# Generation of a 3D indexed Petunia insertion database for reverse genetics 

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#### Abstract

Summary BLAST searchable databases containing insertion flanking sequences have revolutionized reverse genetics in plant research. The development of such databases has so far been limited to a small number of model species and normally requires extensive labour input. Here we describe a highly efficient and widely applicable method that we adapted to identify unique transposon-flanking genomic sequences in Petunia. The procedure is based on a multi-dimensional pooling strategy for the collection of DNA samples; up to thousands of different templates are amplified from each of the DNA pools separately, and knowledge of their source is safeguarded by the use of pool-specific (sample) identification tags in one of the amplification primers. All products are combined into a single sample that is subsequently used as a template for unidirectional pyrosequencing. Computational analysis of the clustered sequence output allows automatic assignment of sequences to individual DNA sources. We have amplified and analysed transposon-flanking sequences from a Petunia transposon insertion library of 1000 individuals. Using 30 DNA isolations, 70 PCR reactions and two GS20 sequencing runs, we were able to allocate around 10000 transposon flanking sequences to specific plants in the library. These sequences have been organized in a database that can be BLAST-searched for insertions into genes of interest. As a proof of concept, we have performed an in silico screen for insertions into members of the NAM/NAC transcription factor family. All in silico-predicted transposon insertions into members of this family could be confirmed in planta.


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## Introduction

One of the classical challenges in biology is to understand how changes in gene function during evolution have contributed to the diversity of life as it exists today. To study the evolution of gene function, it is necessary to compare loss-of-function mutants for orthologous genes in different species. In Arabidopsis, the publicly available collections of insertion site-sequenced T-DNA lines (Alonso et al., 2003) have revolutionized reverse-genetics approaches, as databases with insertion site flanking sequences can be searched for mutants by a simple sequence homology search instead
of having to perform laborious PCR-based assays. Similar platforms are being developed for the monocot species rice and maize (Droc et al., 2006; van Enckevort et al., 2005; Kolesnik et al., 2004; Settles et al., 2007; Yazaki et al., 2004). Plant comparative biology research would greatly benefit if such resources could be developed for a broader range of species. We wish to create such a platform for the model species Petunia, taking advantage of the endogenous, highly active dTph1 transposable element system in line W138 (Gerats et al., 1990). Petunia has several qualities that make

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it a fairly amenable model system, amongst which are highly efficient forward and reverse transposon insertion screening methods (Gerats and Vandenbussche, 2005).

As a starting point for further improvements in these methods, we aimed to simultaneously sequence and order $d T p h 1$ flanking sequences amplified from a population of 1000 individuals, by using the powerful 454 liquid-phase massive parallel sequencing technique (Margulies et al., 2005). For reverse-genetics purposes, the origin of every flanking sequence tag in the resulting database needs to be assigned to a specific individual within the population. As 454 sequencing in principle does not allow discrimination between individual DNA sources in a pooled sample, we have developed and applied a general methodology (Figure 1) that allows massive parallel amplification and

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| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{x} 1$ | AATG |
| $\mathbf{x 2}$ | CCAG |
| $\mathbf{x 3}$ | TTAG |
| $\ldots$ | nnnn |
| $\mathbf{y 1}$ | $\mathbf{G G C A}$ |
| $\mathbf{y 2}$ | GCGA |
| $\mathbf{y} 3$ | TACC |
| $\ldots$ | nnnn |
| $\mathbf{z 1}$ | TTTC |
| $\mathbf{z 2}$ | ACAC |
| $\mathbf{z 3}$ | AGAG |
| $\ldots$ | nnnn |


sequencing of thousands of different fragments that are automatically assigned to their specific origin. We have coupled the use of $5^{\prime}$-encoded PCR primers (see also Binladen et al., 2007; van Orsouw et al., 2007) with a threedimensional pooling system, and have adapted the original GS20 pyrosequencing protocol (Margulies et al., 2005) to enable unidirectional sequencing of the amplified transposon tag library, followed by automated assignment of sequences to individuals or families within the population by a computational approach.

The three-dimensional (3D) pooling principle (Figure 1) allows identification of a specific individual within a group of up to several thousands of individuals in a single, smallscale PCR experiment (Zwaal et al., 1993) as commonly applied in PCR-based Petunia insertion mutagenesis screens (Koes et al., 1995; Vandenbussche et al., 2003). The DNA samples prepared from the 3D pooled plant material each serve as a separate template for PCR amplification of the desired targets. A different amplification primer is used for every PCR reaction, carrying a unique four-nucleotide sample identification tag at the $5^{\prime}$ end (Keygene ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ SeqTag; van Orsouw et al., 2007). The PCR products are subsequently pooled, and unidirectionally sequenced using a modified GS20 protocol. The resulting sequences can be clustered according to identity and reduced to a single database line by 'reading' the various sequence identification tags encountered within each cluster. Querying the resulting database with the predefined profiles of individuals and families allows automatic assignment of sequences to their source.

For the Petunia experiment presented here, a classic 3D pooling system was used (Koes et al., 1995; Vandenbussche et al., 2003). The size of the analysed population, 1000

[^0]individuals, organized in a $10 \times 10 \times 10$ grid, is moderate, but nevertheless represents a highly complex sample due to the high copy number of the endogenous Petunia dTph1 transposon system. Individual W138 plants, the standard line used in Petunia insertion mutagenesis screens, can contain up to an estimated $200 d T p h 1$ transposable element copies in either a homozygous or heterozygous state (Gerats et al., 1990). Every generation, 5-10\% of these transpose to a new location, creating a new insertion event, present in a single heterozygous individual (De Keukeleire et al., 2001; Van den Broeck et al., 1998). Upon selfing, such an insertion will segregate in the next generation. Thus, a population of 1000 plants could harbor $10000-20000$ new insertions, hemizygously present in a single individual. In addition, as all W138 plants derive from a single plant (Doodeman et al., 1984), ancestral insertions shared between all individuals are also encountered. A dTph1 insertion library is usually composed of a number of small families (e.g. 100 families of 10 plants each), with every family originating from a self of an individual W138 plant. As such, unique insertions that occurred in the parental lines used to set up a library now segregate in their respective progenies. These are called family insertions, and are of great interest for the coupling of forward phenotypic screens with candidate gene insertion sequences.

Due to the complex genealogy of W138 insertion libraries, resulting in unique, family and ancestral insertion sites, considerable differences in copy number per insertion site exist within the population: the most extreme difference (1:2000) is between a new unique insertion event, which is hemizygously present in a single plant, and the immobile ancestral transposon insertion sites homozygous in all 1000 individuals. Family insertion copy numbers vary between these extremes, depending on the family size and the relatedness of the various families within the library. The mass amplification and sequencing of a complete dThp1 insertion library is thus comparable with sequencing a non-normalized EST library, in which highly abundant, moderately expressed and minimally expressed ESTs correspond to ancestral, family and unique insertion events. As a result, the unique insertion flanking sequences are amplified much less efficiently than high copy number transposon flanking sequences. For reverse-genetics purposes, the high copy number class is of limited value, as it represents a small (and relatively immobile) set of insertion loci amplified from many to all individuals of the library. A minimum of around 50 such ancestral immobile loci were estimated to be present in previous populations (De Keukeleire et al., 2001); therefore, this class of insertions unfortunately forms a large proportion of the total number of $d$ Tph1 loci in a population $(50 \times 2 \times 1000=100000)$. Therefore, the total number of sequences required to sufficiently resolve and annotate all low copy number flanking sequences ( $10000-20000$ ) is
very large, as omnipresent insertion sequences compete significantly for total sequencing capacity. Full coverage of all insertion flanking sequences in a limited number of sequence runs is therefore not expected. Moreover, a number of sequence clusters will remain unresolved, as one or more of the 3D coordinates will be missing. To at least partially reduce this problem, we implemented a normalization step for the amplified library before sequencing, in order to diminish the proportion of sequences derived from ancestral dTph1 loci.

## Results

## 3D indexed mass amplification and sequencing of Petunia dTph1 transposon flanking sequences

A graphical overview of the 3D indexed mass-amplification and sequence procedure, customized for analysis of Petunia dTph1 transposon flanking sequences, is shown in Figure S1, and technical details are described in Experimental procedures. Briefly, we have applied a modified transposon display protocol (Van den Broeck et al., 1998) to mass-amplify dTph1 transposon flanking sequences from the 30 DNA pools harvested from the W138 library (Table S1). Four-nucleotide tags encrypting the 30 coordinates (Table S2) were incorporated in the transpo-son-derived primer used in the 2nd round of PCR amplification. The obtained PCR products were pooled for each dimension ( $x, y$ and $z$ ), resulting in three samples that were then subjected to one round of normalization using a hydroxyapatite column purification procedure (Bonaldo et al., 1996). The selected single-stranded fraction, enriched for low copy number sequences, was made double-stranded by primer extension, and subsequently digested to enable GS20/454 adapter ligation. Msel and Munl sites were added to the transposon primer (containing the four-nucleotide sample identification tag) and the extension primer, respectively. The GS20/454 adapters A and B (Table S2) were modified to have sticky Msel and Munl ends instead of blunt ends, allowing unidirectional ligation of the sequencing annealing site in adapter $A$, immediately adjacent to the four-nucleotide tag in the transposon-specific primer. As a consequence, all amplified fragments originating from the same template have the same orientation, facilitating subsequent computational clustering. Msel and Munl were initially used for genomic DNA digestion, guaranteeing that no Msel and Munl sites will be present within the amplified transposon flanking sequences during digestion. The adapter-ligated mixture was then used as a template for a final PCR amplification step using amplification primers $A$ and $B$ (Table S2). A $4 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ aliquot of this mixture was then used as a template for two GS20 sequence runs, performed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

## Clustering and automatic annotation of sequences to individual DNA sources

The combined output of the two GS20 runs yielded a total of 659219 sequences, with an average read length of 101 bp. A BLAST search (Altschul et al., 1990) was used for detection of the 5' coded Petunia dTph1 primer (NNNN-IR ${ }_{\text {outw }}$ primer, Table S2) at the start of the read; this could be recognized in $94.8 \%$ of the sequences. This result indicates that the large majority of the sequenced amplicons are derived from transposon flanking loci. The coordinates of the start of the BLAST hit were subsequently checked for the four-base sample identification tag. Using a PERL script, this tag could be automatically translated in one of the 30 possible pool coordinates in $96.4 \%$ of the sequences, and incorporated into a database line. Sequences with unrecognizable sample identification tags were marked as 'unknown' and removed at a later stage. Finally, primer and sample identification tag sequences were trimmed and all resulting sequences shorter than 20 bp were removed from the dataset. Such fragments originate from transposon insertion sites with an Msel restriction site in close proximity to the $d T p h 1$ insertion site and are of limited value for in silico screenings due to their short read length.

Clustering of the remaining dataset ( 611000 sequences in total) resulted in the generation of 82570 unique clusters, each with a variable number of homologous sequences. Each individual cluster was subsequently converted into a single database line containing a consensus sequence and all numerical data required for further classification and annotation. For each pool coordinate, the number of fragments encountered within the cluster carrying that coordinate was summed, and the total number of fragments in each cluster was counted. A distribution analysis based on these numbers showed that extreme differences in copy number exist between clusters, ranging from one to over 6000 copies (Figure 2a), as expected due to simultaneous amplification of unique and highly redundant insertion sites in a large population. Around $25 \%$ of the sequences ( 611000 in total) belong to one of 113 clusters, with a copy number varying from 500 up to 6800 . These clusters represent the so-called ancestral insertions that are present in the majority of the individuals within the population. These redundant insertion loci make up a considerable part of the total sequence capacity, but represent only a limited number of insertion loci. The largest number of clusters can be found in the lower copy number classes, corresponding to unique (both somatic and germinal) and recent family insertions, with the latter segregating in a limited number of related individuals within the library. For further analysis, the number of detected pools per pool axis ( $x, y$ and $z$ ) was calculated. With the latter information, sequence clusters were further classified and annotated according to 1D, 2D, 3D and mD (multiD) coordinate classes (Figure 2b). At this
stage, 2759 of the clusters were discarded as they were composed solely of sequences previously marked as 'unknown' due to unreadable sequence tags. The 1D and 2D classes represent incomplete coordinate sets, missing a coordinate for two and one dimensions, respectively. The existence of incomplete coordinate sets is caused by either somatic insertion events or is due to under-sampling of the sequence library (see Discussion). On the other hand, 3D class clusters have exactly one $x$, one $y$ and one $z$ coordinate, and represent unique insertions present in one individual of the library. The mD class is composed of clusters having at least one $x, y$ and $z$ coordinate, excluding the 3D class clusters. These mD clusters therefore contain more than one pool coordinate in at least one of the dimensions, and correspond to insertion loci shared between at least two related individuals in the population.

Due to the 3D sampling strategy of the library, a sequence can only be assigned to an individual plant if it belongs to a cluster in which every dimension ( $x, y$ and $z$ ) is represented by at least one pool coordinate. All clusters fitting this criterion (3D and mD classes, 13375 clusters in total) were therefore organized in a sub-database for final annotation.
In this set, a total of 5881 3D class clusters (Figure 2c), could be identified, which were automatically assigned a plant number between 1 and 1000 using the following formula:

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((x-1) \times 10)+((y-1) \times 1)+((z-1) \times 100)+1,
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with $x, y$ and $z$ all varying between 1 and 10 according to the library sampling used (Table S1).
The remaining set ( mD class) represents so-called family insertions segregating in at least two related individuals within the library. As the relatedness of the lines in the library had been well documented during the previous two generations, a 'profile' for every family of plants in the library could be constructed as a translation of its spatial positioning within the library set-up (Table S1). Separate search profiles were created for small families and large families, for which the members display mainly first- and second-degree relatedness, respectively. These queries (see Experimental procedures) resulted in unambiguous annotation of around 4000 insertions as segregating in either one of the defined small or large families (Figure 2c, Tables S3 and S4). In addition, a small number of clusters did not contain sufficient information to be assigned to either of the two related search profiles. For these cases, a double annotation was applied, combining both possibilities in the sequence header. The remaining set of unassigned clusters was not further analysed, and presumably contains family insertions reflecting ancestral and undocumented relationships between individuals and families within the library. In a final step, only the annotated insertion flanking sequences from lines for which sufficient seeds are available for distribution were selected, and grouped together in a final BLAST-


Figure 2. Distribution analysis of 3D indexed mass-amplified and sequenced dTph1 transposon flanking sequence library.
(a) Cluster distribution analysis versus copy number classes.
(b) Number of clusters versus coordinate classes. Clusters have been classified according to the four possible dimensional classes. Question marks in the coordinates indicate the absence of pool coordinates for the respective dimension. The 'unknown' class indicates clusters containing only non-recognizable sequence tags.
(c) Number of assigned insertions versus cluster copy number classes. Total numbers of assigned insertions are indicated per category (total number analysed), together with the average copy number of clusters representing each type of insertion class.
searchable database, currently containing around 9500 non-redundant annotated transposon flanking sequences.

## In silico screens for insertions into genes of interest

To evaluate whether the resulting annotated transposon flanking sequence database represents a reliable mutant identification source, we have performed an in silico screen for insertions into members of the NAM/NAC transcription factor family (Souer et al., 1996). NAC genes have been identified as important regulators involved in various
aspects of plant development (reviewed by Olsen et al., 2005), and are easily recognized by their highly conserved NAC domain. The 22 known Petunia NAC family members were extracted from Genbank and subjected to a BLAST search against the insertion flanking sequence database. The search resulted in identification of nine putative insertions into eight Petunia NAC members (Figure 3a and Table S5). All these $d T p h 1$ insertions reside in coding regions, which usually results in loss-of-function mutations. Five of these insertions correspond to known Petunia NAC members, while the remaining four represent insertions into

(b)


Figure 3. In silico and classic PCR screening for insertions into members of the Petunia NAC transcription factor family for complete gel images see Figure S2. (a) Overview of all in silico-identified and automatically assigned insertions into NAC genes.
(b) Selection of the tested in silico-identified NAC insertions with incomplete (non-assignable) coordinate sets. The numbers above the gel images represent the 30 pool samples derived from the 3D pooling of 1000 individuals. Numbers in parentheses above the pool numbering reflect in silico screening results and show the copy number of transposon flanking sequences with corresponding pool numbers as encountered in the sequence collection. The results of the automatic annotation are shown as plant numbers for unique insertions, or as family names ( F code) for segregating insertions. The gel images show the results of a conventional PCR screening as described previously (Vandenbussche et al., 2003) using gene-specific primers designed to flank the predicted insertion sites. Insertion positions are relative to the start of corresponding Genbank accessions. 1D, 2D, 3D and mD indicate the coordinate sets after database screening (in silico) and classic PCR screening. Assignable coordinate sets have been boxed. New NAC members isolated during this screening are underlined.
new NAC family members (named PhNH23-26), based on sequence conservation in their NAM domain (Figure S3), illustrating additional benefits of the database as a gene discovery source. The coordinates of five of the nine putative insertions identify a unique single plant (3D class insertion) within the population, while the remaining four insertions represent so-called family insertions (mD class), segregating in a small group of genetically related plants. In addition,
three putative insertion events were identified that had one of their coordinates missing (2D hits), while 15 putative insertions were identified as 1D sets (not shown). Incomplete coordinate sets may represent somatic insertion events, present in only one or two of the three samples taken from each individual, or might represent true germinal insertion events for which one or more of the coordinates is missing for technical reasons. To investigate this further, we
included three 2D and three 1D sets in the analysis presented below.

As an independent confirmation of the automatic assignment of insertions to individuals and small families, we screened the 30 DNA pools of the library using a conventional gene-specific screening method (Vandenbussche et al., 2003) for each of the nine automatically assigned insertions (Figure 3a) and six selected incomplete sets (Figure 3b) (see also Figure S2a-e). All in silico-assigned insertion events could be confirmed by PCR screening, as shown by the appearance of specific amplification products in all of the identified pool coordinates. Further, presumably due to the higher sensitivity of the gene-specific screening method, the missing coordinate for all three 2D sets could be determined (identifying a new gene: PhNH27-1; Figure 3b), but this was not possible for two of the three 1D hits (Figure 3b). These results confirm both the occurrence of somatic insertion events, and the incompleteness of clusters due to under-sampling of the sequence library. Similarly, for three family insertions, additional positive pools were identified that were not found in the sequence database; these pools fitted within the previously identified family profile. These results clearly indicate that not all templates are amplified or not all amplified templates are represented in our current sequence collection. Finally, we were able to confirm the presence of the respective insertion events in progenies of all positive individuals or families identified in this screen (results not shown); a number of these lines are currently being analysed for phenotypes.

## Discussion

The use of $5^{\prime}$ coded primers has been proposed previously to distinguish a limited number of DNA sources within a 454 sequence template (Binladen et al., 2007; van Orsouw et al., 2007). Here we show that the combined use of $5^{\prime}$ coded primers with a multidimensional pooling and annotation strategy results in a extremely powerful method, enabling highly complex templates to be analysed by 454 sequencing while the source is still identifiable, and with a minimal labour investment in terms of template preparation and processing. This approach can be applied to any system for which multiple templates from multiple sources have to be analysed on a truly large scale. The generation of hundreds of thousands of sequences per 454 run provides sufficient over-sampling capacity to analyse and annotate tens of thousands of templates simultaneously.

We developed and applied this procedure to generate a database of annotated transposon flanking sequences, mass-amplified from a Petunia W138 library of 1000 individuals, which can then be used for in silico reversegenetics screens. However, the nature of the endogenous
dTph1 transposon system in Petunia created some extra complicating factors.
The extreme differences in copy number between ancestral and new unique insertion sites within such a library made it necessary to normalize the samples before sequencing. Even so, $25 \%$ of the final sequence reads appeared to be derived from insertions present in many to all individuals of the library. Other normalization procedures might turn out to be more efficient (see, for example, Cheung et al., 2006; Shagin et al., 2002). Other undesired sequence tags are those that are derived from somatic insertions and thus will not be transmitted to the next generation. The presence of these sequences in the final database would lead to false identification of putative insertion lines. In Petunia, it has been demonstrated that a 3D pooling strategy allows discrimination between somatic and germinal insertion events (Koes et al., 1995). Unfortunately, a 3D indexed pooling strategy implies that a sequence can only be annotated if it has been amplified and sequenced at least three times independently in the total sequence collection, at least once from every dimensional pool.
It is obvious that, with the same total sequence capacity, a 2D pooling strategy would have resulted in a larger number of annotated sequences, as two coordinates each time would have sufficed to appoint a sequence to a source. We nevertheless chose a 3D indexed mass amplification and sequencing strategy, so as to be able to exclude all somatically derived transposon flanking sequences from the database. This problem is specific to Petunia; for most other applications, a 2D pooling strategy might be a better choice.

Despite the complications inherent in dTph1 transposon biology, we identified almost 10000 different insertion flanking sequences that could be automatically assigned to specific individuals of the library using only 30 DNA preparations, 70 PCR reactions and two GS20 sequencing runs. Almost 6000 (5881) of the sequence tags represent unique insertions present in only one individual of the library. Using defined family history profiles based on three generations of known family relationships between the various individuals, we could automatically annotate a further 4000 insertions as segregating in small families in the library.

The successful assignment of these family insertions in this study also indicates that the methodology is well suited to large-scale parallel mapping of family-specific genotypes in heterogeneous populations. Combined with the fast progress in 454 sequencing technology in terms of both capacity and read length, and with further improvement and application of the proposed strategy, we expect that creation of a saturated insertion sequence library is realistic for Petunia as well as for other model systems. As a starting point, we have organized the approximately 10000 identified insertion sequence tags in a database. BLAST searches for insertions into genes of interest will be performed on request, and seeds of positively identified insertion lines will

[^1]be provided free for academic purposes. We expect this to be a valuable resource for functional genomics research in Petunia and other Solanaceae.

## Experimental procedures

## Library set-up

Seeds representing 1000 progenies from self-pollinations (mainly W138 but also W138/Mitchell hybrids) were sown, and usually one individual of each progeny was grown for the transposon library. These 1000 plants were grown under standard greenhouse conditions in trays, and after harvesting for DNA sampling were transferred to individual pots and maintained until sufficient seeds were produced, resulting from manual pollinations. A schematic representation of the library set-up is shown in Table S1. Equal colouring within blocks ( $z$ dimension) between individuals indicates a family relationship in the 2nd degree. Identical parental accession codes at different positions indicate direct sibling relationships.

## DNA preparation

The 1000 selected library plants were sampled in a 3D fashion, resulting in 30 DNA samples representing 100 plants each, as described previously (Koes et al., 1995; Vandenbussche et al., 2003). The DNA samples were further treated using a modified version of the transposon display method originally developed to selectively amplify all $d T p h 1$ flanking sequences from various samples of a one single plant (Van den Broeck et al., 1998).

A $5 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ DNA aliquot for each pool sample was incubated with Munl (Biolabs; http://www.neb.com/nebecomm) and Msel (Biolabs; http://www.neb.com/nebecomm) for 1.5 h at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in $70 \mu \mathrm{l}$ restriction mix ( 5 units Munl, 5 units Msel, $1 \times$ NEB4 and $1 \times$ BSA). Adapters were ligated by incubation for 3 h at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ after addition of $30 \mu \mathrm{l}$ ligation mix ( 15 Weiss units of T4 DNA ligase (Fermentas; http:// www.fermentas.com), 40 pmol biotinylated Munl adapter, 400 pmol Msel adapter, 1 mм ATP, $1 \times$ NEB4 and $1 \times$ BSA).

## Selection of biotinylated DNA fragments to enrich for transposon flanking fragments

To remove the excess of biotinylated adapters, DNA samples were purified using the QIAquick PCR purification kit (Qiagen, http:// www.qiagen.com/) and DNA was eluted using $50 \mu \mathrm{l}$ EB buffer (supplied elution buffer; Qiagen PCR purification kit). DNA samples were incubated with approximately 0.1 mg MyOne streptavidine beads C1 (Dynal; http://www.invitrogen.com/dynal) for 1 h on a rotator at room temperature, in $500 \mu \mathrm{l}$ binding buffer ( 10 mm Tris- Cl pH 8, 2 м $\mathrm{NaCl}, 1 \mathrm{~mm}$ EDTA and $0.1 \%$ Triton X-100). Beads were collected with a magnet and the supernatant removed. Beads were washed once using $200 \mu$ STEX buffer ( 10 mм Tris-Cl pH 8, 1 м $\mathrm{NaCl}, 1 \mathrm{~mm}$ EDTA and $0.1 \%$ Triton X-100), and transferred to another tube prior to three additional washes with $200 \mu$ STEX buffer each. Finally the beads were resuspended in $50 \mu \mathrm{~T} \mathrm{~T}_{01} \mathrm{E}$ buffer ( 10 mm Tris-Cl pH 8, 0.1 mm EDTA) and transferred to another tube.

## Selective pre-amplification

To enrich for transposon-flanking sequences, DNA-bead samples were subjected to two rounds of PCR amplification. For the first PCR
amplification, $2 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of DNA-bead sample was mixed with 6 pmol Munl-ACAC- and 6 pmol Msel primer (Table S2) in a PCR buffer with 0.6 units of Red Hot DNA polymerase (Abgene; http://www.abgene. com), 7.5 mm Tris-Cl pH 8.8, $20 \mathrm{~mm}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}, 0.01 \%$ Tween-20, $2.5 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{MgCl}_{2}$ and 0.2 mm dNTPs in a final volume of $20 \mu \mathrm{l}$. The samples were incubated in a PE9600 (Perkin Elmer; http://www. appliedbiosystems.com) according to the following PCR profile: one cycle comprising a 15 sec step at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, a 30 sec step at $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and a 60 sec step at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; the annealing temperature was then lowered each cycle by $0.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 13 cycles, and then kept at $56^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for another 22 cycles. The resulting PCR products were checked by electrophoresis of $5 \mu$ l of reaction mix on a $1.5 \%$ agarose gel (a weak low-molecular-weight smear should be visible). The remaining $15 \mu \mathrm{l}$ was diluted 10 times with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.

## Specific PCR amplification of dTph 1 flanking sequences

To amplify the $d T p h 1$ flanking sequences and to incorporate the pool-specific four-nucleotide sample identification tag, $5 \mu$ of the 10 -fold diluted pre-amplified material was mixed with 15 pmol NNNN-IR outw primer and 15 pmol Mse primer (Table S2) in a PCR buffer with 1 unit Red Hot DNA polymerase (Abgene), 7.5 mm Tris$\mathrm{Cl} \mathrm{pH} 8.8,20 \mathrm{~mm}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}, 0.01 \%$ Tween-20, 2.5 mm MgCl 2 and 0.2 mm dNTPs in a final volume of $50 \mu \mathrm{l}$. The samples were incubated in a PE9600 (Perkin Elmer) according to the following PCR profile: one cycle comprising a 15 sec step at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, a 30 sec step at $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and a 60 sec step at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; the annealing temperature was then lowered each cycle by $0.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 13 cycles, and then kept at $56^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for another 22 cycles.

The resulting PCR products from the ten samples from each dimension were pooled to create three samples: an $x, y$ and $z$ sample.

## Normalization

In order to optimize the amount of unique fragments against a backdrop of fragments shared by many to all individuals, we normalized the three pooled samples. The procedure involves hybridization and purification steps to obtain single-stranded DNA. The approach relies on the differential re-annealing kinetics between highly abundant and rare DNA templates, by which the singlestranded fraction will become enriched for low copy number templates. The single-stranded fraction was isolated by hydroxyapatite chromatography (Bonaldo et al., 1996).

The pooled PCR products ( $x, y$ and $z$ samples, containing around $10 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of DNA each) were precipitated and dissolved in $30 \mu \mathrm{l}$ formamide. The DNA was melted at $80^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 3 min (under mineral oil) and hybridized for 16 h at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, as described in Bonaldo et al. (1996), in a final volume of $50 \mu$ l. Thereafter, the samples were diluted by addition of $500 \mu \mathrm{l}$ pre-warmed $\left(60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ loading buffer ( 0.04 m sodium phosphate buffer, pH 6.8 ), and single-stranded DNA was purified by hydroxyapatite chromatography at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, using a 0.1 ml column pre-equilibrated with the loading buffer. After a 2 ml wash with loading buffer, the singlestranded DNA was eluted from the column using eight repeats of $100 \mu$ l pre-warmed 0.12 m sodium phosphate buffer ( pH 6.8 ), and elution fractions $2-8$ were pooled. The phosphate buffer was removed using nucleospin columns (Macherey Nagel; http:// www.mn-net.com). The DNA was eluted four times using $200 \mu \mathrm{l}$ NE buffer, precipitated with iso-propanol, and finally dissolved in $50 \mu \mathrm{H} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ for each elution. The effectiveness of the normalization was verified by a PCR competition experiment between a high copy number flanking sequence and a low copy sequence, and a
transposon display experiment on normalized and non-normalized samples (results not shown). In view of the results, further optimization of the normalization would be useful, and could be achieved by varying parameters or using other procedures (see, for example, Cheung et al., 2006; Shagin et al., 2002).

## GS20 template preparation and sequencing

Primer extension. For conversion to double-stranded DNA, $50 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of single-stranded DNA was mixed with 50 pmol extension primer (Table S2) in a PCR buffer with 1 unit Platinum Taq DNA polymerase (Invitrogen, http://www.invitrogen.com/), 20 mm Tris-Cl pH 8.4, $50 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{KCl}, 1.5 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{MgCl} 2$ and 0.2 mm dNTPs in a final volume of $75 \mu$ l. The three samples were then incubated in a PE9600 (Perkin Elmer) for 2 min at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, 1 \mathrm{~min}$ at $56^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 10 min at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to complete the primer extension.

Digestion and GS20 adapter ligation. The three normalized (double-stranded) DNA pools were digested with Munl and Msel to enable directional GS20 adapter ligation. The total amount of normalized double-stranded DNA was incubated for 1.5 h at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in $90 \mu$ restriction mix ( 20 units Munl, 20 units Msel, $1 \times$ NEB4 and 1× BSA). The GS20 adapters were ligated by incubation for 4 h at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ after addition of $20 \mu$ ligation mix ( 15 Weiss units of T 4 DNA ligase, 200 pmol GS20-Munl adapter B, 200 pmol GS20-Msel adapter A, 1 mm ATP, $1 \times$ NEB4 and $1 \times$ BSA).

If there is enough DNA (a few micrograms; when normalization isn't required), it is possible to ligate the BioTEG-GS20-Munl adapter B (Table S2) instead of the non-biotinylated adapter. In this case, the samples can be pooled after adapter ligation to create one 'superpool', and are ready for the 'library immobilization step' of the GS20 sequencing protocol.

PCR re-amplification before sequencing. After normalization, we re-amplified the ligation mixture to obtain sufficient and biotinylated DNA for GS20 sequencing. Five microlitres of template were mixed with 15 pmol of adapter primer A and 15 pmol BioTEGadapter B primer (Table S2; http://www.biolegio.com) in a PCR buffer with 1 unit of Red Hot DNA polymerase (Abgene), 7.5 mm Tris-Cl pH 8.8, $20 \mathrm{~mm}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{4}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}, 0.01 \%$ Tween-20, $2 \mathrm{~mm} \mathrm{MgCl}_{2}$ and 0.2 mm dNTPs in a final volume of $50 \mu$. The samples were incubated in a PE9600 (Perkin Elmer) according to the following PCR profile: one cycle with a 15 sec step at $94^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, a 30 sec step at $65^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and a 60 sec step at $72^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$; the annealing temperature was then lowered each cycle by $0.7^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 13 cycles, and then kept at $56^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for another 22 cycles.

The samples were pooled to create one superpool. Approximately $4 \mu \mathrm{~g}$ of the superpool fragments were used as input for GS20 library construction. Several adaptations to the standard library preparation protocol were made. First, no shearing, end-polishing, phosphorylation or ligation of the $A$ and $B$ adapters was carried out; the samples entered at the 'library immobilization step' of the protocol. Second, the Bst DNA polymerase fill-in step of the protocol was omitted.

Sequencing. After library construction, a titration run was performed to estimate the optimal amount of single-stranded fragments containing the $A$ and the $B$ adapter for the actual sequencing run. After the titration run, emulsion PCR and bead enrichment were carried out according to the standard GS20 protocol (Roche Applied Science; http://www.roche-applied-science.com). Two full picotitre plates $(70 \times 75 \mathrm{~mm})$ with two regions each were used. Sequencing
was performed according to the manufacturer's instructions (Roche Applied Science).

## Clustering of the GS20 sequence output

The cleaned and trimmed dataset was clustered using a combined approach. The first step was a fast clustering using CDHIT (Weizhong et al., 2001), using a percentage identity of $93 \%$. From each resulting cluster, a consensus fragment was generated as a representative. All CDHIT cluster representatives were further iteratively clustered using BLASTCLUST (Altschul et al., 1990) (percentage identity of $93 \%$ ), until the number of clusters did not further decrease.

## Annotation of segregating insertions in the library

For each of the 30 pool coordinates, these small and large family profiles (Table S3 and S4) contain the value $x$ (where the number of fragments within the cluster assigned to the given pool can be 0 or more), 0 (where the number of fragments within the cluster assigned to the given pool is 0 ), $>1$ (which is the number of fragments within the cluster assigned to the given pool) or $A$ (where the sum of the number of fragments encountered within the pools with this value $A$ is 1 ).

A number of search profiles, especially in the large families, display closely related patterns, due to inter-mixed positional arrangement of the corresponding families within the library. For a more unambiguous distinction between these patterns, we included the operators ' $A$ ' and ' $>1$ ' in the search profiles of some families.

The search profiles were translated into SQL queries using a PERL script. The script executed the queries, and all resulting entries were annotated as a family insertion (small or large class). This step was consecutively performed for small and large families, and only the remaining non-annotated insertions were searched for in the 2 nd round. This strict order of extraction is necessary as the majority of small family profiles reside within larger family profiles.

## Sequence deposition

Sequence data for PhNH23, PhNH24, PhNH25, PhNH26 and PhNH27 have been deposited with the EMBL/Genbank libraries under accession numbers EU249322-EU249326.

## Patents and trademarks

The method for high-throughput screening of transposon tagging populations using massively parallel sequence identification of insertion sites and KeyGene ${ }^{\mathrm{TM}}$ SeqTag technology are covered by patents and patent applications owned by Keygene NV (http:// www.keygene.com). Application for trademark registration for Seq Tag technology has been filed by Keygene NV.

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## Supplementary Material

The following supplementary material is available for this article online:
Figure S1. Overview of 3D indexed mass amplification and directional sequencing of Petunia right border $d T p h 1$ flanking fragments. Figure S2. PCR confirmation of in silico-predicted NAC insertion alleles for 3D pooled DNA samples from the library.
Figure S3. Protein alignment of translated $d T p h 1$ flanking sequences representing new Petunia NAC members, together with a selection of known Petunia NAC genes.
Table S1. Library set-up.
Table S2. Oligo and adapter sequences.
Table S3. Small family search profiles.
Table S4. Large family search profiles.
Table S5. Database representation of the nine in silico-identified NAC insertions.
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Transposon display-adapter ligation Purification (PCR purification columns) and magnetic selection of MunI fragments (only short end of dTph1 shown)

Pre-Amplification with the MunI-ACAC and MseI adapter primer (short end of $d T p h 1$ )

Selective Amplification with the MseI adapter and Inverted Repeat-3D-TAG primer


Pooling to create 3 super-pool samples: X, Y \& Z
Normalization and
isolation of single stranded normalized DNA


Conversion into double stranded DNA (Primer-extension)

MunI/MseI digest and GS20 adapter ligation adapter A and
BioTEG-adapter B primers
quence primer A
GS20 sequencing

Supplementary Figure1: Overview of 3D-indexed mass amplification and directional sequencing of petunia right border dtph1 flanking fragments.

Supplementary Figures 2A-E: PCR confirmation of nam insertion alleles on 3D pooled DNA samples of the library, complete gel images.

M = Size marker
Arrows indicate fragments representing NAC insertion alleles. Sequences of the gene specific primers used in these screenings are provided in Supplementary Table 2.
Corresponding insertion alleles are indicated.


Fig. 2B


Fig. 2C


Fig. 2D




Supplementary Figure 3: Protein alignment of translated $d T p h 1$ flanking sequences representing new Petunia NAC members together with a selection of known Petunia NAC genes.

Supplementary Table 1: Library set-up



















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| 278.10 | 952 | 278.22 | 962 | ${ }^{283-13}$ | 972 | ${ }^{268-8}$ | ${ }^{982}$ | ${ }^{268-21}$ | 992 |  |
| 278.13 | 953 | ${ }^{278-24-\mathrm{W}}$ | 963 | ${ }^{283-17}$ | 973 | 206.9 | ${ }^{983}$ | ${ }^{268-22}$ | 993 |  |
| 278.14 | 954 | 283-2880) | 984 | 277.22 | 974 | ${ }^{286-11}$ | ${ }^{984}$ | ${ }^{250-1}$ | 994 |  |
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| 278 | ${ }_{956}$ | 283-4 | 966 | 283-22 | 976 | ${ }^{286-13}$ | 986 | 250.3 | 996 |  |
| 278.17 | 957 | 278-14 | 967 | ${ }^{283} 24$ | 977 | 286-14 | ${ }_{98} 9$ | $250-4$ | 997 |  |
| ${ }^{278.18}$ | ${ }_{958}$ | ${ }^{283-8}$ | 988 | 286-1 | ${ }^{978}$ | ${ }^{286-15}$ | ${ }^{988}$ | ${ }^{250.5}$ | ${ }_{998}$ |  |
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## Supplementary Table 2: Oligo and adapter sequences



Supplementary Table 3: Small family search profiles

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| 3 | fam160-21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | x | $x$ | $\times$ | $\times$ | 0 | 0 | x | $\times$ | $\times$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $x$ | 0 | 0 |
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| 2 | fam118-10 | x | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 |
| 2 | fam118-20 | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 |
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| 2 | fam182-18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | X | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 |
| 2 | fam281-8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 |
| 2 | fam109-10-W | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | $\times$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | 0 |
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| 2 | fam245-8-w |  | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $x$ |
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| 3 | fam278-24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x | x | x | 0 |  | 0 | x | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x |
| 2 | fam278-22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | $\times$ | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | $\times$ | 0 | 0 | x | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | x |
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Supplementary Table 4: Large family search profiles


## Supplementary Table 5: Database lines representing assigned NAC insertions

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| phnh10-1 | \#572 | 16952 | 111 |  | 00 | 0 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 00 | 00 | 0 |  | 10 | ACCGAAAGCCAGAGATTCTACCACCGCTACCA |
| phnh17-1 | F284 | 36289 | 231 |  | 02 | 8 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 06 | 0 | 1 | 20 | ATAACTACTGGAACTGGCAAGGTGGTTGTTGTC |
| phnh22-1 | \#205 | 13798 | 111 |  | 10 | 0 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 0 |  | 6 | GAAGGCAACAGGACTTGACAAGCAAATAGTGAI |
| phnh23-1 | \#247 | 30744 | 111 | 0 | 00 | 0 | 06 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 0 |  | 10 | GCAGCTAAGGCGACGTTTGGAGAACAAGGAAT |
| phnh24-1 | F167 | 7367 | 231 |  | 00 | 0 | 00 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 05 | 0 |  | 20 | GGGAGGGGACAAATGCATAAGGGAACAGCTTC |
| phnh25-1 | \#322 | 45951 | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & \end{array}$ | 0 | 00 | 2 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 0 |  | 6 | AGCAGCAGGATTTTGGAAGGCAACAGGAAGAG |
| phnh26-1 | F280/84 | 25950 | 221 |  | 02 | 1 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | O | 0 | 1 | , | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 01 | 0 |  | 6 | TACTCAACAAGTGAATCATTCTGGCATGGTGAG |


[^0]:    Figure 1. Multi-dimensional indexed massive parallel amplification and sequencing principle.
    DNA templates are obtained by organizing the source material in a virtual 3D cubic set-up and pooling material from each dimension before DNA extraction. For example, all individuals in the $x 1$ plane are pooled together, and this is performed similarly for all planes in all dimensions. Each individual DNA source in such a cube is therefore represented in three pools, once in every dimension, where the pool numbers reflect the spatial positioning of the DNA source in the 3D grid. Such 3D coordinate sets can also be translated to binary code as a series of ones and zeroes in a database query line, indicating the presence or absence of individual DNA templates in every pool of the library. Small groups of related individuals, such as families, can be profiled in the same way (e.g. famB). Templates are PCR-amplified from every DNA pool separately, using amplification primers containing pool number information encrypted as a four-nucleotide 'barcode' at its 5 ' end. These amplification products are pooled together in one sample and sequenced by 454 sequencing. The resulting sequences are then clustered according to homology in the region between the amplification primers. Next, these clusters are then converted to single database lines containing a consensus sequence based on all sequences within each cluster, and the $5^{\prime}$ four-nucleotide sample identification tags are back-translated/converted to a series of numbers indicating the pool numbers encountered within each cluster. These database lines are then cross-searched against the originally defined profiles of individuals and known families within the population, leading to automatic annotation of the resulting clusters.

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