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Education

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Research Experience

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Publications

1. **Sugihara Y**, Kourelis J, Contreras MP, Pai H, Harant A, Selvaraj M, Toghani A, Martinez-Anaya C*, Kamoun S* (2025) Helper NLR immune protein NRC3 evolved to evade inhibition by a cyst nematode virulence effector. *PLOS Genetics*, 21:e1011653.

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7. Saiga S, Tada M, Segawa T, **Sugihara Y**, Nishikawa M, Makita N, Sakamoto M, Tanaka K, Wada T, Takagi H (2023) NGS-based genome wide association study helps to develop co-dominant marker for the physical map-based locus of PFRU controlling flowering in cultivated octoploid strawberry. *Euphytica*, 219:6. DOI: 10.1007/s10681-022-03132-7

8. Takeda T*, Takahashi M, Shimizu M, **Sugihara Y,** Saitoh H, Fujisaki K, Ishikawa K, Utsushi H, Kanzaki E, Sakamoto Y, Abe A, Terauchi R* (2022) Rice apoplastic CBM1-interacting protein counters blast pathogen invasion by binding conserved carbohydrate binding module 1 motif of fungal proteins. *PLOS Pathogens* 18(9): e1010792. DOI: 10.1371/journal.ppat.1010792 *Corresponding authors

9. Natsume S, **Sugihara Y**, Kudoh A, Oikawa K, Shimizu M, Ishikawa Y, Nishihara M, Abe A, Innan H, Terauchi R (2022) Genome Analysis Revives a Forgotten Hybrid Crop Edo-dokoro in the Genus *Dioscorea*. *Plant and Cell Physiology*, pcac109. DOI: 10.1093/pcp/pcac109

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12. **Sugihara Y***, Kudoh A*, Tamiru-Oli M, Takagi H, Natsume S, Shimizu M, Abe A, Asiedu R, Asfaw A, Adebola P, Terauchi R (2021) Population genomics of yams: evolution and domestication of *Dioscorea* species. In: *Population Genomics*. *Springer*, *Cham*. DOI: 10.1007/13836_2021_94 *Authors contributed equally

13. Segawa T, Nishiyama C, Tamiru-Oli M, **Sugihara Y**, Abe A, Sone H, Itoh N, Asukai M, Uemura A, Oikawa K, Utsushi H, Ikegami-Katayama A, Imamura T, Mori M, Terauchi R, Takagi H (2021) Sat-BSA: an NGS-based method using local de novo assembly of long reads for rapid identification of genomic structural variations associated with agronomic traits. *Breeding Science*, 71(3): 299–312. DOI: 10.1270/jsbbs.20148

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Preprints

1. Fujisaki K, Abe Y, **Sugihara Y**, Nemoto K, Ito K, Kanzaki E, Ishikawa K, Iwai M, Utsushi H, Saitoh H, Takagi H, Takeda T, Abe A, Zheng S, Bialas A, Banfield MJ, Kamoun S, Terauchi R (2024) Binding of a pathogen effector to rice Exo70 proteins tethered to the NOI/RIN4 integrated domain of the NLR receptor Pii2 confers immunity against fungi. *bioRxiv*. DOI:10.1101/239400

2. Natsume S, Yaegashi H, **Sugihara Y,** Abe A, Shimizu M, Oikawa K, White B, Kudoh A, Terauchi R (2022) Whole genome sequencing of a wild yam species *Dioscorea tokoro* reveals a genomic region associated with sex. *bioRxiv.* DOI: 10.1101/2022.06.11.495741

Presentations

1. **Sugihara Y**, Kourelis J, Contreras MP, Pai H, Selvaraj M, Toghani A, Martinez-Anaya C, Kamoun S. Helper NLR immune protein NRC3 evolved to evade inhibition by a cyst nematode virulence effector. *The 26th Annual Meeting of Society for Evolutionary Studies, Japan*. Kanagawa, Japan. Aug. 2024.

2. **Sugihara Y**, Białas A, Langner T, Barragan AC, Kourelis J, Abe Y, Fujisaki K, Banfield MJ, Terauchi R, Kamoun S. The NLR immune receptor Pik-1 evolved to respond to fungal effectors

of the AVR-Mgk family early in the evolution of *Oryza* and prior to rice domestication. *2023 IS-MPMI*. Rhode Island, PA. July 2023.

3. **<u>Sugihara Y</u>**. Genetics approach using whole genome sequencing to rapidly identify the genomic loci involved in biological traits of rice blast fungus. *12th Japan-US Seminar in Plant Pathology*. Zoom workshop. October 2020.

4. **<u>Sugihara Y</u>**, Natsume S, Abe A, Shimizu M, Obidiegwu J, Terauchi R. Population genomics of *Dioscorea tokoro*, a wild yam species. *Plant and Animal Genome (PAG) XXVII Conference*. San Diego, CA. January 2019.

5. **<u>Sugihara Y</u>,** Abe A, Shimizu M, Yaegashi H, Natsume S, Obidiegwu J, Terauchi R. Application of population genomics and GWAS to *Dioscorea rotundata* (white Guinea yams) for identifying loci controlling agronomically important traits. *Plant and Animal Genome (PAG) XXVII Conference*. San Diego, CA. January 2019.

Awards

1. Postdoctoral oral presentation award, *The 26th Annual Meeting of Society for Evolutionary Studies, Japan*. Aug. 2024

Peer reviews

- New Phytologist (3)
- Genetics (2)
- eLife (1)
- Ecology and Evolution (1)
- Rice (1)
- Microbial genomics (1)