was based on the standard curve of authentic NADPH.

[0086] To examine Tyr sensitivity of the purified recombinant enzymes, ADH assay was performed as described previously (Schenck et al., 2015) but in the presence or absence of different concentrations of L-Tyr. Tyr was first dissolved in 0.025 N NaOH at 100 mM (as the water solubility of Tyr is very low, <2 mM), which was diluted to 4 mM to 10 µM final concentration in 0.0025 N NaOH. The reactions contained 500 mM HEPES (pH 7.6) to maintain the final pH at 7.6. The production of reduced cofactor (NADPH) was monitored at 340 nm using a spectrophotometer every two minutes for 10 min. In addition, other effectors (L-Phe, L-Trp, and betanin) were used to test possible inhibition of the enzyme ADH activity at a final concentration of 1 mM. All of the reactions were performed under non-saturated condition, where activity increased linearly depending on reaction times and enzyme concentrations.

Transient Expression of BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$  in *Nicotiana benthamiana* 

[0087] ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$  sequences used for *N. bentha*miana agroinfiltration were amplified from Beta vulgaris var. vulgaris variety "Boltardy" (Chiltern Seeds, UK) swollen hypocotyl and leaf tissue cDNA libraries respectively, which were prepared using BioScript Reverse Transcriptase (Bioline Reagents, London, UK). Transcripts were amplified by PCR using gene specific primers (Table S1) and Phusion High-Fidelity DNA polymerase (Thermo Fisher Scientific, Waltham, Mass., USA). Vectors for transient transformation were constructed with Golden Gate cloning using the MoClo Tool Kit (Weber et al., 2011; Addgene, Cambridge, Mass., USA), with the Bpil and BsaI restriction sites eliminated after cloning. The turboGFP sequence used in this assay was a variant codon-optimized for plants contained in the MoClo Plant Parts Kit (Engler et al., 2014; Addgene, Cambridge, Mass., USA).  $BvADH\alpha$ ,  $BvADH\beta$ , and turboGFP sequences were ultimately cloned into the pICH86988 binary vector under control of the Cauliflower Mosaic Virus 35S promoter and the Agrobacterium tumefaciens octopine synthase (OCS) terminator.

[0088] Transient gene expression assays in N. benthamiana were performed according to the previously described agroinfiltration method with some modifications (Sparkes et al., 2006). All constructs were transformed into the Agrobacterium tumefaciens GV3101 strain, and grown in LB media supplemented with kanamycin (50 mg/L), gentamycin (25 mg/L) and rifampicin (50 mg/L) until reaching an  $OD_{600}$  of 1.5. Cultures were then brought to a final  $OD_{600}$  of 0.5 in infiltration media (10 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 0.1 mM acetosyringone, 10 mM MES at pH 5.6) for three hours prior to infiltration. Infiltration spots corresponding to 35S:: BvADHα, 35S::BvADHβ, and 35S::turboGFP were performed in the same leaves of 6-week old N. benthamiana plants alternating the position of the spots between plants in a clockwise manner to account for intra-leaf variation (Barshandy et al., 2015). Infiltrated tissue was sampled three days post-infiltration from five biological replicates for tyrosine quantification and qRT-PCR analysis.

**[0089]** For quantification of tyrosine and other amino acids, ~40 mg fresh weight tissues were harvested, lyophilized, sent from the University of Cambridge (UK) to the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA), and analyzed exactly as described. Tyrosine and other amino acids were extracted and measured as described previously (Wang et al., 2017). Amino acid standards (Sigma-Aldrich, St. Louis, Mo., USA) of 4 to 1000  $\mu$ M were prepared the same way to make standard curves.

Phylogenetic Analysis

**[0090]** Amino acid sequences from genomes (full open reading frame) and transcriptomes (full or partial open reading frame) of Brockington et al. (2015) were used for phylogenetic analysis following methods described in Brockington et al. (2015) with minor modifications. In addition, we carried out analysis of dN/dS ratio in ADH $\alpha$  to test for relaxed selection in anthocyanic lineages (Table 2).

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Sequences of Caryophyllales (ingroups) and non-Caryophyllales (outgroups) used in this Example.			
Taxon	Source	Accession code	Citation
	Ingroup	5	
Achatocarpaceae_Phaulothamnus_spinescens	Smith Lab	MJM1677	(Brockington et al., 2015)
Aizoaceae_Cypselea_humifusum	1KP	GJNX	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Aizoaceae Delosperma echinatum	1KP	BJKT	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Aizoaceae Sesuvium porfulacastrum	1KP	HZTS	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Aizoaceae Sesuvium vertucosum	1KP	EDIT	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Aizoaceae Trianthemum porfulacastrum	1KP	OMYK	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Aizoaceae Zaleva penfandra	1KP	BERS	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Amaranthaceae Aerva javanica	1KP	HDSY	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Amaranthaceae Aerva lanata	1KP	PDOH	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Amaranthaceae Alternanthera brasiliana	1KP	ZBPY	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Amaranthaceae Alternanthera caracasana	1KP	OHKC	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Amaranthaceae Alternanthera sessilis	1KP	BWRK	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Amaranthaceae Alternanthera fenella	1KP	EVRD	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Amaranthaceae Amaranthus cruentus		VSSD	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Amaranthaceae_Amaranthus_cruentus		WMIW	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Amaranunaceae_Amaranunus_reuronexus			(Matasci et al., 2014)
Amaraninaceae_Atriplex_nortensis	1KP	UNLQ	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Amaranthaceae_Atripiex_prostrata		AAAJ	(Matasci et al., $2014$ )
Amaranthaceae_Atripiex_rosea		CBJK	(Matasci et al., $2014$ )
Amaranthaceae_Bassia_scoparia	IKP	WGEI	(Matasci et al., 2014)
AmaranthEceae_Beta_maritima	IKP	FVXD	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Amaranthaceae_Beta_vulgaris	Genome	VI.I	(Dohm et al., 2014)
Amaranthaceae_Blutaparon_vermiculare	1KP	CUTE	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Amaranthaceae_Chenopodium_amaranticolor	SRA	SRX151423	(Zhang et al., 2012)
Amaranthaceae_Chenopodium_quinoa	1KP	SMMC	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Amaranthaceae_Froelichia_floridana	Smith Lab	MJM1665	(Brockington et al., 2015)
Amaranthaceae_Salicornia_europaea	SRA	SRX302090	(Fan et al., 2013)
Basellaceae_Basella_alba	1KP	СТҮН	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Cactaceae_Lophophora_williamsii	1KP	CPKP	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Cactaceae_Pereskia_aculeata	1 KP	JLOV	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Caryophyllaceae_Cerastium_arvense	Smith Lab	MJM1767	(Brockington et al., 2015)
Caryophyllaceae_Dianthus_caryophyllus	Genome	v1.0	(Yagi et al., 2014)
Caryophyllaceae_Drymaria_cordata	Smith Lab	LCMsn	(Brockington et al., 2015)
Caryophyllaceae_Polycarpaea_repens	1KP	RXEN	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Caryophyllaceae_Saponaria_officinalis	1KP	SKNL	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Caryophyllaceae_Schiedea_membranacea	1KP	OLES	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Caryophyllaceae_Silene_latifolia	1KP	FZQN	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Caryophyllaceae_Silene_latifoliaSRA	SRA	SRX118777-	(Muyle et al., 2012)
		SRX118782	· · · ·
Caryophyllaceae_Silene_vulgaris	SRA	SRX096120	$N/A^1$
Caryophyllaceae_Spergulana_media	1KP	TJES	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Droseraceae_Aldrovanda_vesiculosa	Smith Lab	MJM1652	(Brockington et al., 2015)
Droseraceae Dionaea muscipula	SRA	SRX312294	(Jensen et al., 2015)
Frankeniaceae Frankenia laevis	1KP	WPYJ	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Microteaceae Microtea debilis	1KP	YNFJ	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Molluginaceae Mollugo cerviana	1KP	RNBN	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Molluginaceae Mollugo nudicaulis	1KP	SCAO	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Molluginaceae Mollugo verticillata	1KP	NYTS	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Nepenthaceae Nepenthes alata	1KP	WOLIE	(Matasci et al. 2014)
Nyotaginaceae_Abronia_carletonii	Smith Lab	MIM1751	(Prockington et al. 2015)
Nyctaginaceae_Atlaiganthag_langaolata	Smith Lab	MIM1731	(Brockington et al., 2015)
Nyctaginaceae_Acteisantiles_nanceonata	Simulation Lab	MIM1741	(Brockington et al., 2015)
Nyetaginaceae_Actersantiles_obtusa	Smith Lab	SDV717020	(Nang et al. 2015)
Nyciaginaceae_Anuiocaulis_leiosolenus	Smith Lab	5KA/1/858 VIDU	(rang et al., 2015)
nyciaginaceae_Boernavia_burbidgeana	IKP	VJPU	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Nyctaginaceae_Boerhavia_coccinea	1 KP	ZBIA	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Nyctaginaceae_Bougainvillea_spectabilis	IKP	JAFJ	(Matasci et al., 2014)
Nyctaginaceae_Bougainvillea_stipitata	Smith Lab	SRX718672	(Yang et al., 2015)
Nyctaginaceae_Cyphomeris_gypsophiloides	Smith Lab	MJM1714	(Brockington et al., 2015)
Nyctaginaceae_Guapira_obtusata	Smith Lab	SRX718384	(Yang et al., 2015)
Nyctaginaceae_Mirabilis_jalapa	1KP	JGAB	(Matasci et al., 2014)

TABLE 2-continued

Sequences of Caryophyllales (ingroups) and non-Caryophyllales (outgroups) used in this Example.				
Taxon	Source	Accession code	Citation	
Nyctaginaceae_Mirabilis_multifiora	Smith Lab	MJM1771	(Brockington et al., 2015)	
Nyctaginaceae_Pisonia_aculeata	Smith Lab	SRX718389	(Yang et al., 2015)	
Nyctaginaceae_Pisonia_umbellifera	Smith Lab	SFB29	(Brockington et al., 2015)	
Physenaceae_Physena_madagascariensis	1KP	RUUB	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Phytolaccaceae_Ercilla_volubilis	Smith Lab	MJM1649	(Brockington et al., 2015)	
Phytolaccaceae_Hilleria_latifolia	1KP	SFKQ	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Phytolaccaceae_Petiveria_alliacea	1KP	AZBL	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Phytolaccaceae_Phytolacca_americana	1KP	BKQU	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Phytolaccaceae_Phytolacca_bogotensis	1KP	MRKX	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Phytolaccaceae_Phytolacca_diuica	Smith Lab	SFB31	(Brockington et al., 2015)	
Phytolaccaceae_Rivina_humilis	Smith Lab	SRX718277	(Yang et al., 2015)	
Phytolaccaceae_Seguieria_aculeata	Smith Lab	SRX718486	(Yang et al., 2015)	
Plumbaginaceae_Limonium_spectabile	1KP	WOBD	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Polygonaceae_Antigonon_leptopus	Smith Lab	MJM1811	(Brockington et al., 2015)	
Polygonaceae_Fagopyrum_esculentum	SRA	SRX112838	$N/A^1$	
Polygonaceae_Polygonum_convolvulus	1KP	FYSJ	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Polygonaceae_Polygonum_cuspidatum	SRA	SRX079484	(Hao et al., 2012)	
Polygonaceae_Rheum_nobile	SRA	SRX621187	N/A <sup>1</sup>	
Polygonaceae_Rheum_rhabarbarum	SRA	SRX286365	N/A <sup>1</sup>	
Polygonaceae_Rumes_acetosa	SRA	ERX190940	N/A <sup>1</sup>	
Polygonaceae_Rumex_palustris	SRA	ERX190941,	$N/A^1$	
		ERX190942		
Portulacaceae_Portulaca_amilis	1KP	LDEL	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Portulacaceae_Portulaca_cryptopetala	1KP	LLQV	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Portulacaceae_Portulaca_grandiflora	1KP	CPLT	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Portulacaceae_Portulaca_molokiniensis	1KP	UQCB	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Portulacaceae_Portulaca_oleracea	1KP	EZGR	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Portulacaceae_Portulaca_pilosa	1KP	IWLS	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Portulacaceae_Portulaca_suffruticosa	1KP	GCYL	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Sarcobataceae_Sarcobatus_vermiculatus	1KP	GIWN	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Summondsiaceae_Simmondsia_chinensis	1KP	CVDF	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Talinaceae Talinum sp	1KP	LKKX	(Matasci et al., 2014)	
Tamaricaceae Reaumuria trigvna	SRA	SRX099851.	N/A <sup>1</sup>	
		SRX105466		
Tamaricaceae_Tamarix_hispida	SRA	All 8 runs in	(Wang et al., 2014)	
		PRJNA170420		
	Outgroup	s		
Arabidopsis_thaliana	Genome	Accessed May 28,	(Goodstein et al., 2012)	
Omma estive	Canama	2014 Accessed Amn 21	(Candetain at al. 2012)	
Oryza_sativa	Genome	Accessed Apr. 21, 2015	(Goodstein et al., 2012)	
Solanum_lycopersicum	Genome	Accessed May 28, 2014	(Goodstein et al., 2012)	
Vitis_vinifera	Genome	Accessed Apr. 21, 2015	(Goodstein et al., 2012)	

<sup>1</sup>N/A, not available.

Subcellular Localization of GFP-Fused ADH Enzymes

**[0091]** The subcellular localization experiments of GFP-fused ADH enzymes were conducted as we described previously (Schenck et al., 2015).

#### Accession Numbers

**[0092]** The Genbank accession numbers for the sequences mentioned in this article are: BvADH $\beta$  W357B red beet variety (KY207366), BvADH $\beta$  Boltardy red beet variety (MF346292), BvADH $\beta$  Big Buck sugar beet variety (KY207367), BvADH $\beta$  Touch Stone yellow beet variety (KY207368), BvADH $\beta$  Blankoma white beet variety (KY207369), BvADH $\beta$  Blankoma white beet variety (KY207370), BvADH $\beta$  Sea beet P1562585 variety (KY207371), BvADH $\alpha$  Big Buck sugar beet variety (KY207372), BvADH $\alpha$  Big Buck sugar beet variety (KY207372), BvADH $\alpha$  Boltardy red beet variety (MF346291), BvADH $\alpha$  Blankoma white beet variety (KY207373), BvADH $\alpha$  Touch Stone yellow beet variety

(KY207374),	BvADHa Se	ea beet P15625	585 variety
(KY207375),	SoADHβ	(KY207376),	SoADHα
(KY207378),	NaADHβ	(KY207377),	MjADHa
(KU881770),	RhADHa	(KY207379),	PoADHα
(KY207380),	SmADHa.	(KY274179),	PpADHα
(KY274180), a	and H1ADHa	(KY274181).	

Results

## [0093] B. vulgaris has two ADH enzymes.

**[0094]** To first investigate how *B. vulgaris* synthesizes Tyr, protein crude extracts of red beet leaf and root/stem tissues were analyzed for ADH and PDH activity, the production of Tyr or HPP from arogenate or prephenate, respectively. Tyr was produced from arogenate in the red beet extracts of both leaves and roots/stems (FIG. **3**A) similar to soybean leaf extract, which was previously shown to have both ADH and PDH activity (Schenck et al., 2015). On the other hand, unlike the soybean leaf extract, HPP production was not

detected in the leaf and root/stem extracts of red beet (FIG. **3**B). These results showed that red beet has ADH but not PDH activity.

[0095] To identify the gene(s) responsible for the ADH activity in B. vulgaris, previously reported plant and microbial ADH and PDH genes (Bonvin et al., 2006; Hudson et al., 1984; Legrand et al., 2006; Rippert & Matringe, 2002a, b; Schenck et al., 2015, FIG. 2B) were used to BLAST against the genome of sugar beet, another cultivar of B. vulgaris (Dohm et al., 2014) (assembly v.1.2 http://bvseq. molgen.mpg.de). Two B. vulgaris sequences homologous to these ADH and PDH genes were found on chromosome 8 of the *B. vulgaris* genome 25.3 kbp apart (FIG. **2**A). They were more similar to plant ADHs and PDHs (59 to 61% similarity at amino acid levels) than bacterial ones (24 to 40% similarity, FIG. 2B). Within plants, the two ADH candidate genes from B. vulgaris both belong to the canonical ADH clade containing Arabidopsis ADHs (Rippert & Matringe, 2002a, b), rather than the non-canonical clade containing legume PDHs (Schenck et al., 2015; 2017), and appear to be derived from a recent duplication within the order Caryophyllales.

**[0096]** For biochemical characterization, these two putative BvADHs were expressed in *E. coli* as recombinant enzymes, which were further purified using affinity chromatography and subjected to ADH and PDH assays. Both of the beet recombinant enzymes showed ADH activity (i.e. the production of Tyr from arogenate, FIG. **1**B) and strongly preferred NADP<sup>+</sup> over NAD<sup>+</sup> (FIG. **4**) similar to other plant ADH enzymes and activities (Gaines et al., 1986; Rippert & Matringe, 2002a,b). On the other hand, neither of the beet enzymes exhibited detectable PDH activity (FIG. **3**C), which is consistent with the lack of PDH activity in beet tissues (FIG. **3**B) and also confirmed the absence of *E. coli* PDH contamination (Hudson et al., 1984). Therefore, these two genes were designated as *B. vulgaris* arogenate dehydrogenases (BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$ ).

Both BvADHs are Plastid Localized but Only BvADHa Expression is Correlated with Betalain Pathway Genes.

[0097] Most plant enzymes involved in the aromatic amino acid pathways are localized within the plastids (Dal Cin et al., 2011; Maeda & Dudareva, 2012; Rippert et al., 2009), and both BvADH proteins also have a predicted N-terminal plastid transit peptide (FIGS. 5A-5D). To experimentally determine the subcellular localization of BvADHs, a green fluorescent protein (GFP) was fused to the C-terminal of BvADHs, expressed in Arabidopsis protoplasts, and analyzed for their localization using confocal microscopy. The fluorescence signal of GFP fused with BvADHa or  $BvADH\beta$  overlapped with chlorophyll autofluorescence, which was different from the free GFP control and similar to GFP fused with plastidic Arabidopsis ADH (Rippert et al., 2009) (AtADH2, FIG. 1C). These results suggest that both BvADHs are targeted to the plastids and that Tyr is mainly produced by the plastidic arogenate pathway in B. vulgaris.

**[0098]** To examine expression patterns of BvADHs, especially in comparison to the betalain pathway genes, expression levels of BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$  were analyzed and compared with those of DODA $\alpha$ , CYP76AD1 $\alpha$ , and BvMYB1 in cotyledon and hypocotyl tissues of sugar and red beets (FIG. 1D). Consistent with previous studies (Hatlestad et al., 2012; 2015), DODA $\alpha$  and CYP76AD1 $\alpha$ , as well as BvMYB1 transcription factor, were much more highly expressed in red than sugar beet. Interestingly, BvADH $\alpha$  expression showed similar trends and was significantly higher in red than sugar beet in both cotyledon and hypocotyl tissues. On the other hand, BvADH $\beta$  expression levels were very similar between genotypes in both tissue types (FIG. 1D). These results showed that expression of BvADH $\alpha$ , but not BvADH $\beta$ , is correlated with those of betalain pathway genes in *B. vulgaris*.

 $BvADH\alpha$  but not  $BvADH\beta$  Exhibits Relaxed Sensitivity to Tyr

[0099] Both ADH and PDH enzymes are usually inhibited by Tyr in most organisms (Bentley, 1990; Connelly & Conn, 1986; Gaines et al., 1982; Rippert & Matringe, 2002a,b; Sun, 2009). To determine if the BvADHs are also feedback regulated by Tyr, ADH activity of the recombinant BvADH enzymes were analyzed in the presence and absence of Tyr as an effector molecule. The ADH activity of glutathione S-transferase (GST)-tagged BvADHß was inhibited by 80% and 100% in the presence of 100 µM and 1 mM Tyr, respectively (FIG. 6), similar to the Tyr-sensitive Arabidopsis AtADH2 (Rippert & Matringe, 2002a,b). In contrast, ADH activity of BvADHa was reduced only by half at 1 mM Tyr (FIG. 6). Similar results were obtained for histidine (His)-tagged ADH enzymes, where  $BvADH\alpha$  showed much less sensitivity to Tyr than AtADH2 (FIG. 7), though the expression of His-tagged BvADHß was not successful. Other aromatic amino acids (Phe and tryptophan) as well as betanin, the major betacyanin accumulated in red beet, did not significantly reduce the ADH activity of BvADHa, BvADHβ, or AtADH2 at 1 mM (FIG. 8). These results revealed that  $BvADH\alpha$ , but not  $BvADH\beta$ , has relaxed sensitivity to Tyr inhibition.

Heterologous Expression of BvADH $\alpha$  but not BvADH $\beta$  Increase Tyr Accumulation in Plants.

[0100] To test if BvADH $\alpha$  having relaxed sensitivity to Tyr can enhance the production of Tyr in planta, BvADHa and BvADHß were transiently expressed in N. benthamiana through Agrobacteria infiltration (FIG. 9A, Sparkes et al., 2006) and their impacts on Tyr production were analyzed. A control vector expressing GFP was also infiltrated as a negative control (FIG. 9A). BvADHa expression resulted in >10-fold increase in Tyr levels relative to the GFP control, while the increase of Tyr due to BvADHß expression was not significantly different (FIGS. 10A & 9B, Table 3). Interestingly, phenylalanine (Phe) levels were decreased significantly under  $BvADH\alpha$ , but not  $BvADH\beta$  expression (FIG. 10B). Other amino acid levels were largely unaffected by BvADH $\alpha$  or BvADH $\beta$  expression (Table 3). These results demonstrate that BvADHa expression leads to elevated accumulation of Tyr in planta.

TABLE 3

Amino Acid levels of <i>Nicotiana benthamiana</i> leaves expressing GFP, BvADH $\alpha$ , BvADH $\beta$ . Agrobacteria carrying the 35S::GFP, 35S::BvADH $\alpha$ , or 35S::BvADH $\beta$ construct were infiltrated to <i>Nicotiana benthamiana</i> leaves and the levels of amino acids were analyzed after three days post-infiltration. Data are mean $\pm$ s.e.m. (nmol/gFW, n = 5 biological replications). Asterisks denote values significantly different from the control 35S::GFP sample (Student t-test, p < 0.01). Tryptophan, lysine, cysteine, and histidine levels were
below quantification threshold.

Amino Acids	35S::GFP	35S::BvADHa	35S::BvADHβ
alanine	99.8 ± 15.5	$93.0 \pm 14.8$	88.1 ± 20.0
glycine	$15.5 \pm 1$	$17.5 \pm 2.1$	$13.6 \pm 0.2$

## TABLE 3-continued

Amino Acids	35S::GFP	35S::BvADHα	35S::BvADHβ
valine	23.9 ± 9.7	23.8 ± 8.3	22.1 ± 8.4
leucine	$21.3 \pm 10.4$	$21.8 \pm 9.2$	$18.8 \pm 8.3$
isoleucine	$13.8 \pm 7$	$13.3 \pm 5.7$	$13.3 \pm 6.7$
proline	$154.8 \pm 67.4$	$126.7 \pm 56.3$	137.3 ± 75.4
methionine	$2.8 \pm 0.4$	$3.1 \pm 0.4$	$2.6 \pm 0.2$
serine	57.4 ± 8	58.6 ± 11.7	43.9 ± 3.9
threonine	69.4 ± 7.5	$67.8 \pm 8.6$	$58.1 \pm 6.5$
phenylalanine	$10.8 \pm 0.7$	$5.9 \pm 1.2^*$	$9.7 \pm 0.7$
aspartic acid	173.5 ± 45.5	$176.8 \pm 40.6$	$132.7 \pm 41.5$
glutamic acid	941.6 ± 45.8	968.1 ± 91.6	746.4 ± 111.4
omithine <sup>a</sup>	54.9 ± 1.6	$56.2 \pm 2.4$	$48.4 \pm 2.9$
asparagine	6.8 ± 1.2	$6.9 \pm 1.5$	<b>4.9 ± 1.0</b>
glutamine	$345.2 \pm 116.1$	348.7 ± 138.4	$291.3 \pm 107.7$
tyrosine	$11.2 \pm 2.8$	$116.8 \pm 15.1^*$	$17.2 \pm 3.2$

<sup>a</sup>Arginine was quantified as its non-enzymatic degradation product omithine.

BvADHα Orthologs Emerged During the Evolution of Betalain Pigmentation in Caryophyllales.

[0101] Domestication has modified metabolic traits in various crops (Hanson et al., 1996; Rapp et al., 2010; Rong et al., 2014). Thus, we hypothesized that the  $BvADH\alpha$ enzyme with relaxed Tyr regulation was selected during domestication and intensification of color in table beets, that have been used at least since the Roman times (Biancardi et al., 2012; Dohm et al., 2014). To test this hypothesis, the nucleotide and protein sequences of  $BvADH\alpha$  (and BvADH<sub>β</sub>) were compared among different domesticated beets, red beet (W357B), sugar beet (Big Buck), yellow beet (Touch Stone), and white beet (Blankoma), as well as their wild relative, sea beet (Biancardi et al., 2012) (Beta vulgaris subsp. maritima). Several single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were detected among different lines in both BvADHα and BvADHβ (FIGS. 5A, 5B). However, only a few of them affected the amino acid sequences and were within and near the N-terminal signal peptide of BvADHa and BvADH<sub>β</sub>, respectively (FIGS. 5C, 5D). Thus, the mature enzyme regions of  $BvADH\alpha$  were unaltered during domestication.

**[0102]** To further test if the ADH $\alpha$  enzymes with reduced Tyr sensitivity are restricted to the species *B. vulgaris*, the corresponding genes for BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$  were cloned from a closely related species within the same Amaranthaceae family, *spinach* (*Spinacia oleracea*), whose draft genome is available (http://bvseq.molgen.mpg.de). *Spinach* ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$  orthologs (SoADH $\alpha$  and SoADH $\beta$ ) had 77 and 83% identity at amino acid levels to

the corresponding BvADHs in the mature enzymatic regions. The recombinant enzymes of *spinach* ADHs showed similar Tyr sensitivity to beet ADHs: SoADH $\alpha$ , but not SoADH $\beta$ , exhibited reduced Tyr sensitivity (FIG. 6). These results suggest that the reduced Tyr sensitivity of BvADH $\alpha$  at least at the enzyme level was not the result of selection during domestication of beet cultivars, but was already present in the common ancestor of the beet and *spinach* ADH $\alpha$  enzymes.

[0103] To determine the origin and molecular evolution of BvADH $\alpha$ , we mined genome and transcriptomic data across the Caryophyllales for ADH orthologs and performed a phylogenetic analysis (FIG. 11A). The results indicate that a gene duplication event on the branch leading to stem Caryophyllales produced ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$  lineages. While ADH $\beta$  orthologs were expressed across the entire Caryophyllales, expression of ADHa closely parallels betalain production in Caryophyllales. ADH $\alpha$  expression is undetectable from the anthocyanic clade that diverged prior to the earliest inferred origin of betalain synthesis (hereafter referred to as non-core Caryophyllales; Brockington et al., 2009). Two families in the Caryophyllales, Molluginaceae and Caryophyllaceae have reverted from betalain to anthocyanin pigmentation (Brockington et al., 2011, 2015). Presence of the ADHa orthologs in the transcriptomes of Molluginaceae and Caryophyllaceae was much less common than the presence of  $BvADH\beta$  (FIGS. 11A, 11B). Thus the presence of ADH $\alpha$ , but not ADH $\beta$ , closely mirrors the distribution of betalain pigmentation across Caryophyllales, similar to the pattern in two other genes of the betalain pathway, CYP76AD1a and DODAa (Brockington et al., 2015).

Betalain-Producing Species have Deregulated  $BvADH\alpha$  Enzyme and Elevated Tyr Levels.

**[0104]** To further test experimentally if  $ADH\alpha$  orthologs across Caryophyllales share the unique property of reduced Tyr inhibition, ADH genes from representative members of Caryophyllales (Brockington et al., 2011) were cloned and the Tyr sensitivity of encoded enzymes was evaluated. An ADH $\beta$  enzyme from the anthocyanin-producing non-core Caryophyllales, *Nepenthes ventricosa×alata* (NaADH $\beta$ , Nepenthaceae, FIG. **11**B), was strongly inhibited by Tyr (FIG. **12**) similar to beet and *spinach* ADH $\beta$  (FIG. **6**). On the other hand, ADH $\alpha$  orthologs from betalain-producing families, *Rivina humilis* (RhADH $\alpha$ , Rivinaceae), *Mirabilis jalapa* (MjADH $\alpha$ , Nyctaginaceae), and *Portulaca oleracea* (PoADH $\alpha$ , Portulacaceae), all shared relaxed Tyr inhibition and retained 42% to 68% of ADH activity even at 1 mM Tyr (FIG. **12**).

**[0105]** To test if Tyr-insensitivity of the recombinant ADH $\alpha$  enzyme is also detectable in vivo, Tyr sensitivity of leaf ADH activity was analyzed from species containing ADH $\alpha$  (i.e. *spinach*) and ones lacking ADH $\alpha$  [i.e. *Arabidopsis thaliana; Dianthus barbatus*, Caryophyllaceae]. *Spinach* rather than beet was used due to its cleaner background during HPLC-based enzyme assay. As shown in Table 4 and FIG. **13**, ADH activity of *Arabidopsis* and *Dianthus barbatus* tissues was strongly inhibited (92-95%) by 0.5 mM of Tyr effector, whereas that of *spinach* was much more resistant to Tyr inhibition (only ~21% inhibited), consistent with the presence of SoADH $\alpha$  with relaxed sensitivity to Tyr (FIG. **6**).

TABLE	4
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Tyr sensitivity of ADH activity from plant tissue extracts. Total protein extracts of spinach, *Dianthus barbatus*, and *Arabidopsis* leaf tissues were used to analyze ADH activity in the presence and absence of 0.5 mM Tyr analog (3-fluoro-Tyr), which were used to calculate percent inhibition. ADH activity was measured with 1 mM arogenate substrate and 1 mM NADP<sup>+</sup> cofactor during 2 hr incubation (see FIG. 13). Data are means ± s.e.m. (n = 4).

	ADH activity (	nmol/mg protein)	
species	0 mM 3-fluoro-Tyr	0.5 mM 3-fluoro-Tyr	inhibition (%)
Spinach oleracea Dianthus barbatus Arabidopsis thaliana	$66.4 \pm 5.0$ $18.1 \pm 0.3$ $93.5 \pm 5.2$	$52.7 \pm 1.9$ $0.9 \pm 0.2$ $7.8 \pm 0.5$	20.7% 95.0% 91.6%

**[0106]** To further test if the presence of deregulated ADH $\alpha$  leads to increased Tyr accumulation in betalain-producing species, Tyr levels were quantified in young leaves of a variety of Caryophyllales species with or without ADH $\alpha$  and also in *Arabidopsis thaliana* as a comparison. Anthocyanin-producing species from non-core Caryophyllales (e.g. *Nepenthes ventricosaxalata*) and Caryophyllaceae (e.g. *Dianthus barbatus*) had Tyr levels (2.1 to 8.8 nmol/gFW) comparable to that of *Arabidopsis* (5.3 nmol/gFW). On the other hand, while large variations were observed, betalain-producing ADH $\alpha$ -containing species all had significantly

al., 2014). Moreover, the genome assembly of the anthocyanic carnation (*Dianthus caryophyllus*, Caryophyllaceae subfamily Caryophylloideae that nested within subfamily Paronychioideae, Greenberg & Donoghue, 2011; Yagi et al., 2014) lacked ADH $\alpha$  ortholog and only contained ADH $\beta$ ortholog, suggesting complete gene loss of ADH $\alpha$  in the subfamily Caryophylloideae (Greenberg & Donoghue, 2011). Species within the anthocyanic Caryophyllaceae, therefore, exhibit the transition from relaxed selection to gene loss of ADH $\alpha$  orthologs, which associates with the loss of betalain pigmentation in Caryophyllaceae.

0.00598 (91%)

0.0646 (91%)

0.650 (7.9%)

0.794 (7.9%)

540 (1.5%)

29.0 (1.5%)

TABLE 5

Car	RE: yophyllale	LAX ar s is due	alysis sup to relaxe	port th d purif	e acceleration	n in amino acid subs 1, instead of intensif	stitution in ied positive selec	ction
Model	log L	# par.	AICc	Ltree	Branch set	ω1 (purifying selection)	ω2 (nearly neutral)	ω3 (positive selection)
Partitioned MG94xREV	-5484.8	38	11046.5	2.23	Reference Test	0.0743 (1 0.166 (1	00%) 00%)	
Null	-5374.3	41	10831.7	11.9	Reference Test	0.00 (83%) 0.00 (83%)	0.550 (15%) 0.550 (15%)	30.9 (1.4%) 30.9 (1.4%)

Reference

Test

K = 0.54. Test for selection relaxation (K < 1) was significant (p = 5.6e-8, LR = 29.48)

-5359.6 42 10804.2 84.5

higher Tyr levels (from 12 to 180 nmol/gFW) than Arabidopsis (FIG. 11C). These results demonstrate that betalainproducing species have ADH $\alpha$  with relaxed sensitivity to Tyr inhibition and accumulate elevated levels of Tyr.

Alternative

ADH $\alpha$  Orthologs Underwent Relaxed Selection and Gene Loss in Lineages that have Reverted from Betalain to Anthocyanin Pigmentation

[0107] Interestingly, when ADH $\alpha$  orthologs were recovered from Caryophyllaceae or Molluginaceae transcriptomic data, they were often recovered in partial sequences, indicating general low abundance. Within the Caryophyllaceae, ADH $\alpha$  orthologs was only detected in the subfamily Paronychioideae (Greenberg & Donoghue, 2011), which forms a grade paraphyletic to the rest of the family. To test for relaxed selection in anthocyanic lineages we further examined a subset of ADH $\alpha$  orthologs with sequences either verified by Sanger sequencing or by transcriptome read mapping and manual inspection of read coverage. Although no obvious acceleration of substitution was observed in Caryophyllaceae from nucleotide coding sequences (CDS, FIG. 14A), there was aparent acceleration in their amino acid sequences (FIG. 14B). Furthermore, the dN/dS ratio in Caryophyllaceae ADH $\alpha$  (0.166) was elevated compared to the rate among betalain-producing ADH $\alpha$  (0.0743) under the Partitioned MG94×REV Model, assuming homogenous synonymous and nonsynonymous rates across sites. In addition, we found evidence of relaxed selection (as opposed to intensification of positive selection) that contributes to the increase in nonsynonymous rate in Caryophyllaceae under the RELAX framework (p=5.6E-8, Table 5) (Wertheim et

#### Discussion

[0108] This study found that *B. vulgaris* has ADH but no PDH enzymes or activity (FIG. 1B, FIGS. 3, 4). This is similar to most plants (Connelly & Conn. 1986; Gaines et al., 1982; Rippert & Matringe, 2002a,b) but different from legumes that have both ADH and PDH (Rubin & Jensen, 1979; Schenck et al., 2015; 2017; Siehl, 1999). Thus, B. vulgaris synthesizes Tyr via the ADH pathway that occurs within the plastids (Rippert et al., 2009) (FIG. 1C). We also found that B. vulgaris possesses two paralogous genes encoding the ADH enzymes, namely ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$ . Interestingly, ADHa but not ADHB exhibited relaxed sensitivity to Tyr inhibition (FIG. 6). Although recent studies reported that the legume PDH enzymes are also Tyr insensitive (Schenck et al., 2015; 2017), BvADHa and legume PDHs have two major differences. First, legume PDHs are localized in the cytosol (Schenck et al., 2015), whereas BvADH $\alpha$  (and BvADH $\beta$ ) was targeted to the plastids (FIG. 1C). Second, legume PDHs completely lost Tyr sensitivity (Schenck et al., 2015) but BvADHa was still inhibited by Tyr at higher concentrations (FIG. 6, FIG. 7). The maintenance of inhibition at higher concentration is likely necessary because Phe biosynthesis is also localized within the plastids, and thus  $BvADH\alpha$  is directly competing for the arogenate substrate with Phe biosynthesis (FIG. 1A). Complete loss of ADH regulation by Tyr would, therefore, deplete Phe and essential Phe-derived compounds (e.g., proteins, lignin).

**[0109]** Other insensitive ADH/PDH enzymes have been previously found in microorganisms (Legrand et al., 2006) and the structural analyses of Tyr sensitive and insensitive enzymes identified histidine 217 as a possible residue responsible for its Tyr sensitivity (Legrand et al., 2006; Sun et al., 2009). Also, phylogeny-guided structure-function analysis revealed that converting a single active site aspartate 222 residue into a non-acidic residue played a key role in the evolution of the legume PDH enzymes and simultaneously introduced prephenate substrate specificity and Tyr insensitivity (Schenck et al., 2017). However, the corresponding histidine and aspartate residues are still present in BvADH $\alpha$  (FIG. **15**), suggesting that different mechanisms, and as yet unidentified residues are involved in the relaxed Tyr sensitivity of BvADH $\alpha$ .

[0110] Previous analyses of molecular evolution of DODA $\alpha$  and CYP76AD1 $\alpha$ , two enzymes which convert Tyr into betalains (Christinet et al., 2004; Gandía-Herrero & García-Carmona, 2012; Hatlestad et al., 2012), revealed that both of these genes arose through gene duplication, just prior to the origin of betalain pigmentation in Caryophyllales (Brockington et al., 2015). Similarly, this study found that ADHa orthologs arose by gene duplication, prior to the emergence of DODAa and CYP76AD1a (FIGS. 11A and 11B), intimately associated with the origin of betalain pigmentation. One of the duplicated copies, ADHa, underwent neofunctionalization and became much less sensitive to Tyr inhibition, which is the key regulatory mechanism of Tyr biosynthesis (Maeda & Dudareva, 2012; Rippert & Matringe, 2002a,b). ADHa enzymes with relaxed Tyr sensitivity are maintained in all betalain-producing species of Caryophyllales, at least the ones that we analyzed (FIGS. 6 and 12). Furthermore, the expression pattern of  $BvADH\alpha$  is distinct from that of  $BvADH\beta$  and similar to those of the betalain biosynthetic genes (DODA $\alpha$  and CYP76AD1 $\alpha$ ) and MYB1 transcription factor (FIG. 1D), suggesting that the alteration of ADH $\alpha$  enzyme property was accompanied by changes in its expression profile. Although similar examples of biochemical and transcriptional changes during the evolution of plant specialized metabolic enzymes/genes have been reported (Kajikawa et al., 2017; Moghe & Last, 2015; Panchy et al., 2016; Weng et al., 2012; Xu et al., 2017), here we revealed a unique example of coordinated evolution of primary amino acid pathway (i.e. Tyr biosynthesis) and its downstream specialized metabolism (i.e. betalain biosynthesis).

**[0111]** In the anthocyanic Caryophyllaceae, the transition of betalain pigmentation to anthocyanin pigmentation was associated with down-regulation, relaxed natural selection, and deletion of ADH $\alpha$  (FIGS. **11**, and **14**, Table 5). Similar down-regulation and deletion of genes were also observed during the loss of flower petals (Zhang et al., 2013) and arbuscular mycorrhizal symbiosis (Delaux et al., 2014) in various plant lineages. Together these lines of evidence suggest that maintenance of the ADH $\alpha$  is superfluous, following loss of betalain pigmentation. The ultimate cause of reversion of betalain to anthocyanin pigmentation in multiple lineages within the core Caryophyllales is currently unknown. It may be due to a number of factors, including: i) metabolic cost of nitrogen-containing alkaloid betalain

pigments, ii) shift in pollinator populations that are attracted by unique spectra (e.g. blue) of some anthocyanins, iii) increased demand for other Phe-derived compounds (e.g. tannins, flavonoids), or iv) simple genetic drift enabled by the presence of still intact Phe, phenylpropanoid, core flavonoid pathways in betalain-producing plants (Brockington et al, 2011; Shimada et al., 2005; Xu et al., 2016).

[0112] A mechanism underlying the mutually exclusive distribution of betalain and anthocyanin pigments has long fascinated evolutionary biologists (Brockington et al, 2011; Des Marais, 2015). Our analyses now provide one possible explanation. The relaxation of the Tyr-mediated feedback inhibition may direct more carbon flow towards Tyr, and away from Phe biosynthesis (FIG. 1A), as demonstrated by increased Tyr and decreased Phe levels upon transient expression of ADH $\alpha$  (FIG. 10). This may create a surplus of Tyr at the expense of Phe-derived products such as anthocyanins. Furthermore, betalain-producing, ADHa-containing core Caryophyllales species accumulated more Tyr than plants not possessing ADHa (FIG. 11C). The involvement of other factors such as transcriptional regulation of betalain, anthocyanin, and Tyr/Phe pathway genes remain to be examined (Hatlestad et al., 2015; Ambawat et al, 2013), however our data provide a fascinating insight into the contribution of Tyr biosynthesis regulation to the evolution of a novel betalain pigment biosynthesis.

[0113] Prior heterologous reconstructions of specialized metabolic pathways resulted in significant accumulations of Tyr-derived plant natural products, such as a cyanogenic glycoside, dhurrin, in Arabidopsis (~4% per dry weight, Tattersall et al., 2001; Kristensen et al., 2005) and betalains in tobacco (330 mg kg<sup>-1</sup> approaching red beet extract of 760 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>, Polturak et al., 2016). In other cases, however, DODA and CYP76AD1 expression in Arabidopsis still required feeding of Tyr for betalain production (Harris et al., 2012; Sunnadeniya et al., 2016). Therefore, "pulling" a precursor (e.g. Tyr) may not be always enough to efficiently produce its downstream product, and "pushing" the precursor supply may be also important. Indeed, in red beets, increased Tyr levels have a strong positive correlation with enhanced accumulation of betalains (Wang et al., 2017), suggesting that elevated production of Tyr plays important role in overall production of betalains. Over 100-fold increase in Tyr accumulation observed in N. benthamiana leaves expressing ADH $\alpha$  (FIG. 10) further demonstrates an exciting opportunity to introduce Caryophyllales ADHa enzymes into other plants and microbes, deregulate Tyr biosynthesis, and boost the availability of Tyr and the production of Tyr-derived products (e.g., vitamin E, isoquinoline alkaloids including morphine).

## Additional Materials and Methods

#### [0114] ADH Activity from Plant Tissue Extracts

**[0115]** Spinach oleracea seeds (HighMowing, Wolcott, Vt.) and pink Dianthus barbatus (BloomIQ, Lansing, Mich.) seedlings were purchased from a nursery and were grown together with Arabidopsis thaliana (ecotype Columbia) in 22° C., 60% humidity, and 12/12 h light cycle growth chamber. Leaves of spinach and Arabidopsis seedlings were harvested at 3-week-old, and Dianthus barbatus leaves were harvested at 6-week-old. The crude extracts of Arabidopsis or Dianthus barbatus were prepared from ~1 g leaf tissues according to Aryal et al. (2014). For spinach, ~10 g leaf tissues were used to isolate the plastids according to Aryal

et al. (2014) in order to avoid the undesired cytosolic polyphenol oxidase activity. Crude or plastid fractions were desalted by Sephadex G50 column to obtain protein extracts, and protein concentration of all biological replicates were adjusted to 0.06, 0.85, and 0.6 mg/mL for spinach, Dianthus barbatus, and Arabidopsis extracts, respectively. Time course ADH activity assays at 0, 1, 2, and 3 hr were performed in the presence and absence of 500 µM Tyr analog, 3-fluoro-Tyr, in 10 µL reaction containing 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 8.0), 1 mM arogenate, 1 mM NADP<sup>+</sup>, 10 µg/mL tetracycline (to inhibit prokaryotic-type protein synthesis of plastids or bacterial contamination), and 0.3, 4.25, and 3 µg of spinach, Dianthus, and Arabidopsis protein, respectively. The reaction was stopped by adding 20 µL methanol containing 10 µM norvaline as an internal standard. Respective boiled protein extracts were used as negative controls. ADH activity was quantified by the formation of tyrosine according to (Schenck et al., 2015), except that tyrosine was detected as o-phthalaldehyde derivative with excitation/emission wavelength of 360/455 nm by fluorescence detector, and o-phthalaldehyde derivative of the norvaline internal standard was quantified at 336 nm by DAD detector.

Analysis of Tyr Contents from Caryophyllales Tissues

[0116] Metabolite extracts of thirteen Caryophyllales species were prepared from ~70 mg of youngest leaves, except for flowers of a Cactaceae species to avoid succulent tissues. All plants were grown and harvested at Botany Greenhouse of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Young leaf tissues of ~4 weeks-old Arabidopsis Columbia ecotype were used as a control. Harvested tissues were extracted by adding 400 µL extraction buffer containing methanol:chloroform (2:1, v/v) and 100 µM 4-chlorobenzoic acid (an internal standard). After adding 300 µL water and 125 µL chloroform, the mixture was vigorously mixed by a vortex mixer for 5 min and centrifuged at 20,000 g for 5 min for phase separation. The upper polar phase of 400 µL was transferred to a new centrifuge tube and dried down in a benchtop speed vacuum (Labconco, Kansas City, Mo., USA). The dried polar phase was resuspended in 200 µL methanol. After centrifugation at 20,000 g for 5 min, 20 µL was injected into the Agilent 1260 HPLC equipped with Atlantis T3 C-18 column (3 µm, 2.1×150 mm, Waters, Milford, Mass.), and separated by the following gradient of acetonitrile (B) in 0.1% formic acid (A): 1% B for the first 5 min, followed by a linear increase to 76% B at 10 min, an isocratic elution at 76% B until 16 min, followed by re-equilibration at 1% B. Tyr was monitored with the fluorescence detector at 274 and 303 nm for excitation and emission, respectively. The internal standard was monitored by photodiode array detector at 270 nm. Statistical analyses were conducted by the Statistica Analysis Software (SAS) based on the "mixed" effect model (Pinheiro, 2000) to compare between the two groups having and not-having ADH $\alpha$  and using the "fixed" effect model (Milliken, 2009) to compare individual samples against Arabidopsis control.

## Reverse Transcription PCR (RT-PCR) Analysis

**[0117]** RT-PCR was carried out on five biological replicates for each infiltrated vector (FIG. **9**B). Two technical replicates were additionally analyzed for one sample each for BvADH $\alpha$  and BvADH $\beta$  infiltrations. RNA was extracted and DNAse treated using the RNeasy Plant Mini Kit and the RNAse-free DNAse set (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany). cDNA

was prepared using BioScript Reverse Transcriptase (Bioline Reagents, London, UK) and an oligo(dT)<sub>18</sub> primer according to the manufacturer's recommendations. A control with no reverse transcription was included to test the presence of genomic DNA. RT-PCR was performed on a 1:10 cDNA dilution with the KAPA 2G Fast DNA Polymerase kit (KAPA Biosystems, Wilmington, Mass., USA) and an Eppendorf Mastercycler Nexus (Eppendorf, Hamburg, Germany). Amplification conditions were as follow: initial step of 1 min at 95° C. followed by 30 cycles of 10 s at 95° C., 10 s at 60° C. and 2 s at 72° C., and a final step of 5 min at 72° C. Amplicons were visualised on 2% agarose gel electrophoresis using ethidium bromide (0.1 µg/ml) and run at 120V for 20 min. The expected size for the reactions is 140, 90 and 111 bp for BvADHa, BvADHb, and tGFP, respectively. Primers used are described in Table 1.

Quantitative Real-Time PCR (qRT-PCR) Analysis

[0118] For quantification of endogenous expression of BvACTIN (internal control), BvADHα, BvADHβ, BvDODA, BvMYB1 and BvCYP76AD1, red beet (W357B) and sugar beet (Big Buck) plants were grown in 22° C., 60% humidity, and 12/12 hr light cycle in a growth chamber. The seedlings were harvested at 7-days after germination and the tissue was divided into cotyledon and hypocotyl. RNA was extracted (Onate-Sánchez and Vicente-Carbajosa, 2008) and DNAse treated (Ambion, Austin Tex., USA) following by cDNA preparation using MLV Reverse Transcriptase (Promega, Madison, Wis., USA). qRT-PCR was performed using the GoTaq qPCR Master Mix (Promega, Madison, Wis., USA), and the Stratagene Mx3000P qPCR System (Agilent Technologies, Stratagene, La Jolla, Calif., USA). Amplification conditions were as follow: an initial step of 1 min at 95° C. followed by 45 cycles of 15 s at 95° C., 30 s at 60° C. and 30 s at 72° C. The gene expression of BvADH was normalized using BvACTIN as an internal control and analyzed by using the relative expression of the genes. The results are shown in % expression relative to the highest sample (FIG. 1D). Primers used in all qPCR analysis are listed in Table 1.

#### Phylogenetic Analysis

[0119] Amino acids from genomes (full open reading frame) and transcriptomes (full or partial open reading frame) of Brockington et al. (2015) were used in this analysis with minor modifications in species included (Table 2). The final taxon sampling in this study consisted of 95 species, with 91 ingroup species (89 transcriptomes and 2 genomes) representing 26 of the 39 families in Caryophyllales (Hernández-Ledesma et al., 2015) and four outgroup genomes from eudicots and monocots (Table 2). Amino acid sequences of the 11 functionally characterized ADH genes were used as baits to search against each of the 95 species. To maximize the sensitivity of homology searches in order to identify short and incomplete sequences from de novo assembled transcriptomes, we used SWIPE v2.0.11 (Rognes, 2011) with a high E-value cutoff of 10 and low minimal bitscore cutoff of 30. Hits from all 11 query sequences against each species were ranked from high to low by bitscore, and the top 10 hits from each species were pooled and used for the initial phylogenetic analysis.

**[0120]** The pooled top hits from each of the 95 species, together with the 11 baits were used as the starting sequence file (948 sequences). An initial phylogenetic analysis was conducted using MAFFT v7.215 with "--genafpair--maxit-

erate 1000" (Katoh & Standley, 2013). Columns with more than 90% missing data in the resulting alignment were trimmed using Phyutility v2.2.6 with "-clean 0.1" (Smith & Dunn, 2008) and a phylogeny was estimated using RAxML v8.1.5 with the model "PROTCATWAG" (Stamatakis, 2014). After visually examining the alignment and tree, tips with branch lengths that were outliers were removed (any terminal branches that had on average more than two substitutions for each amino acid site; or more than ten times longer than its sister group and on average had more than one substitution per site; Yang and Smith, 2014). Monophyletic or paraphyletic tips that belonged to the same species from transcriptome data most often resulted from isoforms produced during de novo assembly. These were masked, leaving only the tip with the highest number of aligned characters (Yang and Smith, 2014). Internal branches with molecular branch lengths longer than 1 were likely due to distantly related paralogs or assembly artifacts and were pruned. A large number of distantly related genes, isoforms, and assembly errors were removed during the tip trimming and long branch removing process, with 251 sequences left. A new fasta file was written from remaining tips, and this alignment, tree building, and tree trimming procedure was repeated once, with 229 sequences left. Following the homology search and filtering, we extracted the Caryophyllales ADH gene lineage rooted by outgroup genomes (Yang and Smith, 2014). While visually examining alignment and tree we found the sequence Cham@c36044\_g1\_i2\_242\_ 1480\_minus that belonged to Chenopodium giganteum, but were placed in between ADH $\alpha$  and ADH $\beta$ , outside of Chenopodiaceae. Further examination of the alignment showed that the half of the sequence was closely related to ADH $\alpha$ , and the other half closely related to ADH $\beta$ . Although this can be real, it is most likely an assembly error and was removed from the analysis. Indeed, Chenopodium giganteum had additional, correctly assembled ADH $\alpha$  and ADHβ copies nested in respective Chenopodiaceae clades. Therefore this putative chimeric sequence was removed.

[0121] Remaining sequences belonged to the Carvophyllales ADH lineage were aligned with MAFFT with "--genafpair --maxiterate 1000" and trimmed by Phyutility with "-clean 0.3". An alternative alignment was constructed with PRANK v140603 using default settings (Löytynoja & Goldman, 2008; 2010), poorly aligned sequences were manually removed, and trimmed by Phyutility with "-clean 0.1". We used two alternative alignment methods because MAFFT tends to force regions to align even when they are highly divergent whereas PRANK tends to introduce lots of gaps in highly divergent regions. On the other hand, PRANK is an iterative alignment, tree building, and refinement pipeline that we run five iterations before obtaining the final alignment. For both trimmed alignments, a phylogenetic tree was constructed using RAxML with "-m PROTCATAUTO" and 200 rapid bootstrap replicates to evaluate support. Given that the resulting tree topologies and support values using both alignments were very similar we are presenting the results from MAFFT. The code used in the phylogenetic analysis is available from https://bitbucket.org/yangya/adh\_ 2016.

Testing for Relaxed Section in Caryophyllaceae

**[0122]** To test for shift in selection pressure in ADH $\alpha$  associated with loss of betalain, we carried out selection analysis on a reduced data set that included representative

sequences across  $ADH\alpha$  that were either verified by Sanger sequencing or by mapping reads back to the de novo assembled contigs and carefully examining read coverages visually.

[0123] Within the family Caryophyllaceae, ADHa expression was detected in the transcriptome of only the subfamily Paronychioideae. Those ADHa transcripts from Corrigiola litoralis and Telephium imperati were both confirmed by PCR and Sanger sequencing. Two Spergularia media fragments from transcriptome assembly were both belonged to ADH $\alpha$  and are non-overlapping in the alignment. These two fragments could be from two loci or from a single locus. To distinguish between these two scenarios, we first extended the two fragments separately using Assembly by Reduced Complexity (Hunter et al., 2015, ARC v.1.1.3) with maximum 10 cycles, Bowtie 2 v2.2.8 (Langmead & Salzberg, 2012) for read mapping and Newbler v2.9 (454 Life Sciences, downloaded Mar. 17, 2015) for assembly. After extending the original assembly and aligning it with other ADH $\alpha$  sequences, the two extended fragments were still 22 base pairs apart. To evaluate whether these two fragments were supported by raw reads we concatenated the two fragments by fixing the direction and adding 22 Ns to the middle, and mapped raw reads to the concatenated reference using Bowtic 2 with the setting "--phred64 --very-fastlocal". The 22 bp gap was highly supported by read pairs and the joined read were kept for subsequent dN/dS analysis. We carried out the same procedure for Polycarpaea repens but were unable to join the reads nor confirm they are paralogs due to low read coverage and a longer gap between the two fragments. Therefore, the two fragments were kept in the alignments for phylogenetic analysis but were removed for dN/dS analysis.

**[0124]** To obtain ADH $\alpha$  sequences from additional species of Caryophyllaceae, primers were designed to the conserved portion of the *Spergularia media* contig, and were used to amplify ADH $\alpha$  sequences from the closely related *Spergularia marina*. Inverse PCR was used to obtain ADH $\alpha$  sequences from *Spergularia marina*, Paronychia polygonifolia and *Herniaria latifolia*. For inverse PCR, genomic DNA was digested with restriction enzymes EcoRI and MfeI, and fragments were circularised with T4 ligase (Biolabs, New England). Nested primers were used to amplify the fragment containing the ADH $\alpha$  ortholog. Amplified products were sanger sequenced to acquire the 5' and 3' terminals of the locus. In summary, a total of six well-supported ADH $\alpha$  sequences were then taken forward for the dN/dS selection analyses.

[0125] Our final alignment for selection analysis included eight ADHa sequences in Caryophyllaceae and six additional sequences from representative betalain-producing species across rest of the ADH $\alpha$  lineage. We first trimmed the alignment to remove signal peptide and poorly aligned ends, leaving the region from  $BvADH\alpha$  amino acid no. 79 to 354 that covered the enzyme active domain. We then carried out phylogenetic analyses for both alignments in RAxML, with the model "GTRCAT" for the codon alignment and "PROTCATAUTO" for the amino acids alignment, and 200 rapid bootstrap replicates to evaluate node support (FIG. 14A, 14B). To quantify the rate shift, we carried out RELAX analysis (Wertheim et al., 2014) as implemented in the online portal Datamonkey (Kosakovsky Pond & Frost, 2005, accessed Mar. 19, 2016), using the trimmed CDS matrix with Polycarpaea repens removed.

RELAX has the advantage of distinguishing between increased positive selection vs. reduced purifying selection, both of which would result in accelerated average dN/dS values. We designated all crown branches in Caryophyllaceae as the testing branches and the rest branches as the background. We fitted the partitioned MG94×REV model that assumes all sites having unified dN and dS value, allowing the rate to vary between the test and background branches. We also fitted the RELAX model that takes site heterogeneity into account. The RELAX null model assumes all background and test branches share the same rate in each rate category, whereas the RELAX alternative model allows substitution rate to vary between the test and background branches in each rate category, and sites can move among rate categories.

## Example 2: Overexpression of BvADHα but not BvADHβ Leads to High Accumulation of Tyrosine in *Arabidopsis thaliana*

[0126] Beta vulgaris accumulates high amounts of endogenous tyrosine as well as its derived metabolites betalains due to the presence of the tyrosine-insensitive  $BvADH\alpha$ enzyme. To further test if the lack of  $BvADH\alpha$  feedback regulation is a critical factor for high tyrosine accumulation in plant tissues, BvADHa, BvADHβ, and Arabidopsis ADH2 (AtADH2) were individually overexpressed by the 35S promoter of the cauliflower mosaic virus (CaMV) in A. thaliana Col-0 background. The empty vector containing no gene was also introduced as a negative control. Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS) based metabolite analysis showed that overexpression of BvADHa but not BvADHβ or AtADH2 leads to much higher accumulation of tyrosine than the empty vector control (nearly 50-fold increase, FIG. 16). In addition,  $BvADH\alpha$  expression resulted in a slightly reduction of an aromatic amino acid phenylalanine and drastic increase in homogentisate, the downstream product of tyrosine and precursor of tocopherols (vitamin E). No differences were observed for most amino acids, including alanine. These results provide proofof-concept demonstration that the production of tyrosine can be substantially enhanced by the expression of a tyrosineinsensitive ADH enzyme (i.e.  $BvADH\alpha$ ) in plant tissues. In addition, the observed increase of homogentisate as a consequence of high levels of tyrosine suggests that Tyr availability is a limit-step for the production of Tyr-derived secondary metabolites in plants such as tocopherols or betalains.

Material and Methods

# [0127] Cloning of BvADH $\alpha$ , BvADH $\beta$ and AtADH2 cDNAs into Overexpression Binary Vector

**[0128]** Total RNA isolated from *Beta vulgaris* and *Arabidopsis thaliana* leaf tissues were used to synthesize cDNA using random primers and the High Capacity cDNA Reverse Transcription Kit (Applied Biosystems). Specific oligonucleotides to amplify each of the desired cDNAs were designed using In-Fusion® Primer design tool (Clontech). PCR fragments were obtained using Phusion High-Fidelity DNA polymerase and cloned into the binary vector DF\_264 vector, downstream of the 35S CaMV promoter, using the In-Fusion® HD cloning kit. Plasmid was linearized with the restriction enzymes XbaI and BamHI (FastDigest, Thermo Scientific) and the enzymes sites were preserved after cloning. Xbal site is upstream of ATG start codon and BamHI is downstream of TAA stop codon. All reactions were performed accordingly with the instructions of the manufacter. In-Fusion cloning reactions were transformed into *E. coli* Stellar<sup>TM</sup> Competent cells (Clontech) and positive colonies were selected on LB agar plates containing 50 µg/mL Spectinomycin. Antibiotic resistance colonies were confirmed for the presence of the cDNA insert by colony PCR and submitted to plasmid isolation. cDNA inserts were checked for possible point mutations by SANGER sequencing the obtained plasmids using primers annealing at the 35S CaMV promoter and NOS terminator. Confirmed vectors were transformed into *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* GV3101 by freeze-thaw method.

#### Arabidopsis Transformation and Transgenic Selection.

[0129] Flowering A. thaliana Col-0, 5-6 weeks old, were used to plant transformation by floral dip (Bent A (2006) Arabidopsis thaliana floral dip transformation method. Methods Mol Biol. 343: 87-103). Briefly, flower buds were submerged into Agrobacterium GV3101 solution. The excess of solution was removed using absorbent paper. Plants were transfer to a close container to preserve humidity and kept in a dark environment for 16 hours after transformation. After this period of time, plants were acclimated back to the growth chamber. The transformation process was repeated after 5 days of the first transformation and plants were kept in the growth chamber until harvesting.  $T_0$  seeds were chlorine sterilized and germinated on  $\frac{1}{2}$  Force Murashige and Skoog (MS) agar plates supplemented with 1% Sucrose and 100  $\mu$ g/mL of Gentamycin. 10 positive T<sub>1</sub> seedlings for each construct were transferred to soil and seeds were harvested for each individual plant. Transgenic lines were then checked for the number of insertions based on the segregation ratio of antibiotic resistant  $T_2$  seedlings. Single-insertion homozygous T<sub>2</sub> lines were then germinated on soil and 4-weeks old plants were analyzed for Tyr and other organic acids contents by gas chromatography-mass spectrometry analysis (GC-MS).

#### GC-MS Analysis

[0130] Four-week old Arabidopsis plants overexpressing BvADHa, BvADHB, AtADH2 or empty vector were submitted to GC-MS analysis. Briefly, approximately 30 mg of fresh leaf tissue was excised from at least 3 plants of each transgenic line to compound one biological replicate. Tissue sample was transferred to a 1.5 mL microcentrifuge tube and 400 µL of solvent extraction solution [Methanol:Chloroform (2:1) with 100 µM norvaline]. Three 3 mm glass beads were added to each tube and samples were submitted to GenoGrindr (1500 strokes/min) for 5 min. After a brief spin 300 µL of water, followed by 125 µL of Chloroform were added to each sample. Samples were vortex on high for 30 seconds and centrifuged at 21000×g for 5 minutes to achieve phase separation. The aqueous phase was carefully transferred to a new 1.5 mL tube and transfer to speedvac system at room temperature until completely dry. After dry, the polar phase compounds were resuspended in 210 µL of methanol containing 100 µM 4-chlorobenzoic acid. Samples were sonicated for 10 min and insoluble remaining debris was removed by centrifugation at 21000×g for 5 min. at room temperature. 100 µL of supernatant was transferred into a glass vial and the methanol was dry out in the speed

vac. After dry, the inserts were transferred to a glass vial and the pellets were ressuspended in 40  $\mu$ L pyridine. Samples were submitted to sonication for 10 min and 40  $\mu$ L of N-methyl-N-(tert-butyldimethylsilyl) trifluoroacetamide with 1% tertbutyldimethylchlorosilane (MTBSTFA+1% t-BDMCS) was added to each sample. Samples were incubated at 80° C. for 1 hour and transferred to analysis on GC-MS. The GC-MS was stablished as Hold at 70° C. for 2 min, increased to 250° C. by 5° C. per min., then hold at 300° C. for 10 min. Amino acid standard (Sigma, #AAS18) was used to stablish the standard curve of each amino acid. Peak areas were normalized by the internal standard norvaline and by fresh tissue weight (g).

## Example 3—In Planta Expression of Tyr-Insensitive BvADHa Leads to Enhanced Accumulation of Tyr in *Arabidopsis*

**[0131]** BvADH $\alpha$  was heterologously expressed in *Arabidopsis*, which only has Tyr-inhibited ADH enzymes (Rippert and Matringe, 2002a; Rippert and Matringe, 2002b; Schenck et al., 2015). Overexpression of BvADH $\alpha$ , but not Tyrinhibited BvADH $\beta$  or AtADH2, resulted in elevated Tyr accumulation by up to 60-fold compared to empty vector controls in T<sub>3</sub> single insertion homozygous lines (FIG. **17**). Also, the BvADH $\alpha$  lines reduced levels of Phe. Thus, expression of de-regulated BvADH $\alpha$  can increase the carbon flow through the shikimate pathway and direct away from Phe biosynthesis to drastically enhance availability of Tyr.

> Example 4—Heterologous Expression of Tyr-Insensitive ΒvADHα Leads to Hyper-Accumulation of Tyr in *Glycine max* (Soybean)

**[0132]** BvADH $\alpha$  or BvADH $\beta$  was also heterologously expressed in *Glycine max* (soybean), which has both Tyrinhibited ADH and Tyr-insensitive PDH enzymes (Schenck et al., 2015). When Tyr levels were analyzed in the leaves of antibiotic resisitant T<sub>1</sub> transgenic lines, nine out of twelve BvADH $\alpha$  overexpression lines showed nearly 1,000 fold increase in Tyr relative to empty vector control (FIG. **18**). All of BvADH $\beta$  transgenic lines showed basal levels of Tyr similar to empty vector controls. Three BvADH $\alpha$  lines with low Tyr were likely unsuccessful transformants.

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1. A cDNA polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least 90% sequence identity to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47 and functional fragments of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47.

2. (canceled)

**3**. The cDNA polynucleotide of claim **1**, wherein the cDNA polynucleotide is codon-optimized for expression in a cell.

4. The cDNA polynucleotide of claim 3, wherein the cell is a plant cell, bacterial cell, or fungal cell.

5. (canceled)

6. The cDNA of claim 1, wherein the polypeptide maintains at least 50% of its ADH activity in the presence of 10  $\mu$ M tyrosine.

7. A construct comprising a heterologous promoter operably linked to a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having at least 90% sequence identity to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47 and functional fragments of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-20, 43, 45, or 47.

**8**. The construct of claim **7**, wherein the heterologous promoter is a plant promoter.

**9**. The construct of claim **7**, wherein the heterologous promoter is an inducible promoter or a tissue-specific promoter.

10. A vector comprising the construct of claim 7.

**11**. The vector of claim **10**, wherein the vector comprises a plasmid.

12. A cell comprising the construct of claim 7.

13. The cell of claim 12, wherein the cell is a plant cell.

14. The cell of claim 13, wherein the plant cell is selected from a soybean plant cell, a mung bean plant cell, an opium poppy plant cell, a *quinoa* plant cell, an alfalfa plant cell, a rice plant cell, a wheat plant cell, a corn plant cell, a sorghum plant cell, a barley plant cell, a millet plant cell, an oat plant cell, a rye plant cell, a rapeseed plant cell, a beet plant cell, and a miscanthus plant cell.

15. (canceled)

16. A seed comprising the construct of claim 7.

17. (canceled)

18. A plant comprising the construct of claim 7.

**19**. The plant of claim **18**, wherein the plant is selected from a beet plant, a soybean plant, a mung bean plant, an opium poppy plant, a *quinoa* plant, an alfalfa plant, a rice plant, a wheat plant, a corn plant, a sorghum plant, a barley plant, a millet plant, an oat plant, a rye plant, a rapeseed plant, and a *miscanthus* plant.

**20**. (canceled)

**21**. A method for increasing production of at least one product of the tyrosine or HPP pathways in a cell comprising introducing the construct of claim 7 into the cell.

**22**. The method of claim **21**, wherein the cell is a plant cell.

**23**. The method of claim **22**, wherein the plant cell is selected from a soybean plant cell, a mung bean plant cell, an opium poppy plant cell, a *quinoa* plant cell, an alfalfa plant cell, a rice plant cell, a wheat plant cell, a corn plant cell, a sorghum plant cell, a barley plant cell, a millet plant cell, an oat plant cell, a rye plant cell, a rapeseed plant cell, a beet plant cell, and a *miscanthus* plant cell.

24. (canceled)

**25**. The method of claim **21**, wherein the product is selected from vitamin E, plastoquinone, a cyanogenic glycoside, a benzylisoquinoline alkaloid, rosmarinic acid, betalains, suberin, mescaline, morphine, salidroside, a phenylpropanoid compound, dhurrin, a tocochromanol, ubiquinone, lignin, a catecholamine, melanin, an isoquinoline alkaloid, hydroxycinnamic acid amide (HCAA), an amaryllidaceae alkaloid, hordenine, hydroxycinnamate, hydroxylstyrene, or tyrosine.

26. The method of claim 21, further comprising purifying the product from the cell.

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