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(54) **PATHOGEN RESISTANT COMPOSITIONS, ORGANISMS, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS**

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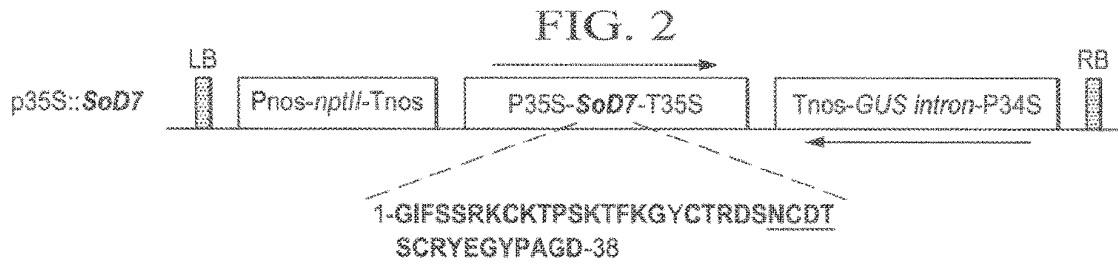
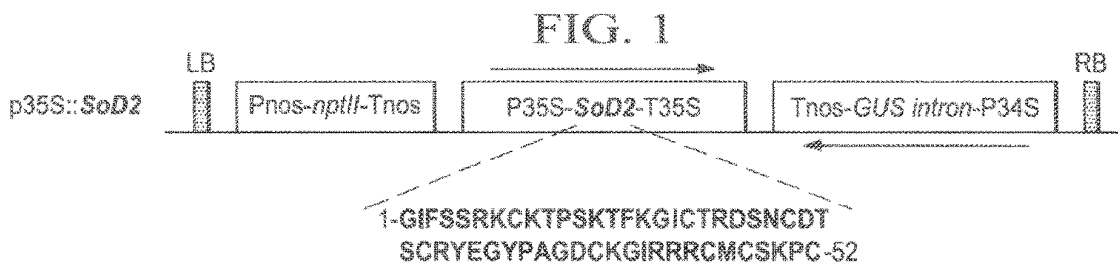
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present disclosure relates, according to some embodiments, to pathogen resistant plants, compositions, organisms, systems, and methods. For example, a composition may comprise a heterologous peptide (e.g., a defensin peptide) and/or a nucleic acid (e.g., a defensin nucleic acid). A pathogen resistant plant may comprise, in some embodiments, a heterologous defensin peptide and/or an expressible nucleic acid encoding a heterologous defensin peptide.

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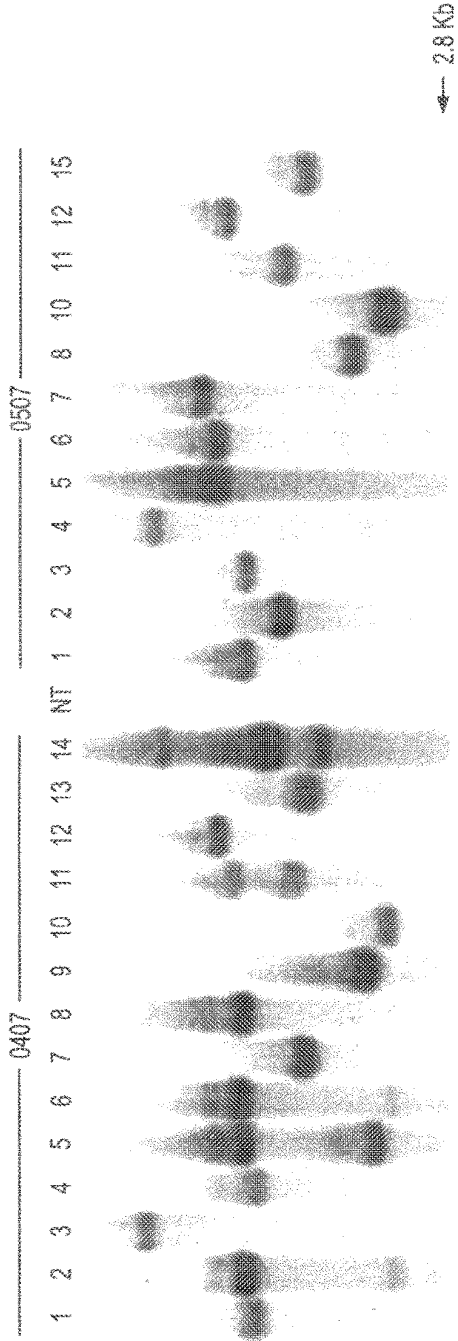


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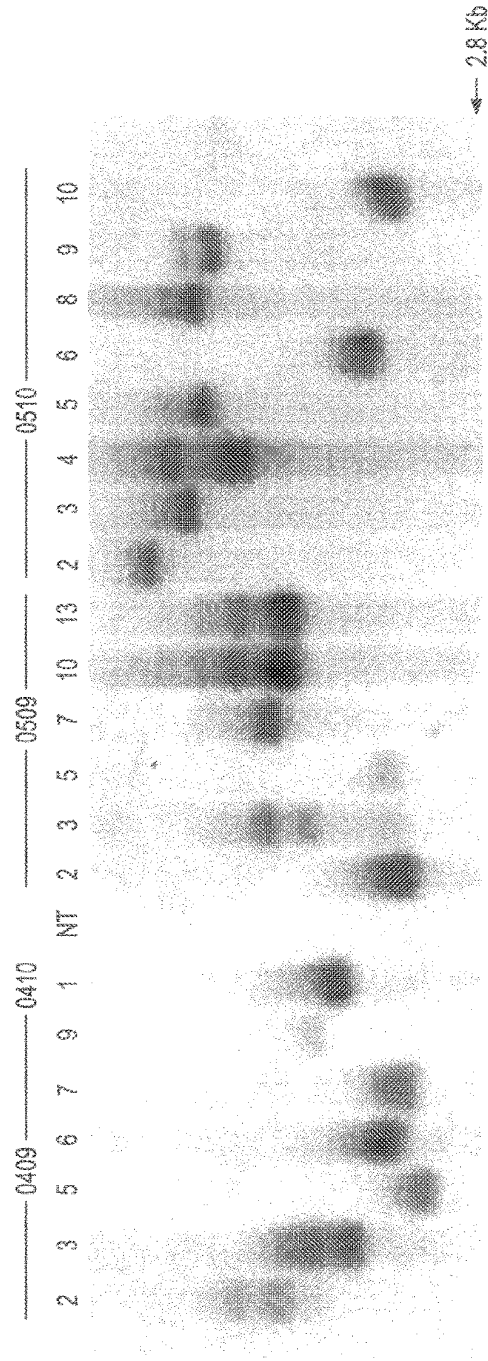


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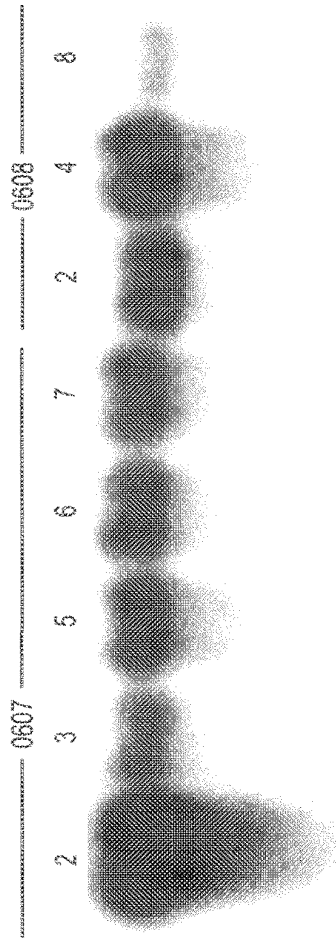


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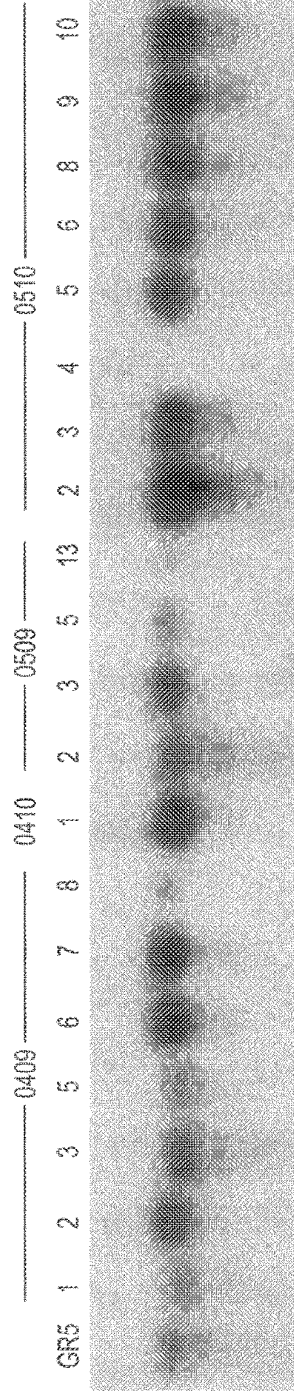


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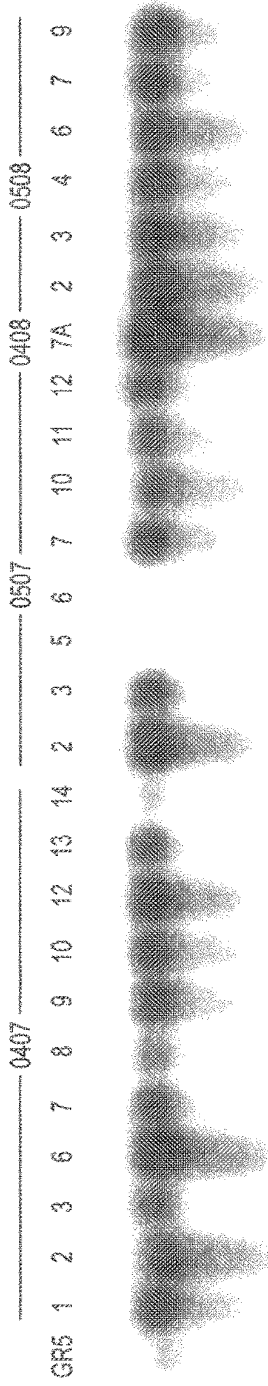


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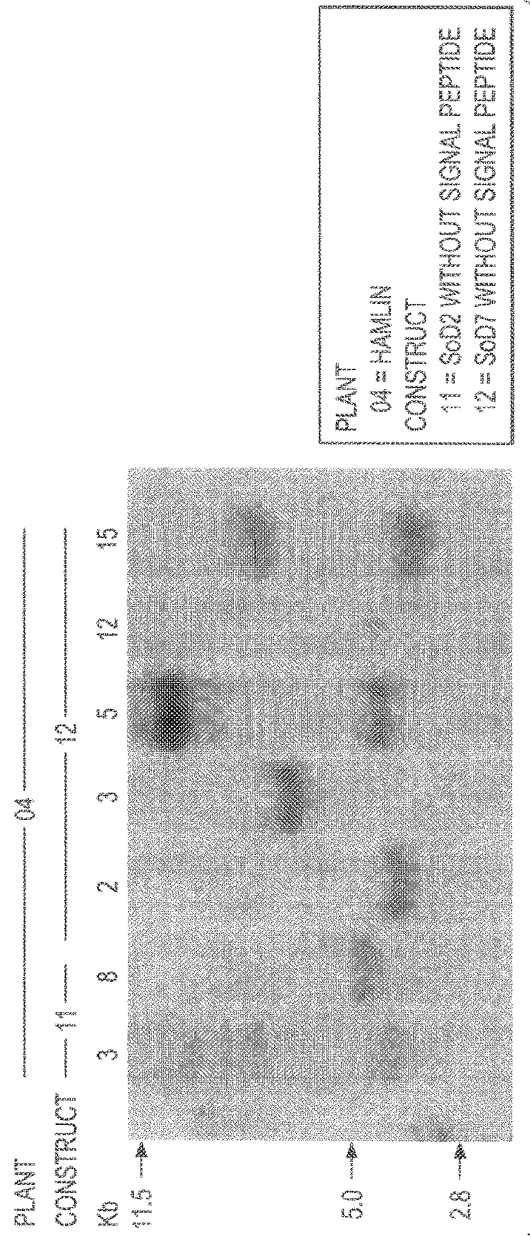


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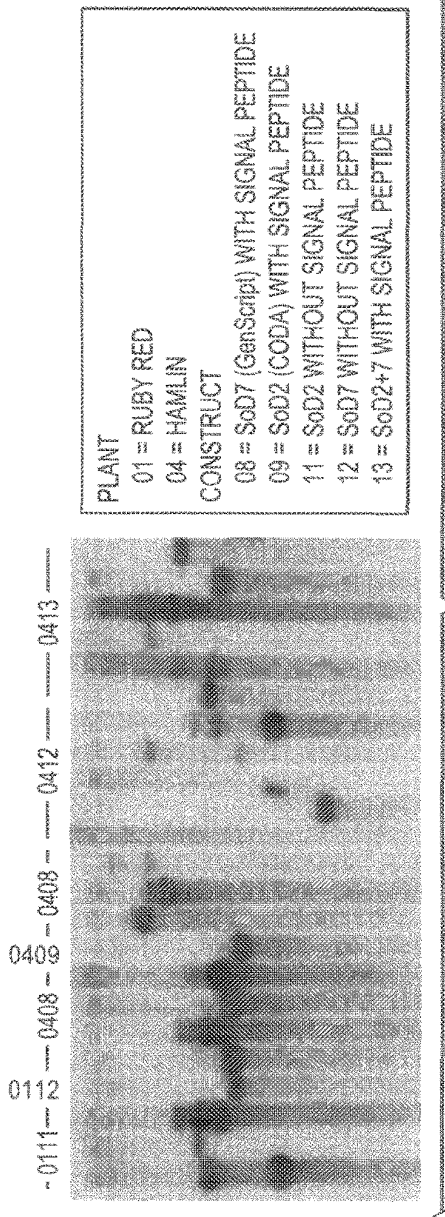


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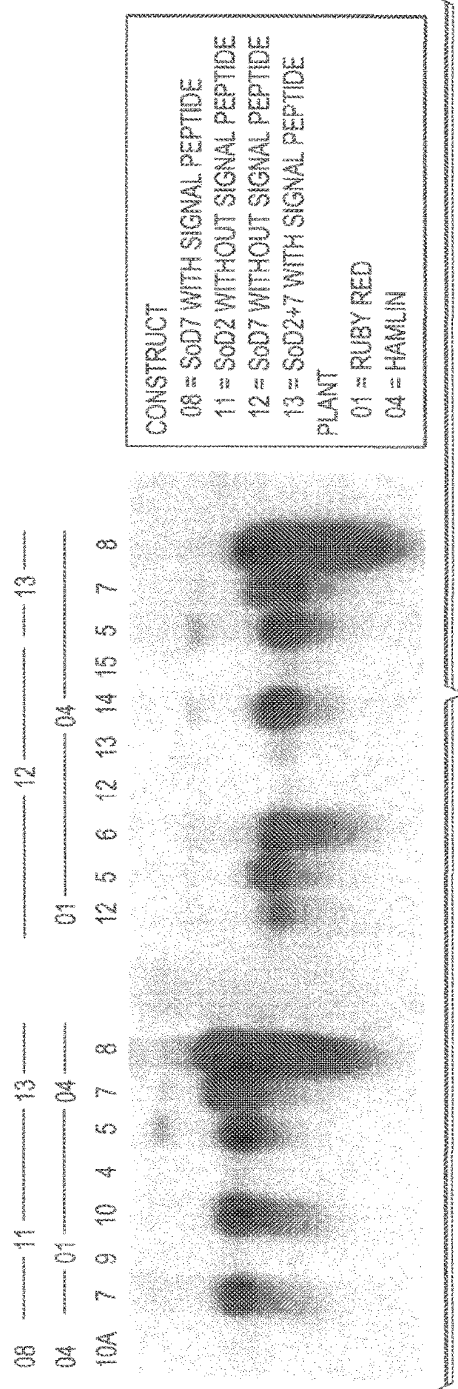


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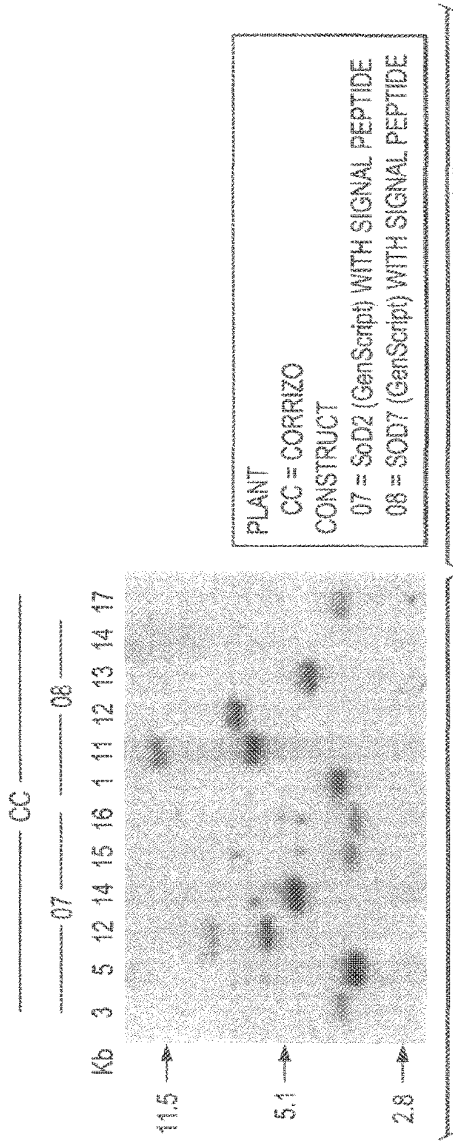


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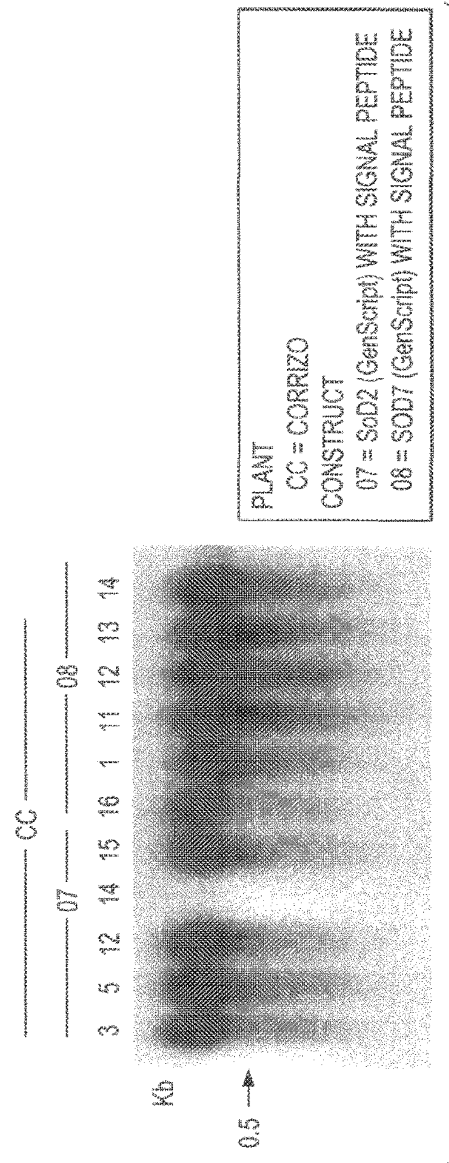


FIG. 12

CANKER INOCULATION TEST ON 'RIO RED' GRAPEFRUIT

NON-TRANSGENIC

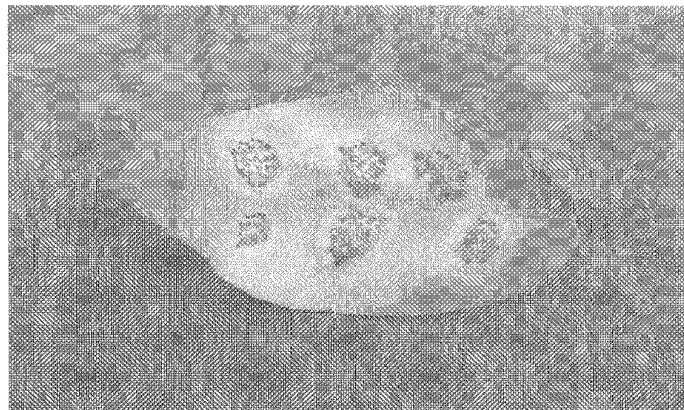


FIG. 13A

CANKER INOCULATION TEST ON 'RIO RED' GRAPEFRUIT

TRANSGENIC FOR
SPINACH DEFENSIN 2

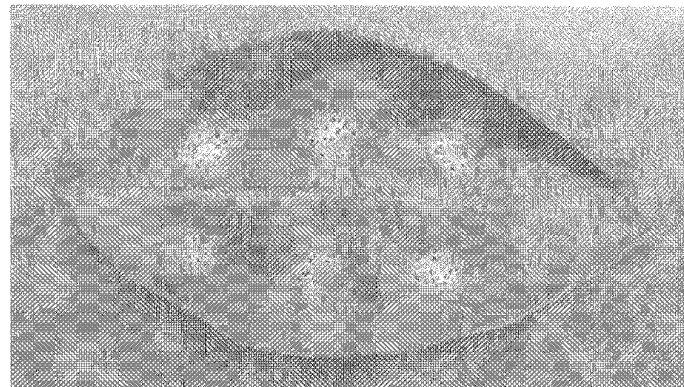


FIG. 13B

GREENING INOCULATION TEST
ON 'RIO RED' GRAPEFRUIT

FIG. 14



NON-TRANSGENIC BUDS GRAFTED
ON INFECTED ROOTSTOCK

SoD2 TRANSGENIC BUDS GRAFTED
ON INFECTED ROOTSTOCK

FIG. 15A

% INFECTION AFTER THREE SAMPLINGS IN GEN 2 PLANTS

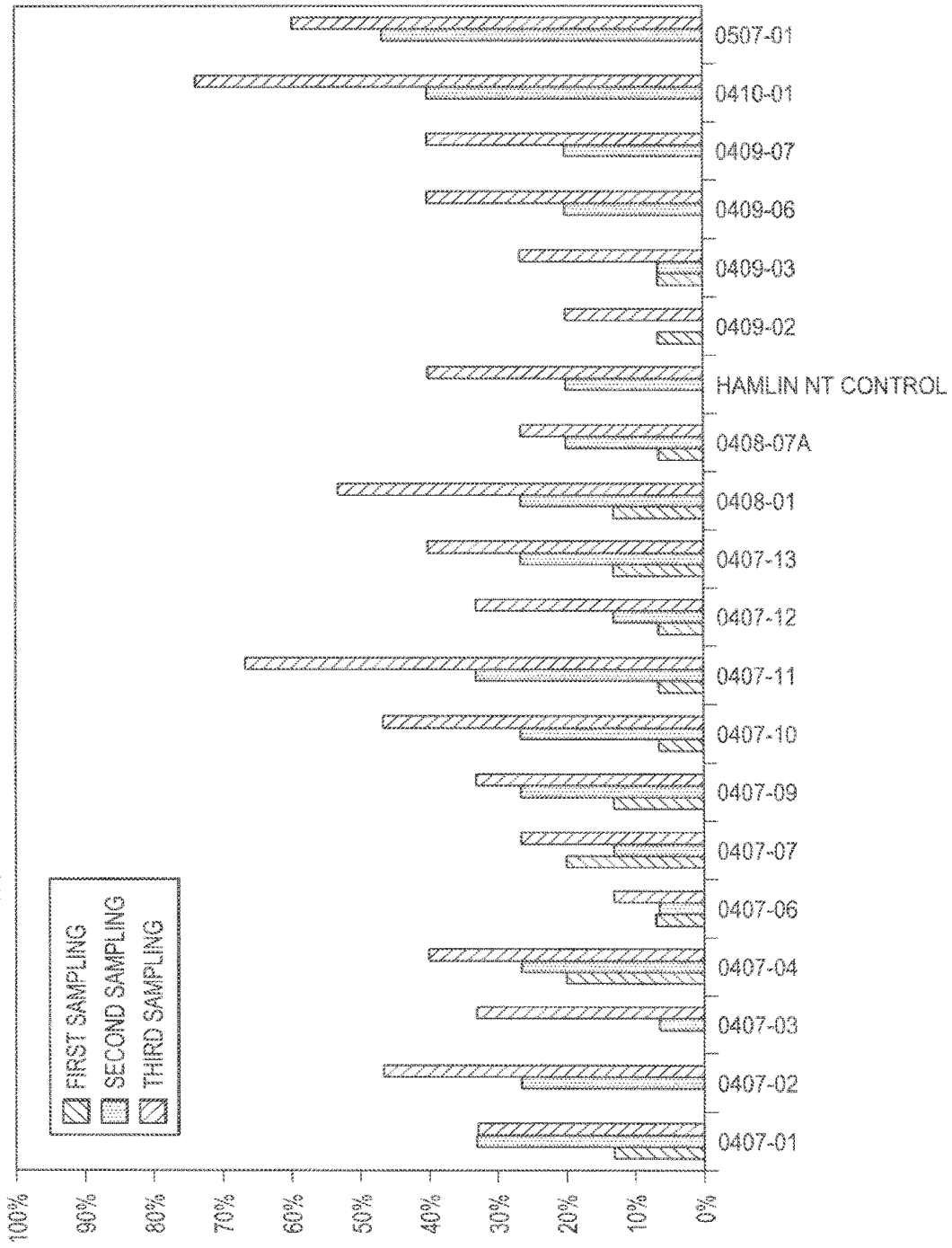


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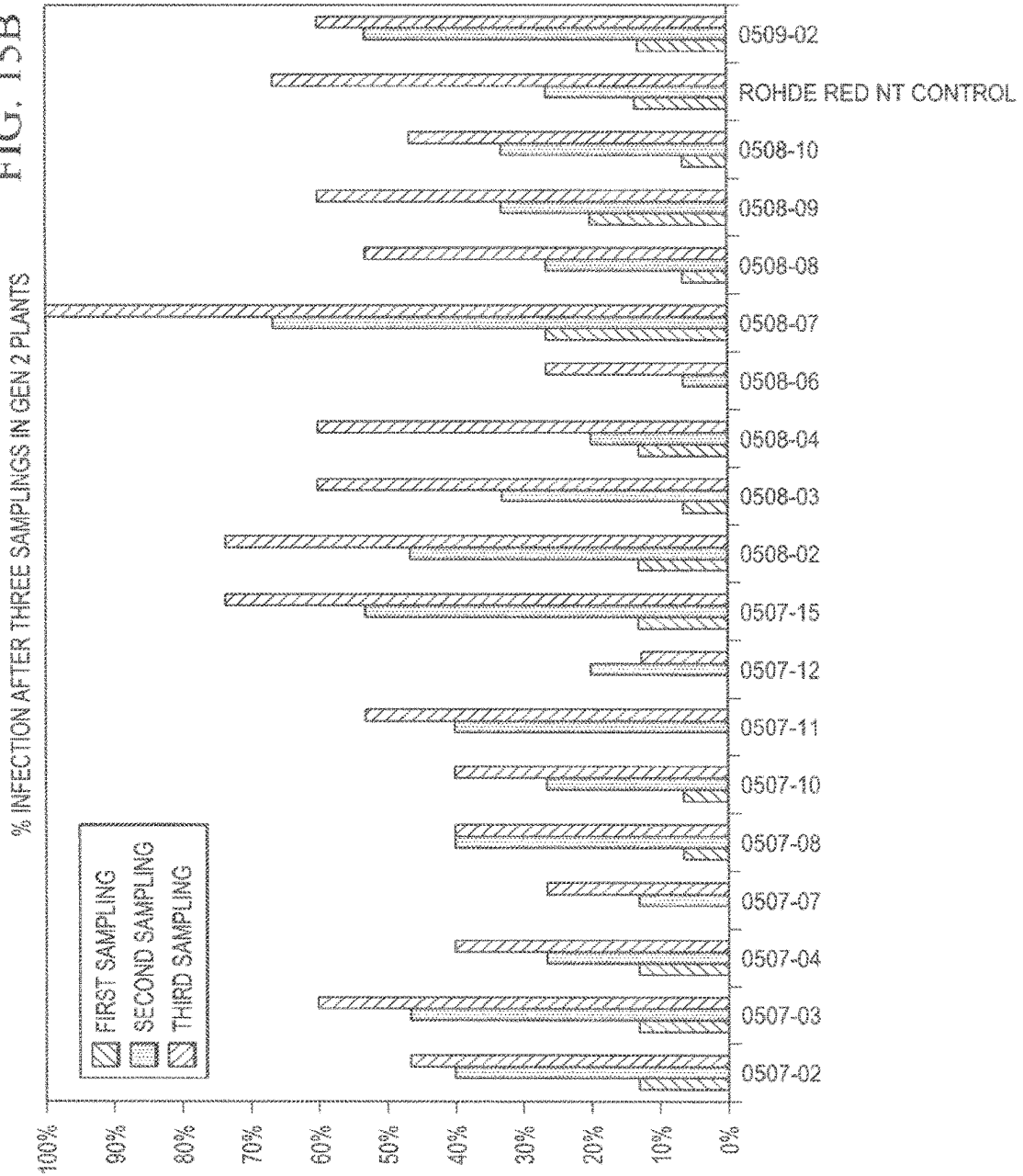


FIG. 15C

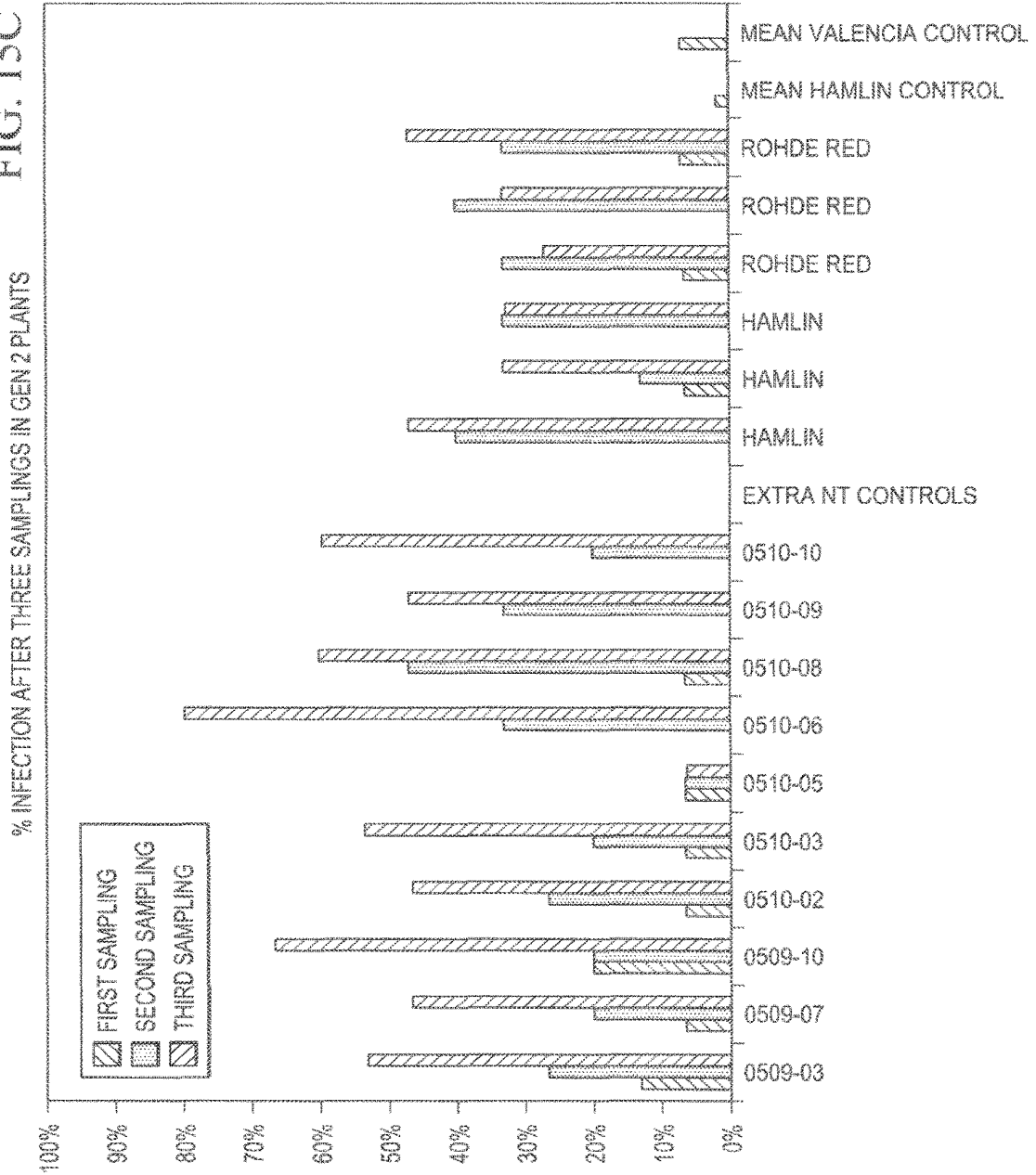


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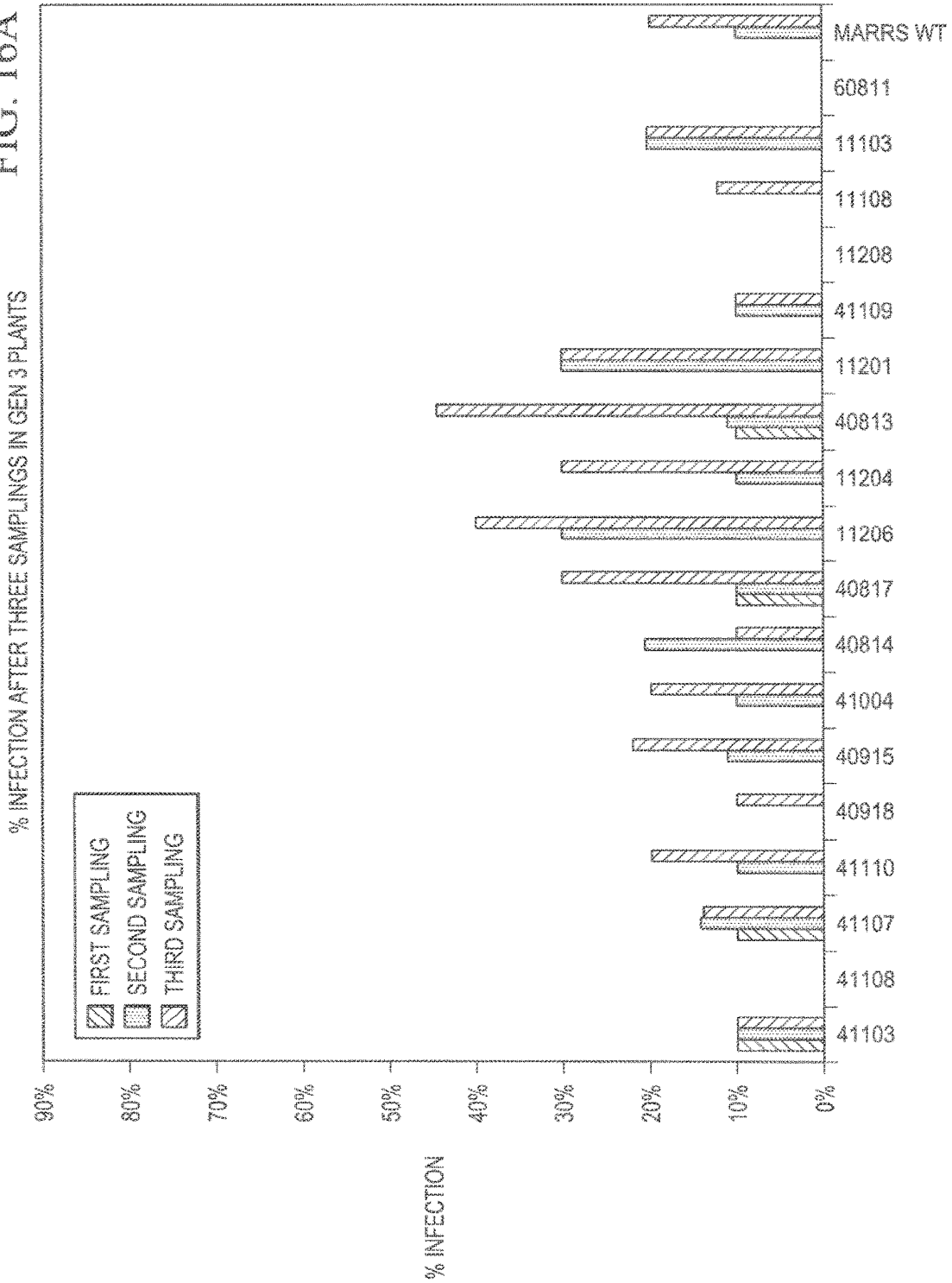


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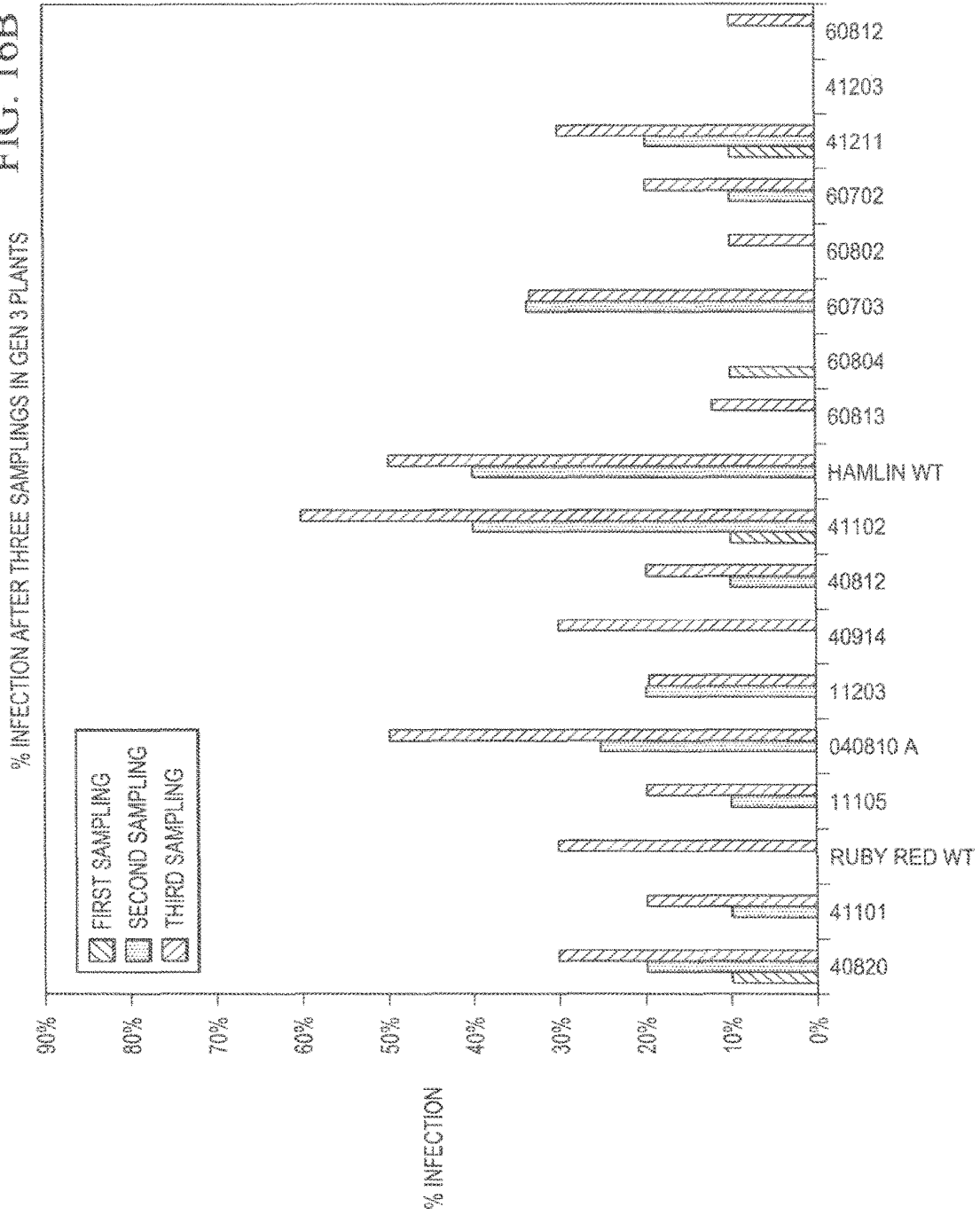
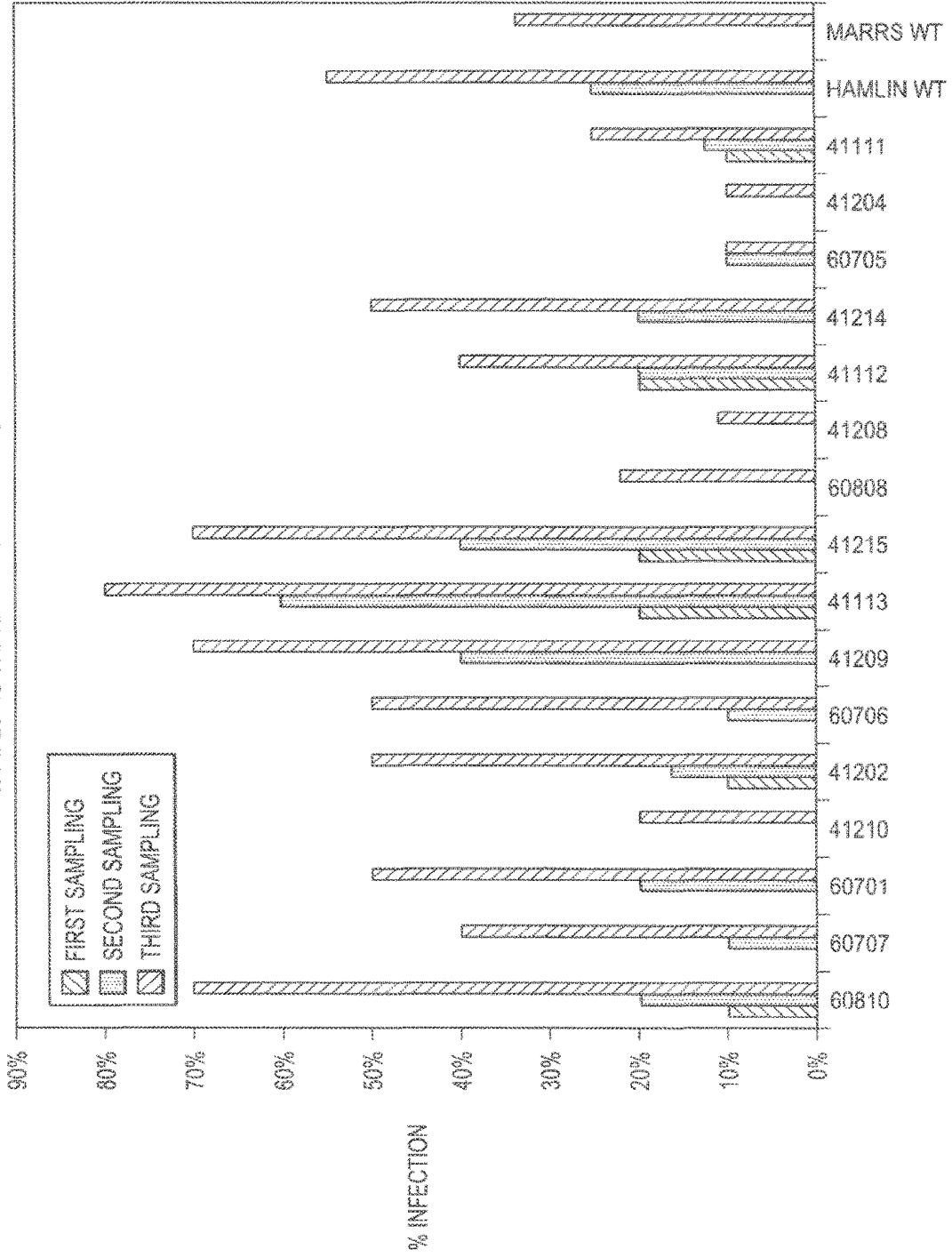


FIG. 16C

% INFECTION AFTER THREE SAMPLINGS IN GEN 3 PLANTS



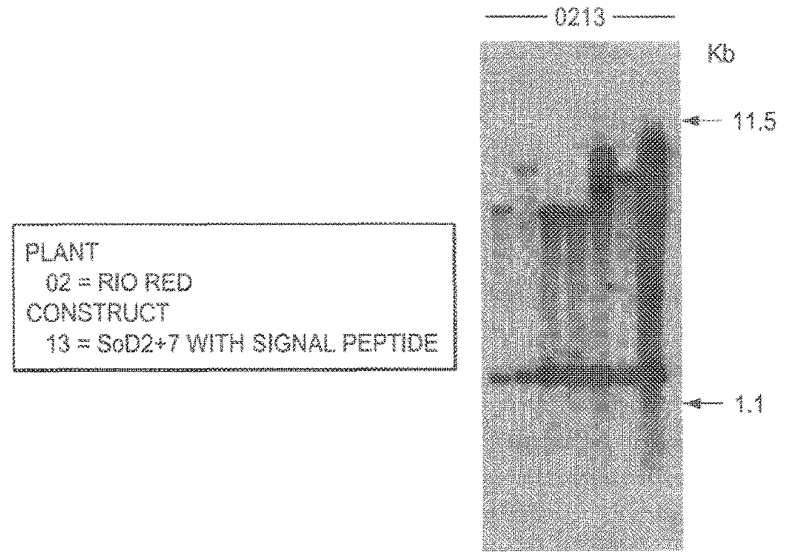


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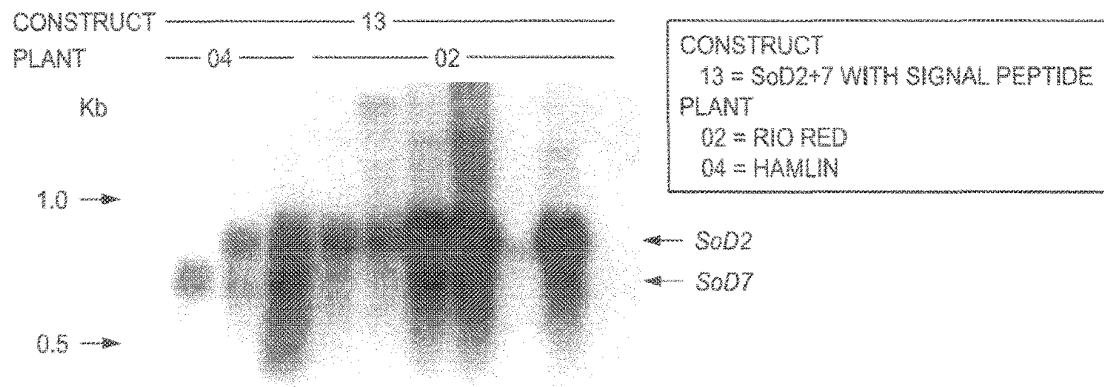
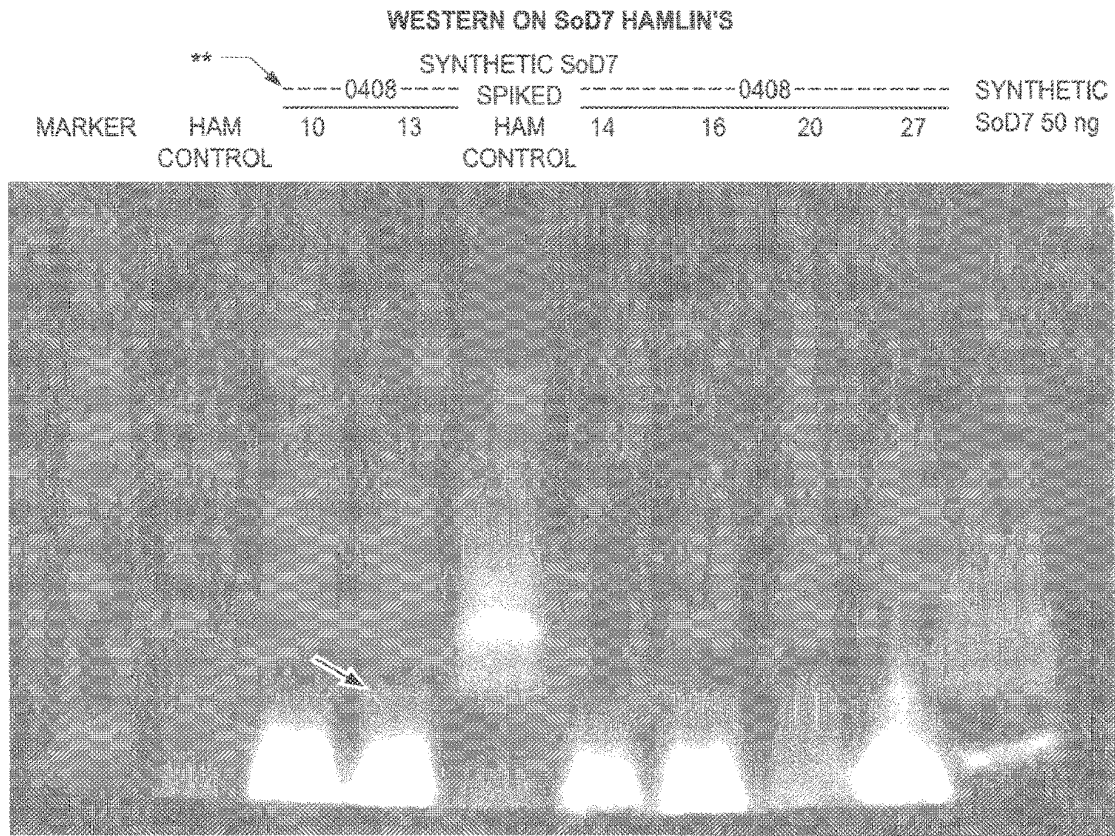


FIG. 18

SoD7 PROTEIN ACCUMULATION IN TRANSGENIC CITRUS



** 0408-10 IS SOUTHERN POSITIVE, BUT HAS COMPLETE RNA SILENCING DUE TO 5 INSERTIONS

FIG. 19

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Genomic_D1 1  -----GPRKVAEA GIFFSSKCK PS TTKKGT
Genomic_D2 1  MKMSV SIAV F L C L V I S L  H R C P R K A G F F S S K C K P S T I C P
Genomic_D3 1  -----V P H E G A F L L V I V E F L  H F C A R V A E A R T C E P S Q K E K G T
Genomic_D4 1  -----V P P A A F L F I V I F P L  S T V A E A R C A P S P T R K G T
Genomic_D5 1  -----V P P A A F L F I V I F P L  H G P R V V E A R C S P S R E K G T
Genomic_D6 1  MERSS V S V L L L I V I V S L D M Y T D P V A V L S Y E L G T V A E A R C E F A S Y R E K G T
Genomic_D7 1  -----V P P V A F V A F I V I V A I  H G P R V A D A R C T N P S T I C P
consensus 1  . . . . . * . . . . . * . . . . . * . . . . . * . . . . . * . . . . . *

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Genomic_D1 27  CTRDS NC QRYEG P G G G I R R R C C T H T -
Genomic_D2 50  C RNA NC QRYEG P G G G I R R R C C T H A -
Genomic_D3 40  C SDS NCE I C N T E G F P N G D S C L P R R R C C N T P C T
Genomic_D4 22  C F S S R N C E N G N S V K I S C G S Q C F R R R C C T K P C A
Genomic_D5 40  C F S S R N C E N G N S R I S C C C C F R R R C C T G C P V
Genomic_D6 56  C S R S N C A N V C K N E G P P G G S C C F R R R C C Y K H C G
Genomic_D7 40  C S D R N C E C M C E G P P G G S C G F R F C C S K P C A
consensus 61  * . . * . . . * . . . . . * . . . . . * . . . . . * . . . . . *

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FIG. 20

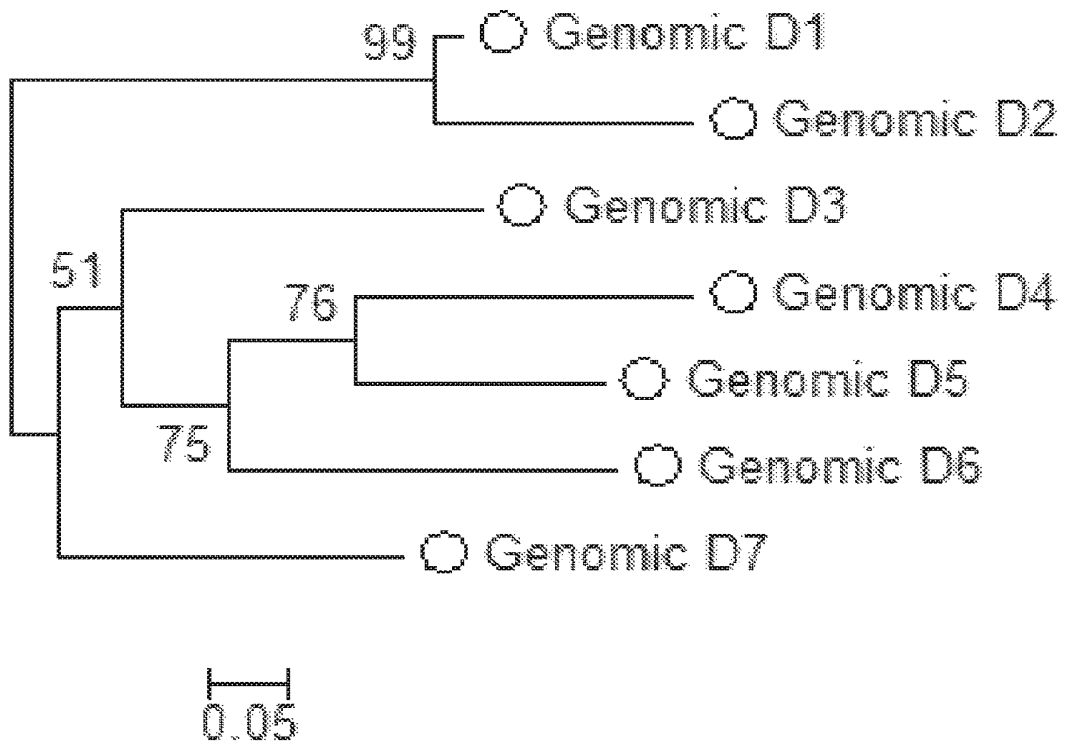


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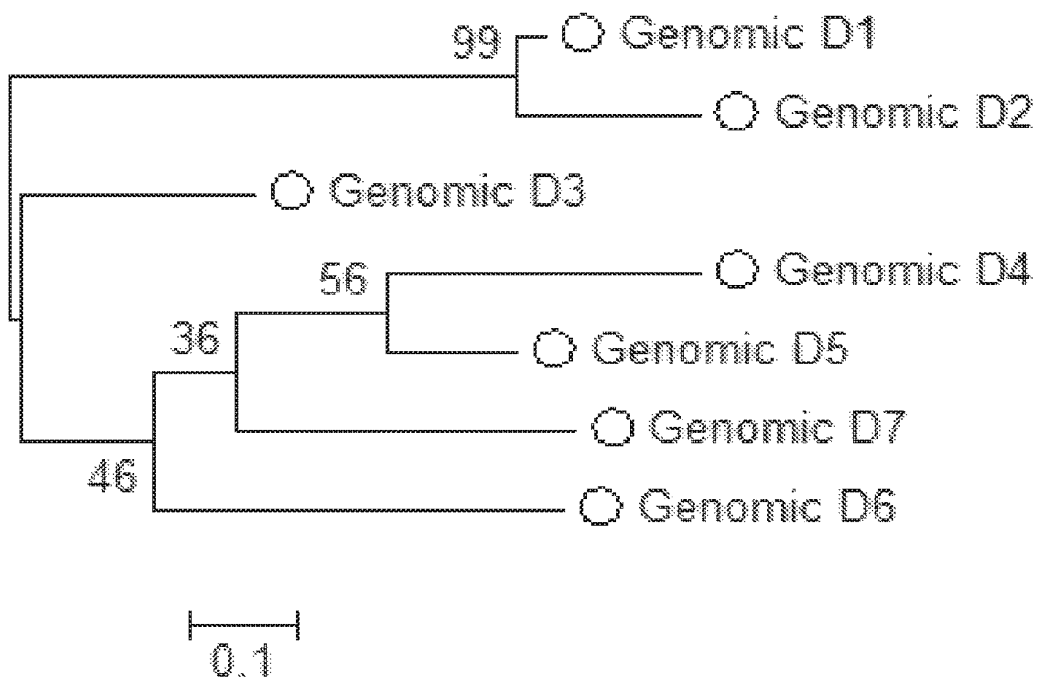


FIG. 21B

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Genomic_D1 1 -----MGRKAEAG FSSRRCKIPSKIKKGLG I RDS
Genomic_D2 1 -----MKMSRSIAVFLVCLLVLSTEEMGRKADAGF FSS RCKIPSKUL I P V VNA
Genomic_D3 1 -----MKHFGAIFLVLLVLAAT AEA I I I I I O I K G I I S D S
Genomic_D4 1 -----VSTK AEA N I C A P I I I K G I I F S S R
Genomic_D5 1 -----MRPFAALFLVFLVLAAT -----EIGPF VEA N C P S H E I K G I I S S R
Genomic_D6 1 MERSRVSFVLLMLVLLVLDYDPVAVLSYEIGTK AEA I I I I I A S Y R I K G I I V S R S
Genomic_D7 1 -----MKPFVAFVLAFMLVAI -----EMGPR AEA N C I N P S I I I I P V S D R
Segura_D1 1 -----X I C E P S H K K G P A T N K
Segura_D2 1 -----G FSSRRCKIPSKIKKGLG I RDS
Segura_D3 1 -----C FSSRRCKIPSKIKKGLG I T N A
Segura_D4 1 -----M FSS RCKIPSKUL I P V VNA
Segura_D5 1 -----M FSS RCKIPSKUL I P V VNA
Segura_D6 1 -----G P S N M Y X I I A G Y I P X G Y X X
Segura_D7 1 -----C FSSRRCKIPSKIKKGLG I T N D S
consensus 1 .....* * * *

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FIG. 22

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Genomic_D1 32 NC S R Y E G P E D K C I R R R C C T H T -
Genomic_D2 55 NC S R Y E G P E D K C I R R R C C T H A -
Genomic_D3 45 NC I N T E G P N C E S I R R R C N T P C T
Genomic_D4 27 NC I N S V K S S S D C F R R R C I T K P C A
Genomic_D5 45 NC N T M S R S E K E F R R R C I T G P C V
Genomic_D6 61 NC A N V K N E G P E G R R C F R R R C Y K H C G
Genomic_D7 45 NC S M G E G P E G S H E F N I C S K P C A
Segura_D1 19 NC S R Y E G P E D K C I R R R C
Segura_D2 24 NC S R Y E G P E D K C I R R R C S K P C -
Segura_D3 24 NC
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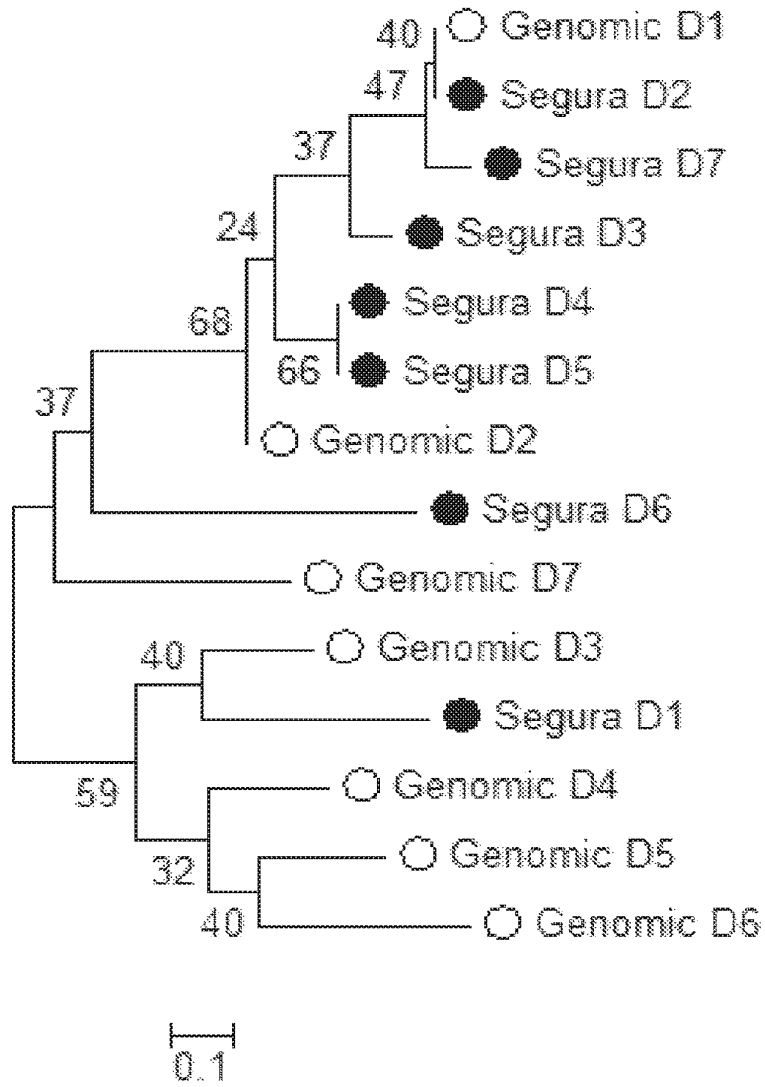


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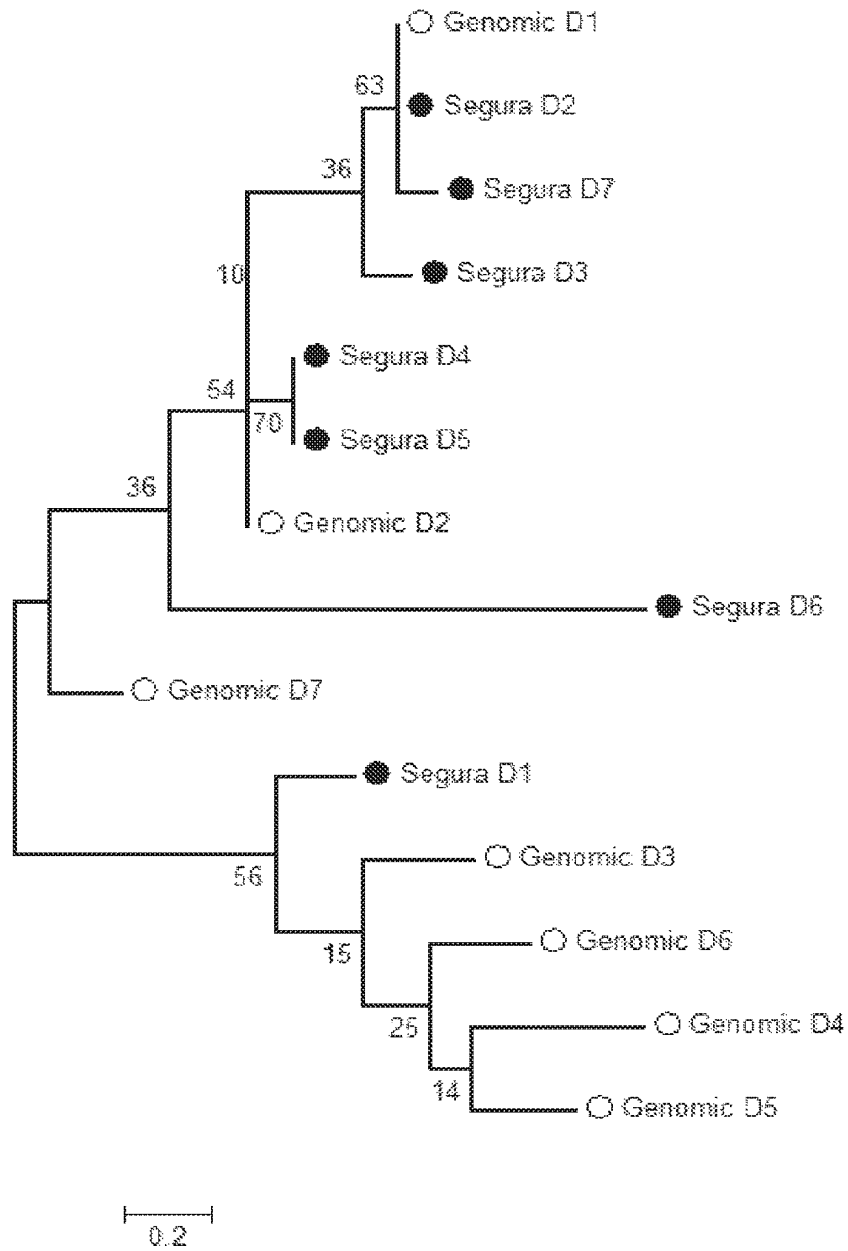


FIG. 23B

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1  -----MGRKAEAGIFSSK--K--PS--TI--GIC--TRD
1  -----MKMSMRSIAVVFVCLLVLSSTEEMGRKADAGFFSS--K--K--PS--NI--GFC--VRN
1  -----MKHFGAIFLVLLLVLAT-----EHGARVAEA--I--E--PS--OK--GIC--ISD
1  -----VSTKVAEA--I--A--PS--PI--GIC--FSS
1  -----MRPFAALFVLVFLVLAT-----EIGPRVVEA--N--S--PS--RI--GIC--TSS
1  MERSSRVFSVLLMLVLSLSTDMYDPVAVLSYEIGTKVAEA--I--E--AS--YR--GIC--VSR
1  -----MKPFVAFVLAFMLVLAI-----EMGRVAEA--M--T--PS--NI--GFC--VSD
1  -----XT--E--PS--KI--GFC--ATN
1  -----GIFSS--N--K--PS--NI--GIC--TRD
1  -----GIFSS--K--K--VS--NI--GIC--TRN
1  -----M-----FFSS--K--K--VS--NI--GFC--VRN
1  -----M-----FFSS--K--K--VX--NI--GFC--VRN
1  -----GIFSNMYX--R--PAGY--G--PXGYX
1  -----GIFSS--N--K--PS--TI--GIC--TRD
1  -----Q--I--Q--R--PS--C--S--V--G--NN
1  -----Q--I--E--R--PS--G--S--V--G--NS
1  -----DGV--I--D--V--PS--C--S--H--G--SS
1  -----L--N--E--R--PS--Q--S--N--G--NT
1  -----E--I--C--E--K--A--S--T--S--N--G--NT
1  -----R--H--E--I--S--R--I--GFC--TRD
1  -----P--V--C--M--K--G--S--A--G--I--GIC--MRD
1  . . . . . *
consensus 1

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FIG. 24A

Genomic_D1	31	SNC	TSRY-	GG	PAC	-D	KGIRR	--	IL	CTHT	--		
Genomic_D2	54	ANC	TSRY-	GG	PAC	-D	KGIRR	--	IL	CTHA	--		
Genomic_D3	44	SNC	SICNT-	GG	PNC	-E	SGLR	--	IL	NTPT	--		
Genomic_D4	26	RNC	TNNS-	VK	SGG	-S	QFRR	--	EM	TKPA	--		
Genomic_D5	44	RNC	NTNS-	ER	SGG	-E	KGFR	--	CM	TGPO	--		
Genomic_D6	60	SNC	ANVKN-	GG	PGG	-R	RGFR	--	IL	YKHG	--		
Genomic_D7	44	RNC	SSCMG-	GG	PGG	-S	HGFR	--	GV	SKPA	--		
Segura_D1	18	RNC	S										
Segura_D2	23	SNC	TSRY-	GG	PAC	-D	KGIRR	--	EM	SKPC	--		
Segura_D3	23	ANC											
Segura_D4	23	A											
Segura_D5	23	A											
Segura_D6	23	X											
Segura_D7	23	SNC	TSRY-	GG	PAC	-D							
Rs-AFP2_GroupI	19	NA	KNQ	IRL	E	KARH	C	-S	NYVFP	AH	IL	YFP	
At-AFP1_GroupI	19	NA	KNQ	INI	E	KARH	C	-S	NYVFP	AH	IL	YFP	
Hs-AFP1_GroupI	21	SK	SQQ	KDR	H	AY	GA	HY	QF	PSV	F	CKRQ	
Ah-AMP1_GroupII	18	AH	C	KQ	QDM	E	KASH	C	A	CHKREN	HW	F	YFN
Dm-AMP1_GroupII	18	GH	C	NQ	KSW	E	GA	AH	C	A	HVP	NGK	HM
St-PTH1_GroupIII	18	SNC	ASV	ET	-ER	SGG	-N	HGFR	--	FC	TKPC	--	
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FIG. 24B

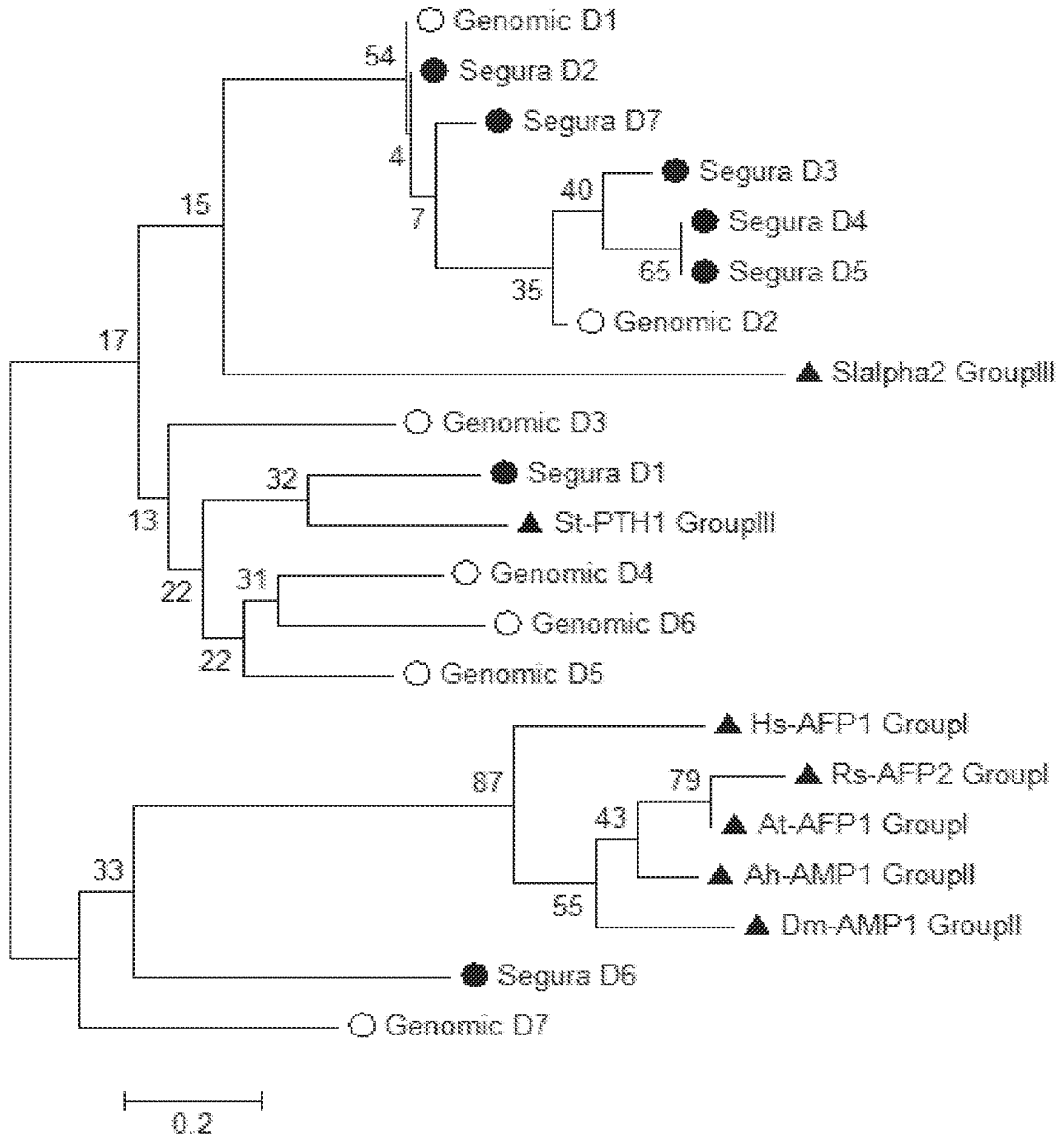


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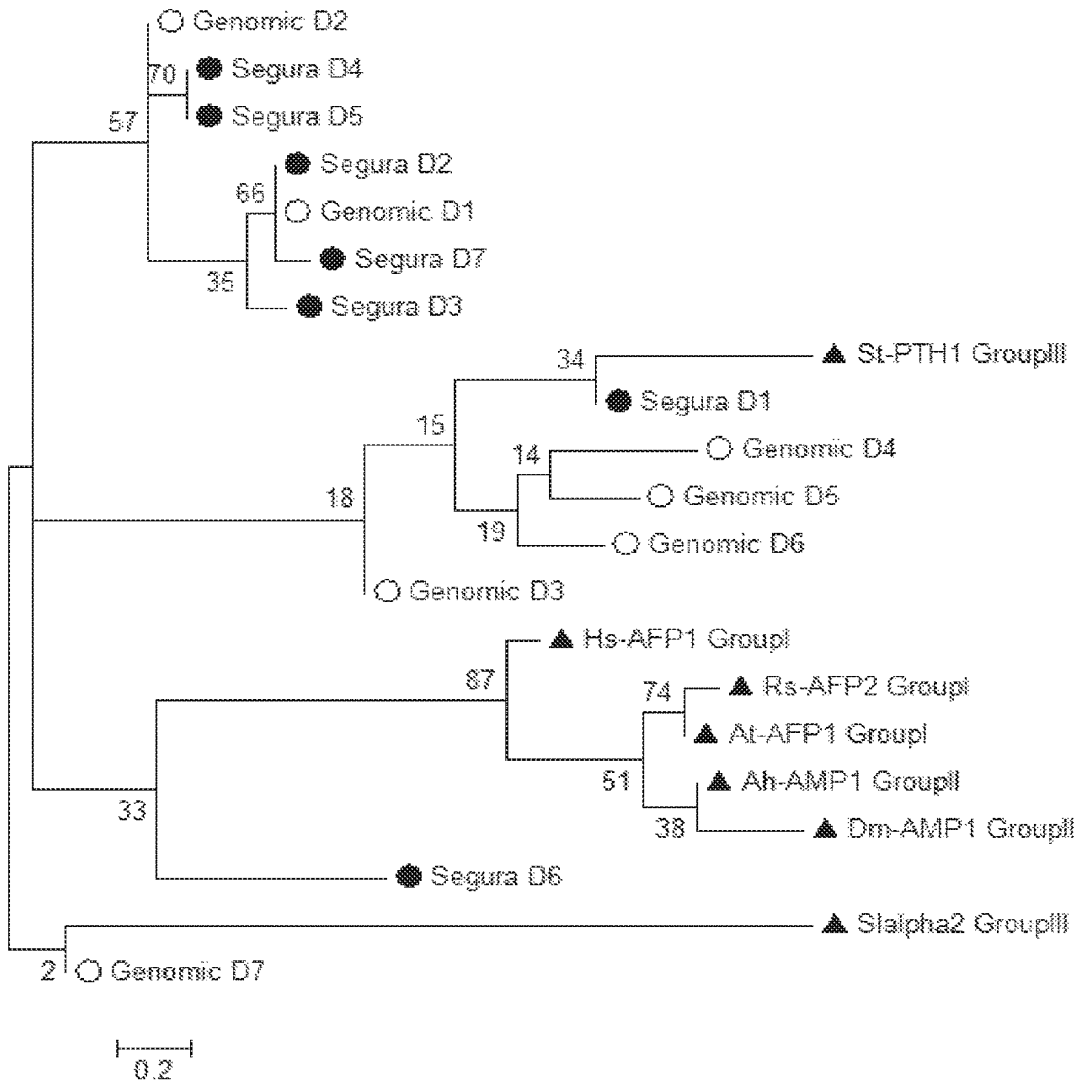


FIG. 25B

FIG. 26A

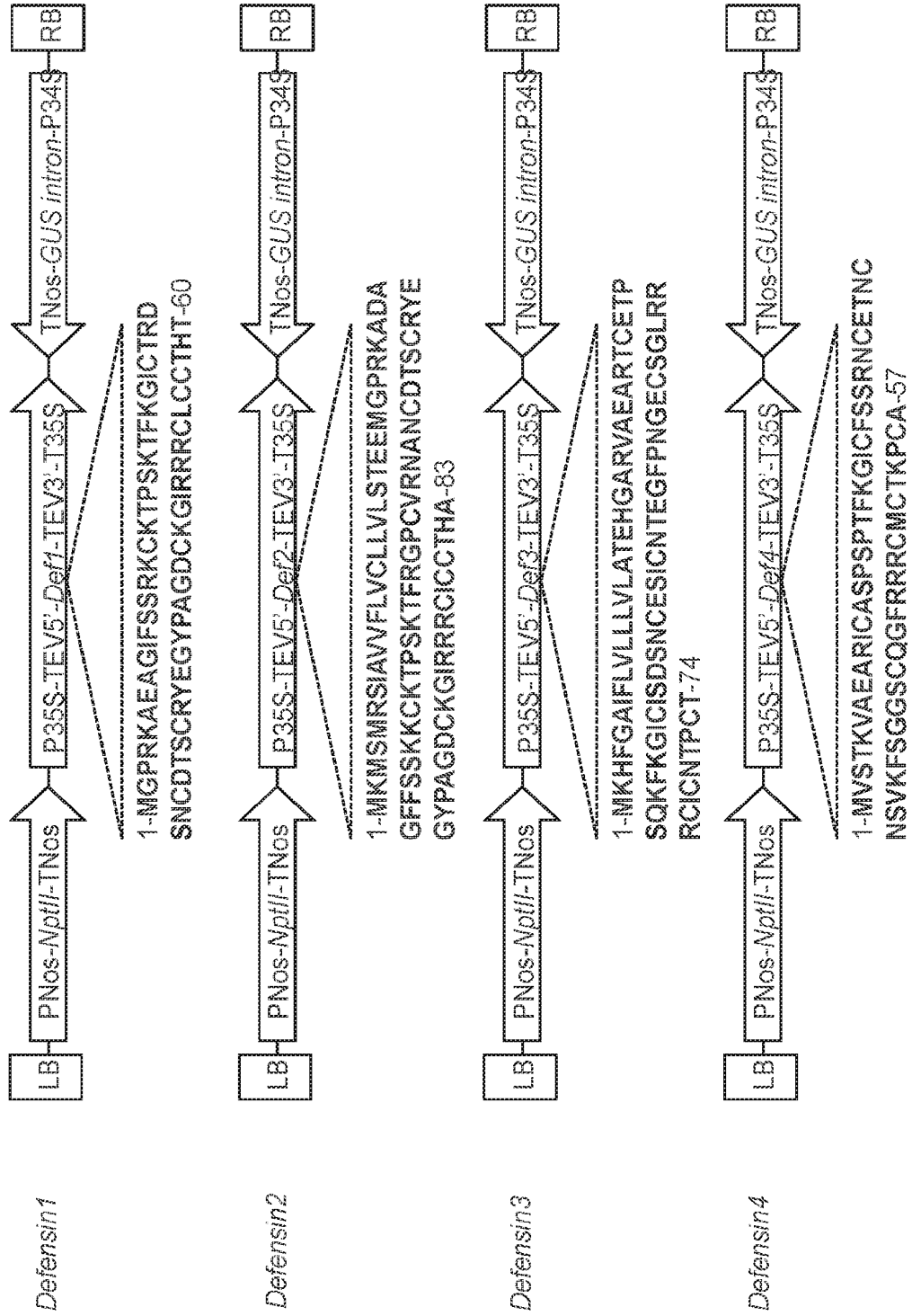


FIG. 26B

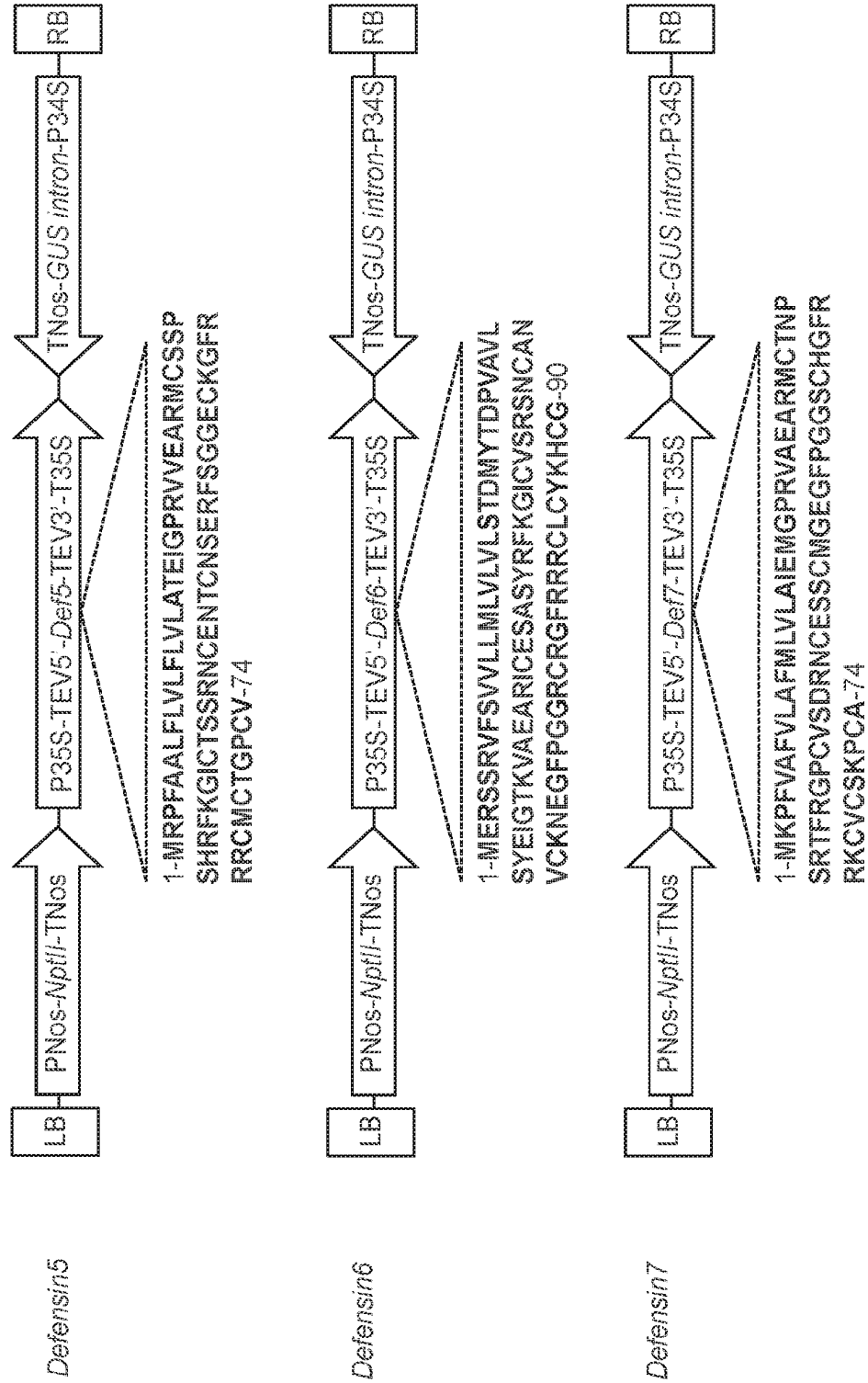
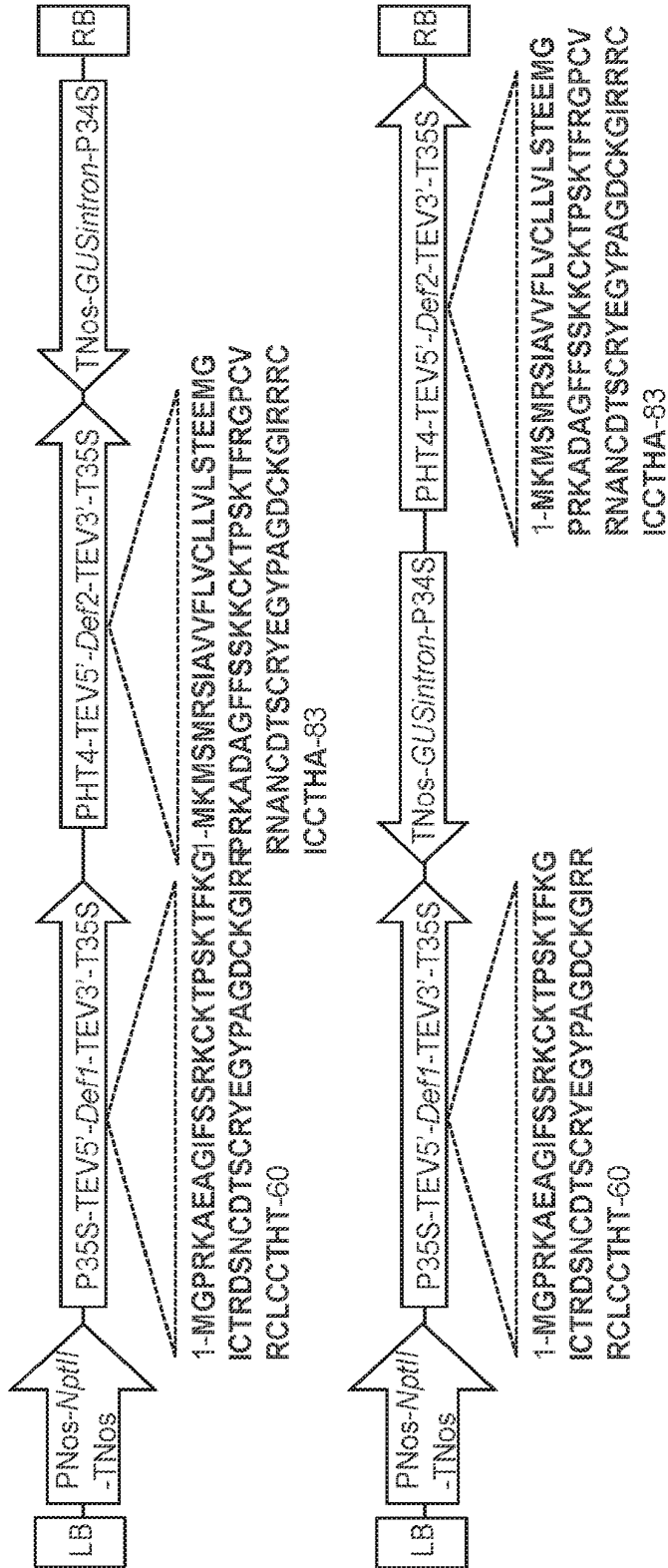


FIG. 27

Defensin1 & Defensin2



	Def1	Def2	Def3	Def4	Def5	Def6	Def7	SoD2	SoD7
Def1		Def1+ Def2	Def1+ Def3	Def1+ Def4	Def1+ Def5	Def1+ Def6	Def1+ Def7	Def1+ SoD2	Def1+ SoD7
Def2			Def2+ Def3	Def2+ Def4	Def2+ Def5	Def2+ Def6	Def2+ Def7	Def2+ SoD2	Def2+ SoD7
Def3				Def3+ Def4	Def3+ Def5	Def3+ Def6	Def3+ Def7	Def3+ SoD2	Def3+ SoD7
Def4					Def4+ Def5	Def4+ Def6	Def4+ Def7	Def4+ SoD2	Def4+ SoD7
Def5						Def5+ Def6	Def5+ Def7	Def5+ SoD2	Def5+ SoD7
Def6							Def6+ Def7	Def6+ SoD2	Def6+ SoD7
Def7								Def7+ SoD2	Def7+ SoD7
SoD2									SoD2+ SoD7
SoD7									

FIG. 28

PATHOGEN RESISTANT COMPOSITIONS, ORGANISMS, SYSTEMS, AND METHODS

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. application Ser. No. 15/212,041, filed on Jul. 15, 2016, which claims priority to U.S. Application No. 62/192,732 filed Jul. 15, 2015, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated in this disclosure by reference.

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to pathogen resistant compositions, organisms, systems, and methods.

BACKGROUND OF THE DISCLOSURE

At present, there are no Citrus cultivars resistant to bacterial canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*) (Xac), and/or citrus Huanglongbing (ex greening) caused by *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (Las). Indeed, no genetic resistance to these microbial pathogens has ever been found within the Citrus genus. Conventional cross-breeding efforts to produce resistant cultivars have been hindered by the complex reproductive biology and long life cycle of *Citrus* spp.

REFERENCE TO SEQUENCE LISTING SUBMITTED VIA EFS-WEB

This application includes an electronically submitted substitute sequence listing in .txt format. The .txt file contains a sequence listing entitled "026837-103013_SL.txt" created on Jun. 29, 2020 and is 165,397 bytes in size. The sequence listing contained in this .txt file is part of the specification and is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

SUMMARY

Accordingly, a need has arisen for plants (e.g., citrus) with improved resistance to disease. A further need has arisen for improved methods, compositions, and systems for preparing genetically modified plants (e.g., citrus).

The present disclosure relates, according to some embodiments, to pathogen resistant citrus compositions, organisms, systems, and methods. For example, a composition may comprise a nucleic acid (e.g., a defensin nucleic acid). In some embodiments, a nucleic acid may comprise a nucleic acid sequence (a) having from about 75% to about 100% identity (e.g., about 98% identity) to a defensin sequence (e.g., SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58) and/or (b) encoding an amino acid sequence having from about 95% to about 100% identity (e.g., 98% identity) to SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 7, 8, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and/or 38. A nucleic acid may comprise, in some embodiments, a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3 and SEQ ID NO: 5 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 1. A nucleic acid may comprise, in some embodiments, a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4 and SEQ ID NO: 6 and encoding a peptide having an

amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 2. According to some embodiments, a nucleic acid may comprise a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 9 and SEQ ID NO: 11 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 7. A nucleic acid may comprise a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 10 and SEQ ID NO: 12 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 8, in some embodiments. A nucleic acid may comprise, in some embodiments, a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 46 and SEQ ID NO: 52 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 32. According to some embodiments, a nucleic acid may comprise a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 47 and SEQ ID NO: 53 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 33. A nucleic acid may comprise, in some embodiments, a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 48 and SEQ ID NO: 54 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 34. According to some embodiments, a nucleic acid may comprise a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 55 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 35. A nucleic acid may comprise, in some embodiments, a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 49 and SEQ ID NO: 56 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 36. According to some embodiments, a nucleic acid may comprise a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 50 and SEQ ID NO: 57 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 37. A nucleic acid may comprise, in some embodiments, a nucleic acid sequence having about 98% identity to a sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 51 and SEQ ID NO: 58 and encoding a peptide having an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 38.

The present disclosure is related to nucleotide and amino acid sequences that are either (i) not found anywhere in nature or (ii) not found in nature in the organism into which they have been introduced. According to some embodiments, any nucleic acid sequence having less than 100% identity to a reference sequence shall differ from any naturally-occurring nucleic acid sequence of the same size by at least one nucleotide (e.g., by substitution, deletion, or insertion). Any amino acid sequence having less than 100% identity to a reference sequence shall differ from any naturally-occurring nucleic acid sequence of the same size by at least one amino acid (e.g., by substitution, deletion, or insertion).

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to defensin expression vectors operable in citrus (e.g., citrus varieties, citrus rootstocks). For example, an expression vector may comprise, in a 5' to 3' direction, (a) an expression control sequence; (b) an expressible nucleic acid (e.g., a

nucleic acid encoding an exogenous polypeptide) operably linked to the expression control sequence; and (c) a 3' termination sequence operably linked to the expressible nucleic acid. In some embodiments, an exogenous nucleic acid may comprise a nucleic acid sequence having at least about 75% identity (e.g., at least about 98% identity) to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and SEQ ID NO: 58. An expression vector may be located in a bacterial cell or a plant cell according to some embodiments. An expression vector may comprise, in some embodiments, the nucleotide sequence AACAAATGG at positions -4 to 4 relative to a coding sequence (e.g., encoded by an exogenous nucleic acid sequence). According to some embodiments, an expression vector may comprise a linker (e.g., 3' of the expression control sequence and/or 5' of the nucleic acid (e.g., a nucleic acid encoding an exogenous polypeptide) having a length of from about 1 to about 200 nucleotides.

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to a bacterial cell comprising an expression vector. For example, a bacterial cell may comprise an expression vector comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction, (a) an expression control sequence; (b) an expressible nucleic acid (e.g., a nucleic acid encoding an exogenous polypeptide) operably linked to the expression control sequence; and (c) a 3' termination sequence operably linked to the expressible nucleic acid. A bacterial cell may comprise, for example, an expression vector comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction, (a) an expression control sequence; (b) an exogenous nucleic acid operably linked to the expression control sequence; and/or (c) a 3' termination sequence operably linked to the exogenous nucleic acid, wherein the exogenous nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid sequence having at least about 98% identity to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and SEQ ID NO: 58.

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to a plant cell (e.g., a citrus plant cell) comprising an expression vector. For example, a plant cell (e.g., a citrus plant cell) may comprise an expression vector comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction, (a) an expression control sequence; (b) an expressible nucleic acid (e.g., a nucleic acid encoding an exogenous polypeptide) operably linked to the expression control sequence; and (c) a 3' termination sequence operably linked to the expressible nucleic acid. A plant cell (e.g., a citrus plant cell) may comprise, for example, an expression vector comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction, (a) an expression control sequence; (b) an exogenous nucleic acid operably linked to the expression control sequence; and/or (c) a 3' termination sequence operably linked to the exogenous nucleic acid, wherein the exogenous nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid sequence having at least about 98% identity to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and SEQ ID NO: 58. According to some embodiments, a citrus plant may comprise in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g., mosaic), or in all cells an expression vector comprising a first nucleic acid sequence encoding a first defensin peptide (e.g., a peptide having at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, or 38) and a second nucleic acid sequence encoding a second defensin peptide (e.g., a peptide having at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, or 38). In some embodiments, a citrus plant may comprise a defensin peptide in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g., mosaic), or in all cells. A citrus plant may comprise in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g.,

NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and SEQ ID NO: 58. A plant cell (e.g., a citrus plant cell) may be located in a plant (e.g., a citrus plant) according to some embodiments. Examples of citrus plants include, without limitation, orange, grapefruit, lemon, and lime. A plant cell may comprise a defensin peptide. A defensin peptide may have, in some embodiments, an amino acid sequence having at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, or SEQ ID NO: 38 (e.g., encoded by and/or expressed from an expression vector nucleic acid) according to some embodiments.

In some embodiments, the present disclosure relates to a citrus plant (e.g., orange and/or grapefruit and/or lemon and/or lime) comprising an expression vector. A citrus plant may comprise an expression vector in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g., mosaic), or in all cells. A mosaic plant may arise from a graft in some embodiments. For example, a citrus plant may comprise a graft of a transgenic plant having an expression vector in all cells (e.g., scion) and a plant having a different expression vector or no expression vector in its cells (e.g., rootstock). A citrus plant may comprise, in some embodiments, in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g., mosaic), or in all cells a first expression vector (e.g., encoding a first defensin peptide) and in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g., mosaic), or in all cells a second expression vector (e.g., encoding a second defensin peptide). For example, a citrus plant cell may comprise (a) a first expression vector, the first expression vector comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction, (i) a first expression control sequence; (ii) a first exogenous nucleic acid operably linked to the first expression control sequence; and (iii) a first 3' termination sequence operably linked to the first exogenous nucleic acid, wherein the first exogenous nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid sequence having at least about 98% identity to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and SEQ ID NO: 58; and (b) a second expression vector, the second expression vector comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction, (iv) a second expression control sequence; (v) a second exogenous nucleic acid operably linked to the second expression control sequence; and (vi) a second 3' termination sequence operably linked to the second exogenous nucleic acid, wherein the second exogenous nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid sequence having at least about 98% identity to a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 10, and SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and SEQ ID NO: 58. According to some embodiments, a citrus plant may comprise in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g., mosaic), or in all cells an expression vector comprising a first nucleic acid sequence encoding a first defensin peptide (e.g., a peptide having at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, or 38) and a second nucleic acid sequence encoding a second defensin peptide (e.g., a peptide having at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, or 38). In some embodiments, a citrus plant may comprise a defensin peptide in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g., mosaic), or in all cells. A citrus plant may comprise in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g.,

mosaic), or in all cells a first defensin peptide (e.g., a peptide having at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, or 38) and in a single cell, a plurality of cells (e.g., mosaic), or in all cells a second defensin peptide (e.g., a peptide having at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, or 38).

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to methods of expressing in a citrus plant an exogenous nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an expressed peptide (e.g., a defensin peptide). For example, a method may comprise contacting an expression cassette comprising an exogenous nucleic acid or an expression vector comprising an exogenous nucleic acid with the cytosol of a cell of a citrus plant under conditions that permit expression of the exogenous nucleic acid and formation of the expressed peptide. In some embodiments, an exogenous nucleic acid may comprise a nucleic acid sequence having at least 98% identity to a nucleic acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 29, SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and SEQ ID NO: 58. In some embodiments, an expression vector and/or an expression cassette may comprise, in a 5' to 3' direction, an expression control sequence, the exogenous nucleic acid operably linked to the expression control sequence, and a 3' termination sequence operably linked to the exogenous nucleic acid. An expressed peptide may comprise an amino acid sequence having at least 99% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, and/or SEQ ID NO: 38 according to some embodiments. Contacting an expression vector or cassette may further comprise, in some embodiments, co-cultivating the cell with an *Agrobacterium* cell comprising the expression vector or expression cassette to form a co-cultivated plant cell. According to some embodiments, a plant may be regenerated from a co-cultivated plant cell.

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to methods for treating a citrus plant having and/or at risk of having a microbial infection (e.g., bacterial canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*) (Xac), and/or citrus Huanglongbing (ex greening) caused by *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (Las)). For example, a method may comprise forming in the citrus plant at least one defensin peptide. Forming in the citrus plant at least one defensin peptide may comprise, in some embodiments, grafting the citrus plant with a cutting (e.g., a scion or a rootstock) from a second citrus plant, the second citrus plant comprising an expression vector and/or an expression cassette comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction, an expression control sequence, a defensin nucleic acid operably linked to the expression control sequence, and a 3' termination sequence operably linked to the defensin nucleic acid, wherein the defensin nucleic acid comprises a nucleic acid sequence encoding an amino acid sequence having at least 99% identity to an amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, and/or SEQ ID NO: 38 under conditions that permit expression of the defensin nucleic acid.

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to a citrus fruit (e.g., orange, grapefruit, lemon, lime) comprising at least one defensin peptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:87 or SEQ ID NO: 88.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Some embodiments of the disclosure may be understood by referring, in part, to the present disclosure and the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 illustrates an *Agrobacterium* transformation construct comprising a nucleic acid encoding SoD2 (SEQ ID NO: 1) according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 2 illustrates an *Agrobacterium* transformation construct comprising a nucleic acid encoding SoD7 (SEQ ID NO: 2) according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 3 is a representation of a Southern blot showing insertion number among transgenic events in Hamlin and Rhode Red transformed with a SoD2 (07) nucleic acid comprising a GenScript-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 4 is a representation of a Southern blot showing insertion number among transgenic events in Hamlin and Rhode Red transformed with SoD2 (09) or SoD7 (10) nucleic acids, each comprising a CODA-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 5 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Marrs, transformed with SoD2 (07) or SoD7 (08) nucleic acids, each comprising a GenScript-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 6 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Hamlin and Rhode Red, transformed with SoD2 (09) or SoD7 (10) nucleic acids, each comprising a CODA-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 7 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Hamlin and Rhode Red, transformed with SoD2 (07) or SoD7 (08) nucleic acids, each comprising a GenScript-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 8 is a representation of a Southern blot confirming insertion of SoD2 or SoD7 in Hamlin plants, transformed with SoD2 (11) or SoD7 (12) nucleic acids, each comprising a DNA 2.0-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 9 is a representation of a Southern blot confirming insertion of defensins in Ruby Red (01) or Hamlin (04) transformed with SoD2 (09, 11), SoD7 (08, 12), or both SoD2 and SoD7 (13) nucleic acids, each comprising a sequence optimized for expression in *Citrus* using a sequence optimization algorithm (GenScript for 08 and 13; Coda for 09, and DNA 2.0 for 11 and 12), according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 10 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Ruby Red (01) or Hamlin (04), transformed with SoD2 (11), SoD7 (08, 12), or both SoD2 and SoD7 (13) nucleic acids, each comprising a GenScript-optimized sequence (08 and 13) or DNA 2.0-

optimized sequence (11 and 12) for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 11 is a representation of a Southern blot confirming insertion of defensins in Carrizo Citrange (CC) transformed with SoD2 (07) or SoD7 (08) nucleic acids, each comprising a GenScript-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 12 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Carrizo Citrange (CC) transformed with SoD2 (07) or SoD7 (08) nucleic acids, each comprising a GenScript-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 13A is a photograph of an excised leaf from a non-transgenic grapefruit tree inoculated with a citrus canker pathogen according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 13B is a photograph of an excised leaf from an SoD2 transgenic grapefruit tree inoculated with a citrus canker pathogen according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 14 is a photograph of chimeric grapefruit trees resulting from the graft of uninfected, non-transgenic scions on citrus greening infected, non-transgenic rootstocks (left and center) or the graft of uninfected, SoD2 transgenic scions on citrus greening infected, non-transgenic rootstock (right), according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 15A illustrates the percentage of Generation 2 citrus plants infected upon the first, second, and third sampling of challenged material, according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 15B is a continuation of the bar graph of FIG. 15A illustrating the percentage of Generation 2 citrus plants infected upon the first, second, and third sampling of challenged material, according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 15C is a continuation of the bar graph of FIG. 15A illustrating the percentage of Generation 2 citrus plants infected upon the first, second, and third sampling of challenged material, according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 16A illustrates the percentage of Generations 2 and 3 citrus plants infected upon the first, second and third samplings of challenged material, according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 16B is a continuation of the bar graph of FIG. 16A illustrating the percentage of Generations 2 and 3 citrus plants infected upon the first, second and third samplings of challenged material, according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure;

FIG. 16C is a continuation of the bar graph of FIG. 16A illustrating the percentage of Generations 2 and 3 citrus plants infected upon the first, second and third samplings of challenged material, according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure; and

FIG. 17 is a representation of a Southern blot confirming insertion of defensins in Rio Red (02) transformed with both SoD2 and SoD7 (13) nucleic acids, each comprising a GenScript-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

FIG. 18 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Rio Red (02) or Hamlin (04), transformed with both SoD2 and SoD7 (13)

nucleic acids, each comprising a GenScript-optimized sequence for expression in *Citrus*, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure; and

FIG. 19 is a Western blot illustrating binding of an anti-SoD7 according to specific example embodiments of the disclosure to samples containing SoD7.

FIG. 20 illustrates a multiple sequence alignment of Genomic D1 (SEQ ID NO: 32), Genomic D2 (SEQ ID NO: 33), Genomic D3 (SEQ ID NO: 34), Genomic D4 (SEQ ID NO: 35), Genomic D5 (SEQ ID NO: 36), Genomic D6 (SEQ ID NO: 37), and Genomic D7 (SEQ ID NO: 38) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 21A is a representation of the results of phylogenetic analyses of SEQ ID NOS 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 21B is a representation of the results of phylogenetic analyses of SEQ ID NOS 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 22 illustrates the sequence alignments of Genomic D1 (SEQ ID NO: 32), Genomic D2 (SEQ ID NO: 33), Genomic D3 (SEQ ID NO: 34), Genomic D4 (SEQ ID NO: 35), Genomic D5 (SEQ ID NO: 36), Genomic D6 (SEQ ID NO: 37), and Genomic D7 (SEQ ID NO: 38), and Segura D1 (SEQ ID NO: 89), Segura D2 (SEQ ID NO: 90), Segura D3 (SEQ ID NO: 91), Segura D4 (SEQ ID NO: 92), Segura D5 (SEQ ID NO: 93), Segura D6 (SEQ ID NO: 94), and Segura D7 (SEQ ID NO: 95) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 23A is a representation of the results of phylogenetic analyses of SEQ ID NOS 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and group IV defensin sequences according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 23B is a representation of the results of phylogenetic analyses of SEQ ID NOS 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and group IV defensin sequences according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 24A and FIG. 24B illustrates the sequence alignments of Genomic D1 (SEQ ID NO: 32), Genomic D2 (SEQ ID NO: 33), Genomic D3 (SEQ ID NO: 34), Genomic D4 (SEQ ID NO: 35), Genomic D5 (SEQ ID NO: 36), Genomic D6 (SEQ ID NO: 37), and Genomic D7 (SEQ ID NO: 38), as well as, representative group I defensin sequences Rs-AFP2 (SEQ ID NO: 96), At-AFP1 (SEQ ID NO: 97), and Hs-AFP1 (SEQ ID NO: 98) as illustrated in Segura et al.; representative group II defensin sequences Ah-Ampl (SEQ ID NO: 99) and Dm-Ampl (SEQ ID NO: 100) as illustrated in Segura et al.; and representative group III defensin sequences St-PTH1 (SEQ ID NO: 101) and Sia2 (SEQ ID NO: 102) as illustrated in Segura et al.) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure. FIG. 24A illustrates the more N-terminal portion of the alignment. FIG. 24B illustrates the more C-terminal portion of the alignment.

FIG. 25A is a representation of the results of phylogenetic analyses of SEQ ID NOS 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and representative defensin sequences from groups I, II, III, and IV according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 25B is a representation of the results of phylogenetic analyses of SEQ ID NOS 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and representative defensin sequences from groups I, II, III, and IV according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 26A illustrates expression cassettes encoding individual defensin genes codon-optimized for citrus including

Def 1 (SEQ ID NO: 32), Def 2 (SEQ ID NO: 33), Def 3 (SEQ ID NO: 34), and Def 4 (SEQ ID NO: 35), according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 26B illustrates expression cassettes encoding individual defensin genes codon-optimized for citrus including Def 5 (SEQ ID NO: 36), Def 6 (SEQ ID NO: 37), and Def 7 (SEQ ID NO: 38), according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 27 illustrates expression cassettes for the co-expression of multiple defensin genes codon-optimized for citrus including Def1 (SEQ ID NO: 32), Def 2 (SEQ ID NO: 33), according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

FIG. 28 illustrates the potential combinations for co-expression of spinach defensins, according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEQUENCE LISTING

Some embodiments of the disclosure may be understood by referring, in part, to the present disclosure and the accompanying sequence listing, wherein:

SEQ ID NO: 1 illustrates an amino acid sequence of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 2 illustrates an amino acid sequence of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 3 illustrates a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 4 illustrates a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 5 illustrates a CODA-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 6 illustrates a CODA-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 7 illustrates an amino acid sequence of a chimeric peptide comprising a PR-1b signal peptide and a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 8 illustrates an amino acid sequence of a chimeric peptide comprising a PR-1b signal peptide and a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 9 illustrates a chimeric nucleic acid sequence comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a PR-1b signal peptide and a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 10 illustrates a chimeric nucleic acid sequence comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a PR-1b signal peptide and a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 11 illustrates a chimeric nucleic acid sequence comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a

PR-1b signal peptide and a CODA-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 12 illustrates a chimeric nucleic acid sequence comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a PR-1b signal peptide and a CODA-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 13 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a PR-1b signal peptide and a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 14 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a PR-1b signal peptide and a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 15 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a PR-1b signal peptide and a CODA-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 16 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a PR-1b signal peptide and a CODA-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 17 illustrates an expression control sequence (CaMV 35S promoter) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 18 illustrates an untranslated region (TEV 5'UTR) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 19 illustrates an expression control sequence (CaMV 35S terminator) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 20 illustrates a nucleic acid sequence of a primer designated Zn5 according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 21 illustrates a nucleic acid sequence of a primer designated Zn6 according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 22 illustrates a nucleic acid sequence of a primer designated Fcp according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 23 illustrates a nucleic acid sequence of a primer designated Rcp according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 24 illustrates a nucleic acid sequence of a primer designated GUSF according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 25 illustrates a nucleic acid sequence of a primer designated GUSR according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 26 illustrates an amino acid sequence of a chimeric peptide comprising a modified PR-1b signal peptide and a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence having a single deletion for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (SoD2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 62 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 63 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def3) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 64 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Defy) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 65 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def6) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 66 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a GenScript-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 67 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a VGD-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def1) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 68 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a VGD-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def2) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 69 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a VGD-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def3) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 70 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a VGD-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def4) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 71 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a VGD-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Defy) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 72 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a VGD-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def6) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 73 illustrates an expression cassette comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a VGD-optimized nucleic acid sequence for expression of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin (Def7) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 74 illustrates an expression control sequence (CaMV 35S promoter) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 75 illustrates an untranslated region (TEV 5'UTR) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 76 illustrates an untranslated region (TEV 3'UTR) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 77 illustrates a terminator sequence (CaMV 35S terminator) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 78 illustrates a promoter sequence (PHT4; 6 *Arabidopsis thaliana* promoter) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 79 illustrates a promoter sequence (PHT4; 2 *Arabidopsis thaliana* promoter) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure;

SEQ ID NO: 80 illustrates a promoter sequence (TPS-Cin *Arabidopsis thaliana* promoter) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

SEQ ID NO: 81 illustrates an assembled scaffold sequence of spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

SEQ ID NO: 82 illustrates an assembled scaffold sequence of spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

SEQ ID NO: 83 illustrates an assembled scaffold sequence of spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

SEQ ID NO: 84 illustrates an assembled scaffold sequence of spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

SEQ ID NO: 85 illustrates an assembled scaffold sequence of spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

SEQ ID NO: 86 illustrates an assembled scaffold sequence of spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

SEQ ID NO: 87 illustrates an amino acid sequence of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin peptide according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

SEQ ID NO: 88 illustrates an amino acid sequence of a spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin peptide according to a specific example embodiment of the disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to compositions, organisms, systems, and methods for enhancing a plant's innate ability, if any, to respond to contact (e.g., infection) with a pathogen (e.g., bacteria, yeast, fungus, virus). In some embodiments, the present disclosure relates to compositions, organisms, systems, and methods for expressing a gene product (e.g., an antimicrobial peptide) in a plant (e.g., citrus). For example, the present disclosure relates to expression control sequences (e.g., promoters), expression cassettes, expression vectors, microorganisms, and/or plants comprising one or more antimicrobial peptides and/or one or more nucleic acids encoding one or more antimicrobial peptides.

I. Compositions

A. Antimicrobial Peptides

The present disclosure relates, according to some embodiments, to peptides and/or proteins having insecticidal activity, antimicrobial activity, and/or antiviral activity, which may include, without limitation, avidin, vegetative insecticidal proteins (e.g., Vip3A), insecticidal crystal proteins from *Bacillus thuringiensis* (e.g., Cry1, Cry1Ab, Cry2, Cry9), pea albumin (e.g., PA1b), hirsutellin A, lectins (e.g., snow drop lily lectin, garlic lectin, onion lectin), amylase inhibitors (e.g., alpha amylase inhibitor), arcelins (e.g., arcelins from beans), proteinase inhibitors, lysozymes (e.g.,

bovine lysozyme, human lysozyme, mollusk lysozyme), defensin (e.g., SoD2, SoD7, Def1, Def2, Def3, Def4, Def5, Def6, and/or Def7), chitinase, β -1,3-glucanase, variants thereof, and/or combinations thereof. An antimicrobial peptide may comprise, for example, one or more antimicrobial-peptides belonging to the family of plant defensins. These polypeptides were originally isolated from spinach leaves (*Spinacia oleracea*). In some embodiments, a defensin may be small (about 5 kDa), may be basic and/or may be cysteine-rich. In some embodiments, a defensin may comprise a peptide having an amino acid sequence sharing at least about 95% identity, at least about 96% identity, at least about 97% identity, at least about 98% identity, at least about 99% identity, and/or about 100% identity with SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 38, SEQ ID NO: 87, and/or SEQ ID NO: 88. In some embodiments, an antimicrobial peptide may further comprise one or more amino acids that are independently and/or collectively either neutral (e.g., do not adversely impact antibacterial functionality) and/or augment antibacterial functionality (e.g., by directing the peptide to a desired location (e.g., cellular and/or extracellular). For example, a defensin may comprise a signal peptide derived from the tobacco pathogenesis-related (PR)-1b protein that allows the transport of the peptides into the apoplast of plant cells (e.g., via the secretory pathway) and/or accumulation in the intercellular spaces of leaves, stems, flowers, fruits, seeds, and/or roots. A defensin may comprise, according to some embodiments, a peptide having an amino acid sequence sharing at least about 95% identity, at least about 96% identity, at least about 97% identity, at least about 98% identity, at least about 99% identity, and/or about 100% identity with SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 8; SEQ ID NO: 28, SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, and/or SEQ ID NO: 38. Differences in peptide sequences among defensins may give rise to qualitative and/or quantitative differences in performance relative to one or more other defensins. For example, Def3, Def4, Def5, Def6, and/or Def7 (e.g., peptides having the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, 35, 36, 37, or 38) may perform differently than one or more other defensins within a plant cell or a plant tissue (e.g., increases or decreases in mobility, insecticidal activity, antimicrobial activity, susceptibility to processing and/or subcellular targeting, accumulation, peptide stability, degradation, and/or longevity as compared to other defensin peptides).

B. Nucleic Acids

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to nucleic acids (e.g., cassettes, vectors) comprising one or more sequences encoding one or more antimicrobial peptides. For example, a nucleic acid may comprise a cassette comprising a synthetic or artificial defensin nucleic acid sequence (e.g. nucleic acid sequences SEQ ID NO: 61, SEQ ID NO: 62, SEQ ID NO: 63, SEQ ID NO: 64, SEQ ID NO: 65, SEQ ID NO: 66, SEQ ID NO: 67, SEQ ID NO: 68, SEQ ID NO: 69, SEQ ID NO: 70, SEQ ID NO: 71, SEQ ID NO: 72, and/or SEQ ID NO: 73). A synthetic or artificial defensin nucleic acid may encode the same amino acid sequence as a native spinach defensin with codons modified (e.g., optimized) from the native nucleotide sequence for citrus codon usage. A nucleic acid comprising a defensin coding sequence may comprise a sequence encoding a signal peptide (e.g., SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO: 60). In some

mized by positioning an initiation codon in a favorable (e.g., optimal) 5' context. According to some embodiments, a nucleic acid may comprise an expression control sequence (e.g., operably linked to a coding sequence). For example, a nucleic acid may comprise a coding gene sequence under the control of a dual enhanced CaMV 35S promoter with a 5' UTR from TEV plant potyvirus (e.g., to provide a translation-enhancing activity to the defensin genes).

According to some embodiments, a nucleic acid may comprise a nucleotide sequence having at least about 75% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58; at least about 80% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58; at least about 85% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58; at least about 90% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58; at least about 95% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58; at least about 97% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58; at least about 98% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58; at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58; and/or about 100% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58. A nucleotide sequence may encode, in some embodiments, an amino acid sequence having at least about 98% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 7, 8, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and/or 38, at least about 99% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 7, 8, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and/or 38, and/or about 100% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 7, 8, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and/or 38. According to some embodiments, a nucleic acid may have a first measure of sequence identity to a reference nucleic acid sequence and may encode an amino acid sequence having a second measure of sequence identity to a reference amino acid sequence. For example, a nucleic acid may have about 85% identity to SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58, and encode an amino acid sequence having about 100% identity with SEQ ID NOS: 1, 2, 7, 8, 28, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and/or 38, according to some embodiments.

A nucleic acid sequence, according to some embodiments, may hybridize to a nucleic acid having the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58 under stringent conditions. Stringent conditions may include, for example, (a) 4 \times SSC at 65 $^{\circ}$ C. followed by 0.1 \times SSC at 65 $^{\circ}$ for 60 minutes and/or (b) 50% formamide, 4 \times SSC at 65 $^{\circ}$ C. A nucleic acid may comprise a deletion fragment (e.g., a deletion of from about 1 to about 12 bases) of a nucleic acid having a sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58 that retains antimicrobial activity against at least one microorganism capable of infecting a citrus plant. One of ordinary skill in the art having the benefit of the present disclosure may prepare one or more deletion fragments of a nucleic acid having a sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 29, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58 and screen the resulting fragments for antimicrobial activity against at least one microorganism capable of infecting a citrus plant.

A nucleic acid sequence having a sequence like SEQ ID NOS: 3, 4, 5, 6, 30, 31, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and/or 58 may be identified by database searches using the sequence or elements thereof as the query sequence using the Gapped BLAST algorithm (Altschul et al., 1997 *Nucl. Acids Res.* 25:3389-3402) with the BLOSUM62 Matrix, a gap cost of 11 and persistence cost of 1 per residue and an E value of 10. Sequence identity may be assessed by any available method according to some embodiments. For example, two sequences may be compared with either ALIGN (Global alignment) or LALIGN (Local homology alignment) in the FASTA suite of applications (Pearson and Lipman, 1988 *Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci.* 85:2444-2448; Pearson, 1990 *Methods in Enzymology* 183: 63-98) with the BLOSUM50 matrix and gap penalties of -16, -4. Sequence similarity may be assessed according to ClustalW (Larkin et al., 2007, *Bioinformatics* 23(21): 2947-2948), BLAST, FASTA or similar algorithm.

C. Expression Cassettes and Vectors

The disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to expression vectors and/or expression cassettes for expressing a nucleic acid sequence (e.g., a coding sequence) in a cell and comprising an expression control sequence and the nucleic acid sequence operably linked to the expression control sequence. Thus, for example, an expression cassette may comprise a heterologous coding sequence, the expression of which may be desired in a plant.

1. Expression Vectors

The disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to an expression vector which may comprise, for example, a nucleic acid having an expression control sequence and a coding sequence operably linked to the expression control sequence. In some embodiments, an expression control sequence may comprise one or more promoters, one or more operators, one or more enhancers, one or more ribosome binding sites, and/or combinations thereof. An expression control sequence may comprise, for example, a nucleic acid having promoter activity. An expression control sequence, according to some embodiments, may be constitutively active or conditionally active in (a) an organ selected from root, leaf, stem, flower, seed, and/or fruit, and/or (b) active in a tissue selected from epidermis, periderm, parenchyma, collenchyma, sclerenchyma, xylem, phloem, and/or secretory structures. An expression control sequence, according to some embodiments, may be operable to drive expression of a nucleic acid sequence (e.g., a coding sequence) in a cell. Metrics for expression may include, for example, rate of appearance and/or accumulation of a gene product (e.g., RNA and/or protein) and/or total accumulation of a gene product as of one or more time points (e.g., elapsed time after a starting point and/or a stage of development). Comparative assays for gene products may be qualitative, semi-quantitative, and/or quantitative in some embodiments. Comparative assays may indirectly and/or directly assess the presence and/or amount of gene product. In some embodiments, an expression control sequence may be sensitive to one or more stimuli (e.g., one or more small molecules, one or more plant defense-inducing agents, mechanical damage, temperature, pressure). For example, activity of an expression control sequence may be enhanced or suppressed upon infection with a microorganism (e.g., a bacteria or a virus).

An expression vector may be contacted with a cell (e.g., a plant cell) under conditions that permit expression (e.g., transcription) of the coding sequence. Examples of expression vectors may include the *Agrobacterium* transformation constructs shown in FIG. 1 and FIG. 2. An expression control sequence may be contacted with a plant cell (e.g., an

embryonic cell, a stem cell, a callous cell) under conditions that permit expression of the coding sequence in the cell and/or cells derived from the plant cell according to some embodiments. An expression vector may be contacted with a cell (e.g., a plant cell), in some embodiments, under conditions that permit inheritance of at least a portion of the expression vector in the cell's progeny. According to some embodiments, an expression vector may include one or more selectable markers. For example, an expression vector may include a marker for selection when the vector is in a bacterial host, a yeast host, and/or a plant host.

2. Expression Cassettes

According to some embodiments, the disclosure relates to an expression cassette which may comprise, for example, a nucleic acid having an expression control sequence and a coding sequence operably linked to the expression control sequence. An expression cassette may be comprised in an expression vector. A coding sequence, in some embodiments, may comprise any coding sequence expressible in at least one plant cell. For example, a coding sequence may comprise a plant sequence, a yeast sequence, a bacterial sequence, a viral sequence (e.g., plant virus), an artificial sequence, an antisense sequence thereof, a fragment thereof, a variant thereof, and/or combinations thereof. A coding sequence may comprise, in some embodiments, a sequence encoding one or more gene products with insecticidal, antibacterial, antifungal, antimicrobial, and/or antiviral activity. A coding sequence may comprise, in some embodiments, a start codon, an intron, and/or a translation termination sequence. According to some embodiments, a coding sequence may comprise one or more natural or artificial coding sequences (e.g., encoding a single protein or a chimera). According to some embodiments, an expression cassette may optionally comprise a termination sequence. A coding sequence, in some embodiments, may comprise a sequence at least partially codon optimized for expression in an organism of interest (e.g., a citrus plant).

An expression control sequence may be used, in some embodiments, to construct an expression cassette comprising, in the 5' to 3' direction, (a) the expression control sequence, (b) a heterologous gene or a coding sequence, or sequence complementary to a native plant gene under control of the expression control sequence, and/or (c) a 3' termination sequence (e.g., a termination sequence comprising a polyadenylation site). Examples of expression cassettes may include, in some embodiments, the cassettes shown in SEQ ID NOS: 13-16 and SEQ ID NOS: 61-73. An expression cassette may be incorporated into a variety of autonomously replicating vectors in order to construct an expression vector. An expression cassette may be constructed, for example, by ligating an expression control sequence to a sequence to be expressed (e.g., a coding sequence).

Some techniques for construction of expression cassettes are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. For example, a variety of strategies are available for ligating fragments of DNA, the choice of which depends on the nature of the termini of the DNA fragments. An artisan of ordinary skill having the benefit of the present disclosure, a coding sequence (e.g., having antimicrobial activity) and/or portions thereof may be provided by other means, for example chemical or enzymatic synthesis. A nucleic acid may comprise, in a 5' to 3' direction, an expression control sequence, a linker (optional), and a coding sequence according to some embodiments. A nucleic acid may comprise, in some embodiments, one or more restriction sites and/or

junction sites between an expression control sequence, a linker, and/or a coding sequence.

II. Microorganisms

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to a microorganism comprising an antimicrobial peptide (e.g., a heterologous antimicrobial peptide) and/or a nucleic acid (e.g., a heterologous and/or expressible nucleic acid) comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide. For example, a microorganism may comprise a bacteria, a yeast, and/or a virus. Examples of microorganisms may include, without limitation, *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*, *Escherichia coli*, a lepidopteran cell line, a Rice tungro bacilliform virus, a Commelina yellow mosaic virus, a Banana streak virus, a Taro bacilliform virus, and/or baculovirus. According to some embodiments, an antimicrobial peptide may be tolerated by and/or innocuous to its host microorganism. A microorganism may comprise an expression control sequence and an antimicrobial peptide coding sequence operably linked to the expression control sequence. A nucleic acid (e.g., a heterologous and/or expressible nucleic acid) comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide may be present, in some embodiments, on a genomic nucleic acid and/or an extra-genomic nucleic acid.

III. Plants

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to a plant cell (e.g., an embryonic cell, a stem cell, a callous cell), a tissue, and/or a plant comprising an antimicrobial peptide (e.g., a heterologous antimicrobial peptide) and/or a nucleic acid (e.g., a heterologous and/or expressible nucleic acid) comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide. A plant and/or plant cell may be a dicot in some embodiments. Examples of a dicot may include, without limitation, coffee, tomato, pepper, tobacco, lima bean, *Arabidopsis*, rubber, orange, grapefruit, lemon, lime, tangerine, mandarin, pummelo, potato, squash, peas, and/or sugar beet. A plant cell may be included in a plant tissue, a plant organ, and/or a whole plant in some embodiments. A plant cell in a tissue, organ, and/or whole plant may be adjacent, according to some embodiments, to one or more isogenic cells and/or one or more heterogenic cells. In some embodiments, a plant may include primary transformants and/or progeny thereof. A plant comprising a nucleic acid (e.g., a heterologous and/or expressible nucleic acid) comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide may further comprise an expression control sequence operably linked to the nucleic acid, in some embodiments. A nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide may be expressed, according to some embodiments, in a plant in one or more up to all (e.g., substantially all) organs, tissues, and/or cell types including, without limitation, stalks, leaves, roots, seeds, flowers, fruit, meristem, parenchyma, storage parenchyma, collenchyma, sclerenchyma, epidermis, mesophyll, bundle sheath, guard cells, protoxylem, metaxylem, phloem, phloem companion, and/or combinations thereof. In some embodiments, a nucleic acid and/or its gene product (e.g., an antimicrobial peptide) may be located in and/or translocated to one or more organelles (e.g., vacuoles, chloroplasts, mitochondria, plastids).

IV. Methods

A. Transforming a Plant

The present disclosure relates, according to some embodiments, to methods for independent transformation of citrus (e.g., a native genome of a citrus plant). For example, a method may comprise independent transformation, using *Agrobacterium tumefaciens* (At), of the native genome of the orange (*Citrus sinensis*) cultivars "Rhode Red", "Ham-

lin", and/or "Marrs." A transformation method may comprise contacting a nucleic acid comprising a SoD2, SoD7, and/or another defensin sequence (e.g., the synthetic gene sequence SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and/or SEQ ID NO: 58) with a citrus plant according to some embodiments. A transformed plant (e.g., a transformed genome of a new orange cultivar) may independently contain, in some embodiments a sequence of a SoD2 gene, a SoD7 gene, and/or another defensin (e.g., the synthetic gene sequence SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and/or SEQ ID NO: 58) encoding microbial resistance not found within the native gene pool of the *Citrus* genus. According to some embodiments, a transformed orange cultivar plant may comprise a peptide encoded by a SoD2 gene, a SoD7 gene, and/or another defensin gene (e.g., the synthetic gene sequence SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and/or SEQ ID NO: 58). A transformed plant comprising a sequence of a SoD2 gene, a SoD7 gene, and/or another defensin gene (e.g., the synthetic gene sequence SEQ ID NO: 46, SEQ ID NO: 47, SEQ ID NO: 48, SEQ ID NO: 49, SEQ ID NO: 50, SEQ ID NO: 51, SEQ ID NO: 52, SEQ ID NO: 53, SEQ ID NO: 54, SEQ ID NO: 55, SEQ ID NO: 56, SEQ ID NO: 57, and/or SEQ ID NO: 58) and/or comprising a peptide encoded by a SoD2 gene, a SoD7 gene, and/or another defensin gene (e.g. SEQ ID NO: 32, SEQ ID NO: 33, SEQ ID NO: 34, SEQ ID NO: 35, SEQ ID NO: 36, SEQ ID NO: 37, SEQ ID NO: 38, SEQ ID NO: 86, and/or SEQ ID NO: 87) may display resistance to a range (e.g., a broad range) of bacterial and/or fungal pathogens in some embodiments. For example, a transformed plant comprising a sequence of a SoD2 gene and/or a SoD7 gene and/or comprising a peptide encoded by a SoD2 gene and/or a SoD7 gene may display resistance to bacterial canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*) (Xac), and/or citrus Huanglongbing (ex greening) caused by *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (Las). See EXAMPLE section below.

B. Grafting

The present disclosure relates to grafting at least a portion of a first plant (e.g., a citrus plant) with at least a portion of a second plant (e.g., a citrus plant), according to some embodiments. A first plant may be in any desired condition including, without limitation, a healthy condition, a diseased condition, an injured condition, a stressed condition (e.g., heat, cold, water, and the like), and/or combinations thereof. A first plant may have any desired genotype including, without limitation, wild type, transgenic, mutant, and/or the like with respect to a gene and/or trait of interest.

A second plant may be in any desired condition including, without limitation, a healthy condition, a diseased condition, an injured condition, a stressed condition (e.g., heat, cold, water, and the like), and/or combinations thereof. A second plant may have any desired genotype including, without limitation, wild type, transgenic, mutant, and/or the like with respect to a gene and/or trait of interest. A first and/or a second plant may comprise at least one antimicrobial peptide and/or at least one nucleic acid comprising a sequence encoding at least one antimicrobial peptide. Where both a first plant comprises at least one antimicrobial peptide and/or at least one nucleic acid comprising a sequence

encoding at least one antimicrobial peptide and a second plant comprises at least one antimicrobial peptide and/or at least one nucleic acid comprising a sequence encoding at least one antimicrobial peptide, it may be desirable for the first and second plants to have the same and/or different antimicrobial peptides and/or nucleic acids encoding antimicrobial peptides. Grafting may comprise cutting a portion of a first plant to form a fresh cut site, cutting a portion of a second plant to create a second cut site, and/or contacting a first cut site with a second cut site. A cut site may comprise at least one vascular bundle. Grafting may comprise forming a graft junction and/or, optionally, sealing the graft junction (e.g., by coating the periphery of the graft junction with one or more barrier materials).

C. Treating Plant Disease

The present disclosure relates, in some embodiments, to compositions, organisms, systems, and methods for preventing, ameliorating, and/or treating a plant disease (e.g., a citrus disease) and/or at least one symptom of a plant disease. For example, a method may comprise grafting at least a portion of a plant (e.g., a citrus plant) having a plant disease and/or expressing at least one symptom of a plant disease with at least a portion of a plant (e.g., a citrus plant) comprising an antimicrobial peptide. Examples of a plant disease include, without limitation, bacterial canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*) (Xac), and/or citrus Huanglongbing (ex greening) caused by *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (Las). According to some embodiments, preventing, ameliorating, and/or treating a plant disease (e.g., a citrus disease) and/or at least one symptom of a plant disease may comprise treating and/or curing one or more devastating bacterial diseases of citrus. For example, plants comprising stably integrated SoD2 and SoD7 transgenes in expressible form may display resistance to, without limitation, bacterial canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*) (Xac), and/or citrus Huanglongbing (ex greening) caused by *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (Las). Such resistance has been observed as described in the Examples below.

According to some embodiments, the present disclosure relates to compositions, organisms, systems, and methods for augmenting a plant's native resistance to and/or conferring on a plant resistance to a plant disease (e.g., a citrus disease). For example, a method may comprise contacting a plant with an antimicrobial peptide and/or an expressible nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide. An expressible nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide may be and/or comprise an expression cassette in some embodiments. Contacting may comprise, according to some embodiments, grafting at least a portion of a target plant with a plant comprising an antimicrobial peptide and/or an expressible nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide. In some embodiments, contacting may comprise contacting at least a portion of a target plant with a vector (e.g., via *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation) comprising an antimicrobial peptide and/or an expressible nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding an antimicrobial peptide. Examples of a plant disease include, without limitation, bacterial canker (*Xanthomonas axonopodis* pv. *citri*) (Xac), and/or citrus Huanglongbing (ex greening) caused by *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* (Las).

D. Making a Citrus-Expressible Antimicrobial Peptide

In some embodiments, the present disclosure relates to compositions, organisms, systems, and methods for forming a citrus-expressible nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding at least one spinach-derived antimicro-

bial peptide. For example, a method may comprise identifying an amino acid sequence of an antimicrobial peptide of interest, reverse translating the amino acid sequence to produce a first nucleic acid sequence; codon-optimizing the first nucleic acid sequence for expression in citrus to produce a second nucleic acid sequence, and/or synthesizing a nucleic acid having the second nucleic acid sequence. A method may comprise, in some embodiments, covalently bonding a nucleic acid having the second nucleic acid sequence with one or more nucleic acids having expression control sequences that are operable in citrus in an operable orientation and/or position relative to the nucleic acid having the second nucleic acid sequence.

As will be understood by those skilled in the art who have the benefit of the instant disclosure, other equivalent or alternative pathogen resistant citrus compositions, organisms, systems, and methods can be envisioned without departing from the description contained herein. Accordingly, the manner of carrying out the disclosure as shown and described is to be construed as illustrative only.

Persons skilled in the art may make various changes in the shape, size, number, and/or arrangement of parts without departing from the scope of the instant disclosure. For example, the position and number of expression control sequences, coding sequences, linkers, and/or terminator sequences may be varied. Each disclosed method and method step may be performed in association with any other disclosed method or method step and in any order according to some embodiments. Where the verb "may" appears, it is intended to convey an optional and/or permissive condition, but its use is not intended to suggest any lack of operability unless otherwise indicated. Persons skilled in the art may make various changes in methods of preparing and using a composition, device, and/or system of the disclosure. For example, a composition, device, and/or system may be prepared and/or used as appropriate for microbial and/or plant (e.g., with regard to sanitary, infectivity, safety, toxicity, biometric, and other considerations). Where desired, some embodiments of the disclosure may be practiced to the exclusion of other embodiments. For example, some polypeptide embodiments may be practiced to the exclusion of a particular amino acid sequence (e.g., SEQ ID NO: 26) and/or some nucleic acid embodiments may be practiced to the exclusion of a particular nucleic acid sequence (e.g., SEQ ID NO: 27).

Also, where ranges have been provided, the disclosed endpoints may be treated as exact and/or approximations as desired or demanded by the particular embodiment. Where the endpoints are approximate, the degree of flexibility may vary in proportion to the order of magnitude of the range. For example, on one hand, a range endpoint of about 50 in the context of a range of about 5 to about 50 may include 50.5, but not 52.5 or 55 and, on the other hand, a range endpoint of about 50 in the context of a range of about 0.5 to about 50 may include 55, but not 60 or 75. In addition, it may be desirable, in some embodiments, to mix and match range endpoints. Also, in some embodiments, each figure disclosed (e.g., in one or more of the examples, tables, and/or drawings) may form the basis of a range (e.g., depicted value+/-about 10%, depicted value+/-about 50%, depicted value+/-about 100%) and/or a range endpoint. With respect to the former, a value of 50 depicted in an example, table, and/or drawing may form the basis of a range of, for example, about 45 to about 55, about 25 to about 100, and/or about 0 to about 100.

These equivalents and alternatives along with obvious changes and modifications are intended to be included

within the scope of the present disclosure. Accordingly, the foregoing disclosure is intended to be illustrative, but not limiting, of the scope of the disclosure as illustrated by the appended claims.

EXAMPLES

Some specific example embodiments of the disclosure may be illustrated by one or more of the examples provided herein.

Example 1: Plant Material

Plant materials (e.g., *Citrus sinensis*) were generally prepared for transformation as described by Yang et al., *Plant Cell Reports* (2000) 19:1203 et seq.

Example 2: Plasmid Construction and Bacterial Strains

Plasmid construction and bacterial strains were generally performed as described by Yang et al., *Plant Cell Reports* (2000) 19:1203 et seq.

Example 3: *Agrobacterium* Co-Culture and Plant Transformation

Agrobacterium co-culture and plant transformation were generally performed as described by Yang et al., *Plant Cell Reports* (2000) 19:1203 et seq.

Example 4: Selection and Regeneration of Transgenic Shoots

Selection and regeneration of transgenic shoots were generally performed as described by Yang et al., *Plant Cell Reports* (2000) 19:1203 et seq.

Example 5: Grafting of Transgenic Shoots

Grafting of transgenic shoots were generally performed as described by Yang et al., *Plant Cell Reports* (2000) 19:1203 et seq.

Example 6: Southern and Northern Analysis

Southern and northern analysis were generally performed as described by Yang et al., *Plant Cell Reports* (2000) 19:1203 et seq.

Example 7: Expression in *Citrus* Trees

Table 1 illustrates specific example embodiments of nucleic acid sequences codon-optimized for citrus. Signal peptides and structural gene coding sequences shown are flanked on either side by specific restriction enzyme sites. These sequences were used to construct expression cassettes, vectors, and transformed *Agrobacterium* for preparation of transgenic plants.

TABLE 1

Example embodiments of specific nucleotide sequences of antimicrobial genes. The nucleotide sequences were optimized for codon usage in <i>Citrus</i> .		
Anti-microbial Gene	Source of the Optimized Synthetic Gene (code)	Antimicrobial genes specific nucleotide sequences. The 5' nucleotides include the cloning site and a preferred context for the start codon. The 3' nucleotides include the cloning site.
SoD2	GenScript (07)	SEQ ID NO: 9
	CODA (09)	SEQ ID NO: 11
SoD7	GenScript (08)	SEQ ID NO: 10
	CODA (10)	SEQ ID NO: 12
SoD2	DNA 2.0 (11)	SEQ ID NO: 30
	DNA 2.0 (12)	SEQ ID NO: 31
SoD2 + SoD7	GenScript (13)	SEQ ID NOS: 9 and 10
	DNA 2.0 (16)	SEQ ID NO: 30 and 31
no SP		

The following cultivars were selected for transformation: Orange: Hamlin ("04"), Rhode Red ("05"), and Marrs ("06") (FIGS. 3-7); Grapefruit: Ruby Red ("01") (FIGS. 8-11) and Rio Red ("02") (Example 14 below); Carrizo Citrange ("CC") (FIGS. 12-13); Flying Dragon rootstock ("13" and "16"); Frost Eureka and Frost Lisbon (13" and "16"); Swingle rootstock (13" and "16"); and C22 rootstock.

Constructs used for each cultivar are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2

Orange, grapefruit, lemon and citrus rootstock cultivars transformed (seedling epicotyls) with three different synthetic sequences of each SoD2 and SoD7 genes encoding antimicrobial peptides from spinach (<i>Spinacia oleracea</i>) (at least 521 events in total).					
Generation	Defensin Synthetic Genes	Synthetic Gene Optimized-Codon Sequence (Sequence Code)	<i>Citrus</i> Cultivars (Cultivar Code)	Transgenic Events Codes (Cultivar and Gene)	Number of Transgenic Events
2 (141 events)	SoD2 + SP	GenScript (07)	Hamlin (04)	0407	14
			Rohde Red (05)	0507	12
			Marrs (06)	0607	6
		CODA (09)	Carrizo Citrange (CC)	CC2	18
			Hamlin (04)	0409	16
			Rohde Red (05)	0509	6
	SoD7 + SP	GenScript (08)	Hamlin (04)	0408	12
			Rohde Red (05)	0508	8
			Marrs (06)	0608	7
		CODA (10)	Carrizo Citrange (CC)	CC7	29
			Hamlin (04)	0410	5
			Rohde Red (05)	0510	8
3 (36 events)	SoD2-no SP	DNA 2.0 (11)	Hamlin (04)	0411	11
			Ruby Red (01)	0111	6
	SoD7-no SP	DNA 2.0 (12)	Hamlin (04)	0412	13
			Ruby Red (01)	0112	6

TABLE 2-continued

Orange, grapefruit, lemon and citrus rootstock cultivars transformed (seedling epicotyls) with three different synthetic sequences of each SoD2 and SoD7 genes encoding antimicrobial peptides from spinach (<i>Spinacia oleracea</i>) (at least 521 events in total).					
Generation	Defensin Synthetic Genes	Synthetic Gene Optimized-Codon Sequence (Sequence Code)	<i>Citrus</i> Cultivars (Cultivar Code)	Transgenic Events Codes (Cultivar and Gene)	Number of Transgenic Events
4 (187 events + 157 Swingle)	SoD2 + 7 + SP	GenScript (13)	Hamlin (04)	413	15
			Rhode Red (05)	513	14
			Rio Red (02)	213	18
			Frost Eureka Lemon (10)	1013	30
			Frost Lisbon Lemon (11)	1113	33
			Swingle Rootstock (12)	1213	157
			Flying Dragon Rootstock (09)	913	46
			C22 (08)	813	15
			Carrizo Citrange (07)	713	16
			Hamlin (04)	0413	15
4	SoD2 + 7	GenScript (07 + 08)	Rohde Red (05)	0513	1
			Rio Red (02)	0213	7
			Carrizo Citrange (CC)	CC2 + 7	6
			Hamlin (04)	416	Multiple GUS positive plants
5	SoD2 + 7-no SP	DNA 2.0 (16)	Frost Eureka Lemon (10)	1013	Multiple GUS positive plants
			Frost Lisbon Lemon (11)	1113	Multiple GUS positive plants
			Rhode Red (05)	516	Multiple GUS positive plants

A. Transformation of Orange

Orange plants were transformed with a single construct comprising GenScript-optimized SoD2 with signal peptide (“07”), GenScript-optimized SoD7 with signal peptide (“08”), CODA-optimized SoD2 with signal peptide (“09”), or CODA-optimized SoD2 with signal peptide (“10”). FIG. 3 is a representation of a Southern blot showing insertion number among transgenic events in Hamlin transformed with GenScript-optimized SoD2 (0407) and Rhode Red transformed with GenScript-optimized SoD2 (0507). FIG. 4 is a representation of a Southern blot showing insertion number among transgenic events in Hamlin transformed with CODA-optimized SoD2 (0409) or CODA-optimized SoD7 (0410) and Rhode Red transformed with CODA-optimized SoD2 (0509) or CODA-optimized SoD7 (0510). Additional transformation events are shown for GenScript-optimized SoD7 (“08”) and CODA-optimized SoD2 (“09”) in Hamlin in FIG. 9.

Transgenic plants of the orange cultivars Hamlin, Rhode Red, and Marrs (n=82) produce high levels of transcripts of these antimicrobial genes (Table 2 and FIGS. 5-7). FIG. 5 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Marrs, transformed with genes SoD2 (0607) or SoD7 (0608) GenScript-optimized for codon use in *Citrus*. FIG. 6 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Hamlin transformed with CODA-optimized SoD2 (0409) or CODA-optimized SoD7 (0410) and Rhode Red transformed with CODA-optimized SoD2 (0509) or CODA-optimized SoD7 (0510). FIG. 7 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Hamlin transformed with GenScript-optimized SoD2 (0407) or GenScript-optimized SoD7 (0408) and Rhode Red transformed with GenScript-optimized SoD2 (0507) or Gen-

Script-optimized SoD7 (0508). For identification, Table 2 contains the transgenic event codes for cultivar and gene combination.

Orange plants (Hamlin) were also transformed with a single construct comprising DNA 2.0-optimized SoD2 without signal peptide (“11”) or DNA 2.0-optimized SoD7 without signal peptide (“12”). FIG. 8 is a representation of a Southern blot confirming insertion of SoD2 or SoD7 in these orange plants. Additional transformation events are shown for SoD7 (12) in Hamlin in FIG. 9.

B. Transformation of Grapefruit

Ruby Red (“01”) plants were transformed with a single construct comprising DNA 2.0-optimized SoD2 without signal peptide (“11”) or DNA 2.0-optimized SoD7 without signal peptide (“12”). FIG. 9 is a representation of a Southern blot (membrane was exposed to probes for both SoD2 and SoD7) confirming insertion of SoD2 or SoD7 in these grapefruit plants. FIG. 10 is a representation of a northern blot (membrane was exposed to probes for both SoD2 and SoD7) showing RNA transcripts among transgenic events in Ruby Red transformed with SoD2 (0111) or SoD7 (0112). For identification, Table 2 contains the transgenic event codes for cultivar and gene combination.

C. Transformation of Carrizo Citrange and C22

Carrizo Citrange and C22 rootstocks have been transformed with a construct comprising *uidA* and either SoD2 or SoD7 or SoD2+SoD7. FIG. 11 is a representation of a Southern blot confirming insertion of SoD2 (lanes marked “07”) and SoD7 (lanes marked “08”) in these Carrizo Citrange plants. FIG. 12 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts isolated from these Carrizo Citrange plants (marked “CC”) transformed with SoD2 (GenScript-optimized sequence with signal peptide) and SoD7 (GenScript-optimized sequence with signal peptide). For identification, Table 2 contains the transgenic event codes

for cultivar and gene combination. A number of C22 transformation events have been confirmed in each by positive GUS staining.

Swingle and Flying Dragon (citrus rootstock) plants were transformed with various constructs including a single construct comprising GenScript-optimized SoD2 and SoD7 with signal peptide. Successful transformation of C22, Flying Dragon, and Swingle plants has been at least confirmed by positive GUS staining.

D. Transformation of Lemon

Frost Lisbon and Frost Eureka (lemon) plants were transformed with various constructs including a single construct comprising GenScript-optimized SoD2 and SoD7 with signal peptide. Successful transformation of C22, Flying Dragon, and Swingle plants has been at least confirmed by positive GUS staining.

E. Status of Transformation Events

The following cultivars of citrus and citrus rootstock have been transformed (seedling epicotyls) with synthetic sequences of SoD2 and SoD7 genes encoding antimicrobial from spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*), with the transformation even being stably maintained for between two and five years.

Orange:

- 'Hamlin' Sweet Orange
- 'Marrs' Sweet Orange
- 'Rhode Red' Valencia

Grapefruit:

- 'Rio Red' Grapefruit
- 'Ruby Red' Grapefruit

Lemon:

- 'Frost Eureka' Lemon
- 'Frost Lisbon' Lemon
- 'Limonia 8A' Lemon

Lime:

- Key Lime

Rootstock:

- 'Carrizo'
- 'C22'
- 'Flying Dragon'
- 'Swingle'
- 'Benton Citrange'

Example 8: Canker Disease Resistance Assay

Canker disease resistance was assessed using a detached leaf assay generally as described by Francis M I et al., 2010, *Eur J Plant Pathol* 127:571-578. Briefly, detached immature leaves (~75% expanded) were triple rinsed in sterile water to remove debris, sanitized by brief immersion in 70% ethanol followed by 0.5% sodium hypochloride, and again triple rinsed in sterile water. Sanitized leaves (3-4 per replicate x 3 replicates) were infiltrated on their abaxial surface with an aqueous suspension of an Xcc strain isolated in Dade County Florida. Inoculated leaves were pressed on the surface of soft water agar plates, parafilm sealed, and incubated in an environmentally-controlled growth chamber.

FIG. 13A shows the result of inoculating a non-transgenic 'Rio Red' leaf with the citrus canker pathogen, as described above, and FIG. 13B shows the result of inoculating a transgenic leaf from a plant of Rio Red' expressing SoD2 with the citrus canker pathogen, as described above. A large reduction in the size and number of lesion on the transgenic can be seen.

Example 9: *Citrus* Greening (HLB) Disease Resistance Assay by Grafting

FIG. 14 shows the result of graft inoculating non-transgenic 'Rio Red' (two trees on the left) or transgenic 'Rio Red' expressing SoD2 one tree on the right) with the citrus greening pathogen. A non-transgenic rootstock (Cleopatra mandarin) infected with HLB is used. Onto this rootstock several buds of transgenic 'Rio Red' are grafted and this is replicated. The same protocol is followed for non-transgenic buds of 'Rio Red'. After 8 weeks, vigorous growth can be seen from the transgenic graft, where there is no growth on the controls.

Example 10: *Citrus* Greening (HLB) Disease Resistance Assay by Psyllid Inoculation

Resistance to bacterial infection and growth was assessed by two metrics. First, resistance was evaluated by the percentage of infection, namely the number of exposed plants that were infected. Second, a PCR-based method was used to amplify bacterial sequences. In this method, the relative degree of infection influences the number of PCR cycles required to produce detectable signal. For example a heavily infested plant might only require a few cycles while a plant with a low bacterial titer may require more cycles. In general, a plant that requires 30 or more cycles to observe detectable signal is regarded to be uninfected. Since some infections of citrus progress slowly, samples were collected for testing at 5 to 11 months after the time of first exposure and thereafter over a period of 6-9 months. The frequency of sample collection may vary from about every 45 days to about every 120 days. Ten to 15 replicates of each transgenic event plus non-transgenic controls are placed haphazardly in an insect proof green house that contains thousands of psyllids carrying the citrus greening pathogen. The first PCR testing is done about five months after continuous exposure to psyllids. DNA extraction and PCR to detect the pathogen is essentially as described by Irey M S et al., 2006, *Proc. Fla. State Hort. Soc.* 119:89-93.

Example 11: Propagation and Resistance of Generation 1

Red Grapefruit (2 varieties) and Sweet Orange (3 varieties) were transformed with *Agrobacterium* comprising an expression vector having an artificial defensin gene construct that included a 2-amino acid insertion in the signal peptide and a single amino acid deletion in the coding sequence (SEQ ID NOS: 26 and 27). A total of 6 transformation events were further tested based on having high levels of SoD2 RNA expressed. Plants were cultivated as described herein and bacterial resistance was assessed as described. A first set of samples were collected after 11 months in the field (D0). Subsequent samples were collected the indicated number of days (42-471) after the first sampling (e.g., D42=11 months+42 days). Results are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3

Plant Line	Generation 1 Infection Data							
	N	0	42	90	127	271	384	471
GR 311 Hamlin	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%
Non Transgenic Hamlin	1	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

TABLE 3-continued

Generation 1 Infection Data								
Plant Line	N	0	42	90	127	271	384	471
GR 420 Grapefruit	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%
GR 824 Grapefruit	2	0%	0%	50%	50%	100%	100%	100%
GR 867 Grapefruit	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%
GR 882 Grapefruit	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	50%	50%
GR 890 Grapefruit	1	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%
Non Transgenic Grapefruit	7	0%	0%	0%	14%	0%	57%	57%
Non Transgenic Grapefruit Border	6	0%	0%	0%	0%	50%	50%	50%
Total	22	0%	0%	9%	18%	41%	68%	68%

Example 12: Propagation and Resistance of Generation 2

Sweet Orange (2 varieties) were transformed with *Agrobacterium* comprising one of the following defensin gene constructs:

- (a) GenScript-optimized SoD2 with tobacco PR-1b signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 9),
- (b) CODA-optimized SoD2 with tobacco PR-1b signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 11),
- (c) GenScript-optimized SoD7 with tobacco PR-1b signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 10), or
- (d) CODA-optimized SoD7 with tobacco PR-1b signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 12).

A total of 71 transformation events were observed. Plants were cultivated as described herein and bacterial resistance was assessed as described. A first set of samples were collected after 5 months in the psyllid house (Day 0). Subsequent samples were collected the indicated number of days after the first sampling (e.g., Day 73=5 months+73 days). Results are shown in FIG. 15, FIG. 16, Table 4, and Table 5.

TABLE 4

Generation 2 Infection Data												
Code	Scion ¹	Genotype ²	Rootstock ³	Gene ⁴	1 st Sampling		2 nd Sampling		3 rd Sampling		Partial 4 th Sampling	
					Day 0	Mean Ct	Day 73	Mean Ct	Day 170	Mean Ct	Day 317	Mean Ct
0407-01	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	13%	23.02	33%	26.09	33%	23.28		
0407-02	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%		27%	28.78	47%	26.55		
0407-03	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%		7%	24.84	33%	29.32		
0407-04	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	20%	25.56	27%	27.18	40%	25.28		
0407-06	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	7%	31.07	7%	26.16	13%	22.52	67%	28.81
0407-07	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	20%	27.37	13%	25.96	27%	25.85	80%	27.26
0407-09	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	13%	26.05	27%	26.83	33%	22.90		
0407-10	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	7%	23.57	27%	26.04	47%	25.32		
0407-11	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	7%	26.75	33%	26.21	67%	24.87		
0407-12	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	7%	31.66	13%	24.51	33%	23.39		
0407-13	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	13%	23.52	27%	27.89	40%	23.54		
0408-01	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	13%	24.88	27%	25.55	53%	26.15		
0408-07A	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	7%	23.40	20%	28.48	27%	22.64	80%	27.08
Hamlin NT Control	H	SO	Cm	Control	0%		20%	28.83	40%	24.59	87%	25.92
0409-02	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	7%	27.34	0%		20%	24.04	80%	26.23
0409-03	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	7%	22.28	7%	28.79	27%	22.12	93%	25.52
0409-06	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	0%		20%	26.52	40%	24.01		
0409-07	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	0%		20%	26.31	40%	23.17		
0410-01	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	0%		40%	22.96	73%	24.78		
0507-01	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%		47%	26.35	60%	23.60		
0507-02	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	13%	28.26	40%	22.18	47%	25.14		
0507-03	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	13%	24.61	47%	26.64	60%	23.59		
0507-04	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	13%	26.21	27%	25.25	40%	24.63		
0507-07	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%		13%	27.42	27%	22.61	67%	29.19
0507-08	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	7%	25.97	40%	26.37	40%	24.03		
0507-10	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	7%	26.04	27%	25.71	40%	25.29		
0507-11	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%		40%	26.51	53%	22.26		
0507-12	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%		20%	17.61	13%	22.56	77%	27.17
0507-15	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	13%	24.49	53%	25.65	73%	23.10		
0508-02	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	13%	29.40	47%	26.25	73%	23.90		
0508-03	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	7%	31.44	33%	24.53	60%	25.37		
0508-04	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	13%	25.65	20%	28.00	60%	25.74		
0508-06	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%		7%	27.72	27%	24.33	79%	25.56
0508-07	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	27%	26.86	67%	25.30	100%	24.76	100%	21.87
0508-08	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	7%	24.35	27%	24.55	53%	23.07		
0508-09	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	20%	25.55	33%	24.69	60%	24.40		
0508-10	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	7%	25.96	33%	25.94	47%	23.30		
Rhode Red NT Control	RR	SO	Cm	Control	13%	27.03	27%	25.64	67%	25.46	100%	22.32
0509-02	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	13%	24.36	53%	23.07	60%	23.77		
0509-03	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	13%	25.28	27%	26.60	53%	26.02		
0509-07	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	7%	30.19	20%	24.85	47%	25.71		
0509-10	RR	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	20%	27.29	20%	24.93	67%	26.26		

TABLE 4-continued

Generation 2 Infection Data													
Code	Scion ¹	Genotype ²	Rootstock ³	Gene ⁴	1 st Sampling		2 nd Sampling		3 rd Sampling		Partial 4 th Sampling		
					Day 0	Mean Ct	Day 73	Mean Ct	Day 170	Mean Ct	Day 317	Mean Ct	
0510-02	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	7%	30.66	27%	23.36	47%	24.42			
0510-03	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	7%	22.01	20%	24.70	53%	25.39			
0510-05	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	7%	31.54	7%	31.03	7%	31.22	17%	35.78	
0510-06	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	0%		33%	26.56	80%	24.48	93%	23.67	
0510-08	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	7%	23.07	47%	25.29	60%	22.32			
0510-09	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	0%		33%	24.63	47%	24.02			
0510-10	RR	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	0%		20%	27.68	60%	25.16			
Extra NT Controls													
Hamlin	H	SO	Cm	Control	0%		40%	27.29	47%	23.25			
Hamlin	H	SO	Cm	Control	7%	24.49	13%	24.87	33%	25.58			
Hamlin	H	SO	Cm	Control	0%		33%	24.44	33%	25.82			
Rhode Red	RR	SO	Cm	Control	7%	24.61	33%	26.27	27%	22.98			
Rhode Red	RR	SO	Cm	Control	0%		40%	27.07	33%	24.49			
Rhode Red	RR	SO	Cm	Control	7%	24.36	33%	29.01	47%	26.50			

¹H = Hamlin; RR = Rhode Red

²SO = Sweet Orange

³Cm = Cleopatra mandarin

⁴(G) = GenScript-optimized sequence; (C) = CODA-optimized sequence

Example 13: Propagation and Resistance of Generation 3

One Sweet Orange variety and one grapefruit variety were transformed with *Agrobacterium* comprising one of the following defensin gene constructs:

- (a) GenScript-optimized SoD2 with no signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 3), or

- (b) GenScript-optimized SoD7 with no signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 4).

A total of 36 transformation events were observed. Plants were cultivated as described herein and bacterial resistance was assessed as described. A first set of samples were collected after 5 months in the psyllid house (Day 0). Subsequent samples were collected the indicated number of days after the first sampling (e.g., Day 103=5 months+103 days). Results are shown in FIG. 16 and Table 5.

TABLE 5

Generations 2 and 3 Infection Data												
Code	Scion ¹	Genotype ²	Rootstock ³	Gene ⁴	1 st Sampling Day 0	2 nd Sampling			3 rd Sampling			
						Day 103	Avg Ct	Ct of Positive	Day 215	Avg Ct	Ct of Positive	
41103	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	10%	10%	37.98	24.78	10%	36.83	19.62	
41108	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	0%	0%	40.00		0%	38.93		
41107	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	10%	14%	37.24	23.44	14%	35.28	21.02	
41110	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	0%	10%	38.18	26.35	20%	35.24	23.33	
40918	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	0%	0%	39.74		10%	36.97	21.53	
40915	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	0%	11%	38.07	25.22	22%	34.31	24.44	
41004	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (C)	0%	10%	38.37	23.72	20%	35.24	25.54	
40814	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%	20%	36.62	26.39	10%	36.85	24.35	
40817	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	10%	10%	37.97	22.93	30%	34.17	23.40	
11206	RR	Gf	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	30%	35.18	23.93	40%	32.27	24.69	
11204	RR	Gf	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	10%	37.63	24.56	30%	33.49	22.16	
40813	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	10%	11%	37.73	22.63	44%	31.96	22.62	
11201	RR	Gf	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	30%	35.87	26.76	30%	33.71	23.06	
41109	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	0%	10%	38.46	24.64	10%	37.25	22.14	
11208	RR	Gf	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	0%	39.82		0%	38.42		
11108	RR	Gf	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	0%	0%	38.60		13%	36.15	21.66	
11103	RR	Gf	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	0%	20%	36.98	26.00	20%	33.73	19.99	
60811	M	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%	0%	39.66		0%	39.03		
Marrs WT	M	SO	Cm	Control	0%	10%	38.81	28.14	20%	35.57	24.93	
40820	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	10%	20%	36.99	25.96	30%	34.94	23.65	
41101	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	0%	10%	37.65	23.09	20%	34.53	21.92	
Ruby Red WT	RR	Gf	Cm	Control	0%	0%	39.39		30%	34.88	26.93	
11105	RR	Gf	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	0%	10%	38.64	26.38	20%	36.32	24.70	
40810 A	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%	25%	35.46	24.94	50%	30.83	23.08	
11203	RR	Gf	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	20%	37.84	29.19	20%	35.55	21.51	
40914	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (C)	0%	0%	39.66		30%	35.22	26.78	
40812	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%	10%	37.99	27.44	20%	35.67	21.75	
41102	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	10%	40%	35.03	27.58	60%	29.83	23.83	

TABLE 5-continued

Generations 2 and 3 Infection Data											
Code	Scion ¹	Genotype ²	Rootstock ³	Gene ⁴	1 st Sampling Day 0	2 nd Sampling			3 rd Sampling		
						Day 103	Avg Ct	Ct of Positive	Day 215	Avg Ct	Ct of Positive
Hamlin WT	H	SO	Cm	Control	0%	40%	33.76	24.41	50%	29.52	22.14
60813	M	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%	0%	40.00		13%	37.06	24.02
60804	M	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	10%	0%	39.80		0%	37.74	
60703	M	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%	33%	36.35	30.88	33%	36.07	25.07
60862	M	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%	0%	39.18		10%	37.87	31.23
60702	M	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%	10%	38.30	27.16	20%	35.46	24.11
41211	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	10%	20%	36.47	24.33	30%	34.02	21.20
41203	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	0%	39.93		0%	38.17	
60812	M	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%	0%	40.00		10%	36.79	23.40
60810	M	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	10%	20%	37.25	26.25	70%	27.87	23.44
60767	M	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%	10%	38.51	25.13	40%	33.77	25.40
60701	M	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%	20%	37.45	28.07	50%	30.37	23.85
41210	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	0%	39.60		20%	34.62	22.91
41202	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	10%	17%	35.89	23.81	50%	30.85	22.69
60706	M	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%	10%	37.64	25.23	50%	30.82	23.24
41209	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	40%	33.36	24.97	70%	27.11	22.03
41113	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	20%	60%	31.02	25.03	80%	25.36	21.70
41215	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	20%	40%	33.73	24.32	70%	25.95	21.94
60808	M	SO	Cm	SoD7 (G)	0%	0%	39.35		22%	36.32	22.11
41208	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	0%	39.62		11%	37.30	22.04
41112	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	20%	20%	35.94	25.32	40%	31.22	22.22
41214	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	20%	36.57	24.47	50%	29.72	21.99
60705	M	SO	Cm	SoD2 (G)	0%	10%	37.96	23.82	10%	36.57	21.02
41204	H	SO	Cm	SoD7 (-P)	0%	0%	40.00		10%	36.50	22.28
41111	H	SO	Cm	SoD2 (-P)	10%	13%	37.98	23.82	25%	35.18	24.46
Hamlin WT	H	SO	Cm	Control	0%	25%	35.56	26.41	55%	29.82	22.51
Marrs WT	M	SO	Cm	Control	0%	0%	39.16		33%	33.11	22.73

¹H = Hamlin; RR = Ruby Red; M = Marrs

²SO = Sweet Orange; Gf = Grapefruit

³Cm = Cleopatra mandarin

⁴(G) = GenScript-optimized sequence; (C) = CODA-optimized sequence; (-P) = DNA 2.0-optimized sequence with no signal peptide

Example 14: Propagation and Resistance of Generation 4

A first line of Sweet Orange (2 varieties), one grapefruit, and two rootstocks were prepared to co-express (i) GenScript SoD2 with tobacco PR-1b signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 9) and (ii) GenScript SoD7 with tobacco PR-1b signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 10). More specifically, plants were transformed with a double defensin construct comprising, in a 5' to 3' direction SoD2, uidA, and SoD7 (13). A total of 29 transformation events were observed with another 28 GUS-positive candidates in tissue culture or just out of tissue culture. Plants confirmed to co-express SoD2 and SoD7 will be cultivated and evaluated in infection assays to determine the degree to which coexpression prevents, ameliorates, and/or treats infection.

FIG. 9 is a representation of a Southern blot (membrane was exposed to probes for both SoD2 and SoD7) showing insertion number among transgenic events in Hamlin transformed with a double defensin construct comprising SoD2 and SoD7 (0413). FIG. 10 also shows insertion number among transgenic events in Hamlin transformed with a double defensin construct comprising SoD2 and SoD7 (0413).

Rio Red plants (02) were transformed with a double defensin construct (13). FIG. 17 is a representation of a Southern blot confirming insertion of both SoD2 and SoD7 in these Rio Red plants. DNA was cut with a single restriction enzyme that cut within SoD2, uidA, and SoD7 and blotted with both SoD2 and SoD7 probes simultaneously. FIG. 18 is a representation of a northern blot showing RNA transcripts isolated from Rio Red plants (marked "02")

transformed with SoD2 (GenScript-optimized sequence with signal peptide) and SoD7 (GenScript-optimized sequence with signal peptide). RNA transcripts isolated from Hamlin plants (marked "04") are also shown.

Example 15: Propagation and Resistance of Generation 5

Evaluation of coexpression of SoD2 and SoD7 is underway. A line of Sweet Orange (1 variety) was prepared to co-express (i) DNA 2.0 SoD2 with no signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 30) and (ii) DNA 2.0 SoD7 with no signal peptide (SEQ ID NO: 31). Transformation and expression may be confirmed by Southern and northern blotting analysis. Plants may be cultivated as described herein and bacterial resistance evaluated as described. Plants confirmed to co-express SoD2 and SoD7 may be cultivated and evaluated in infection assays to determine the degree to which coexpression prevents, ameliorates, and/or treats infection.

Example 16: Expression of Defensin Constructs in Various Plants

Stable expression of defensin constructs comprising nucleic acid sequences codon-optimized for citrus has been confirmed in the following:

Cultivar	Gene Code	# Events
Rio Red Grapefruit	13	18
Ruby Red Grapefruit	11 and 12	12

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Cultivar	Gene Code	# Events
Hamlin Sweet Orange	07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 16	over 86
Marrs Sweet Orange	07 and 08	13
Rohde Red Valencia Orange	07, 08, 09, 10, 13	over 48
Frost Eureka Lemon	13 and 16	over 30
Frost Lisbon Lemon	13 and 16	over 33
C22 and Carrizo	07, 08, 13	42
Citrange Rootstocks		
Flying dragon and Swingle Rootstocks	13	Multiple GUS+

Example 18: Spinach Defensin Sequences and Codon Optimization

Spinach (*Spinacea oleracea*, viroflay) defensin gene sequences were assembled using next-generation sequencing reads deposited in NCBI sequence read archive (SRA) by employing bioinformatics tools and methods (e.g., Dohm et al., 2013, *Nature*, 505, 546-549; Yao et al., 2005, *Plant Mol. Biol.*, 57, 445-460). SEQ ID NOs: 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, and 86 are specific example embodiments of assembled scaffold regions that comprise nucleic acid sequences of spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin genes. Table 6 illustrates specific example embodiments of assembled scaffold regions, nucleic acid sequences, and peptide sequences of spinach defensins.

TABLE 6

Example embodiments of assembled scaffold regions, nucleic acid sequences, and peptide sequences from Spinach (<i>Spinacea oleracea</i> , viroflay) encoding defensin genes.				
Spinach Scaffold Region (SEQ ID NO)	Nucleic Acid Sequence of Defensin Gene (SEQ ID NO)	GenScript Optimized Synthetic Defensin Gene (SEQ ID NO)	VGD Optimized Synthetic Defensin Gene (SEQ ID NO)	Defensin Peptide Sequence (SEQ ID NO)
81	39	46	52	32
82	40	47	53	33
83	41	48	54	34
84	42	NA	55	35
84	43	49	56	36
85	44	50	57	37
86	45	51	58	38

For all constructs, individual transformation events have been found spanning a range of expression levels from no expression (e.g., since Southern results demonstrate the gene is present, often in multiple copies, it may be that the transgene has been silenced) to low expression to high expression.

Example 17: Antibodies to SoD2 and SoD7

Antibodies were raised to SoD2 and SoD7. Full length SoD7 peptide was synthesized by GenScript. Aliquots of synthetic SoD7 (200 ug each time) were injected into each of 2 different rabbits every three weeks for a total of 4 injections. Sera was collected 2 weeks after the third and 2 weeks after the fourth injections. IgG was purified using a Protein A column. SoD7 specific IgG was purified by passing the IgG preparation over a column of synthetic SoD7 conjugated to agarose beads and then eluting with a low pH buffer. Eluate was screened for binding to a dilution series from 1 ng to 100 ng synthetic SoD7. FIG. 19 is a Western blot illustrating binding of the purified SoD7-specific IgG antibodies to about 20 ng of SoD7 peptide in either transgenic plants (lanes 3, 4, and 6-9), non-transgenic plants spiked with synthetic SoD7 peptide (lane 5), or pure synthetic SoD7 (lane 10).

SEQ ID NOs: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45 are specific example embodiments of nucleic acid sequences of spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*) defensin genes, Def1, Def2, Def3, Def4, Def5, Def6, and Def7, respectively.

Nucleic acid sequences encoding defensin genes (e.g. SEQ ID NOS: 39-45) were optimized using the GenScript codon-optimization algorithm. Briefly, the algorithm uses a complex sorting matrix, including transcription, translation and protein folding, to sift through over 10,000 candidate sequences to identify a predicted best sequence for expression in a given organism. SEQ ID NOs 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 are specific example embodiments of GenScript codon optimized sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, and 45, respectively.

Nucleic acid sequences encoding defensin genes (e.g. SEQ ID NOS: 39-45) were optimized in a two-step approach using the Visual Gene Developer (VGD) platform of Jung S and McDonald K, 2011, *BMC Bioinformatics* 12: 340-353. First, the sequences were optimized for minimum mRNA secondary structure and binding energy (Gibbs free energy [G]=−0.2 to 0 kcal/base). Next, the optimized mRNA sequences were subjected to favorable synonymous codon optimization using a pre-calculated Codon Adaptation Index (CAI) for *Citrus sinensis* (Csi). The Csi-CAI was calculated from a codon usage matrix generated using data from 116 Csi codon sequences (47126 codons) available in Kazusa codon database (www.kazusa.or.jp/codon). SEQ ID NOs 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58 are specific example embodiments of VGD codon optimized sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45, respectively.

Predicted mRNA secondary structures of SEQ ID NOs: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45, may be constructed using the

Visual Gene Developer platform of Jung S and McDonald K, 2011, *BMC Bioinformatics* 12: 340-353.

Example 19: SEQ ID NOS 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 Peptide Sequence Alignment

SEQ ID NOS: 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38 are specific example embodiments of defensin peptide sequences from spinach (*Spinacia oleracea*).

Multiple sequence alignment of SEQ ID NO: 32 (Genomic D1), SEQ ID NO: 33 (Genomic D2), SEQ ID NO: 34 (Genomic D3), SEQ ID NO: 35 (Genomic D4), SEQ ID NO: 36 (Genomic D5), SEQ ID NO: 37 (Genomic D6), and SEQ ID NO: 38 (Genomic D7) was performed using ClustalW. FIG. 20 illustrates the resulting alignment of the spinach defensin peptides. The consensus symbols are indicated below the alignments with identically conserved residues indicated by black shading and an asterisk. Amino acids with >50% identity are shaded gray and marked with a period.

FIG. 21A and FIG. 21B illustrate the results of phylogenetic analyses of SEQ ID NOS: 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, and 38. Using the sequence alignment from FIG. 20, tree construction was performed following (A) the Neighbor Joining method as illustrated in FIG. 21A, and (B) the Maximum Likelihood method as illustrated in FIG. 21B.

In the neighbor joining analysis shown in FIG. 21A, optimal tree topology with a minimum sum of branch length value settings were selected. A Bootstrap test with 1000 replicates resulted in the percentage of replicate trees in which associated taxa clustered together. These values are indicated next to their respective branches in FIG. 21A. Branch length units indicate the number of amino acid substitutions per site, and represent evolutionary distances as computed using the Poisson correction method.

FIG. 21B illustrates a maximum likelihood tree wherein the tree topology with the highest log likelihood is shown. The heuristic search was performed using initial tree(s) generated using the Neighbor-Join and BioNJ algorithms to a matrix of pairwise distances under the JTT substitution model, followed by selection of a tree topology with superior log likelihood value.

Example 21: Peptide Sequence Analysis of Spinach Defensins

Multiple sequence alignment of SEQ ID NO: 32 (Genomic D1), SEQ ID NO: 33 (Genomic D2), SEQ ID NO: 34 (Genomic D3), SEQ ID NO: 35 (Genomic D4), SEQ ID NO: 36 (Genomic D5), SEQ ID NO: 37 (Genomic D6), SEQ ID NO: 38 (Genomic D7), and reported spinach defensin subfamily IV sequences (Segura D1-Segura D7) as described by Segura, A. et al., 1998, *FEBS Letters* 435: 159-162 was performed using ClustalW. FIG. 22 illustrates the resulting alignment. The consensus symbols are indicated below the alignments with identically conserved residues indicated by black shading and an asterisk. Amino acids with >50% identity are shaded gray and marked with a period.

Phylogenetic analyses were performed using the multiple sequence alignment illustrated in FIG. 22. Tree construction was performed using (A) the Neighbor Joining method as illustrated in FIG. 23A, and (B) the Maximum Likelihood method as illustrated in FIG. 23B.

In the neighbor joining analysis shown in FIG. 23A, optimal tree topology with a minimum sum of branch length value settings were selected. A Bootstrap test with 1000 replicates resulted in the percentage of replicate trees in which associated taxa clustered together. These values are

indicated next to their respective branches in FIG. 23A. Branch length units indicate the number of amino acid substitutions per site, and represent evolutionary distances as computed using the Poisson correction method.

FIG. 23B illustrates a maximum likelihood tree wherein the tree topology with the highest log likelihood is shown. The heuristic search was performed using initial tree(s) generated using the Neighbor-Join and BioNJ algorithms to a matrix of pairwise distances under the JTT substitution model, followed by selection of a tree topology with superior log likelihood value.

Example 22: Peptide Sequence Analysis of Defensins

Multiple sequence alignment was performed using ClustalW to compare the following peptide sequences: SEQ ID NO: 32 (Genomic D1); SEQ ID NO: 33 (Genomic D2); SEQ ID NO: 34 (Genomic D3); SEQ ID NO: 35 (Genomic D4); SEQ ID NO: 36 (Genomic D5); SEQ ID NO: 37 (Genomic D6); SEQ ID NO: 38 (Genomic D7); reported spinach defensin subfamily IV sequences (Segura D1-Segura D7) as described by Segura, A. et al., 1998, *FEBS Letters* 435: 159-162; representative group I defensin sequences (Rs-AFP2, At-AFP1, Hs-AFP1) as illustrated in Segura et al.; representative group II defensin sequences (Ah-Amp1), Dm-AMP1) as illustrated in Segura et al.; and representative group III defensin sequences (St-PTH1, Slalpha2) as illustrated in Segura et al. FIG. 24 illustrates the resulting alignment. The consensus symbols are indicated below the alignments with identically conserved residues indicated by black shading and an asterisk. Amino acids with >50% identity are shaded gray and marked with a period.

Phylogenetic analyses were performed using the multiple sequence alignment illustrated in FIG. 24. Tree construction was performed using (A) the Neighbor Joining method as illustrated in FIG. 25A, and (B) the Maximum Likelihood method as illustrated in FIG. 25B.

In the neighbor joining analysis shown in FIG. 25A, optimal tree topology with a minimum sum of branch length value settings were selected. A Bootstrap test with 1000 replicates resulted in the percentage of replicate trees in which associated taxa clustered together. These values are indicated next to their respective branches in FIG. 25A. Branch length units indicate the number of amino acid substitutions per site, and represent evolutionary distances as computed using the Poisson correction method.

FIG. 25B illustrates a maximum likelihood tree wherein the tree topology with the highest log likelihood is shown. The heuristic search was performed using initial tree(s) generated using the Neighbor-Join and BioNJ algorithms to a matrix of pairwise distances under the JTT substitution model, followed by selection of a tree topology with superior log likelihood value.

Example 23: Constructs

Table 7 illustrates specific example embodiments of chimeric nucleic acid sequences encoding a signal peptide and a defensin gene codon-optimized for citrus. Signal peptides and structural gene coding sequences shown are flanked on either side by specific restriction enzyme sites. These sequences were used to construct expression cassettes, vectors, and transformed *Agrobacterium* for preparation of transgenic plants.

TABLE 7

Example embodiments of chimeric nucleotide sequences of defensin genes. The nucleotide sequences were optimized for codon usage in <i>Citrus</i> .		
Defensin Gene	Source of the Optimized Synthetic Gene (SEQ ID NO)	A chimeric nucleotide sequence. The 5' nucleotides include the cloning site and a preferred context for the start codon. The 3' nucleotides include the cloning site.
Def2	GenScript (47) VGD (53)	SEQ ID NO: 59 SEQ ID NO: 60

FIG. 26A and FIG. 26B illustrate specific example embodiments of expression cassettes encoding a defensin gene codon-optimized for citrus. Upstream of the defensin gene coding sequences is a promoter sequence, a translational enhancer, and a XbaI restriction enzyme site. While downstream of the defensin gene coding sequence is a KpnI restriction enzyme site, a translational enhancer, and a terminator sequence. The entire construct is flanked by the left and right borders of the Ti plasmid. FIG. 27 illustrates specific example embodiments of expression cassettes encoding a multiple defensin genes, with each defensin gene codon-optimized for citrus. FIG. 28 illustrates the potential combinations for co-expression of spinach defensins.

Example 24: Constructs

Examples of successful generation of transgenic plants achieved using the compositions and methods of the disclosure are shown in Tables 8 and 9.

TABLE 8

<i>Citrus</i>		
Genomic Spinach Defensin Expression Construct	Number of Transgenic Events	Variety-Citrus
Defensin 1	1	Mexican Lime
Defensin 3	1	Mexican Lime
Defensin 5	4	Mexican Lime
Defensin 6	4	Mexican Lime
Defensin 3	2	Sour Orange (root stock)
Defensin 6	2	Sour Orange (root stock)
Defensin 1	8	Frost Lisbon Lemon
Defensin 2	11	Frost Lisbon Lemon

TABLE 9

<i>Potato</i>		
Genomic Spinach Defensin Expression Construct	Number of Transgenic Events	Variety-Potato
Defensin 1	4	Atlantic
Defensin 2	6	Atlantic
Defensin 3	2	Atlantic
Defensin 5	8	Atlantic
Defensin 6	8	Atlantic
Defensin 7	2	Atlantic

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Phe Ser Ser Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys Gly Ile
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Phe Ser Ser Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys Gly Tyr
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                                     Gly Ile Phe Ser Ser
                                     1           5
agg aag tgc aaa act cct tca aag act ttt aag gga att tgc act agg      163
Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Thr Arg
                                     10           15           20
gat tct aat tgc gat act tct tgc aga tac gag gga tat cca gct ggc      211
Asp Ser Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr Glu Gly Tyr Pro Ala Gly
                                     25           30           35
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Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys Gly Tyr Cys Thr Arg
          10                15                20

gat tct aac tgc gat aca tca tgc aga tac gag ggc tat cct gct ggc    211
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                               Gly Ile Phe Ser Ser
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aga aag tgt aag act cct tct aag act ttt aaa ggt att tgc act aga    163
Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Thr Arg
          10                15                20

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Asp Ser Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr Glu Gly Tyr Pro Ala Gly
          25                30                35

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                               Gly Ile Phe Ser Ser
                               1           5

cgt aag tgt aag act cct tct aag act ttt aag ggt tat tgc act aga      163
Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys Gly Tyr Cys Thr Arg
          10           15           20

gat tct aat tgt gat aca tct tgt aga tat gaa ggt tat cct gct ggt      211
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   Gly Ile Phe Ser Ser Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe
   1           5           10           15

aag gga tat tgt act agg gat tct aac tgc gat aca tca tgc aga tac    1116
Lys Gly Tyr Cys Thr Arg Asp Ser Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr
   20           25           30

gag ggc tat cct gct ggc gat taataatcta gaacgcgtga attcgaggcc    1167
Glu Gly Tyr Pro Ala Gly Asp
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      -15                -10                -5                -1

Gly Ile Phe Ser Ser Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys
1           5           10           15

Gly Ile Cys Thr Arg Asp Ser Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr Glu
      20           25           30

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Lys Pro Cys
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              Gly Ile Phe Ser
              1

tcc cgc aag tgt aag acg cct tca aag act ttc aaa ggg ata tgt acg      163
Ser Arg Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Thr
5           10           15           20

aga gac tca aac tgt gac acc tca tgt cgt tac gaa tat ccg gca gga      211
Arg Asp Ser Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr Glu Tyr Pro Ala Gly
           25           30           35

gac tgt aaa gga ata cgt cgc aga tgt atg tgt agc aag cct tgt      256
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 20 25 30

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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: mat_peptide; Def1 peptide
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<400> SEQUENCE: 32
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                20             25             30
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                35             40             45
Gly Ile Arg Arg Arg Cys Leu Cys Cys Thr His Thr
 50             55             60
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<400> SEQUENCE: 33
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Leu Val Leu Ser Thr Glu Glu Met Gly Pro Arg Lys Ala Asp Ala Gly
 20             25             30
Phe Phe Ser Ser Lys Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Arg Gly
 35             40             45
Pro Cys Val Arg Asn Ala Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr Glu Gly
 50             55             60
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Thr His Ala
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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: mat_peptide; Def3 peptide
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<400> SEQUENCE: 34
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Met Lys His Phe Gly Ala Ile Phe Leu Val Leu Leu Val Leu Ala
 1             5             10             15
Thr Glu His Gly Ala Arg Val Ala Glu Ala Arg Thr Cys Glu Thr Pro
 20             25             30
Ser Gln Lys Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Ile Ser Asp Ser Asn Cys Glu Ser
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      35              40              45
Ile Cys Asn Thr Glu Gly Phe Pro Asn Gly Glu Cys Ser Gly Leu Arg
  50              55              60
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  65              70

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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: mat_peptide; Def4 peptide

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<400> SEQUENCE: 35

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  20          25          30
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  35          40          45
Cys Met Cys Thr Lys Pro Cys Ala
  50          55

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Thr Glu Ile Gly Pro Arg Val Val Glu Ala Arg Met Cys Ser Ser Pro
  20          25          30
Ser His Arg Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Thr Ser Ser Arg Asn Cys Glu Asn
  35          40          45
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  50          55          60
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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: mat_peptide; Def6 peptide

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<400> SEQUENCE: 37

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  20          25          30
Tyr Glu Ile Gly Thr Lys Val Ala Glu Ala Arg Ile Cys Glu Ser Ala
  35          40          45

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Ser Tyr Arg Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Val Ser Arg Ser Asn Cys Ala Asn
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1 5 10 15

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20 25 30

Ser Arg Thr Phe Arg Gly Pro Cys Val Ser Asp Arg Asn Cys Glu Ser
35 40 45

Ser Cys Met Gly Glu Gly Phe Pro Gly Gly Ser Cys His Gly Phe Arg
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Arg Lys Cys Val Cys Ser Lys Pro Cys Ala
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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: Restriction site for XbaI
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tgc gtt aga aat gct aac tgc gat act tct tgt aga tat gag ggt tac      205
Cys Val Arg Asn Ala Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr Glu Gly Tyr
      30      35      40      45

cca gca gga gac tgc aag ggt att agg aga agg tgt atc tgc tgt aca      253
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      35      40      45

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<223> OTHER INFORMATION: promoter; 35SP
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Gln Lys Leu Cys Glu Arg Pro Ser Gly Thr Trp Ser Gly Val Cys Gly
 1 5 10 15

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 35 40 45

Phe Pro Cys
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Phe Cys Lys Arg Gln Cys
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<400> SEQUENCE: 99

Leu Cys Asn Glu Arg Pro Ser Gln Thr Trp Ser Gly Asn Cys Gly Asn
 1 5 10 15

Thr Ala His Cys Asp Lys Gln Cys Gln Asp Trp Glu Lys Ala Ser His
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Asn Cys
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<400> SEQUENCE: 100

Glu Leu Cys Glu Lys Ala Ser Lys Thr Trp Ser Gly Asn Cys Gly Asn
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 35 40 45

Asn Cys
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Arg His Cys Glu Ser Leu Ser His Arg Phe Lys Gly Pro Cys Thr Arg
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 35 40 45

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 20 25 30

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Ser Lys Pro Cys
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 35 40 45

Ser Lys Pro Cys
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Gly Tyr Cys Thr Arg Asp Ser Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr Glu
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Gly Ile Cys Thr Arg Asp Ser Asn Cys Asp Thr Ser Cys Arg Tyr Glu
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 35 40 45

Ser Lys Pro Cys
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 nucleic acid encoding a signal peptide and SoD7

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Gly Tyr Pro Ala Gly Asp
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 35 40 45

Ser Lys Pro Cys
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Gly Tyr Pro Ala Gly Asp
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 1 5 10 15

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 20 25 30

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 35 40 45

Lys Pro Cys
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 1 5 10 15
 Lys Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Arg Gly Pro Cys Val Arg
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 35 40 45
 Asp Cys Lys Gly Ile Arg Arg Arg Cys Ile Cys Cys Thr His Ala
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 1 5 10 15
 Lys Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Arg Gly Pro Cys Val Arg
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 Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Thr Arg Asp Ser Asn
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Leu Val Leu Ser Thr Glu Glu Met Gly Pro Arg Lys Ala Asp Ala Gly
 20 25 30
 Phe Phe Ser Ser Lys Lys Cys Lys Thr Pro Ser Lys Thr Phe Arg Gly
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 20 25 30
 Ser Gln Lys Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Ile Ser Asp Ser Asn Cys Glu Ser
 35 40 45
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 Arg Arg Cys Ile Cys Asn Thr Pro Cys Thr
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 35 40 45
 Cys Met Cys Thr Lys Pro Cys Ala Met Arg Pro Phe Ala Ala Leu Phe
 50 55 60
 Leu Val Leu Phe Leu Val Leu Ala Thr Glu Ile Gly Pro Arg Val Val
 65 70 75 80
 Glu Ala Arg Met Cys Ser Ser Pro Ser His Arg Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys
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 20 25 30
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 35 40 45
 Ser Tyr Arg Phe Lys Gly Ile Cys Val Ser Arg Ser Asn Cys Ala Asn
 50 55 60
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 20 25 30
 Ser Arg Thr Phe Arg Gly Pro Cys Val Ser Asp Arg Asn Cys Glu Ser
 35 40 45
 Ser Cys Met Gly Glu Gly Phe Pro Gly Gly Ser Cys His Gly Phe Arg
 50 55 60
 Arg Lys Cys Val Cys Ser Lys Pro Cys Ala
 65 70

What is claimed is:

1. A citrus or potato plant comprising at least one heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide comprising a first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of the first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 32, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 33, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 34, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 35, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 36, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 37, or at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in the citrus or potato plant.

2. The citrus or potato plant according to claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence of the first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 32, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 33, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 35, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 36, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 37, or at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in the citrus or potato plant.

3. The citrus or potato plant according to claim 1, wherein the amino acid sequence of the first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 32, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 33, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 35, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 36, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 37, or 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in the citrus or potato plant.

4. The citrus or potato plant according to claim 1 further comprising a second heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of the second heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 32, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 33, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 34, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 35, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 36, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 37, or at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in the citrus or potato plant.

5. The citrus or potato plant according to claim 4, wherein the amino acid sequence of the second heterologous *Spinach*

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SEQ ID NO: 50, 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 51, 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 52, 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 53, 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 54, 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 55, 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 56, 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 57, or 100% identical to SEQ ID NO: 58, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in the citrus or potato plant.

14. The citrus or potato plant according to claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid sequence of the first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin nucleic acid and the nucleic acid sequence of the second heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin nucleic acid are different.

15. A composition comprising at least one heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide comprising a first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of the first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 32, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 33, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 34, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 35, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 36, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 37, or at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in a citrus or potato plant.

16. The composition according to claim 15, wherein the amino acid sequence of the first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 32, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 33, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 35, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 36, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 37, or at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in a citrus or potato plant.

17. The composition according to claim 15, wherein the amino acid sequence of the first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 32, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 33, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 35, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 36, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:

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37, or 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in a citrus or potato plant.

18. The composition according to claim 15 further comprising a second heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide, wherein the amino acid sequence of the second heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 32, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 33, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 34, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 35, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 36, at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 37, or at least 95% identical to SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in a citrus or potato plant.

19. The composition according to claim 18, wherein the amino acid sequence of the second heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 32, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 33, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 35, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 36, at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 37, or at least 98% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in a citrus or potato plant.

20. The composition according to claim 18, wherein the amino acid sequence of the second heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide is 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 32, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 33, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 34, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 35, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 36, 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 37, or 100% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 38, and wherein the *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide has anti-microbial activity against *Xanthomonas axonopodis* and *Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus* in a citrus or potato plant.

21. The composition according to claim 18, wherein the amino acid sequence of the first heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide and the amino acid sequence of the second heterologous *Spinach oleracea* defensin peptide are different.

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