

龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因的克隆、表达及功能分析

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摘要:【目的】SWEET(sugars will eventually be exported transporters)是一类参与植物生长发育多个过程的糖转运蛋白,分析 *DISWEET1* 基因在龙眼不同组织和处理下的表达,探究其在果实糖积累中的功能。【方法】以龙眼松风本果实为材料,克隆 *DISWEET1* 基因,采用实时荧光定量 PCR 分析 *DISWEET1* 在龙眼不同组织器官的表达以及在激素、冷、热、干旱胁迫下的表达模式。通过亚细胞定位、糖转运活性分析及草莓瞬时转化研究 *DISWEET1* 基因的功能。【结果】*DISWEET1* 基因开放阅读框(ORF)全长为 750 bp,编码 249 个氨基酸,包含一个 PQ-loop 保守结构域和蛋白典型保守结构域 MtN3_slv。*DISWEET1* 在龙眼根、茎、叶、果肉等组织中均有不同程度的表达,在叶中的表达量较高,在果肉中的表达量次之,而在茎和根中表达量较低;不同浓度的蔗糖、葡萄糖和果糖处理龙眼叶片后,*DISWEET1* 在叶片中的表达量均有显著升高;低温、干旱及 MeJA(茉莉酸甲酯)处理可显著提高 *DISWEET1* 的表达。农杆菌侵染本氏烟草发现 *DISWEET1* 蛋白定位在细胞膜和细胞核。糖转运活性分析证明 *DISWEET1* 蛋白可以转运葡萄糖、果糖、蔗糖和甘露糖。草莓中瞬时转化 *DISWEET1* 可以显著提升果实中的可溶性糖含量。【结论】瞬时过表达 *DISWEET1* 导致转基因草莓果实的可溶性糖含量增加,为进一步解析 *DISWEET1* 在龙眼果实糖积累中的作用提供理论依据。

关键词: 龙眼; *DISWEET1*; 表达分析; 亚细胞定位; 糖积累

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Cloning, expression and functional analysis of longan *DISWEET1* gene

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Abstract: 【Objective】Longan (*Dimocarpus longan* L.) is one of the important economic fruit crops in southern China. Longan has the function of nourishing the heart, spleen and blood, and calming the mind of people. It has been regarded as a precious supplement since ancient times. The sugar content in fruits is a key factor affecting fruit quality, and improvement of fruit sugar content is of great significance for promoting the high-quality and efficient development of China's longan industry. The SWEET sugar transporters protein (SWEETs) not only plays an important role in plant stress and hormone response, but also plays a crucial role in the normal growth and development of plants, especially in promoting sugar accumulation. However, there has been limited research on the *DISWEETs* in longan, especially on sugar accumulation. The purpose of this study is to screen and validate the functions of the candidate *DISWEETs* that may be involved in sugar accumulation processes. 【Methods】The CDS sequence of the *DISWEET1* was cloned using the cDNA of the preserved Songfengben fruit in the laboratory as a template. The DNAMAN software was used to translate the correctly sequenced *DISWEET1* gene nucleotide sequence into amino acid sequence, and its conserved domain was predicted by NCBI. The protein transmembrane domains were analyzed using the TMHMM2.0. We extracted the total RNA from different tissues (roots, stems, leaves, and fruits) of longan and leaf samples after different treatments, reversed the transcribe to obtain cDNA, and then used real-time fluorescence quantita-

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tive PCR (qRT-PCR) to detect the expression level of *DISWEET1* in different tissues and organs of longan, as well as its expression level under hormone, cold, heat, and drought stress. All the experiments were repeated three times in terms of biology and technology, and the relative expression levels of the genes were calculated using the $2^{-\Delta\Delta CT}$ method, and then statistically analyzed by *t* test. $p < 0.05$ indicated significant difference, and the error line represented the standard deviation of three biological repeats. The CDS sequence of the *DISWEET1* was cloned and connected to the pMD18-T vector. Using this plasmid as a template, PCR amplification of the *DISWEET1* was performed using primers. The pH7LIC5.0-ccdBrc-N-eGFP vector enzyme was cleaved using *Stu* I enzyme cleavage, the pSAK277 vector enzyme was cleaved using *EcoR* I and *Hind* III enzyme cleavage, and the pDR196 vector enzyme was cleaved using *Pst* I and *Spe* I enzyme cleavage. The amplification product was inserted into the multi clone sites of each vector. The first two recombinant vectors were transformed into GV3101 strain, and the last recombinant vector was transformed into EBYVW4000 yeast strain. The lower epidermis of tobacco leaves was injected with *Agrobacterium* and cultured in the dark room (25 °C) for 2 days. The distribution of green fluorescence was observed by confocal laser microscope. The strawberries injected with *Agrobacterium* were cultured under 16 h light/8 h darkness in a greenhouse at 25 °C for 9 days. The relative expression of the *DISWEET1* in strawberries and the determination of soluble sugar content were analyzed by qRT-PCR. The bacterial solutions with OD₆₀₀ of 0.1, 0.01 and 0.001 were taken 5 μL into various sugar substrate media, and the media were cultured in a constant temperature incubator at 28 °C for 2–3 days, and the growth was observed and recorded. The function of the *DISWEET1* gene was investigated by subcellular localization, sugar transport activity analysis and transient transformation of strawberry. **【Results】** The *DISWEET1* contained 750 bp of ORF (open reading frame) and encoded 249 amino acids, which contained a PQ-loop conserved domain and a protein typical conserved domain MtN3_slv. Further analysis indicated that DISWEET1 protein contained seven transmembrane domains. The qRT-PCR analysis results showed that the *DISWEET1* was expressed in different tissues such as the roots, stems, leaves, and pulp, with higher expression levels in the leaves, followed by in the pulp, and lower expression levels in the stems and roots. After treating the leaves with different concentrations of sucrose, glucose, and fructose, the expression level of the *DISWEET1* showed varying degrees of increase. The expression level of the *DISWEET1* in the leaves treated with sucrose was significantly higher than that in the control group, but there was no significant difference among different concentrations. The expression of glucose increased significantly with the increase of glucose concentration. In the treatment of fructose, lower concentration (0.5 g · L⁻¹) and higher concentration (5 g · L⁻¹) could significantly increase the expression of the *DISWEET1*. The expression of the *DISWEET1* was significantly increased under low temperature, drought and MeJA treatments, and significantly decreased under ABA treatment. However, there was no significant change in its expression after high temperature, 6-BA and GA₃ treatments. The fluorescence signals of GFP were mainly concentrated and overlapped in the cell membrane and nucleus. The sugar transport activity analysis showed that the DISWEET1 protein could transport glucose, fructose, sucrose and mannose. After transient transformation, the contents of sucrose, glucose and fructose in the strawberry were significantly higher than those in the control treatment, and the expression level of the *DISWEET1* was significantly increased. **【Conclusion】** The *DISWEET1* gene was cloned from longan fruit, and its expression level could be induced by different sugar components (sucrose, glucose, and fructose), stress (low temperature and drought), and hormones (MeJA and ABA). The subcellular localization revealed that the gene is localized on the cell membrane and nucleus. The analysis of sugar transport activity showed that it

could transport various sugar components, such as sucrose, glucose, fructose and mannose, but could not transport the toxic substrate deoxyglucose. The transient overexpression of the *DISWEET1* resulted in increased soluble sugar content in the transgenic strawberry fruits. The transient conversion of this gene in the strawberry significantly increased the relative expression of the *DISWEET1*. These results indicated that the *DISWEET1* has the function of promoting sugar accumulation in fruits of longan. The article would provide a theoretical reference for improving fruit quality of longan.

Key words: Longan (*Dimocarpus longan*); *DISWEET1*; Expression analysis; Subcellular localization; Sugar accumulation

果实的糖含量是影响果实风味品质的重要因素。前人研究表明,植物通过光合作用合成蔗糖,源器官叶片中的蔗糖需经过韧皮部装载、长距离运输、韧皮部卸载后进入果实的液泡中进行储存,糖转运蛋白在这一系列过程中起到关键的介导糖类跨膜运输作用^[1]。截至目前,在植物中鉴定出各种类型的糖转运蛋白,主要可以分为单糖转运蛋白(monosaccharide transporter-like, MST)、蔗糖转运蛋白(sucrose transporters, SUT)和 SWEET(sugars will eventually be exported transporters)3 种类型^[2]。

SWEET 是 2010 年发现的一类广泛存在于动植物中的具有糖转运功能的蛋白家族^[3],参与植物生长发育、胁迫响应和果实糖积累等多个过程^[4]。在野草莓中过表达白梨的 *PbSWEET4* 基因会降低叶片中的叶绿素含量,加速叶片衰老^[5];敲除拟南芥 *AtSWEET17* 基因后侧根减少,进而导致耐旱性降低^[6];胡晓波等^[7]发现在过表达 *CitSWEET11d* 基因的柑橘愈伤组织和番茄果实中蔗糖含量显著增加,表明 *CitSWEET11d* 促进了蔗糖的积累。路静等^[8]通过组织表达分析发现, *MdSWEET1* 基因主要在苹果的茎和花中表达,在番茄中异位表达该基因可提高果实的蔗糖和果糖含量。

龙眼是重要的热带、亚热带常绿果树,已经有 2000 多年栽培历史,广泛种植于东南亚、南亚、澳大利亚和美国夏威夷等地区。龙眼原产并盛产于中国,栽培面积与产量都居于世界首位^[9],主要集中在海南、广东、广西、福建等省份,为我国热区第四大水果^[10]。龙眼果实口感和风味的影响因素较多,而起主导作用的是含糖量,糖的组分及其各组分含量的多少直接决定着果实风味的好坏,除此之外,糖类还是类胡萝卜素、有机酸和维生素等营养物质生成的基础原料^[11]。由于龙眼栽培管理相对粗放,常导致果实品质欠佳,直接影响了产业的健康持续发展。笔者在课题组前期龙眼 *SWEET* 基因家

族成员鉴定的基础上,从龙眼果实中克隆 *DISWEET1* 基因,然后将此基因构建到 eGFP 载体上,利用激光共聚焦观察荧光信号,获得 *DISWEET1* 基因的亚细胞定位。通过观察酵母的生长情况及表达情况来研究 *DISWEET1* 的糖转运活性,并在草莓果实中瞬时过表达 *DISWEET1* 研究其在果实糖积累中的功能,为龙眼高糖性状改良提供理论依据和基因资源。

1 材料和方法

1.1 试验材料与处理

本试验中所用的龙眼材料为 4 个月苗龄的红核子幼苗。在高温和低温胁迫中,幼苗分别在 40 °C 和 4 °C 下处理;通过浇灌 PEG6000(20%)模拟干旱胁迫;在激素处理中,分别用 50 mmol·L⁻¹ ABA、50 mmol·L⁻¹ GA₃、75 mmol·L⁻¹ 6-BA 和 100 mmol·L⁻¹ MeJA(茉莉酸甲酯)喷施叶片;在可溶性糖喷施处理中,分别用 0.5、1 和 5 g·L⁻¹ 的葡萄糖、果糖和蔗糖喷施叶片;对照为 28 °C 生长的植株,所有处理均包含 3 次生物学重复,处理 4 h 后取相同位置的叶片并用液氮速冻后保存于 -80 °C 冰箱。用于瞬时转化的为红颜草莓,用于亚细胞定位的烟草为本氏烟草,所有植物材料均种植于福建农林大学园艺学院遗传育种实验室的培养室中。用于基因克隆的松风本龙眼果实取自福建省农业科学院国家龙眼枇杷种质资源圃,取材时期为成熟期(花后 120 d)。

1.2 龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因的克隆

在龙眼基因组中查询 Dlo_004842.1,即 *DISWEET1*,下载编码区序列。以实验室保存的松风本龙眼果实 cDNA 为模板,设计特异性引物(引物序列 5' - ATGGATATCGCACATTTTCATATTCG- 3'/5' - CTACACTCCAAACCGTGACCCG- 3')克隆得到 *DISWEET1* 的 CDS 序列并连接至 pMD18-T 载体上进行测序。

1.3 龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因序列的生物信息学分析

使用 DNAMAN 软件将测序正确的 *DISWEET1* 基因核苷酸序列翻译成氨基酸序列,保守结构域通过 NCBI (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Structure/cdd/wrpsb.cgi>) 预测;使用 TMHMM2.0 网站 (<https://services.healthtech.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM-2.0/>) 在线分析蛋白的跨膜结构域。利用 MEGA7.0 软件构建系统进化树,方法为邻接法,Bootstrap 设置为 1000。

1.4 龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因的表达分析

采用天根 RNAprep Pure 多糖多酚植物总 RNA 提取试剂盒 (DP441) 提取龙眼不同组织 (根、茎、叶片和果实) 及不同处理后的叶片样品的总 RNA,利用 TransScript® One-Step gDNA Removal and cDNA Synthesis SuperMix 试剂盒反转录得到 cDNA。使用全式金的 PerfectStart® Green qPCR SuperMix,在荧光定量 PCR 仪 (Roche, LightCycler 96) 上进行基因表达量的检测。*DISWEET1* 基因的引物序列为 5'-CGGGCTCCTGATGCTTGT-3'/5'-TCTTGGTGTTGCCGTGCA-3',内参基因 *Actin* 引物序列为 5'-TGCTATCCTTCGGTTGGACC-3'/5'-CGGACGATTTCCCGTTCAG-3'。所有试验都进行 3 次生物学及技术重复,基因相对表达量的计算方法选用的是 $2^{-\Delta\Delta CT}$ 法。

1.5 龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因的亚细胞定位

以连有 *DISWEET1* 基因 CDS 的 pMD18-T 载体为模板,使用引物 (引物序列 5'-ACAAGGATTACGC-CGAGGCCTATGGATATCGCACATTTTCATATTCG-3'/5'-ATATCATTAGGGAAGAGGCCTCTACACTC-CAAACCGTGACCCG-3'),利用 $2 \times$ Taq Master Mix-V21.1 (Vazyme Biotech, P111/P112) 进行 PCR 扩增。选择 *Stu* I 酶将 pH7LIC5.0-ccdB rc-N-eGFP 载体进行酶切使其线性化,利用无缝克隆试剂盒 ClonExpress® II One Step (C112, 南京诺唯赞) 将扩增产物插入已切开的目标载体。将构建好的载体通过农杆菌注射转化烟草,注射后的烟草于培养室 (25 °C) 暗培养 2 d,再借助激光共聚焦显微镜观察绿色荧光的分布。

1.6 龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因的糖转运活性检测

以含有 *DISWEET1* 基因 CDS 的质粒为模板,使用引物 (引物序列 5'-CTTGATATCGAATTCCTG-CAGATGGATATCGCACATTTTCATATTCG-3'/5'-TATACCCAGCCTCGACTAGTCTACTCCAA-

ACCGTGACCCG-3') 进行 PCR 扩增。用 *Pst* I 和 *Spe* I 酶切将 pDR196 酵母表达载体进行酶切使其线性化,利用无缝克隆试剂盒 ClonExpress® II One Step (C112, 南京诺唯赞) 将扩增产物插入目标载体。将构建好的融合载体转化酿酒酵母菌株 EBYVW4000。以 $OD_{600}=1$ 的菌液为原液,用 ddH₂O 稀释,分别调节 OD_{600} 为 0.1、0.01 和 0.001,吸取 5 μ L 原液以及稀释过的菌液点入不同糖底物培养基,倒放在 28 °C 恒温培养箱。经过 2~3 d 的培养后,观察酵母能否正常生长,并比较不同浓度菌液之间酵母的生长状态。

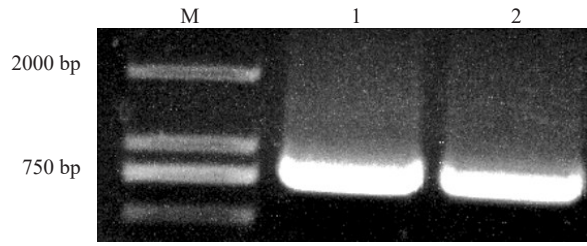
1.7 龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因在草莓果实中的瞬时过表达

以含有 *DISWEET1* 基因 CDS 的质粒为模板,使用引物 (引物序列 5'-TCCAAAGAATTCAAAAAGCT-TATGGATATCGCACATTTTCATATTCG-3'/5'-TCAT-TAAAGCAGGACTCTAGACTACTCCAAACC -GTGACCCG-3') 进行 PCR 扩增。选择 *Eco*R I 和 *Hind* III 将 pSAK277 载体线性化,利用无缝克隆试剂盒 ClonExpress® II One Step (C112, 南京诺唯赞) 将扩增产物插入目标载体。将构建好的融合载体瞬时转化白果期红颜草莓果肉,具体操作方法参考 Cheng 等^[12]的方法。注射农杆菌后的草莓于 25 °C 温室培养,光照情况为 16 h 光照/8 h 黑暗,9 d 后取草莓果肉样品进行 qRT-PCR 分析以及糖含量测定。

2 结果与分析

2.1 *DISWEET1* 基因的克隆与生物学信息分析

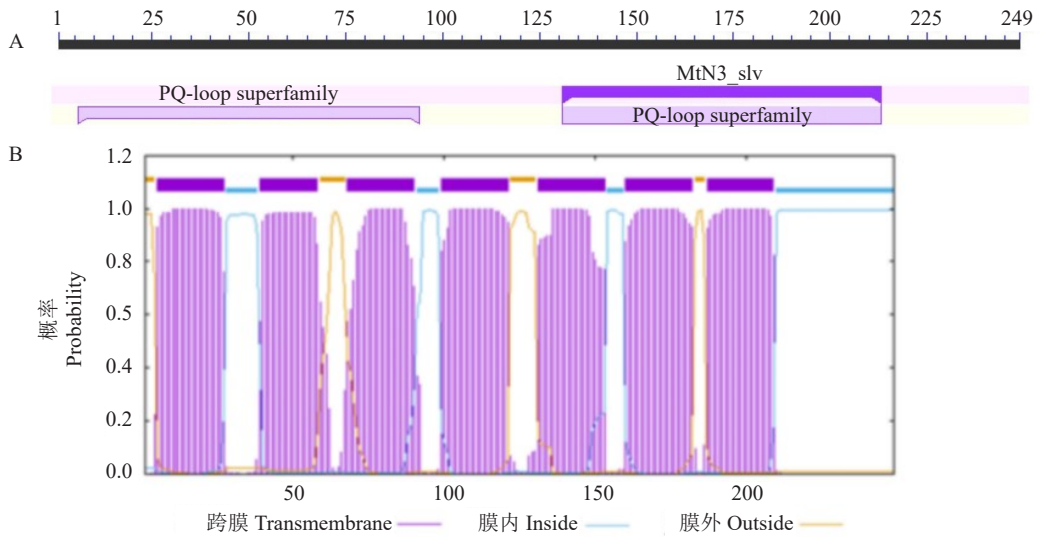
从松风本果实 cDNA 中克隆得到一条长度为 750 bp 左右的单一条带。将此条带进行胶回收得到目的片段,用 pMD18-T 载体与胶回收产物进行连接转化,大肠杆菌 PCR 鉴定结果表明,扩增到与目的片段大小一致的条带,且与基因组中的序列完全一致 (图 1)。蛋白保守结构分析表明,*DISWEET1* 蛋白在 6~94 位氨基酸之间含有 1 个 PQ-loop 保守结构域,在 131~213 位氨基酸之间含有 1 个 MtN3_slv 结构域 (图 2-A)。跨膜结构域分析表明,*DISWEET1* 蛋白含有 7 个跨膜结构域 (图 2-B)。系统进化分析表明,*DISWEET1* 与 *LcSWEET1*^[13]、*ZmSWEET1*^[14] 和 *AtSWEET1* 为直系同源,并与 *AtSWEET2* 和 *AtSWEET3* 同属于 *SWEET1* 类 (图 3)。



M. DL2000 DNA Marker; 1-2. 样品序号。
M. DL2000 DNA Marker; 1-2. The sample serial number.

图1 *DISWEET1* 扩增电泳分析

Fig. 1 Gel electrophoresis of PCR amplified product of *DISWEET1*



A. 保守结构域; B. 跨膜结构域。

A. The conserved domain; B. The transmembrane domain.

图2 *DISWEET1* 蛋白保守及跨膜结构分析

Fig. 2 The conserved and transmembrane domain of *DISWEET1*

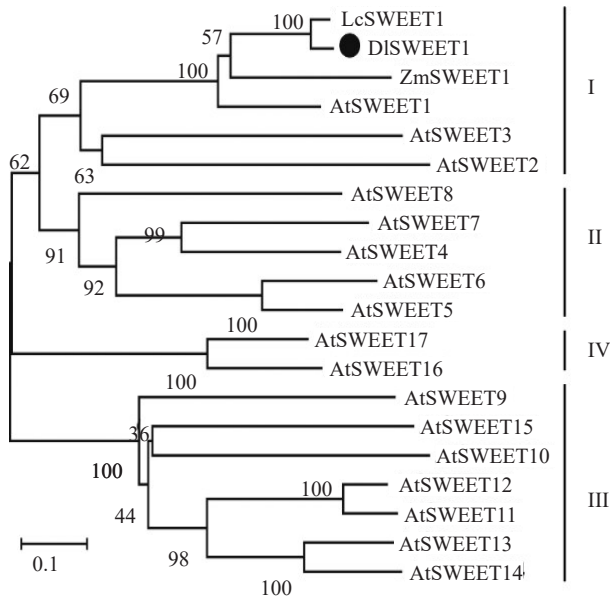


图3 *DISWEET1* 的系统进化关系

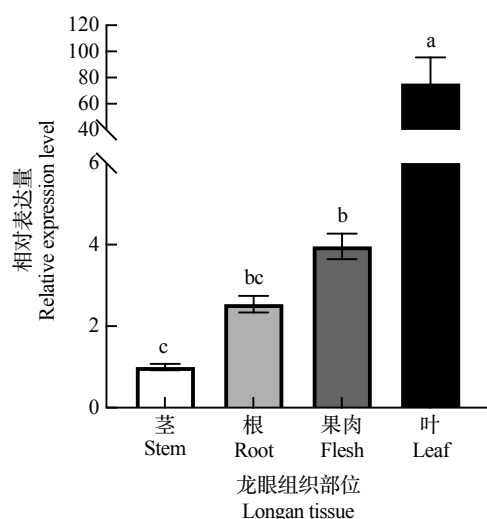
Fig. 3 Phylogenetic relationship of *DISWEET1*

2.2 *DISWEET1* 基因在龙眼不同组织器官中的表达分析

利用 qRT-PCR 检测 *DISWEET1* 基因在龙眼根、茎、叶和果肉中的表达模式,结果表明,*DISWEET1* 基因在上述的龙眼组织部位中均有一定的表达,但表达模式有所差异。通过比较分析发现,*DISWEET1* 基因的表达量在叶中最高,其次是在果肉和根中,在茎中最低(图4)。

2.3 不同浓度糖处理下龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因表达模式

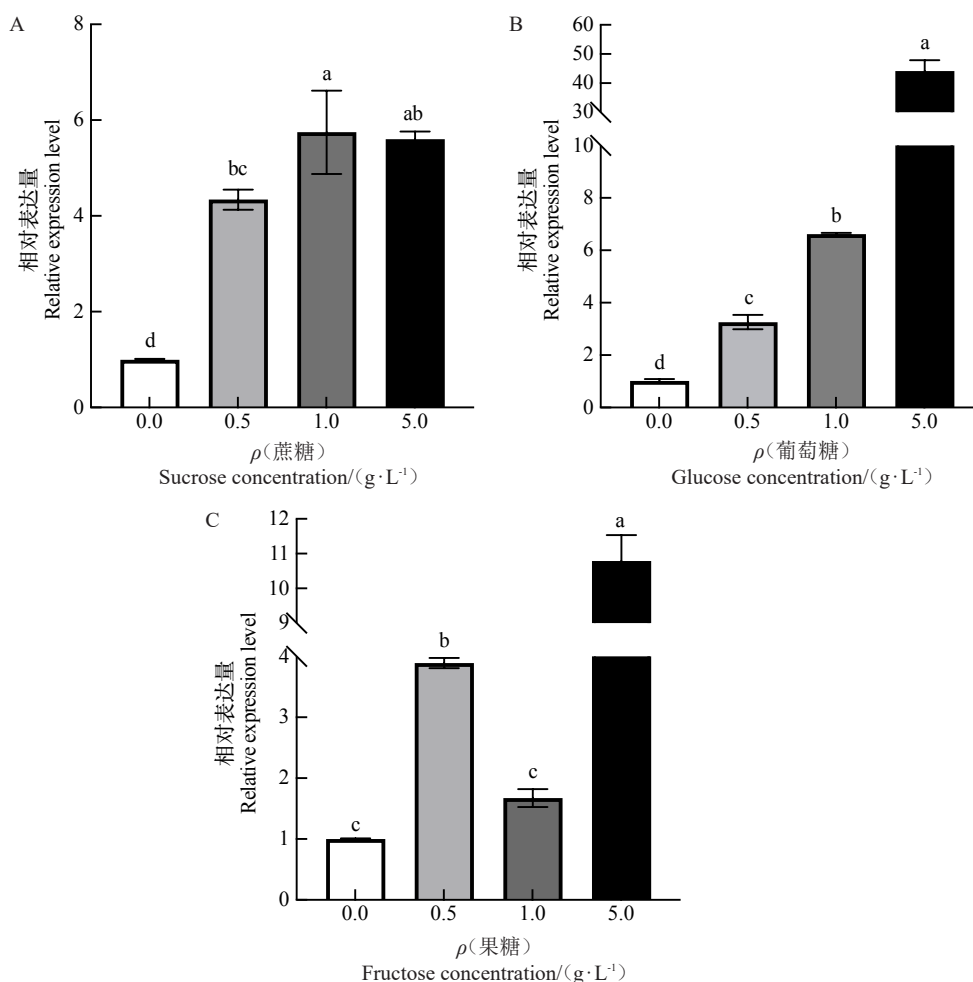
为了研究 *DISWEET1* 基因对可溶性糖的响应,对龙眼叶片进行了不同浓度葡萄糖、果糖和蔗糖喷施处理,并进行 *DISWEET1* 的表达情况检测。结果表明,*DISWEET1* 基因的表达量在叶片喷施糖处理后均呈现不同程度的上升趋势,其中喷施蔗糖处理后期表达量相较于对照都有显著上升(图5-A);葡萄糖处理后期 *DISWEET1* 基因表达量随着浓度上升呈现



不同小写字母表示在 $p < 0.05$ 差异显著。

Different small letters indicate significant difference at $p < 0.05$.

图4 *DISWEET1* 在龙眼不同组织部位的相对表达量
Fig. 4 Relative expression of *DISWEET1* in different tissues of longan



不同小写字母表示在 $p < 0.05$ 差异显著。

Different small letters indicate significant difference at $p < 0.05$.

图5 *DISWEET1* 在不同浓度糖处理下的相对表达量

Fig. 5 Relative expression of *DISWEET1* at different concentrations of sugar

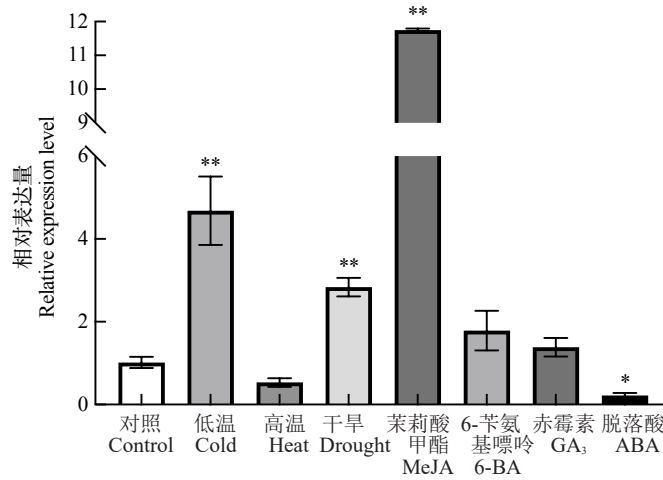
显著上升趋势(图5-B);在果糖处理中,较低质量浓度($0.5 \text{ g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$)和较高质量浓度($5 \text{ g} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$)均可显著提高 *DISWEET1* 基因表达量(图5-C)。

2.4 不同胁迫及激素处理下龙眼 *DISWEET1* 基因的表达分析

为了进一步探讨 *DISWEET1* 基因是否响应激素及胁迫处理,利用 qRT-PCR 方法分析了该基因在不同激素及胁迫处理下的表达情况。结果表明, *DISWEET1* 基因的表达量在低温、干旱及 MeJA 处理下呈现显著上升趋势;在 ABA 处理下表达量显著下降。然而,在高温、6-BA 和 GA_3 处理后期其表达量没有显著变化(图6)。

2.5 *DISWEET1* 亚细胞定位分析

为进一步明确 *DISWEET1* 蛋白的亚细胞定位情况,笔者通过农杆菌瞬时转化了本氏烟草叶片。激光共聚焦定位观察发现, *DISWEET1* 蛋白定位在植



*表示在 $p \leq 0.05$ 差异显著, **表示在 $p \leq 0.01$ 差异极显著。

*indicate significant difference at $p \leq 0.05$, **indicate extremely significant difference at $p \leq 0.01$.

图6 *DISWEET1* 在激素和非生物胁迫下的相对表达量

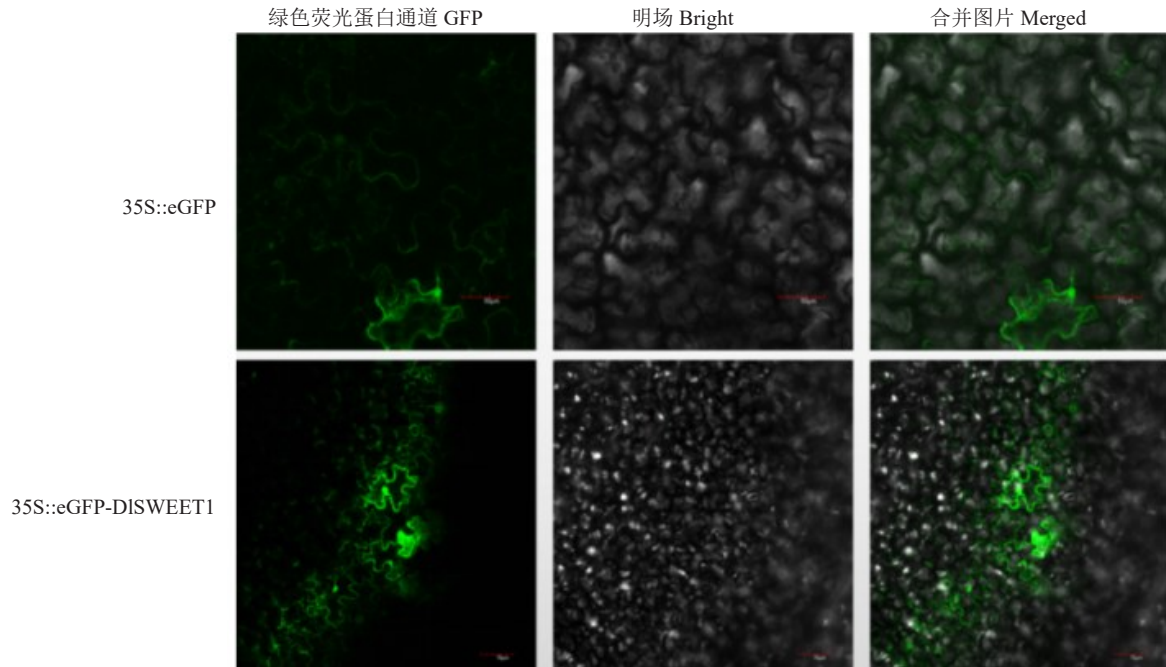
Fig. 6 Relative expression of *DISWEET1* under hormonal and abiotic stress

物细胞的细胞膜和细胞核中(图7)。

2.6 *DISWEET1* 的糖转运活性分析

将酵母表达载体成功转入 EBYVW4000 酿酒酵母

母感受态细胞中,观察酵母菌在含有不同底物(葡萄糖、果糖、甘露糖、蔗糖、麦芽糖和脱氧葡萄糖)的SD (-ura)固体培养基中能否正常生长及不同浓度菌液下



35S::eGFP 的三张图是 50 μm ; 35S::eGFP-DISWEET1 的三张图是 70 μm 。

The scale of the three charts of 35S::eGFP is 50 μm ; The scale of the three charts of 35S::eGFP-DISWEET1 is 70 μm .

图7 *DISWEET1* 蛋白的亚细胞定位

Fig. 7 Sub-cellular localization of *DISWEET1* protein

的生长状态(图8)。转基因酵母在含有葡萄糖、果糖、甘露糖、蔗糖及麦芽糖和脱氧葡萄糖为共同底物的培养基上能正常生长,说明DISWEET1蛋白对某些糖有转运能力,能转运的糖组分包括葡萄糖、果糖、蔗糖、甘露糖,但没有能力转运脱氧葡萄糖这种毒性底物。

2.7 瞬时过表达 *DISWEET1* 基因对草莓果实可溶性糖含量的影响

为验证 *DISWEET1* 基因在果实糖积累中的功能,利用草莓瞬时转化体系在红颜草莓白果期果实中过表达 *DISWEET1* 基因。qRT-PCR 结果(图9)表明,相

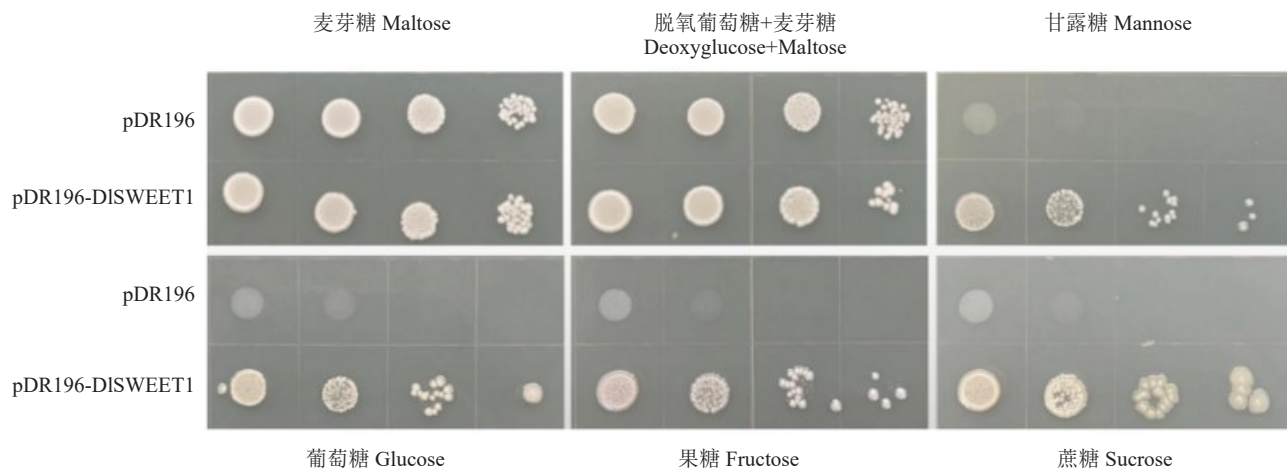
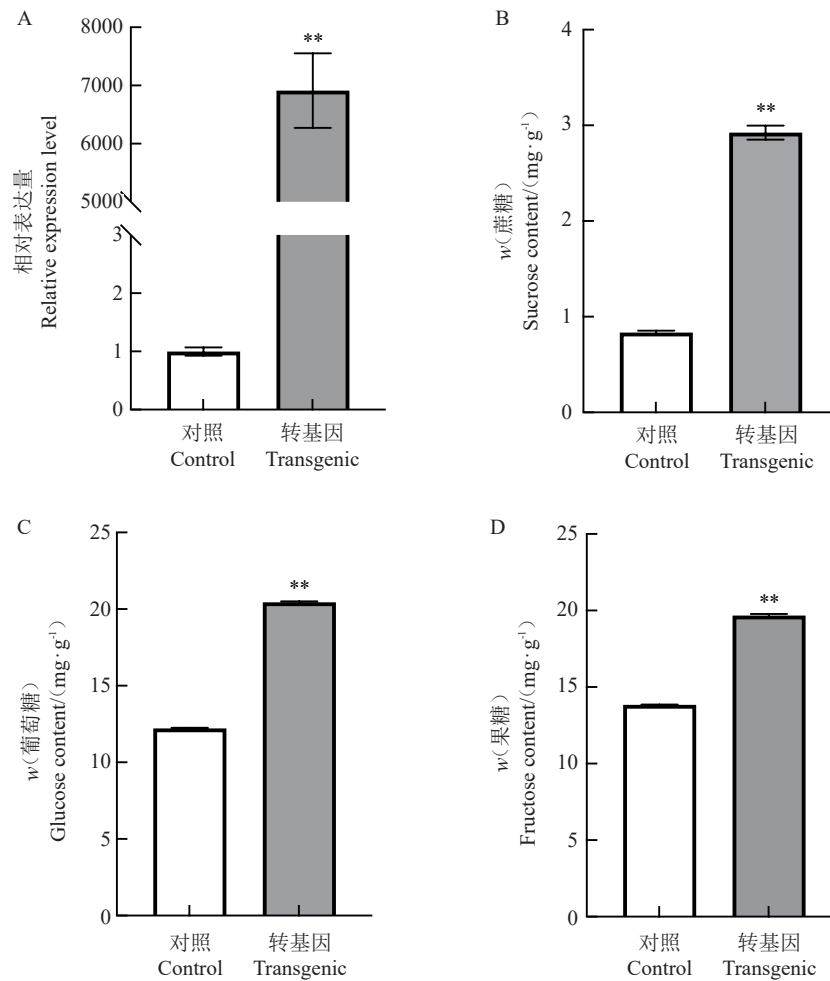


图 8 *DISWEET1* 的糖转运活性

Fig. 8 The sugar transport activity of *DISWEET1*



A. 草莓果实中 *DISWEET1* 基因相对表达量; B. 草莓果实蔗糖含量; C. 草莓果实葡萄糖含量; D. 草莓果实果糖含量。

A. Relative expression of *DISWEET1* gene in strawberry; B. Sucrose content in strawberry; C. Glucose content in strawberry; D. Fructose content in strawberry.

图 9 过表达 *DISWEET1* 基因的草莓果实基因相对表达量和可溶性糖含量

Fig. 9 Relative expression level of *DISWEET1* gene and soluble sugar content in transgenic strawberry

对于对照, *DISWEET1* 基因的表达量在瞬时转化果实中显著升高(图9-A)。此外,经瞬时转化后草莓果实中的蔗糖、葡萄糖和果糖的含量均显著高于对照(图9-B~D)。

3 讨论

作为韧皮部糖类装载的重要参与者,近年来大量研究表明, *SWEET* 糖转运蛋白参与果实糖转运,影响果实中的可溶性糖含量^[15-17]。课题组此前已从龙眼基因组中筛选鉴定出龙眼的 *SWEET* 基因家族成员^[2]。笔者选取 *DISWEET1* 基因,并对其糖转运功能及其调控机制进行研究。

有研究证明植物 *SWEET* 基因的表达具有组织差异,这种差异可能在其所调控的很多植物生理代谢过程中都起着决定性作用^[18-19]。 *PwSWEET1* 基因在云杉花粉和花粉管中特异性表达,蔗糖和葡萄糖可以诱导 *PwSWEET1* 表达, *PwSWEET1* 还可以恢复酵母菌 EBY 对葡萄糖的吸收^[20]; *SWEET1* 基因在拟南芥花器官优先表达,在体外鉴定具有葡萄糖转运活性^[21]; *MeSWEET1* 在木薯不同组织器官中的相对表达量不同,其中在成熟叶片中最高,而在新叶和果实中最低^[22]。笔者在本研究中利用 qRT-PCR 检测了龙眼根、茎、叶、果肉的相对表达量,发现 *DISWEET1* 在龙眼叶片中表达量最高,其次是果肉,而在根和茎中表达量较低,说明 *DISWEET1* 具有组织特异性,在叶片和果肉中表达量较高说明其可能参与了龙眼叶片发育及果实的糖积累。糖转运活性分析表明 *DISWEET1* 可以转运葡萄糖、蔗糖、果糖和甘露糖,推测该基因可能通过在龙眼不同组织器官中转运不同种类的糖,进而参与多种植物生长发育过程。

除了参与植物生长发育外, *SWEET* 糖转运蛋白在植物胁迫和激素响应方面还发挥重要作用^[23-24]。大蒜 *AsSWEET14* 基因参与逆境胁迫,在干旱和低温胁迫下均显著上调表达^[25]; 小黑麦多个 *TwSWEETs* 基因在干旱或低温胁迫下呈现出显著差异表达^[26]; 在苹果中, ABA 可能会通过调节 *MdWRKY9-MdSWEET9b* 途径来影响果实糖的积累^[27]。笔者在本研究中发现在低温和干旱处理下,龙眼 *DISWEET1* 的表达量显著上升,与前人在6个月苗龄红核子龙眼幼苗上的研究结果相一致^[2],但6个月苗龄条件下该基因的表达量上升幅度较4个月苗龄条件下大,推测该基因可能在龙眼幼苗发育的较长时间中都会

参与低温和干旱胁迫响应,但不同发育时期的作用大小有所差异。此外, *DISWEET1* 的表达量在 MeJA 处理下呈现显著上升趋势,与前人关于该基因启动子具备多个激素响应元件的结果相一致^[2]。

果实中的糖积累高度依赖于糖转运体^[28]。越来越多的研究表明, *SWEET* 蛋白可以促进可溶性糖的积累。有研究发现 *LcSWEET10* 的表达模式与荔枝假种皮中糖的积累呈正相关^[29], 异源表达 *IbSWEET15* 基因可提高拟南芥种子中的可溶性糖含量^[30]。为了验证 *DISWEET1* 在龙眼果实糖积累中的功能,笔者通过农杆菌注射瞬时侵染草莓,检测出转基因草莓的可溶性糖含量显著上升,说明 *DISWEET1* 在促进龙眼糖分积累中起重要作用,为后期深入研究龙眼糖积累调控机制提供理论依据。

4 结论

从龙眼果实中克隆得到 *DISWEET1* 基因,其表达量可被不同糖组分(蔗糖、葡萄糖和果糖)、逆境(低温和干旱)和激素(MeJA 和 ABA)等条件诱导。亚细胞定位发现 *DISWEET1* 基因定位于细胞膜和细胞核。糖转运活性分析表明其可以转运蔗糖、葡萄糖、果糖和甘露糖等多种糖组分。草莓瞬时转化该基因可显著提高草莓果实的可溶性糖含量。基于上述研究结果,初步推测 *DISWEET1* 具有促进龙眼果实糖积累的功能,为龙眼果实品质改良提供了一定的理论参考。

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