

1 Resistance screening and *in-silico* characterization of cloned novel RGA from multi race
2 resistant Lentil germplasm against Fusarium wilt (*Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentis*)

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28 **Abstract**

29 Fusarium wilt caused by *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentis* (*Fol*) is the most devastating disease of lentil
30 present worldwide and in India. Identification of multi-race fusarium wilt resistance genes and
31 incorporation into existing cultivar will help to reduce yield loss. In the present study, a hundred lentil
32 germplasm were screened against seven prevalent races of *Fol* and accession IC201561, EC714243 and
33 EC718238 were identified resistant. The typical R gene codes for the nucleotide-binding site and
34 leucine-rich repeats (NBS-LRR) at the C terminal linked to either Toll/interleukin 1- like receptor (TIR)
35 or coiled-coil (CC) at the N terminal. In the present study degenerate primers designed from the NBS
36 region amplifying P-loop to GPLA motif isolated forty-five resistance gene analogues (RGA) from
37 identified resistant accessions. The sequence alignment identified both classes of RGA, TIR and non-
38 TIR based on the presence of Aspartate (D) and Tryptophan (W) at the end of kinase motif respectively.
39 The phylogenetic analysis grouped RGA into six classes, LRGA1 to LRGA6 determining the diversity
40 of RGA present in the host. Grouping of RGA identified from *Lens nigricans*, LnRGA 2, 9, 13 with I2
41 reveals a probable role in Fusarium resistance. The similarity index of 27.85% to 86.98% was found
42 among RGA and 26.83% to 49.41% between known R genes, I2, Gpa2, M and L6. Active binding sites
43 present along the conserved motifs have grouped the RGA into 13 groups. ADP/ATP being the potential
44 ligand determines ATP binding and ATP hydrolysis activity of RGA. The isolated RGA can be used in
45 developing marker linked to the functional R gene. Further, expression analysis and full-length gene
46 isolation further pave path to identifying the molecular mechanism involved in resistance.

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53 **Introduction**

54 Lentil (*Lens culinaris* Medikus subsp. *culinaris*) is one of the most important cool-season legume food
55 crop grown after chickpea. It is an annual, self-pollinating diploid ($2n= 14$) crop having a genome size
56 of approximately 4Gb [1]. It is the oldest crop that originated in Turkey and is now cultivated in almost
57 all parts of the world. It is majorly grown in North America, Africa, Middle East and Asia. Globally
58 lentil is grown in an area of 6.1million ha and produce about 6.33mtions of yield. India has the largest
59 area under cultivation of approximately 1.51 mha and placed second in production after Canada
60 producing 1.096 million metric tons [2]. Lentil is a rich source of protein (24-26%) and fiber. It is also
61 a source of micronutrients such as calcium, phosphorus and iron and essential amino acids such as
62 lysine [3]. It is majorly grown as a rabi season legume crop in northern states of India such as Delhi,
63 Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana. It is also grown as a
64 rotational rainfed crop on previous season residual moisture. It is considered as a valuable crop as it
65 consumes minimum input yet fixing atmospheric nitrogen, enhancing soil fertility and generating means
66 of livelihood to small scale farmer [4]. However, its yield is highly affected by biotic stress and abiotic
67 stress. Among which Fusarium wilt caused by *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentis* Vasudeva and
68 Srinivasan is one of the major constrain in lentil production globally and in India. The disease causes
69 drying of leaves and seedling death during the seedling stage and partial or complete wilting during the
70 reproductive stage [5]. The presence of multiple races in the Indian subcontinent has made its control
71 more challenging [6]. In India, it accounts for 100% yield loss if affected in the seedling stage [7] and
72 50-70% in natural conditions [8]. Resistance breeding by identification and incorporation of single or
73 multiple race-specific resistance genes into cultivar would considerably control the disease in a
74 geographic area. Few resistant varieties have been released previously but the potential of available
75 germplasm has been less explored. Screening for resistance during different plant growth stages helps
76 to identify late wilters during the reproductive stage and temporal variation of resistance [9]. Wild lentil
77 species have been identified as a potential source of resistance that can be tailored for resistance
78 breeding [10]. Multilocation screening of germplasm identifies germplasm resistant to multiple races
79 present in a geographic region [11]. Conventionally, the Resistance (R) gene is isolated by transposon

80 tagging and map-based cloning which is laborious and time-consuming. The structure of R gene is
81 conserved across plants with a typical NBS-LRR region at the C terminal linked to Coiled-coil (CC) or
82 Toll/interleukin 1-receptor (TIR) at N terminal end [12]. A degenerate primer designed from the
83 conserved NBS region can be used to PCR amplify, Resistance gene analogues (RGA). Previously RGA
84 has been cloned in lentil [13] and other legume crops such as chickpea, Fababean [14] pigeon pea [15],
85 soybean [16] and common bean [17]. The isolated RGA mainly belonged to the TIR and non-TIR
86 classes of NBS and serves as a marker linked to the functional R gene and helps in isolating the full-
87 length R gene [18]. Previously no lentil germplasm has been identified resistant to multiple races of
88 *Fol*. Isolation and characterization of potential RGA from resistant sources serve as a useful tool for
89 full-length gene isolation. The present study was undertaken with the following objective. 1. To screen
90 a hundred lentil accession belonging to one cultivated species and six wild species to identify the
91 resistance source against seven races of *Fol*. 2. To isolate the RGA from resistant accession for further
92 characterization and identify potential interacting partners.

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94 **Materials and method**

95 **Fungal isolates**

96 Seven races of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentis* (MP-2, UP-9, RJ-8, DL-1, CH-5, UP-12 and BR-27)
97 reported earlier [6] were used in present study. Pure culture of isolates was maintained in PDA slants
98 and stored at 4 °C for further study.

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100 **Plant material**

101 One hundred accessions belonging to *Lens culinaris* subsp. *culinaris* (70), *L. c.* subsp. *tomentosus* (2),
102 *L. c* subsp. *orientalis* (7), *L. c.* subsp. *odemensis* (5), *L. lamottei* (3), *L. nigricans* (6) and *L. ervoides* (7)
103 were collected from ICAR-NBPGR, New Delhi. The susceptible check (L-9-12) and resistant check
104 (PL639) were collected from Division of Genetics, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi.

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106 **Screening and evaluation for resistance**

107 The experiment was carried out in ICAR-NBPG, New Delhi during 2020-21 and 2021-22 as
108 previously described method by Bayaa and Erikson [9]. The seven races of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp.
109 *lentis* were grown in double autoclaved sorghum seeds for fifteen days. Fifteen grams of inoculum were
110 mixed in pots containing 2kg of sterilized soil. Surface sterilized seeds of a hundred accession were
111 sown in the pots and eight plants/ pot were maintained at 24°C/22°C with their respective control
112 (untreated). The accessions IC73121 against BR-27, IC95658 against UP-9, IC361467 against CG-5,
113 IC384447 and IC53238 against UP-12, EC718234 against MP-2, CG-5, UP-12 and EC718330 against
114 DL-1 and UP-12 showed poor germination after repeated sowing and were not included carried further.
115 The performance of disease pressure was compared with resistant and susceptible checks. Disease
116 incidence was recorded every week until the pod filling stage and a scale of 1-9 was used [19] to identify
117 resistant accession for further RGA isolation and characterization.

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119 **Genomic DNA isolation and PCR amplification**

120 Genomic DNA of three accessions, IC201561, EC714243 and EC718238 showing resistance to the
121 majority of races were isolated using the modified CTAB method [20]. Quality and quantity of DNA
122 was checked in 0.8% agarose gel electrophoresis and nanodrop and stored at -20°C. Previously designed
123 degenerate primer from the conserved NBS region of R gene amplifying P-loop to GLPLA motif was
124 used in the present study [13] (S1 Table). PCR reaction of 25µl was carried out in 0.2ml PCR tubes
125 containing 10x Taq buffer (Thermo Fisher), 0.5µl of 10mM dNTP's, 10pmol of each degenerate primer,
126 1U of Taq polymerase (Thermo Fisher) and 100ng of template. PCR amplification was carried out with
127 specific conditions of initial denaturing at 95°C for 5 min, followed by 36 cycles of denaturation at 95°C
128 for 1min, annealing at 45°C for 1 min, elongation at 72°C for 1 min, final elongation for 5 min followed
129 and cooling at 4°C in a thermal cycler (Bio-rad). The amplified products were visualized on 1.2 %
130 agarose gel electrophoresis. PCR product corresponding to 510 bp was eluted and purified using
131 QIAquick Gel Extraction kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany).

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133 **Cloning and sequencing**

134 Purified PCR product was ligated to pGEMT easy vector (Promega, Madison, Wis.) and cloned to E.
135 coli JM109 according to manufactures protocol. About fifty positive colonies from each transformation
136 were screened using colony PCR. Clones producing a band of ~510bp were further proceeded for plasmid
137 isolation and EcoR1 (Thermo Fisher) restriction digestion. Plasmids were isolated using Wizard Plus
138 Plasmid Minipreparation Kit (Promega) and sequenced by outsourcing.

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140 **In- silico characterization**

141 Obtained sequences were trimmed for vector contamination and a similarity search was performed
142 using BLAST algorithm in GenBank database. The amino acid sequences were deduced using Expasy.
143 Multiple alignment of obtained amino acids was carried out using CLUSTALX in BioEdit software.
144 Phylogenetic tree was constructed by Neighbor-joining method [21] with Poisson correction in
145 MEGAX software along with NBS region of known R gene, N (U15605), L6 (U27081), M (U73916),
146 RPP5 (AAFO8790.1), RPP4 (AAM18462.1), RPP1 (AT3444670), RPS4 (CAB50708.1), Mla
147 (AAG37356), Pi-ta (ACY24970.1), Pi36 (ADF29629.1), Pib (BAA76282.2), I2 (AF004878), RPP13
148 (AAF42831), RPM1 (AQ39214), Prf (U65391), Gpa2 (AF195939), RPP8 (AAC78631.1.), FOM-2
149 (AY583855.1) [22]. The confidence value was checked by bootstrapping 1,000 replicates from the
150 original data. The percent sequence similarity, between representative RGA from each class and among
151 known R gene, L6, M, I2 and Gpa2 were determined by DNAMAN 8 software using Needleman and
152 Wunsch (Global model) and Pam matrix score. Multiple Expectation maximizations for Motif
153 Elicitation (MEME) was used for motif identification and characterization compared with the known R
154 gene [23]. The active binding site of RGA and its potential ligand were determined using web based I-
155 TASSER software [24-25]. The relationship between ABS was determined by constructing a
156 phylogenetic tree using Maximum likelihood in MEGA X. Secondary structure of RGA with percent
157 alpha helix, beta strands and presence of transmembrane helix was determined by Pyre 2 Software [26].
158 The tertiary structure of RGA was determined using I-TASSER software based on C-score, TM score
159 and RMSD (root mean square deviation) best-predicted tertiary structure was selected.

160 **Result**

161 Screening of germplasm against *Fol* races

162 One hundred accessions of lentil were screened against seven races of Fusarium wilt from seedling to
163 pod filling stage at 7 days interval for two cropping seasons, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 and were graded
164 into 5 classes with scale of 1-9 based on disease incidence (DI). Accessions showed varying degrees of
165 resistance to races of Fol (S2 and S3 Tables). The number of accessions exhibiting high resistance (HR)
166 responses were 24 (*L. culinaris* subsp. *culinaris*), 26 (*L. c.* subsp. *tomentosus*), 39 (*L. c* subsp. *orientalis*),
167 27 (*L. culinaris* sub sp. *odemensis*), 17 (*L. lamottei*), 39 (*L. nigricans*) and 26 (*L. ervoides*) in 2020-21 and
168 21 (*L. culinaris* subsp. *culinaris*), 24 (*L. c.* subsp. *tomentosus*), 38 (*L. c* subsp. *orientalis*), 26 (*L. culinaris*
169 sub sp. *odemensis*), 17 (*L. lamottei*), 38 (*L. nigricans*) and 25 (*L. ervoides*) in 2021-22 against race 1 to 7
170 respectively. Wild species, *L. culinaris* sub sp. *odemensis* (EC714243) showed resistance to all the races
171 of *Fol* in both seasons. Accession belonging to *L. culinaris* subsp. *culinaris* (IC201693 and IC241532)
172 were found susceptible to all the races of *Fol*.

173 Accessions of *L. culinaris* subsp. *culinaris* and *L. culinaris* sub sp. *orientalis* showed the most diverse
174 reaction with scale of 1-9 and mean disease incidence (DI) of $4.85-7.20\pm0.29-0.32$ and $3.00-6.67\pm1.2-$
175 1.9 respectively in 2020 and $4.88-7.22\pm0.28-0.36$ and $3.00-6.67\pm1.2-1.9$ in 2021 to all the races of Fol.
176 All the accessions belonging *L. c* sub sp. *tomentosa* were highly resistant to Race 3 (RJ-8) and 7 (BR-
177 27) with mean DI of 1.00 ± 0.0 during both seasons. All the accession of *L. lamottei* were highly resistant
178 to Race 3 (RJ-8) with mean DI 1.00 ± 0.0 during 2020 and 2021. Contrastingly, it showed moderate
179 susceptible to susceptible reaction with mean DI of 7.67 ± 0.6 to race 5 (CG-5) and race 7 (BR-27)
180 (Tables 1and 2). Variation in the mean DI between races might be associated with the virulence of race
181 and differential interplay between host and race. The CV value of wild species showed large variation
182 due to less sample size and varied disease reactions within species (Figs 1 and 2). Few accessions
183 showed variation in disease incidence in two seasons might be due to varied environmental conditions
184 such as temperature.

185 **Table 1. Range of variation observed in lentil germplasm against seven races of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentis* in the year 2020-21**

Species*	Race 1			Race 2			Race 3			Race 4			Race 5			Race 6			Race 7		
	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV
Sp 1	1-9	6.91 \pm 0.3	39.53	1-9	6.28 \pm 0.3	43.03	1-9	5.14 \pm 0.3	60.07	1-9	5.69 \pm 0.3	48.24	1-9	6.77 \pm 0.29	35.31	1-9	4.85 \pm 0.39	66.53	1-9	7.20 \pm 0.32	36.62
Sp 2	1-7	4 \pm 3	106.07	1-9	5.00 \pm 4	113.1	1-1	1.00 \pm 0	0.00	1-9	5.00 \pm 4	113.14	1-7	4.00 \pm 3	106.07	1-9	5.00 \pm 4	113.14	1-1	1.00 \pm 0.0	0.00
Sp 3	1-9	5.33 \pm 1.4	64.59	1-9	6.43 \pm 1.4	58.79	1-9	3.86 \pm 1.3	93.99	1-9	5.57 \pm 1.9	61.18	1-9	6.67 \pm 1.2	44.16	1-9	5.33 \pm 1.4	64.59	1-9	3.00 \pm 1.31	115.47
Sp 4	1-9	5.40 \pm 1.8	75.90	1-7	4.60 \pm 1.4	71.44	1-9	5.00 \pm 1.6	74.83	1-9	5.40 \pm 1.8	75.90	1-9	5.00 \pm 1.6	74.83	1-9	6.60 \pm 1.47	49.79	1-9	3.80 \pm 1.74	102.60
Sp 5	1-9	6.33 \pm 2.6	72.93	1-9	3.67 \pm 2.6	125.9	1-1	1.00 \pm 0	0.00	1-9	5.67 \pm 2.4	73.47	7-9	7.67 \pm 0.6	15.06	1-9	3.67 \pm 2.6	125.97	7-9	7.67 \pm 0.67	15.06
Sp 6	1-9	3.33 \pm 1.5	110.09	1-9	3.33 \pm 1.5	110.0	1-7	4.00 \pm 1.3	82.16	1-9	4.67 \pm 1.6	87.48	1-9	5.33 \pm 1.4	64.59	1-7	3.00 \pm 1.2	103.28	1-9	3.33 \pm 1.5	110.09
Sp 7	1-9	3 \pm 1.3	115.47	1-9	3.86 \pm 1.3	93.9	1-7	3.57 \pm 1.2	89.80	1-9	3.33 \pm 1.5	110.09	1-9	3.86 \pm 1.37	93.99	1-7	2.00 \pm 1	122.47	1-9	3.86 \pm 1.37	93.99

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187 **Table 2. Range of variation observed in lentil germplasm against seven races of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentis* in the year 2021-22**

Species	Race 1			Race 2			Race 3			Race 4			Race 5			Race 6			Race 7		
	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV	Scale	Mean \pm SE	CV
Sp 1	1-9	7.22 \pm 0.29	34.53	1-9	6.3 \pm 0.31	43.03	1-9	5.2 \pm 0.36	60.07	1-9	5.8 \pm 0.32	48.24	1-9	6.71 \pm 0.28	35.31	1-9	4.88 \pm 0.38	66.53	1-9	7.20 \pm 0.3	36.62
Sp 2	1-7	4 \pm 3	106.07	1-9	5.00 \pm 4	113.1	1-7	1.00 \pm 0	0.00	1-9	5.00 \pm 4	113.14	1-7	4.00 \pm 3	106.07	1-9	5.00 \pm 4	113.14	1-1	1.00 \pm 0	0.00
Sp 3	1-9	5.33 \pm 1.4	64.59	1-9	6.43 \pm 1.4	58.79	1-9	3.86 \pm 1.3	93.99	1-9	5.57 \pm 1.2	61.18	1-9	6.67 \pm 1.2	44.16	1-9	5.33 \pm 1.4	64.59	1-9	3.00 \pm 1.3	115.47

Sp 4	1-9	5.40±1.8	75.90	1-7	4.60±1.46	71.44	1-9	5.00±1.6	74.83	1-9	5.40±1.8	75.90	1-9	5.00±1.6	74.83	1-9	6.60±1.4	49.79	1-9	3.80±1.7	102.60
Sp 5	1-9	6.33±2.6	72.93	1-9	3.67±2.6	12.5.9	7-9	1.00±0	0.00	1-9	5.67±2.4	73.47	7-9	7.67±0.6	15.06	1-9	3.67±2.6	125.97	7-9	7.67±0.6	15.06
Sp 6	1-9	3.33±1.4	110.09	1-9	3.33±1.4	11.0.0	1-9	4.00±1.3	82.16	1-9	4.67±1.6	87.48	1-9	5.33±1.4	64.59	1-7	3.00±1.4	103.28	1-9	3.33±1.4	110.09
Sp 7	1-9	3±1.3	115.47	1-9	3.86±1.3	93.9	1-9	3.57±1.2	89.80	1-9	3.33±1.4	110.09	1-9	3.86±1.3	93.99	1-7	2.00±1	122.47	1-9	3.86±1.3	93.99

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189 **Fig 1. Box plot depicting disease incidence of each species of lentil against each race of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentis* screened during 2020-2021.**

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195 **Amplification and cloning of RGA**

196 After screening the accessions with seven races of *Fol* the accessions IC201561 (*L. culinaris*. subsp.
197 *culinaris*), EC714243 (*L. c.* subsp. *odemensis*) and EC718238 (*L. nigricans*) were showing resistance
198 response to *Fol* and were used for RGA isolation and characterization (S1 Figure). The degenerate
199 primers were designed based on conserved region of NBS amplifying P-loop to GPLA region (S1
200 Table) and used for PCR amplification of genomic DNA of selected resistant accession, IC201561,
201 EC714243 and EC718238. Amplicon size of 510 bp was eluted and cloned to pGEMT vector and E.
202 coli JM109 cells (Fig 3). Fifty positive clones from each accession were selected for colony PCR and
203 clones producing 510 bp further proceeded for plasmid isolation. Plasmids were isolated and restrict
204 digested using Eco R1 to confirm insert and sequenced (S2, S3 and S4 Figures). Out of ninety
205 sequences, 45 sequences showed high similarity to known R gene and were deposited in NCBI database
206 (Table 3). These sequences were translated using Expasy and the sequences showed similarity ranging
207 from 76-91% similarity with known R gene, RUN1 and RRP13 of *Medicago truncatula* and N of
208 *Trifolium partense* and 84-99% similarity with previously isolated lentil, pea and French bean RGA
209 (Table 3).

210 **Table 3. Accession number obtained for isolated lentil RGA and result of similarity search**
211 **between LRGA and known R gene from other plant species using BLASTX.**

Lentil RGA	Accession number	Similarity with other R gene	Maximum identity	E- value
LcRGA1	ON367522	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>Mediacago truncatula</i>	83	7e-125
LcRGA2	ON420341	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	99	5e-186
LcRGA3	ON367523	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	83	2e-124
LcRGA4	ON420342	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	86	5e-146
LcRGA5	ON420343	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	88	2e-164
LcRGA6	ON367524	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	83	2e-124
LcRGA7	ON367525	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	83	2e-124
LcRGA8	ON367526	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	83	2e-124
LcRGA9	ON367527	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	83	2e-124
LcRGA10	ON381744	N disease resistance protein of <i>Trifolium partense</i>	78	3e-79
LcRGA11	ON381743	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	76	3e-64
LcRGA12	ON367528	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	83	5e-126
LcRGA13	ON367529	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	83	1e-122
LcRGA14	ON420344	N disease resistance protein of <i>T. partense</i>	88	5e-166
LcRGA15	ON367530	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	82	2e-119
LoRGA1	ON381745	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LoRGA2	ON399215	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0

LoRGA3	ON399211	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	91	0
LoRGA4	ON399212	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LoRGA5	ON399213	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LoRGA6	ON399214	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LoRGA7	ON409891	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	6e-167
LoRGA8	ON409892	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	2e-167
LoRGA9	ON409893	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LoRGA10	ON409894	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	2e-167
LoRGA11	ON409895	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	2e-167
LoRGA12	ON409896	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LoRGA13	ON409897	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LoRGA14	ON409898	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LoRGA15	ON409899	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	89	3e-160
LnRGA1	ON420345	N disease resistance protein of <i>T. partense</i>	89	2e-169
LnRGA2	ON420346	RPP13 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	81	2e-113
LnRGA3	ON420347	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LnRGA4	ON420348	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	2e-167
LnRGA5	ON420349	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	88	5e-166
LnRGA6	ON454553	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	5e-165
LnRGA7	ON454554	N disease resistance protein of <i>T. partense</i>	88	5e-166
LnRGA8	ON454555	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	5e-165
LnRGA9	ON454556	RPP13 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	81	2e-109
LnRGA10	ON454557	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	80	3e-105
LnRGA11	ON454558	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	0
LnRGA12	ON454559	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	2e-166
LnRGA13	ON454562	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	88	1e-166
LnRGA14	ON454560	RUN1 disease resistance protein <i>M. truncatula</i>	90	2e-167
LnRGA15	ON454561	N disease resistance protein of <i>T. partense</i>	89	2e-169

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213 **Fig 3. PCR amplification product generated using LRGAF and LRGAR degenerate primer on**
214 **genomic DNA of lentil resistant accession.** Lane 1 IC201561 (L65), Lane 2 EC714243 (L83) and
215 Lane 3 EC718238 (L90). L represents 100 bp ladder.

216 **Multiple sequence alignment and phylogenetic analysis of RGAs**

217 Multiple sequence alignment of the deduced amino acid sequence of RGA and known R gene, N, L6,
218 M, I2 and Gpa2 revealed the presence of conserved motifs such as P-loop, RBNS-A, Kinsae2, kinase
219 3, RBNS-C and GPLA (Fig 4).

220 **Fig 4. Multiple sequence alignment between P-loop and GPLA of 45 lentil RGAs with NBS**
221 **region of known R gene Gpa2, I2, N, L6 and M.** The conserved motifs are indicated above the
222 alignment. The number of amino acids is indicated above the alignment. The gaps to optimize the
223 alignment are designated by dash (-). The alignment was constructed using CLUSTA W of Bioedit.

224 The phylogenetic tree was constructed using the Neighbour-joining method to determine the
225 relationship between obtained RGA and the known R gene. The resulting tree gave rise to two branches,
226 TIR-NBS-LRR and non-TIR-NBS-LRR. All the lentil RGA were grouped among TIR branch except
227 LnRGA2, LnRGA9 and LnRGA13 were grouped in non-TIR branch. All lentil TIR-RGAs, R gene- L
228 and M clustered separately from RPP4, RPP5, RPP1, N and RPS4. TIR-RGA were further classified
229 into five classes LRGA1 to LRGA5 comprising of 22, 2, 1, 11 and 6 lentil RGA in each class. All the
230 LoRGAs isolated from *L. c. subsp. odemensis* clustered together in LRGA1 reflecting sequence
231 homology among them. RGA isolated from cultivated species and wild species were grouped in LRGA
232 4 and LRGA 5 revealing its conserved nature. Clustering of LnRGA3, 9 and 13 to class LRGA6 along
233 with Fusarium R gene, I2 reveals its sequence homology and potential role in fusarium wilt resistance.
234 Grouping of isolated RGAs to TIR and non-TIR classes reflects the diversity of RGA present in the
235 genus (Fig 5).

236 **Fig 5. Neighbour joining phylogenetic tree constructed based on isolated Lentil RGAs and known**
237 **NBS region of R gene, N (U15605), L6 (U27081), M (U73916), RPP5 (AAFO8790.1), RPP4**
238 **(AAM18462.1), RPP1 (AT3444670), RPS4 (CAB50708.1), Mla (AAG37356), Pi-ta (ACY24970.1),**
239 **Pi36 (ADF29629.1), Pib (BAA76282.2), I2 (AF004878), RPP13 (AAF42831), RPM1 (AQ39214),**
240 **Prf (U65391), Gpa2 (AF195939), RPP8 (AAC78631.1.), FOM-2 (AY583855.1) at bootstrap values**
241 **(1000 replicates).** Numbers on the branches indicate the percentage of bootstrap replications. Green
242 represents LRGA 1, blue represents LRGA 2, yellow represents LRGA 3, red represents LRGA 4,
243 purple represents LRGA 5, orange represents LRGA 6.

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245 The Percent similarity of amino acid among lentil RGA and between R gene, L6, M, I2 and Gpa2 was
246 determined using DNAMAN 8 software. Amino acid similarity ranged from 27.85% (LcRGA2 and
247 LnRGA2) to 86.98% (LnRGA1 and LcRGA5) among RGAs. Similarity ranged from 26.83%
248 (LnRGA13 and L6) to 49.41% (LnRGA13 and I2) when compared with the known R genes (Table 4).

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250 **Table 4: Homology matrix obtained between representative lentil RGA and known R gene using**
251 **DNAMAN 8.0**

LoRGA6	100												
LcRGA2	83.35	100											
LcRGA10	55.29	57.65	100										
LcRGA15	61.18	62.72	63.31	100									
LcRGA11	53.53	57.75	57.65	62.95	100								
LnRGA1	39.76	38.46	40.12	37.95	37.95	100							
LcRGA5	42.33	41.32	42.52	40.24	41.67	86.98	100						
LnRGA2	30.77	27.85	29.68	30.26	28.77	36.88	31.97	100					
LnRGA13	31.56	32.69	30.38	31.16	30.52	32.86	34.75	36.20	100				
I2	30.38	31.61	30.82	32.28	29.03	30.92	32.03	44.71	49.41	100			
L6	34.32	35.53	34.71	30.54	35.12	37.42	38.03	34.44	26.83	34.18	100		
M	34.91	37.95	36.59	33.54	34.12	38.79	40.37	34.44	26.99	36.48	81.98	100	
Gpa2	27.81	32.69	28.13	31.29	30.41	32.86	34.75	36.20	42.14	37.87	33.33	32.03	100

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253 Motif identification and characterization

254 Motifs of TIR and non-TIR RGA were determined using Multiple Expectation maximizations for Motif
255 Elicitation software along with known R gene. Eleven and twelve motifs were identified in TIR and
256 non-TIR groups respectively. Six conserved motifs, P-Loop, RNBS-A, Kinase 2, Kinase 3, RNBS-C
257 and GPLA were found in all RGAs. External motif, P-Loop and GPLA and internal motif, Kinase
258 2, Kinase 3 and RNBS-C were found conserved in both groups of RGA. We further classified RNBS-
259 A to TIR with amino acid sequence [(YC)(AND)(RLK)I(SA)
260 (NQDH)QF(EVDH)(AGM)(CSL)C(FL)(ILV)(DH)(DN)(NI)(SRG)] and non-TIR
261 [F(CVD)(YL)(RK)(GAR)(WK)(SFA)(HTL)Y(SP)(KQE)(DVE)(YFL)(DC)(VA)(VRF)(TNA)(VI)]
262 group due to the difference in position and composition of motif. The presence of Tryptophan (W) in
263 the non-TIR group at the end of Kinase 2 motif distinguishes it from the TIR group with Aspartate (D)
264 amino acid. An extra motif with signature (KE)NYRLH and E-value, 0E-054 was found in LcRGA 1,
265 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15 and LnRGA10 all belonging to class LRGA3 of TIR-RGA (Figs 6 and 7).

266 **Fig 6. Diagrammatic representation of conserved motif of TIR RGAs within NBS domain along**
267 **with R gene N, L6 and M.** The solid black line represents each RGA and its length with motifs

268 indicated in coloured boxes. The sequence logo of six conserved motifs along with their E value at right
269 hand side.

270 **Fig 7. Diagrammatic representation of conserved motif of non-TIR RGAs within NBS domain**
271 **along with R gene Gpa2 and I2.** The solid black line represents each RGA and its length with motifs
272 are represented in coloured boxes. Sequence logo of six conserved motifs along with their E value is
273 given below.

274 **Prediction of active binding sites and their putative ligand**

275 All the RGA showed structural analogy to known resistance gene, RPP1 and Roq1 with the molecular
276 function of ATP binding (S4 Table). I-TASSER software was used to predict the active binding site of
277 RGA and its respective ligand. The identified active binding sites (ABS) were found to be present along
278 the six conserved motifs of Nucleotide binding site (NBS) including P-loop, RNBS-A, Kinase 2, Kinase
279 3, RNBS-C and GPLA. ABS in P-loop motif was found in majorly 35 RGA (10 LcRGA, 14 LoRGA
280 and 11 LnRGA) followed by Kinase 2 motif in 30 RGA (5 LcRGA, 14 LoRGA and 11 LnRGA). Amino
281 acid corresponding to Active binding site, Glycine (G) and Threonine (T) in the P-loop and Aspartic
282 acid (D) and Aspergine (N) in the Kinase 2 motifs were found common in TIR and non-TIR RGA but
283 differed with amino acid at Kinase 2 motif. It was observed non-TIR had Aspartic acid as ABS while
284 TIR-RGA had Aspartic acid and Aspergine as ABS. P-loop, Kinase 2 and Kinase 3 motifs are reported
285 to have ATP/GTP binding site in nucleotide binding site of R gene. Interestingly Aspartic acid (D)
286 found in TIR-RNBS motif was found to be active binding site of 17 TIR-RGA majorly of LoRGA
287 isolated from *Lens culinaris* subsp. *odemensis*. LoRGA3, LnRGA8 and LnRGA14 had Leucine (L)
288 found in RNBS-C and Glycine (G) amino acid found in GPLA motif of non-TIR RGA, LnRGA9 and
289 LnRGA13 as active binding sites. ADP/ATP was found to be a potential ligand of RGAs with the
290 molecular function of ATP binding and ATPase activity (S5 Table). Previous reports of RNBS-A,
291 RNBS-C and GPLA motif involved in ATP binding and hydrolysis has not been reported. Based on
292 amino acid corresponding to ABS RGAs were classified into thirteen groups (Table 5). Eighteen RGAs
293 with the active binding site at 4th, 6th, 27th and 82nd/83rd positions corresponding to G, T, D and N
294 amino acid were grouped to GTDN class. Seven classes of ABS had a single lentil RGA describing the

295 diversity of ABS within the genus. Seven RGAs had no ABS and were considered inactive due to point
296 mutation. Little correlation was found between ABS of RGA and previously constructed phylogenetic
297 tree. The RGA belonging to the non-TIR group had different ABS from TIR group. The phylogenetic
298 tree was constructed by maximum likelihood in MEGAX aligning all the active binding sites of RGA
299 with a bootstrap of 1000 replication. The tree grouped all RGAs having GTDN active binding sites
300 together. RGA, LnRGA9, LnRGA13 (GTDT), LnRGA2 (GTDG) were grouped along with GTD group
301 probably due to change in single amino acid (Fig 8).

302 **Fig 8. Phylogenetic tree constructed based on amino acid corresponding to active binding sites**
303 **(ABS) using Maximum likelihood in MEGA X with 1000 bootstrap replication.** Lentil RGA with
304 same colour represent having similar ABS. Blue represents GTDN, green represents GTD, black
305 represents GTDG, Red represents GTDT, yellow represents GTDL, orange represents GT, red
306 represents L, pink represents GTS, light blue represents SN, purple represents G, light green represents
307 GTNS, grey represents S.

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318 **Table 5. Lentil RGA grouped based on amino acid corresponding predicted active binding sites (ABS)**

GTS	SN	GTNS	GTD	GTDN	S	GT	GTDL	G	L	GTDT	GTDG	No ABS
LcRGA1	LcRGA2	LcRGA3	LcRGA6	LcRGA8	LcRGA10	LcRGA14	LoRGA3	LoRGA7	LnRGA1	LnRGA2	LnRGA9	LcRGA4
		LcRGA9	LcRGA7	LcRGA12			LnRGA8				LnRGA13	LcRGA5
			LcRGA13	LcRGA15			LnRGA14					LcRGA11
			LoRGA2	LoRGA1								LoRGA12
			LoRGA8	LoRGA4								LnRGA5
			LnRGA4	LoRGA5								LnRGA7
				LoRGA6								LnRGA15
				LoRGA9								
				LoRGA10								
				LoRGA11								
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				LnRGA6								
				LnRGA10								
				LnRGA11								
				LnRGA12								

* Each group is named based on amino acid corresponding ABS

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321 **The secondary and tertiary structure of RGA**

322 The secondary structure of RGAs predicted using Pyre2 software revealed the presence of alpha-helix
323 (56%-50%), beta strands (11%-9%), and disordered sequence (12%-14%). Three RGAs, LcRGA5,
324 LcRGA11 and LnRGA1 had the transmembrane region in the helix depicts probable interaction with
325 the lipid bilayer (Table 6). Best tertiary structure lentil RGA predicted based on C-score, TM-score and
326 RMSD using I-TASSER. The C-score of 45 lentil RGA ranged from 0.31 (LcRGA14 and LoRGA2) to
327 0.68 (LnRGA9) and TM- score ranged from 0.70 ±0.10 (LnRGA11) to 0.81 ±0.09 (LnRGA9 and
328 Lnrga13) (S6 Table). Solubility of active binding site amino acid ranged from 1-4 revealing the buried
329 nature of ABS. It was predicted that RGA were isolated from genomic DNA represent constitutively
330 inactive/closed conformation in nature until pathogen attack (S5 Figure).

331 **Table 6. Secondary structure composition of representative lentil RGA using Pyre 2 software**

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Lentil RGA	α strand	β strand	Disorder	TM helix	Confidence
LoRGA6	52	10	14	-	100
LcRGA2	51	11	14	-	100
LcRGA10	54	9	13	-	100
LcRGA15	56	9	12	-	100
Lcrga11	53	9	13	9	100
LnRGA1	50	10	12	9	100
LcRGA5	51	11	14	9	100
LnRGA2	49	9	19	-	100
LnRGA13	49	9	16	-	100

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334 **Discussion**

335 *Fol* is the major pathogen of lentil constraining its yield and productivity in India and worldwide.
336 Identification of resistant germplasm through screening helps in the development of resistant cultivar
337 and identification of R gene involved in resistance mechanism. In the present study, lentil germplasms
338 were screened in natural conditions against seven race representatives of *Fol* for two seasons to identify

339 resistant germplasm and further isolation and characterization of potential RGA. Since *Fusarium* is
340 soil-borne pathogen, pot evaluation is considered efficient and accurate as it takes less space, provides
341 uniform inoculum load and limits interaction with other soil-borne pathogens such as *Rhizoctonia*
342 *bataticola* and *Sclerotium rolfsii* causing synergistic effect [27]. To increase the efficiency and reduce
343 variation of screening the germplasms were screened for two consecutive seasons, 2020 and 2021 [28].
344 The germplasm showed typical wilt symptoms, yellowing, drooping to wilting of the plant followed by
345 death. The germplasm showed varying degrees of resistance between the races in two seasons. Wild
346 accession belonging to *Lens culinaris* sub sp. *odemensis* showed resistance to all the races of the
347 pathogen. Multi-race resistance in has been identified in crops such as tomato against *Fusarium*
348 *oxysporum* f. sp. *lycopersici* race 1, 2 and 3 [29] and in melon against *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp.
349 *melonis* race 0, 1 and 2 [30]. We have observed germplasms of *L. c* sub. sp. *culinaris* and *L. culinaris*
350 sub sp. *orientalis* exhibited diverse reactions from highly resistant to susceptibility this might be
351 probably due to heterogeneity in genome structure of germplasm within single species and differential
352 interaction of resistant genes towards particular race. Our results were in accordance with previous
353 reports of [31] differential resistance in the core set of *Phaseolus vulgaris* germplasm to races 1, 2 and
354 4 of *Fusarium*. The contrasting response showed by accessions of *L. lamottei* towards race 3, 5 and 7
355 emphasizes the probable combinatorial interaction of multiple R gene in resistance response. Few
356 accessions showed variation in the resistance response as wilt is highly dependent on temperature [32].
357 Higher CV has been observed in wild species due to diverse disease reaction and small sample size.
358 Extensive screening has explored the potentiality of all species and subspecies of lentil against existing
359 races of *Fol* providing an excellent source for R gene isolation. To our best knowledge this is the first
360 report of multi-race resistance in lentil against *Fusarium* wilt.
361 In last the decade PCR based approach for isolation of gene using degenerate primer has been identified
362 as a valuable tool over conventional technique and have been used in crop plants to isolate resistant
363 gene analogues closely associated with R gene. In our study accessions showing resistant response to
364 multiple races were used for RGA isolation and characterization. Ninety clones were isolated and
365 heterogeneity within the isolated RGA amplicons was observed. Similar results were also reported in

366 radish [33]. Forty-five RGAs showed considerable sequence variation and similarity to RUN1 and
367 RPP13 disease resistance gene of legume model plant, *Medicago truncata* and TMV resistance gene,
368 N of *Trifolium pratense* predicting its role in disease resistance. Our results were in accordance to RGA
369 isolated from chickpea [34]. The presence of conserved domain P-loop, RNBS-A, Kinase 2, Kinase 3,
370 RNBS C and GPLA through multiple sequence alignment suggested it to be part of the NBS region
371 of R gene. Amino-terminal of typical R gene is linked to TIR (Toll/interlukin 1-like receptor) and CC
372 (Coiled-Coil) involved in defence signaling. They are differentiated based on the presence of aspartate
373 (D) or tryptophan (W) at end of kinase 2 motif in TIR and CC respectively [35]. We observed that forty-
374 two isolated clones belonged to class TIR and the rest three to non-TIR. The presence of both classes
375 of RGA and enhanced expression of TIR-NBS-LRR R gene have been reported in dicots and have
376 evolved mainly through duplication and diversification during evolution [36-37]. In the present study,
377 significant difference in the number of lentil TIR-RGA and non-TIR RGA clones was observed. To
378 visualize the relatedness of isolated RGA and other known R gene phylogenetic tree was constructed
379 based on amino acid sequence. The tree differentiated the clones to two groups, TIR and non-TIR and
380 further into six classes, LRGA1-6. Clustering of all the RGA isolated from *L. culinaris* subsp.
381 *odemensis* to class LRGA1 revealing sequence homology among the clones and could be due to tandem
382 and segmental duplication within the sequence. Clustering of RGA from cultivated and wild into same
383 classes reveals conserved nature of R genes. RGA isolated from three species were grouped to six
384 classes revealing diversity of RGA present in the host. The diversity of RGA might be aided by
385 recombination and sequence exchange resulting in haplotypic diversity [36]. Grouping of the LnRGA
386 13 along with the I2 Fusarium resistant gene and sharing 49% amino acid similarity predicts functional
387 role in Fusarium wilt resistance [38]. All the conserved motifs were identified in both the classes of
388 RGA when compared with R gene. Positional and sequence variation of RNBS-TIR and RNBS non-
389 TIR motif have been also observed in Allium RGA resistant to Fusarium basal rot [39].
390 The presence of active binding sites determines the functionality of RGA in resistance. In-silico
391 characterization have identified six conserved motifs of NBS to harbor ABS and grouping based of
392 ABS determines the diversity of RGA and probably different mode of action. Nucleotide binding site

393 (NBS)/NB-ARC region of R gene belongs to STAND (Signal transduction ATPase with numerous
394 domain) superfamily protein involved in immunity and apoptosis [40]. The biological function of all
395 the isolated LRGA determined using I-TASSER inferred their involvement in immunity and
396 involvement of LoRGA7 in intrinsic apoptotic signalling. TIR/CC-NBS-LRR requires maturation for
397 recognition of effector molecules and is mediated by Hsp90, a ATP dependent chaperone and other co-
398 chaperones. In closed and auto inhibited state, TIR/CC and LRR are present in close proximity and are
399 folded back to NBS-ARC core along with ADP. Upon recognition of effector, conformational changes
400 allow the exchange of ADP to ATP, resulting in open structure and activation of downstream defense
401 [41]. Involvement of NBS region of I2 R gene in binding to ATP with P loop, Kinase 2 and Kinase 3
402 as ATP binding sites and subsequent hydrolysis of ATP by confirming relatedness of NBS to ATPase
403 super family has been reported [42]. In the present study, ADP/ATP was found to be potential ligand
404 of lentil RGA with ATP binding and ATPase as molecular function and infers its functional role in
405 defense response. Potential solubility of ABS determined hydrophobic nature of amino acid. We
406 predicted RGA secondary and tertiary structure using Phyre 2 and I-TASSER. The composition of
407 Alpha-helix, beta strands and disordered region varied between RGA and similar results were found in
408 RGA isolates from watermelon resistant to Fusarium wilt [43]. The presence of transmembrane helix
409 deduced the role in lipid bilayer interaction [44].

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411 Conclusion

412 In the present study cultivated and wild lentil species resistant to multiple races of *Fol* were identified
413 by extensive screening. Resistance gene analogues were isolated from resistant accession belonging to
414 three different species using degenerate primer. The phylogenetic analysis grouped RGA to six classes
415 determining the diversity of RGA present in the host. Clustering of cultivated wild species RGA
416 together revealed conserved nature of R gene. Grouping of RGA isolated from *L. nigricans* with I2
417 reveals its potentiality in Fusarium wilt resistance. Molecular and biological function reveals ATP
418 binding and ATP hydrolyzing activity of lentil RGA confirming their relatedness to the functional R
419 gene. The isolated RGA can be useful marker associated with R gene and further expression analysis

420 determine its activity during pathogen interaction and decipher the molecular mechanism involved in
421 resistance.

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533 **Supporting information**

534 **S1 Table. Primers used in the amplification of lentil resistance gene analogues**

535 **S2 Table. Screening of hundred lentil germplasm against seven-race representative *Fusarium*
536 *oxysporum* f. sp. *lentil* in the year 2020-21.**

537 **S3 Table. Screening of lentil germplasm against seven races *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentil* in
538 the year 2021-22**

539 **S4 Table. Prediction of structural analog, molecular, biological and cellular function of isolated
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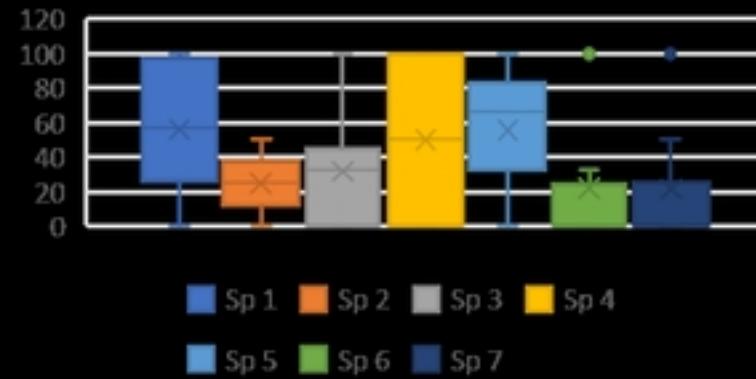
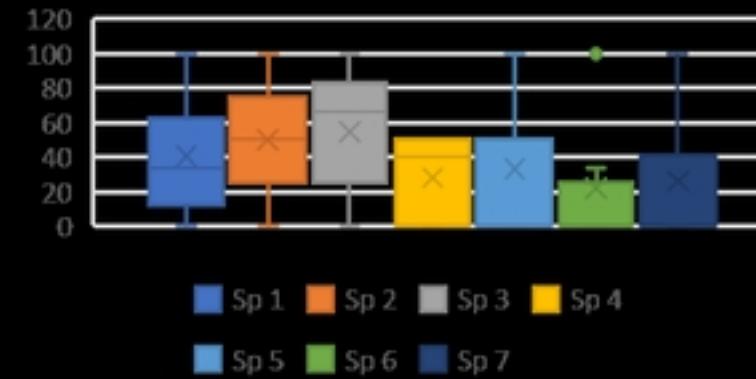
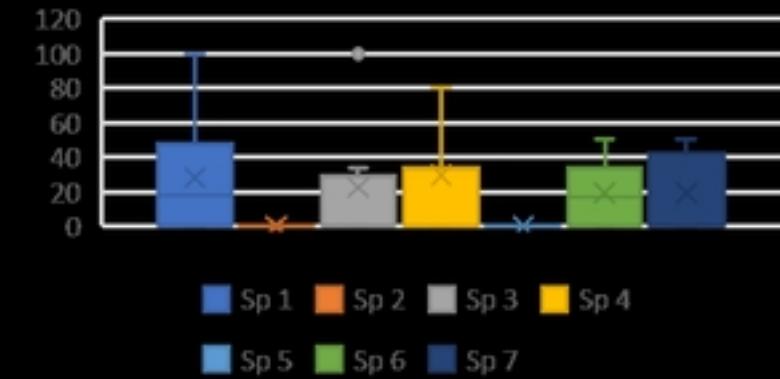
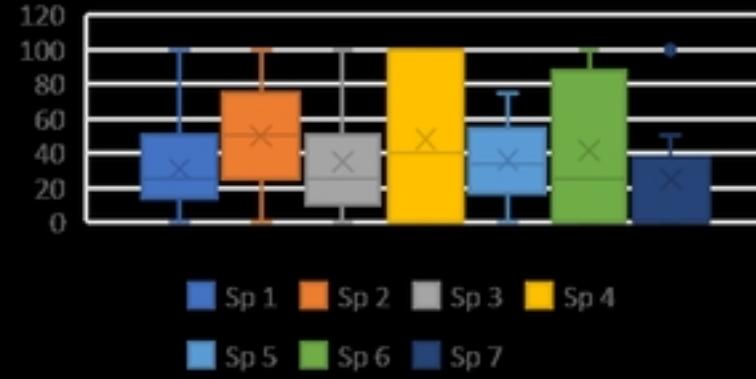
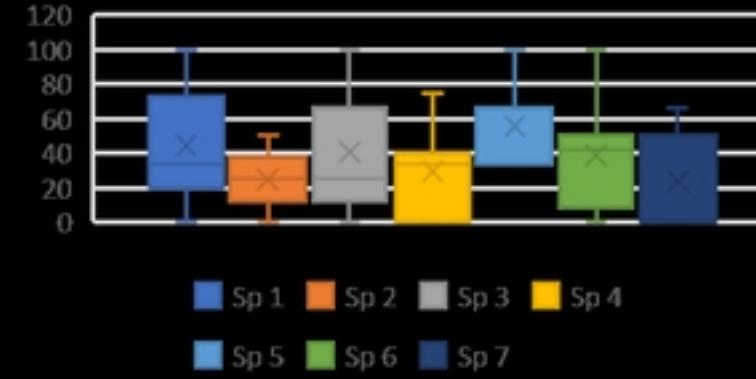
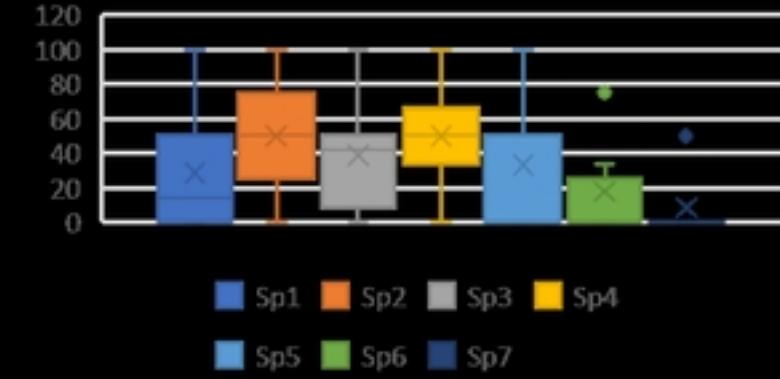
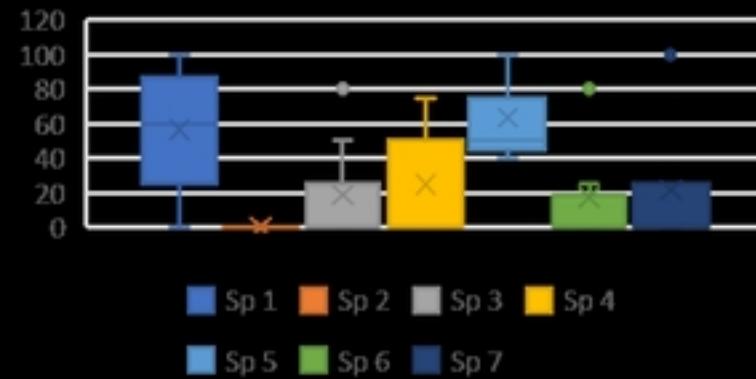
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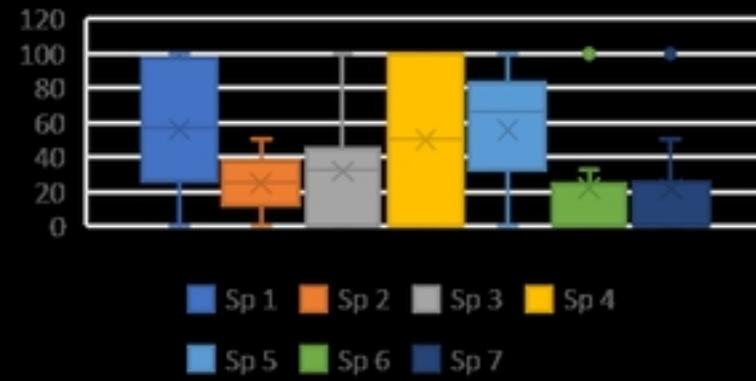
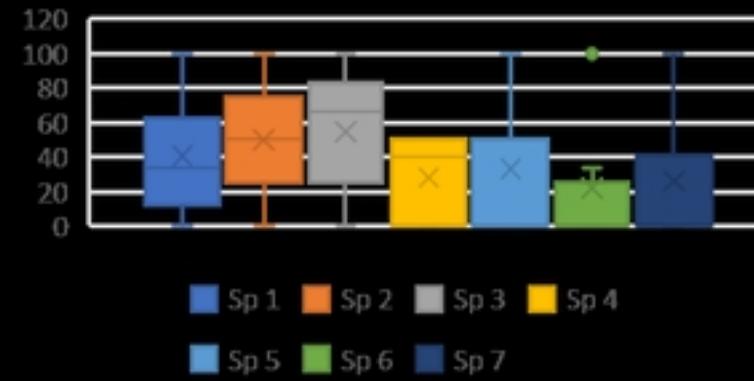
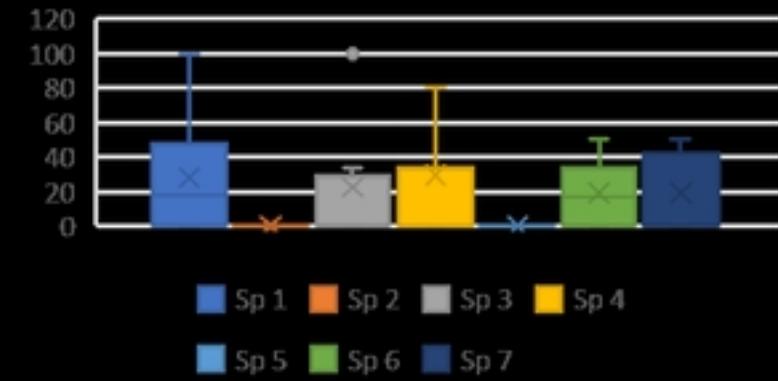
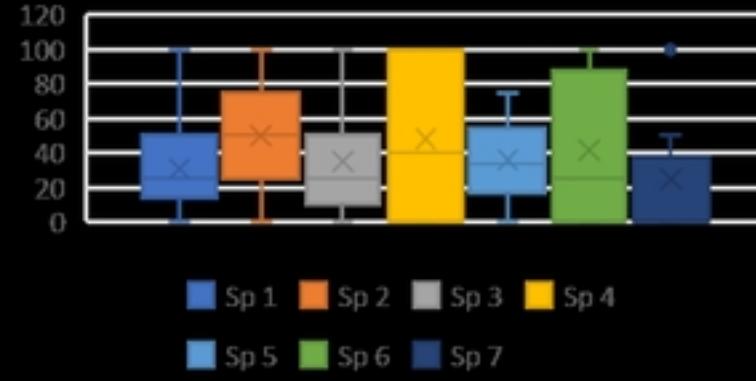
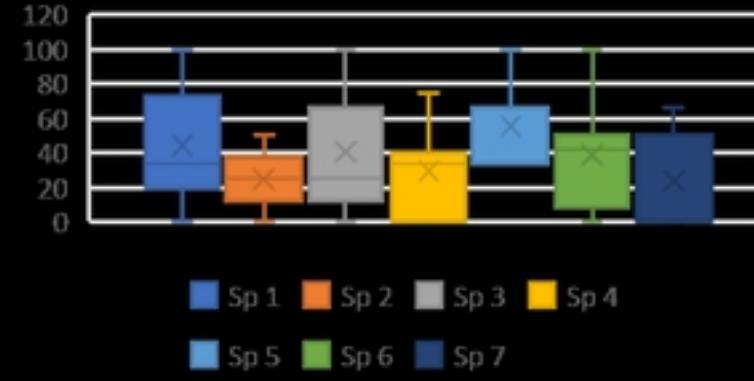
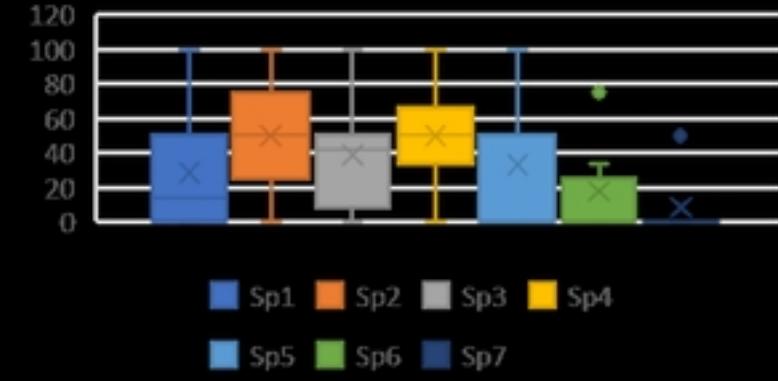
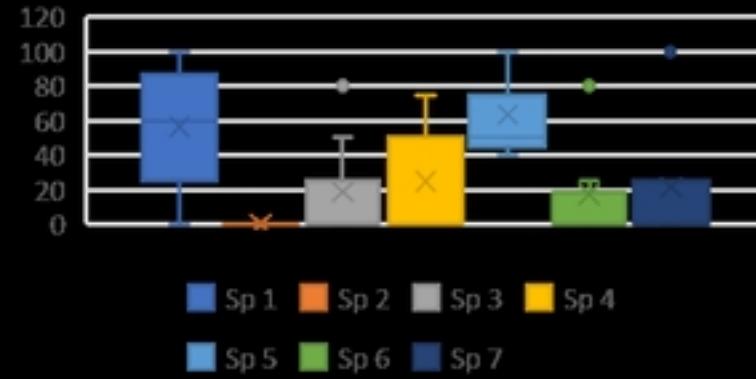
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545 EC718238 (L90) against seven races of *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *lentis* and its respective
546 control.** Pot in the left-hand corner is control followed by race 1(MP-2), race2(UP-9), race 3(RJ-8)
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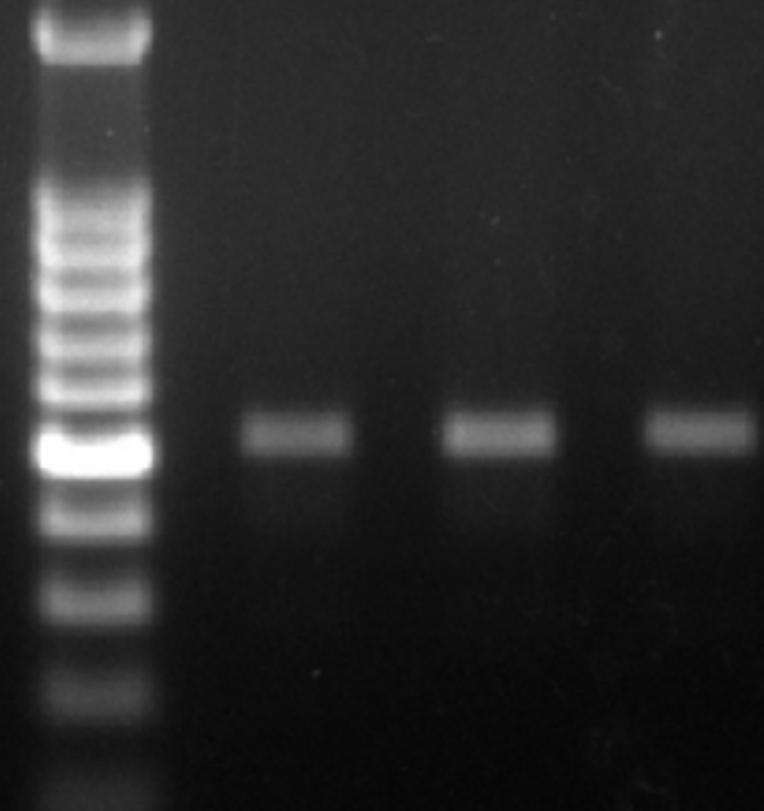
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553 **agarose gel.** Lane M is 1kb ladder and lanes 1 to 15 consist of RGA, LoRGA1 to LoRGA15.
554 **S4 Figure. Restriction digestion profile of plasmid having resistance gene analogue as insert**
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556 **gel.** Lane M is 1kb ladder and lanes 1 to 15 consist of RGA, LnRGA1 to LnRGA15.
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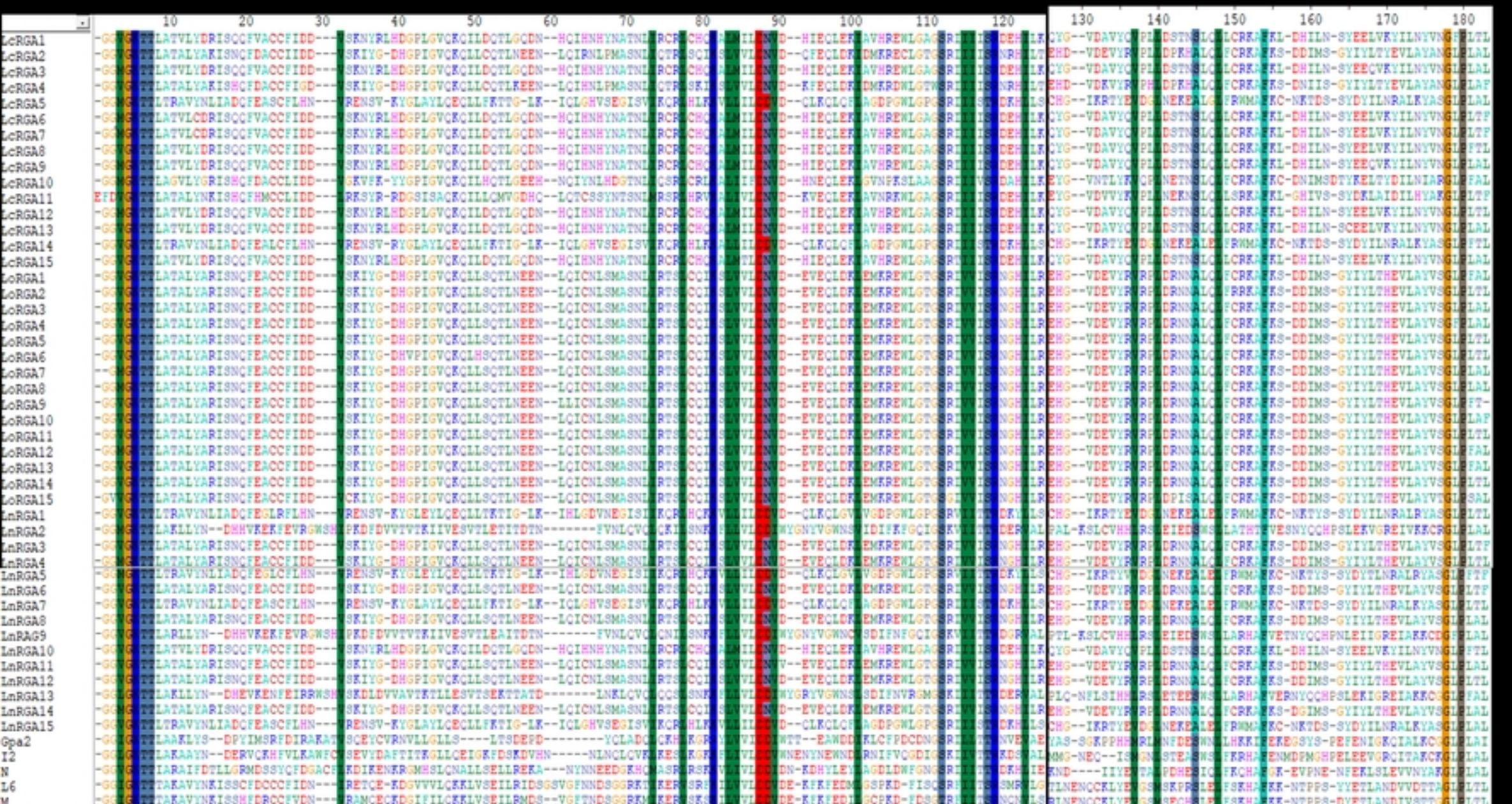
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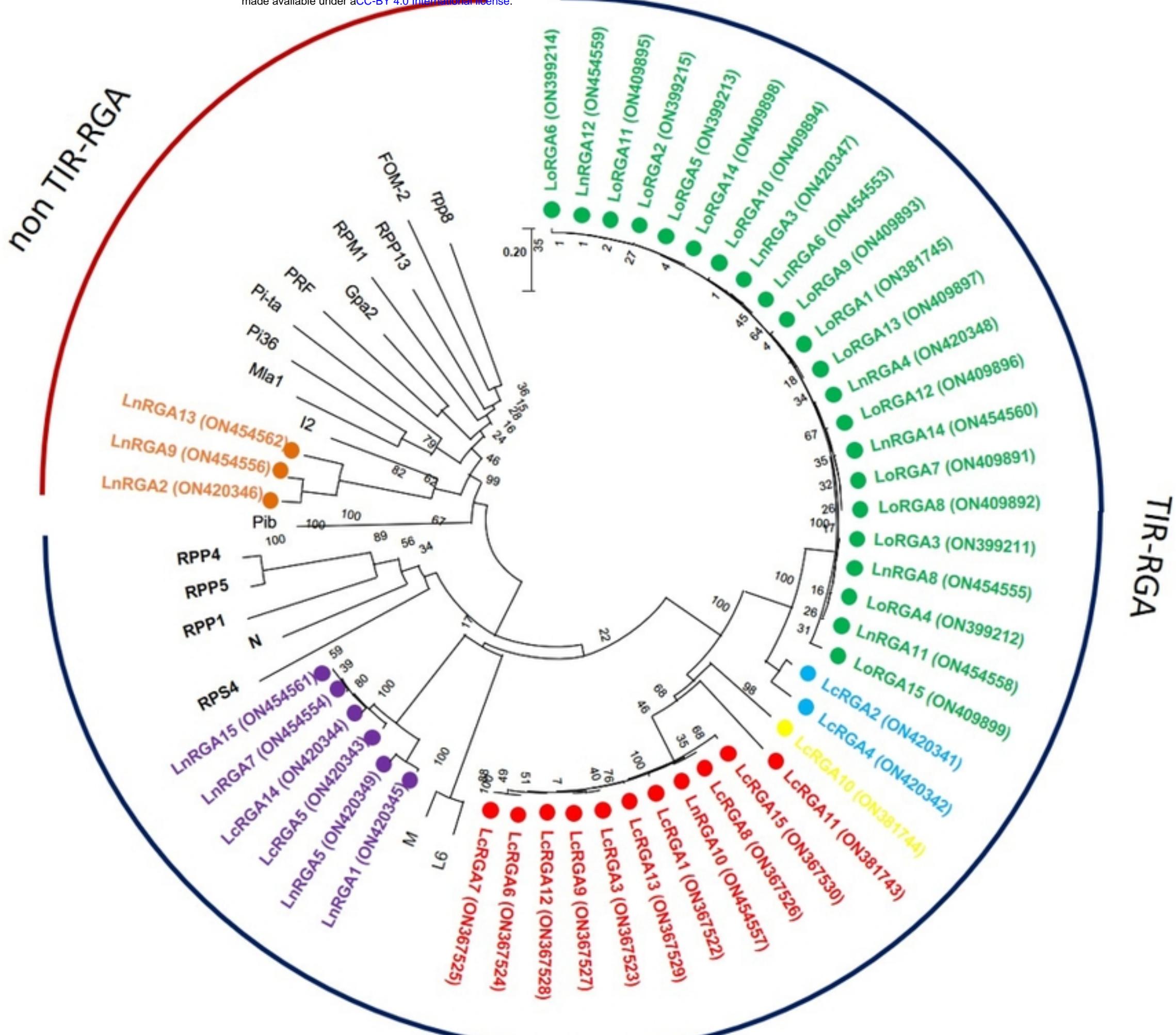
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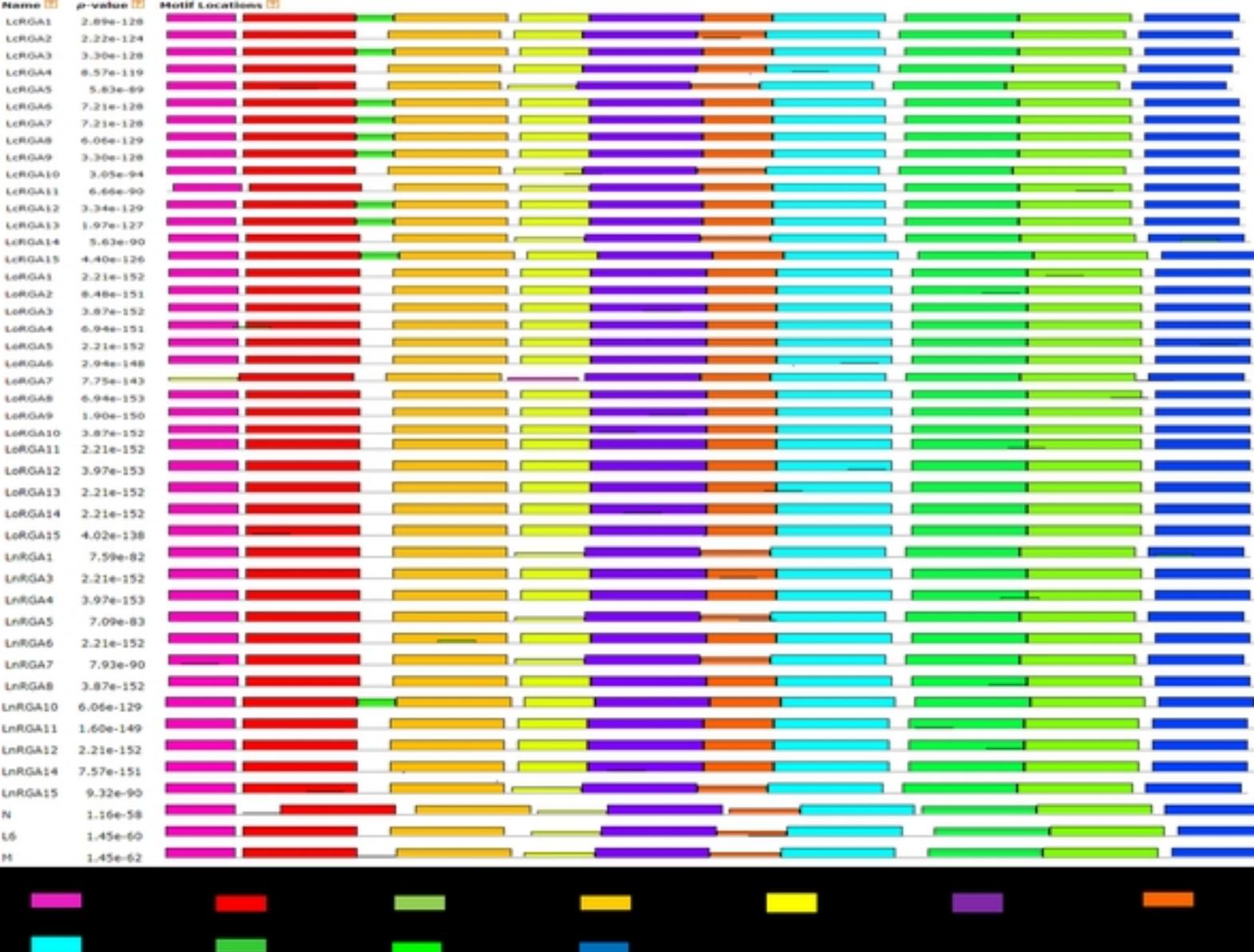
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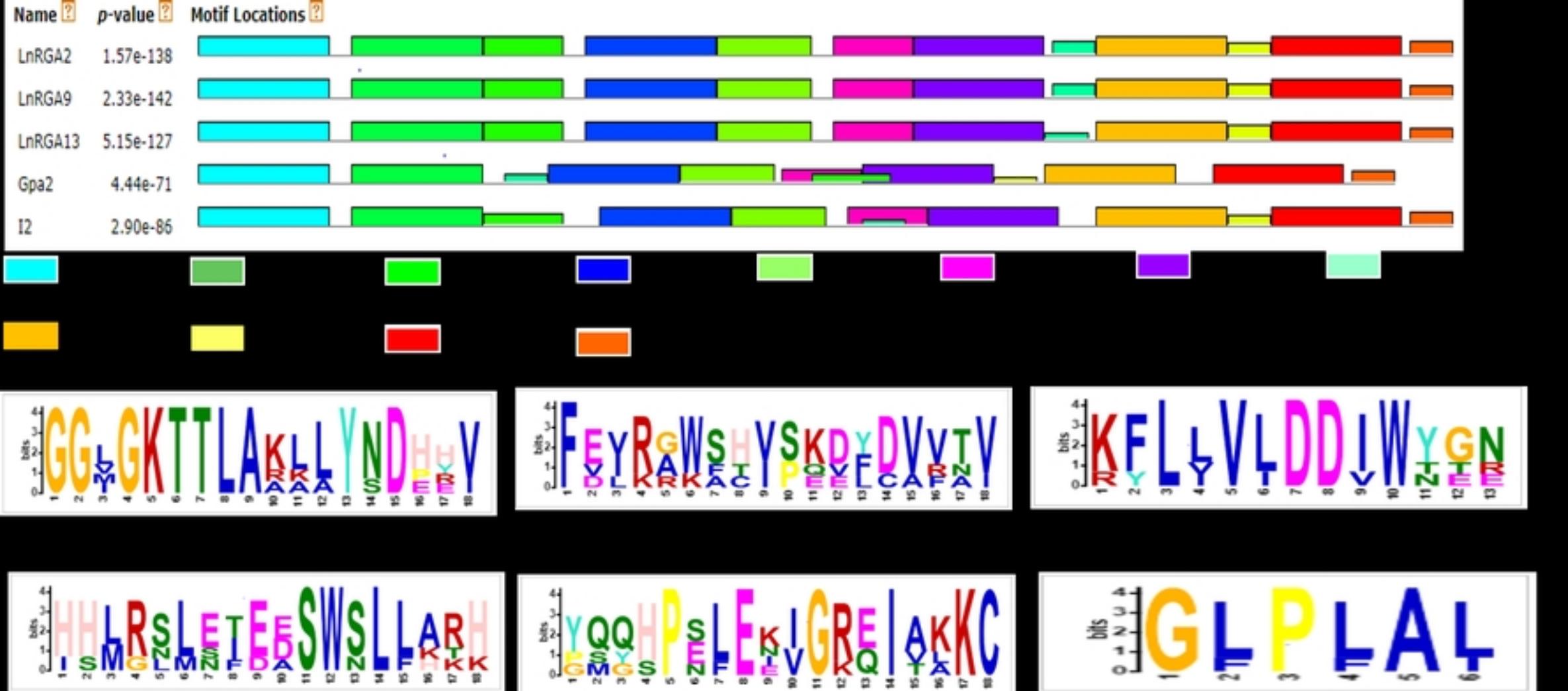
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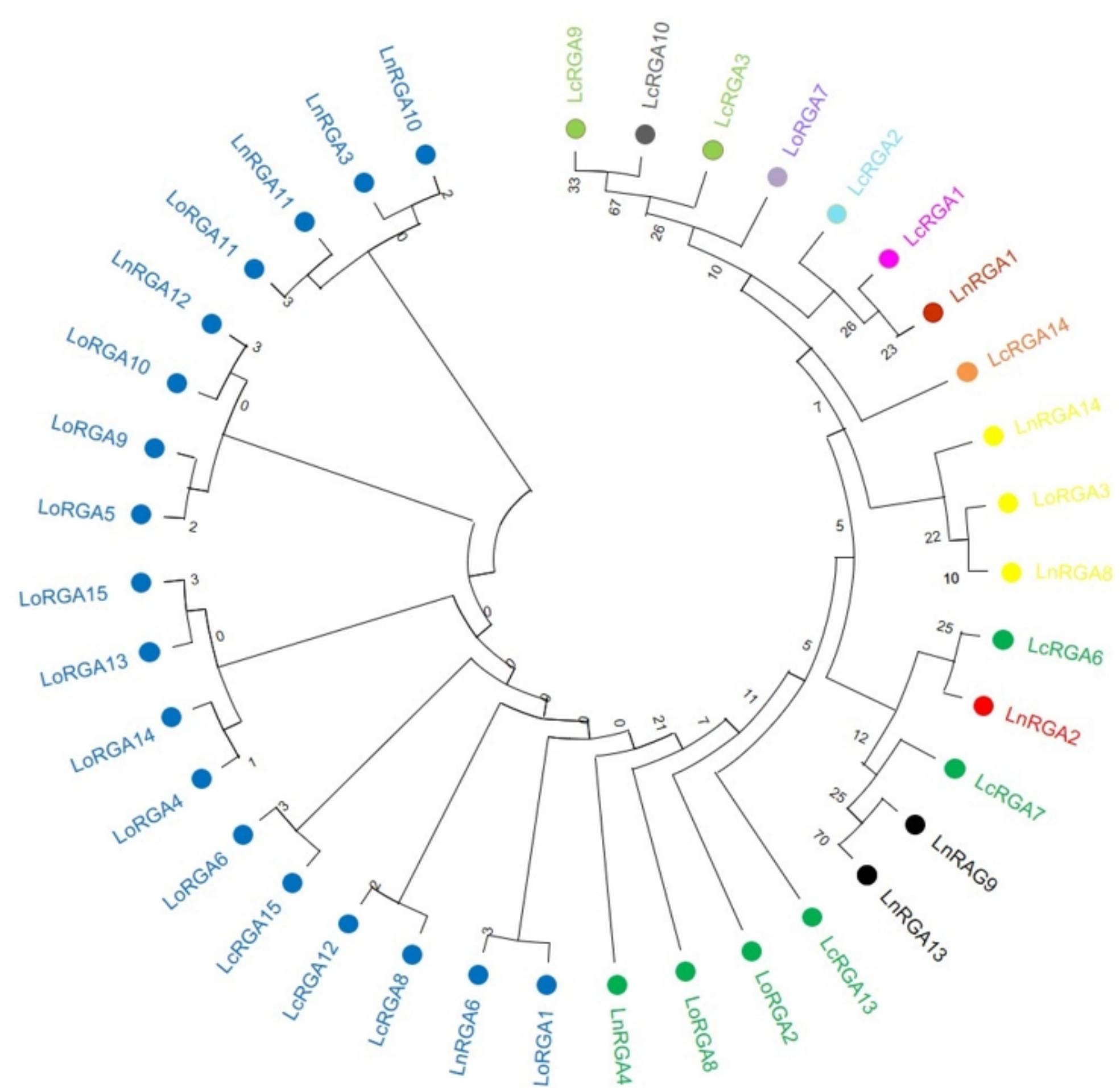
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