# **Supplementary PDF File**

All of these procedures, unless otherwise specified, should be performed on the Linux operating system. We recommend using Docker to reproduce our results. The versions of all software or packages, if not mentioned here, are listed in our main text.

# 1. Extraction of Simple Sequence Repeats and GO Enrichment Analysis

## 1.1 Environment creation for the analysis

If you wish to replicate the result in our main text, please use our Conda environment to minimize difficulties. It prepared the vast majority of Python packages and some of the softwares. However, just having the R\_environment is not sufficient to run our R script; you need to manually install the packages of clusterProfiler and argparse. In addition to this, we have provided all dependencies that needed in our R environment for your reference. The dependency file R\_dependency.csv is located in the same path with the conda environment yml file.

```
Shell

1 conda env create -f python_environment.yml
2 conda env create -f R_environment.yml
3 conda env create -f orthofinder2.yml
```

## 1.2 Data download and extraction of the associated data

Please download the genome and annotation files using the links provided in Table 1 of the main text. Using <code>gffread</code> to extract CDS and proteins. We used the proteins encoded by the longest CDS as representatives when annotating their functions with eggNOG-mapper.

```
Shell

1 conda activate variety3
2 gffread -g genome.fasta -x cds_output.fa annotations.gff
3 select_longest_cds.py -i CDS_file -o longest_cds.file
4 #select_longest_cds
5 gffread -g genome.fasta -y protein_output.fa annotations.gff
6 select_longest_pep.py -i pep_file -o longest_pep_file
7 #select_longest_pep, we use the number of sequences in this file as the gene count, as the GFF annotation is not entirely reliable.
```

## 1.3 Extracting SSRs in CDS/genomes

The file misa.ini needs to be placed in the same directory with mias.pl command. For example, if using mias.pl in the /Rho/pycat directory, then misa.ini should also be in this directory.

Please note that the two misa.ini files in the supplementary materials are different. At this stage, you need to use the misal.ini file and manually rename it to misa.ini.

```
Shell

1 mias.pl CDS_file
2 ssr_type_analyze.py -i CDS_file.misa -o CDS_SSR_type
```

## 1.4 Analysis of SSR types on the genome and CDS

After obtaining the corresponding data, if you wish to directly use our code, please integrate the data into the following types of formats:

1	Species_name	type	P1	P2	Р3	P4	P5	P6	С	C*
	Multiple of 3	Multip	ple not	3						
2	R. ovatum	genomic	171502	? 8	36409	1381	18	1579	783	176
	5 23118	1982	96773	2041	183					
3	R. ovatum	CDS 183	2 338	3 2	2658	4	5	180	152	5
	3190 334									
4	R. simsii	genomic	178400	) {	34275	1572	27	1604	949	185
	0 22940	2258	99572	2084	131					
5	R. simsii	CDS 24	5 879	) 1	1929	8	5	147	133	11
	2618 739									

Then simply modify the input and output files in the two scripts: Chi-square test for SSR types.py and Enrichment analysis of SSR types on CDS.py.

## 1.5 Annotation and Filtering of SSRs in CDS

and the other is the FASTA file for CDS. The output results provide annotation information on SSRs present in each gene's CDS. This includes the CDS ID, SSR start and end sites, SSR length, the corresponding protein sequence, and the length of the CDS itself.

```
Plain Text

1 key ssr_site ssr_length ssr_sequence ssr_pep cds_len gth

2 Rhdel01G0001100.1 [(2955, 3022)] 68 ['(CT)14(AT)10(AC)10']
    [Seq('SLSLSLSIYIYIYIHTHTHT')] 3081

3 Rhdel01G0005100.1 [(174, 188)] 15 ['(CGG)5'] [Seq('G GGG')] 2325Rhdel01G0005500.1 [(1558, 1587)] 30 ['(GCACCA) 5'] [Seq('APAPAPAPAP')] 3345

4 Rhdel01G0005700.1 [(38, 55), (1864, 1878)] 33 ['(CTT) 6', '(AAG)5'] [Seq('SSSSS'), Seq('KKKKK')] 2367
```

SSR\_anno\_cutoff.py enables users to further filter the results from the previous step. In this example, the filtering criteria are a CDS length of  $\geq$  600 and an SSR length of  $\geq$  18. The output\_file will be a single-column file containing the CDS ID or protein ID.

```
Shell

1 CDS_SSR_anno.py -ssr CDS_file.misa -cds CDS_file -o output_file
2 SSR_anno_cutoff.py -i output_file -o output_file -cds 600 -ssr 18
```

## 1.6 Extract specific sequences from the protein file

This code takes a single list of protein IDs as an index and uses it to process protein data.

```
Shell

1 extract_specific_pep_from_id.py -txt pep_id.txt -p longest_pep_file -o species_pep.fa
```

## 1.7 Eggmap-annoation

Since the localized deployment requires a significant amount of space, it is recommended to use the online version directly. The parameters from the web version can be referenced in our command by setting the "Taxonomic Scope" to "33090". If you need to use the standalone version, it is preferable to deploy it within a separate container and environment. For deployment (https://github.com/eggnogdb/eggnog-mapper/wiki/eggNOG-mapper-v2.1.5-to-v2.1.12), please refer to the GitHub repository: eggNOG-mapper Deployment Guide. The command we is listed bellow.

```
Shell

1 emapper.py --data_dir /database/eggnog_data_dir -i input_pep.fa --cpu c
    pu_number --mp_start_method forkserver -o output_file_name --output_di
    r ./ --override -m diamond --dmnd_ignore_warnings --evalue 0.001 --scor
    e 60 --pident 40 --query_cover 20 --subject_cover 20 --itype proteins -
    -tax_scope 33090 --target_orthologs all --go_evidence non-electronic --
    pfam_realign none --report_orthologs --decorate_gff yes -excel

2 #-i input_pep_path, the longest protein file for each species.
```

To remove sequences containing illegal characters, you can use the following script and command. This script should be used before running any software that utilizes DIAMOND, including subsequent procedures.

```
Shell

1 pep_clean.py -i input_path -o output_path
```

## 1.8 GO enrichment alalysis

All GO enrichment scripts should be run within the R environment. First, you need to process the annotation results from eggNOG-mapper. For this, use the following two Python scripts <code>parse\_go\_obofile.py</code> and <code>parse\_eggNOG.py</code>, which are available at Hua-CM's GitHub repository https://github.com/Hua-CM/HuaSmallTools/tree/maste r/parse.

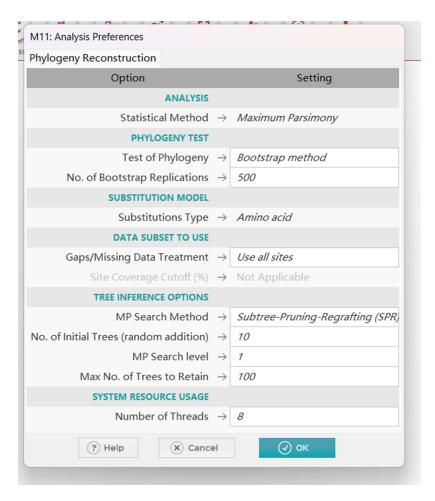
# Shell

## 1.9 Construction of the phylogenetic tree

Shell

```
1 Conda activate orthofinder2
2 orthofinder2 -f /SSR gene data/tongyong data/Phylogenetic tree/ -t 80
3 #This folder should contain the longest protein files for all species.
4 cd ../OrthoFinder/xxxx/Single Copy Orthologue Sequences/
 5 mafft tree.py -i ../OrthoFinder/xxxx/Single Copy Orthologue Sequences/
 6 #This folder contains all orthologous single-copy gene families, and th
   is script will perform MAFFT alignment on all orthologous single-copy g
 7 awk '/^{>} {header++} !/^>/ {if(header % 7 == 1) {seq1 = seq1 $0} else i
   f(header % 7 == 2) {seq2 = seq2 $0} else if(header % 7 == 3) {seq3 = seq2 }
   q3 \$0} else if(header \$7 == 4) {seq4 = seq4 \$0} else if(header \$7 ==
   5) \{\text{seq5} = \text{seq5} \$0\} else if(header \% 7 == 6) \{\text{seq6} = \text{seq6} \$0\} else if(h
   eader % 7 == 0) {seq7 = seq7 $0}} END {print ">seq1\n" seq1 "\n>seq2
   \n" seq2 "\n>seq3\n" seq3 "\n>seq4\n" seq5\n" seq5 "\n>seq6
   \n'' seq6 "\n> seq7\n'' seq7\\' *.mafft > output.mafft
8 #Combine the results into a superprotein.
 9 #Up to this point, we attempted to calculate the similarity of our sequ
   ences using this script. No other software, such as BLAST, was used bec
   ause the BLAST alignments are local rather than global. If you need to r
   epeat, please modify the file names of the input and output path.
10 mafft similarity.py
11 trimal -in output.mafft -automated1 -out
12 #Trim the alignment results
```

After completing all these steps, use MEGA to construct the phylogenetic tree. This process is performed on Windows. Be sure to use the Maximum Parsimony (MP) method for tree construction and conduct bootstrap analysis with 500 replicates.



settings of MEGA

## 2. Variety classification base on phenotype-associated SSRs

# 2.1 Extraction of phenotype-related SSR-containing genes

First, we need to obtain the IDs of the phenotype-related SSR-containing genes. Since we do not have the IDs for all the genes, we can start from extracting the IDs of the proteins. Using the Goannotation.tsv file, which annotates and parses all protein information from the enrichment analysis in the first part, and the gene ID file that meets specific conditions (CDS>=600, SSR>=18), we can obtain the pep\_id corresponding to the specific genes. By leveraging the naming characteristics of the pep\_id and gff files, we can derive the gene IDs. At this point, we can use bedtools to extract the corresponding genes. Use misa to detect SSRs, and then use the SSR locus information to obtain the complete SSR fragments from the gene sequence file.

## 2.1.1 Extraction of gene IDs

Since the second column of GOannotation.tsv contains the GO ID, we need to obtain the protein IDs based on two GO terms (flower development and leaf development). Here is an example.

```
Shell

1 awk -F'\t' '$2 == "GO:0009908" || $2 == "GO:0048366"' GOannotation.tsv

> all_pep_associate_with_flower_and_leafs

2 awk -F'\t' '{print $1}' all_pep_associate_with_flower_and_leafs > all_p

ep_associate_with_flower_and_leaf_pep_id.txt

3 awk 'NR==FNR{a[$0]; next} $0 in a' all_pep_associate_with_flower_and_le

af_pep_id.txt Rhododendron_simsii_CDS_habor_ssr_info_ssr18_cds600_gene_

id.txt >pep_id_associate_with_flowers_and_leafs_with_cds_600_ssr_18.txt

4 #Rhododendron_simsii_CDS_habor_ssr_info_ssr18_cds600_gene_id.txt is th

e Protein IDs of foreground genes used for enrichment analysis in the p

revious step.
```

We need to simplify the protein ID to the gene ID, otherwise it will not be recognized. We recommend using Vim's batch replacement feature directly. Here is an example:

```
Plain Text

1 rna-gnl|WGS:WJXA|Rhsim01G0112900.1-----→Rhsim01G0112900
```

## 2.1.2 Extraction of SSR fragments

The following script will retain the "gene" lines in the GFF.

```
Shell

1 awk '$3 == "gene"' input.gff > genes_only.gff
2 #we need to process the GFF file to retain only the gene lines.
```

Then use the gene IDs obtained in step 2.1.1 to check this file.

```
Shell

1 awk 'NR==FNR{a[$1]; next} {for (i in a) if ($0 ~ i) print $0}' gene_id
    s.txt genes_only.gff > Phenotype.gff
2 #the "gene_ids.txt" represents the gene ID number file that can confor
    m to the GFF file forma
```

Now we have filtered the original GFF file to retain only phenotype-related genes. Next, we will use bedtools to extract sequences.

```
Shell

1 awk -F"\t" '$3 == "gene" {print $1"\t"$4-1"\t"$5"\t"$9}' Phenotype.gff

> Phenotype.bed

2 bedtools getfasta -fi genome.fa -bed Phenotype.bed -fo Phenotype.fa -na

me

3 misa.pl Phenotype.fa

4 awk '{print $1"\t"$6"\t"$7}' Phenotype.fa.misa > Phenotype.fa.misa.bed

5 awk -F"\t" 'BEGIN {OFS="\t"} {print $1, $2-9, $3, $4, $5, $6}' Phenotyp

e.fa.misa.bed > Phenotype+8.fa.misa.bed

6 bedtools getfasta -fi Phenotype.fa -bed Phenotype+8.fa.misa.bed-fo ssr_

markers_6_26.fa -name

7 awk '{if($0 ~ /^>/) {print $0} else {print toupper($0)}}' ssr_markers_6

_26.fa > ssr_markers_6_26_upper.fa

8 #Extract 8 bases from one end of the SSR sequence.
```

Now the sequences are ready, use the following script to detect the presence of these fragments in the resequencing species assembly files.

## 2.2 Search SSRs fragment

```
Shell

1 search_fasta_sequences_in_files_6_26.py ssr_markers_6_26_upper.fa folde
    r_containing_ assembly_files output.csv
```

The sequencing fastg was assembled using Minia. The command is listed follows:

```
Shell

1 minia -in input_file -kmer-size 31 -out-dir output_file -nb-cores 10 -n
b-glue-partitions 200
```

For more information about Minia, please refer to its official documentation.

## 3.SSR\_VDFDA

SSR\_VDFDA is a tool that establishes a DNA fingerprint database based on whole genome SSR characteristics and is used to predict variety for unknown individuals. It consists of two parts: model construction and individual variety identification.

## 3.1SSR\_VDFDA\_model\_build.py

This script combines three steps: 1) assembly of sequencing data using Minia, 2) extraction of SSR information using MISA, and 3) screening of SSR information and model construction. Users can optionally execute the first two steps by themselves.

### 3.1.1 Preparation work

The sequencing files were used for assembly and to generate SSR information files (MISA output files). Ensure that the MISA configuration file, <code>misa.ini</code>, and all other relevant files are in the same directory. Additionally, the Python command must be executed from this directory. At this stage, use the <code>misa2.ini</code> file and manually rename it to <code>misa.ini</code>.

```
Shell

1 conda activate variety3
```

## **3.1.2 Usage**

```
Shell

1 SSR_VDFDA_model_build.py -s 1 -e 3 -pp 0.8 -index index_file -o output
_path
```

The following parameters are essential:

- -s: Specifies the start stage.
- **-e**: Specifies the end stage.

- -pp: Indicates the polymorphism (as described in the main body of the paper).
- **-index**: Refers to the index file.
- -o: Designates the output path folder for storing the final identification model and SSR lists.

We have two index files. The first-level index file, shown in the screenshot below, contains two columns. The first column lists the variety for each individual, while the second column provides the corresponding input file for Minia, here is an example:

```
Plain Text
        /Rho/data/W-1-01
1 1
 2 1
        /Rho/data/W-1-02
 3 2
        /Rho/data/W-2-01
 4 2
        /Rho/data/W-2-02
        /Rho/data/W-3-01
 5 3
 6
  3
        /Rho/data/W-3-02
        /Rho/data/W-4-01
 7 4
 8 4
        /Rho/data/W-4-02
  5
        /Rho/data/W-5-01
 9
10 5
        /Rho/data/W-5-02
        /Rho/data/W-6-01
11 6
        /Rho/data/W-6-02
12 6
        /Rho/data/W-7-01
13 7
14 7
        /Rho/data/W-7-02
15 8
        /Rho/data/W-8-01
        /Rho/data/W-8-02
16 8
```

When Minia's input includes multiple files, an index file is used to specify the input files. This is referred to as the second-level index file. For example, the second-level index file for "/Rho/data/W-1-01" is shown in the screenshot below. Since our files are paired-end sequencing files, each line in this file represents one end of a sequencing pair. If you are working with different types of files, you can modify the index file accordingly. If you have already completed the Minia assembly, you do not need the second-level index file. Here is an example:

```
Plain Text

1 /Rho/data/W-1-01_R1.fq
2 /Rho/data/W-1-01_R2.fq
```

The first-level index file is necessary under any circumstances.

Next, I will explain the output files generated by this software. For example, if your index file is named "index\_file" and your polymorphism indicator is "0.8," the output files will include the following:

- all\_data.csv;
- polymorphism\_ssr0.8.csv;
- polymorphism\_ssr\_list.pkl;
- o predict\_model.pkl.

## 3.2 SSR\_VDFDA\_model\_predict.py

In Section 3.2, the input file used for SSR classification performance testing is polymorphism\_ssr0.8.csv. This script employs an SSR identification model to predict the variety of unknown individuals.

```
Shell

1 SSR_VDFDA_model_predict.py -i W-1-10.contigs.fa.misa -d /out/index_file
_6_27.txt_0.8 -index index_file_6_27.txt -k 37
```

- -i: Specifies the SSR information file for the individual whose variety is to be predicted.
- -d: Indicates the folder containing the KNN recognition model file and the filtered SSR list, which are the final results from the previous step.
- **-index**: Refers to the same index file used in the first step.
- -k: Represents the number of nearest neighbors (k) in the KNN prediction.

Please note that the prediction results are not returned directly. Instead, because the number of individuals per variety in the model may vary, the output will list the k closest points to the predicted individual based on their distance. For example, if K=5, the output will display the 5 nearest points to the predicted individual, sorted by distance.

## 3.3 Performance evaluation

#### 3.3.1 t-SNE and K-means cluster

The script for this section has already been provided in this directory. Please remember to modify the input and output file names accordingly. And clear the parts in the individual names of the data that are unrelated to the variety information; otherwise, the script will throw an error.

For example:

"/Rho/sequence\_data/Rho\_SLAF/W-3-04.contigs.fa.misa" should be "W-3"

#### 3.3.2 Cross-validation

The cross-validation process involves removing one individual at a time, using the remaining individuals to build a model, predicting the variety of the removed individual, and recording the distance. With 40 individuals, this process yields 40 cross-validation results.