

苹果发根农杆菌介导转化体系构建与优化¹

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摘要: 【目的】建立并优化苹果 (*Malus domestica*) 幼苗简单、高效、快速的发根农杆菌转化体系。【方法】以不同苗龄的平邑甜茶苹果幼苗为材料, 使用携带 GFP 及 GUS 过表达质粒的发根农杆菌 K599, 通过注射法、活化菌液浸染及菌株涂抹方法进行侵染苹果根颈部诱导毛状根, 利用 GFP 荧光检测、GFP 蛋白印迹检测、DNA 检测和 GUS 染色方法进行转基因株系验证, 同时对成功转化株系根、茎、叶组织的表达量分析检测发根农杆菌在转化苹果株系中的迁移性。【结果】不同苗龄苹果幼苗诱导毛状根能力具有较大差异, 其中三叶龄幼苗诱导毛状根率最高为 96%, 五叶龄幼苗最高的毛状根诱导率为 65%, 以使用菌株涂抹方式转化植株其毛状根分布及毛状根诱导率为最佳。发根农杆菌在成功转化株系中存在随机向地上部迁移的现象, 并能够整合目的基因至叶片叶柄及部分主叶脉基因组中, 但在培养 30 d 时无法通过蛋白印迹方式在蛋白水平上检测到蛋白信号。【结论】建立并优化了简单、高效的发根农杆菌介导的苹果转化体系, 鉴定了发根农杆菌在转化株系中随机向地上部迁移规律, 为发根农杆菌技术的进一步利用提供理论依据。

关键词: 苹果; 发根农杆菌; 转化效率; 迁移性

Construction and Optimization of Transformation system mediated

by *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* in Apple

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Abstract: 【Objective】Using biotechnology to improve and innovate apple germplasm can further improve the production efficiency and quality of apple. The transformation method of *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* has the advantages of high transformation efficiency and simple operation steps, especially in the mining and functional verification of soil stress-related resistance genes. However, *A. rhizogenes* transformation system for apples is still time-consuming with complicated steps and low efficiency. Therefore, we established and optimized an efficient and rapid *A. rhizogenes* transformation system for apple (*Malus domestica*) seedlings. 【Methods】Using apple seedlings of different ages as materials, *A. rhizogenes* K599 carrying GFP and GUS overexpression plasmids was used to infect the apple rhizome by injection (use a 2 ml sterile syringe to draw the strain resuspension and inject it at the rhizome of the apple seedlings), activating bacteria solution infiltration method (cut off the main root system at the rhizome of

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apple seedlings, and then directly invade 30 min in the activated bacteria solution) and strain smearing method (cut off the main root system at the rhizome of apple seedlings, and then the strains on the plate were collected by aseptic spreader and applied to the wounds of apple seedlings), then the infected seedlings were planted in sterilized nutrient soil and kept in high humidity environment, co-cultured in dark for 2 days, and hairy root induction was detected one month later. The lines with successfully induced hairy roots were selected and the DNA was extracted. In order to identify the effectiveness of hairy roots of apple genetic transformation lines, the GFP signal of hairy roots was identified by portable fluorescent protein excitation light source and photographed. To identify whether the target gene was integrated into the apple root genome, the hairy root DNA was further extracted, the GUS tag gene was cloned by PCR, and the GUS staining of the roots and leaves of the transformed lines were analyzed. **【Results】** The hairy root induction rate of apple seedlings of different ages was induced by injection, in which the rooting rate of seedlings in eight-leaf stage was 39%, and wilting death occurred in three-leaf stage seedlings after injection, and the overall hairy root induction rate was 35%. After excluding the dead lines, the hairy root induction rate was 67.9%, indicating that the hairy root induction ability of three-leaf stage seedlings was high, but the overall hairy root induction rate was low due to weak growth. The activating bacteria solution infiltration method was used to infect different ages of apple seedlings and it was found that there were differences in the hairy roots induction number. Among them, the hairy roots induction rate of apple seedlings at the three-leaf stage was 84%, and the induction rates of apple seedlings at the five-leaf stage and eight-leaf stage are 47% and 52.5% respectively. Therefore, apple seedlings at the three-leaf stage were more suitable as transformation materials for the activating bacteria solution infiltration method. Different ages of apple seedlings could successfully induce hairy roots, among which the hairy roots induced by direct smearing of strains in three-leaf stage and eight-leaf stage were 96% and 60%, respectively. In addition, after comparing the hairy roots induced by the above ways, the roots induced by strain smearing method of apple seedlings at the three-leaf stage were evenly distributed at the base of the stem segment, and the roots were more abundant, so the hairy root distribution and hairy root induction rate were the best. In order to identify the expression pattern of the target gene in *A. rhizogenes* transformed plants, the DNA of roots, stems and leaves of transformed plants were extracted. Through the PCR cloning of GUS gene, it was found that there were GUS signals in roots, stems and leaves. The GUS staining analysis of the transformed roots and leaves showed that there were GUS signals in the petiole and main leaf vein of some lines. The strain with GUS signal detected in leaves was selected as material, and the expression of GUS in root, stem and leaf samples was detected. The results showed that weak expression of GUS gene was detected in stems and leaves. Then the total proteins of roots and leaves were further extracted. Western blotting showed that the expression of GFP protein was detected in the roots of transformed positive lines, but no obvious expression of GFP fluorescent protein was detected in leaves. The above results showed that in the transgenic lines obtained by *A. rhizogenes* transformation, *A.*

rhizogenes migrated randomly to the shoot through vascular tissue. 【Conclusion】 A rapid, simple and efficient apple transformation system mediated by *A. rhizogenes* K599 was established in this study. Seedling age is the key factor affecting the transformation efficiency of apple seedlings infected by *A. rhizogenes*. Using strain smearing method to infect three-leaf seedlings, the positive hairy root plants with high uniformity can be obtained in about 45 days, and the induction rate is as high as 96%. The migration of *A. rhizogenes* in transformed plants was explored to provide a theoretical basis for the further utilization of *A. rhizogenes* transformation technology.

Key words: *Malus domestica*; *Agrobacterium rhizogenes*; transformation efficiency; Mobility

苹果 (*Malus domestica*) 属于双子叶蔷薇科植物, 是世界上广泛栽培的水果之一。我国苹果栽培面积及产量均居世界首位, 苹果产业在我国农村经济振兴、促进农民增收和出口创汇中发挥着重要的作用^[1]。利用现代分子生物学技术开展苹果种质改良与创新, 能够进一步提高苹果生产效率及品质^[2]。建立稳定的苹果遗传转化体系是关键基因发掘及功能验证的必要条件之一, 目前主要通过根癌农杆菌转化法、发根农杆菌转化法实现^[3]。根癌农杆菌转化方法具有表达稳定等优点, 但其依赖于组培无菌条件下进行, 操作过程繁琐, 转化周期长、成本高^[4-6]。发根农杆菌转化方法相比根癌农杆菌转化法具有转化效率高, 操作步骤简单, 用时短等优点, 尤其在土壤逆境相关抗性基因的挖掘及功能验证中发挥重要作用^[7-9]。因此建立一个简单、快速、高效的苹果发根农杆菌转化体系具有重要的意义。

发根农杆菌 (*Agrobacterium rhizogenes*) 属于根瘤菌科农杆菌属, 是一种侵染性强的好氧型革兰氏阴性细菌, 具有感染大多数双子叶植物能力, 其携带 Ri 质粒中 T-DNA 片段在完成侵染植物后可整合至植物基因组中, 从而诱导植物形成毛状根 (hairy root) ^[10-11]。毛状根具有分枝多、生长快、遗传特性稳定等特性的不定根^[12], 通常用来进行植株基因过表达、基因沉默和基因编辑等^[13-15]。发根农杆菌介导的遗传转化技术在草本植物中运用较为普遍甘薯^[16]、大豆^[17]、菠菜^[18]、花生^[19]、大白菜^[20-21], 而在部分木本植物中仍存在转化率的问题。随着发根农杆菌转化技术的不断进步, 目前在核桃^[22]、苹果^[2, 23]、梨^[24]、茶树^[11]、光皮桦^[25]、银杏树桉树^[26]等材料研究中结果表明, 使用不同方法进行发根农杆菌浸染毛状根诱导率存在较大差异, 木本植物毛状根的诱导率在 2%~88.3%^[27-28]。

目前苹果中常规的发根农杆菌转化体系多以注射方法为主^[9, 13, 29], 对苹果幼苗进行发根农杆菌浸染虽具有一定的毛状根诱导效率, 但在注射实际操作过程中仍存在效率低下问题, 例如幼苗注射后难以存活, 大苗注射后毛状根诱导率较低, 同时也因物理损伤及后期剪断主根等操作极大的延长遗传转化时间。本研究拟利用发根农杆菌 K599 建立一种高效转化体系, 通过对不同苗龄材料及不同浸染方法的发根率统计, 筛选了苹果发根农杆菌转化效率高、操作简单、用时较短的转化方法; 此外本研究鉴定了发根农杆菌 K599 在转化株系中的迁移性,

以期为苹果中基因功能的分析提供更为有效、便捷的方法，同时为发根农杆菌技术的进一步利用提供理论依据。

1 材料和方法

1.1 植物材料

以平邑甜茶（具有无融合生殖特性）实生苗为试验材料。幼苗培养于光照时间 $16 \text{ h}\cdot\text{d}^{-1}$ ，光照度 $100 \mu\text{mol}\cdot(\text{m}^2\cdot\text{s})^{-1}$ ， $(25\pm 2)^\circ\text{C}$ 的苗木培养室。发根农杆菌 K599 感受态购自北京庄盟国际生物基因科技有限公司。用于遗传转化载体基于 *pCAMBIA1305* 载体骨架改造，同时携带 β -葡萄糖苷酸酶基因（ β -glucuronidase, GUS）及绿色荧光蛋白基因（green fluorescent protein, GFP），由西北农林科技大学园艺学院李征教授惠赠。

1.2 试验方法

1.2.1 催芽与播种

将平邑甜茶种子用纱布包裹好，放置于水龙头下冲洗 1 d，将冲洗后的种子同灭菌后粗沙混合后置于玻璃皿中，随后放置于 4°C 冰箱，每隔 3 d 检查粗砂湿度，挑除发霉种子。待种子萌发露白后直接播种在装有灭菌基质（草炭：蛭石：珍珠岩=3：1：1）穴盘中，喷水覆膜后放置于苗木培养室中培养。幼苗生长至三叶龄（木质化程度较低）、五叶龄（木质化程度增加）、八叶龄（木质化程度高）时用于后续侵染试验。

1.2.2 发根农杆菌转化

从 -80°C 冰箱中取出发根农杆菌 K599 感受态迅速置于冰上融化，每 $100 \mu\text{L}$ 感受态加入 $1 \mu\text{g}$ 载体质粒，缓慢吹打混匀后分别在冰上静置 5 min、液氮中 5 min、 37°C 水浴锅中 5 min，冰上静置 5 min。随后加入 $500 \mu\text{L}$ TY 培养液，置于 28°C 恒温摇床中震荡培养 2 h 后，均匀涂布于含 $50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ 链霉素、 $50 \text{ mg}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ 卡那霉素的固体 TY 培养基， 28°C 倒置培养 2 d。挑取单克隆接种于 $600 \mu\text{L}$ 含链霉素和卡那霉素的液体 LB 培养基中， 28°C $200 \text{ r}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ 振荡培养过夜。菌液 PCR 鉴定后进行 50%甘油保菌，保存于 -80°C 冰箱备用。

1.2.3 菌株活化与侵染液的制备

将 -80°C 冰箱保存的菌株在 TY 固体培养基上均匀涂布后倒置活化培养 2 d，用无菌的枪头挑取单菌落接种于 $500 \mu\text{L}$ TY 液体培养基中， 28°C 、 $200 \text{ r}\cdot\text{min}^{-1}$ 振荡培养 12 h，吸取 $100 \mu\text{L}$ 活化的菌液接种于 100 mL TY 液体培养基中继续过夜振荡培养，待菌液 OD600 值为 0.8 时，集菌后重悬于 MES 缓冲液，静止 3 h 后进行注射。

1.2.4 毛状根诱导

注射法浸染：利用 2 mL 无菌注射器吸取阳性菌株重悬液，注射于苹果幼苗根颈处。

菌液浸染法：在苹果幼苗根颈处将主根系剪除，随后直接浸入活化菌液中，浸入深度 3 cm 左右，浸染时间 30 min。

菌株涂抹法：在苹果幼苗根颈处将主根系剪除，利用无菌涂布器将平板上的菌株收集起来，涂抹于苹果幼苗剪口处。

侵染后把幼苗移栽到基质中，使用基质覆盖侵染部位，随后盖上育苗盘透明保湿罩，在黑暗条件下共培养 2 d。共培养结束后转移至正常光照条件下培养，注意通过定期喷水进行保湿，而不是通过托盘中大量浇水保湿。培养 30 d 后统计成功诱导出的毛状根的株数，计算诱导率。

1.2.5 毛状根和转基因根的鉴定及统计分析

为了鉴定苹果遗传转化株系毛状根有效性，使用便携式荧光蛋白激发光源（LUYOR-3415，美国）鉴定诱导出毛状根 GFP 信号并拍照。为了鉴定目的基因是否整合到苹果根系基因组中，进一步提取毛状根 DNA，通过 PCR 克隆 GUS 标签基因，有目的条带的即为阳性（引物见表 1）。采取成功转化株系根系及叶片进行 GUS 染色，采用北京华越洋生物科技有限公司 GUS 染色试剂盒（CAT: GT0391），染色方法见试剂盒说明书。提取转化株系根和叶的 RNA，反转录后进行 GUS 基因表达量分析，相关引物见表 1。选取三株阳性转化株系的根和叶片进行蛋白印迹分析，苹果根叶组织总蛋白提取采用碧云天植物 Western 及 IP 细胞裂解液（P0043）提取，蛋白印迹检测一抗为 Biolinkedin@ Anti-GFP 鼠单克隆抗体（L-MAb06），二抗为 SIGMA-ALDRICH 公司抗小鼠 IgG（Fc 特异性，CAT: A1418），采用北京庄盟国际生物基因科技有限公司碱性磷酸酶底物显色试剂盒（CAT: ZD315）进行显色，具体操作步骤见试剂盒说明书。

表 1 引物列表

Table 1 Primer list

目的 Purpose	名称 Name	序列 Sequence
阳性转化株系鉴定 Identification of positive transformed strains	GUS-F	GTTACGTCCTGTAGAAACCCC
	GUS-R	GCTGCGGTTTTTCACCGAAG
GUS 荧光定量分析 GUS fluorescence quantitative analysis	QGUS-F	TACCGACGAAAACGGCAAGA
	QGUS-R	CGGTGATATCGTCCACCCAG
GUS 荧光定量分析 GUS fluorescence quantitative analysis	Actin-F	GGATTTGCTGGTGATGATGCT
	Actin-R	AGTTGCTCACTATGCCGTGC

1.2.6 数据统计与分析

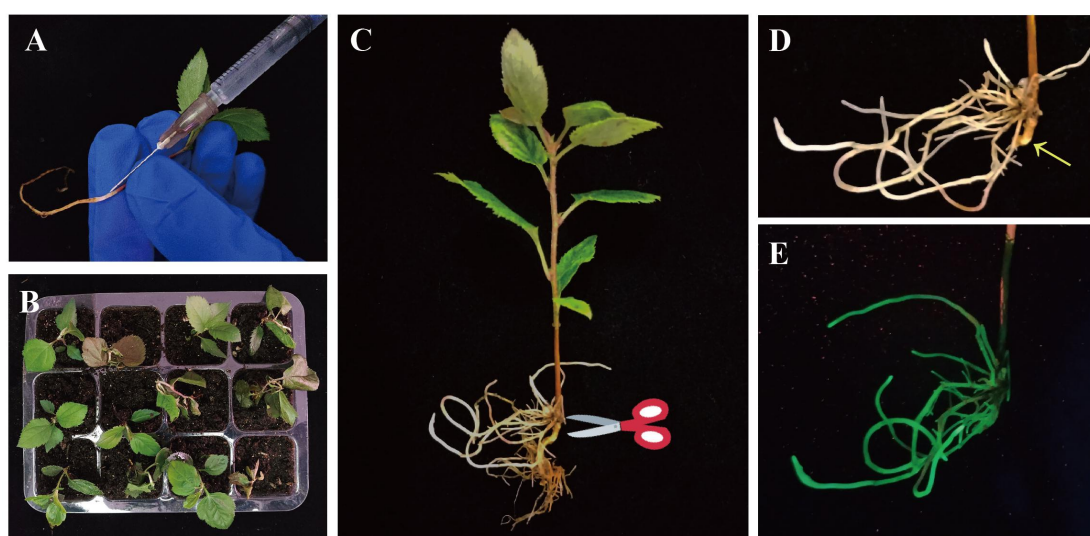
采用 Excel 进行试验的数据记录,运用 prism8.0 进行数据分析及 Adobe illustrator 作图。

2 结果与分析

2.1 苹果注射法发根农杆菌浸染体系建立

选取三叶龄、八叶龄的苹果幼苗为材料，进行注射法进行浸染（图 1-A）。在培养 30 d 后统计发现，八叶龄幼苗为材料的毛状根诱导率为 39%（表 2），以三叶龄幼苗浸染材料的毛状根诱导率为 35%，需要注意的是在注射后 3 d 左右发现三叶龄苹果幼苗不断萎蔫（图

1-B)，经观察为注射创伤较大导致伤口溃烂，进而引起植株萎蔫死亡，在去除萎蔫株系后生根率为 67.9%。对发根农杆菌诱导出的毛状根进行荧光检测，发现所有毛状根均具有 GFP 荧光。综合以上结果表明，利用注射法进行发根农杆菌转化方法时，总体上以八叶龄幼苗为材料要优于三叶龄幼苗，而抛除萎蔫死亡株系后三叶龄幼苗诱导毛状根能力更强。此外，在注射法转化株系剪去主根后毛状根通常分布在注射孔一侧（图 1-C~E）。



注：A. 发根农杆菌菌液注射；B. 三叶龄苹果幼苗侵染 7 d 后状态；C-D. 剪去成功转化株系主根；E. 毛状根荧光检测。

Note: A. *A. rhizogenes* injection; B. State of apple seedlings at three-leaf stage after one week of injection; C-D. Cut off the main root of the successfully transformed strain; E. Hairy root fluorescence detection.

图 1 苹果注射法转化的关键步骤

Fig. 1 Key steps for transformation of *A. rhizogenes* by injection method in apples

表 2 采用注射法侵染不同苗龄苹果幼苗毛状根诱导率
Table 2 Hairy root induction rate of apple seedlings of different ages was infected by injection

苗龄 Seedling age	侵染植株数 (株) Numbers of infected plants	毛状根诱导数 (株) Hairy root induction number	诱导率 Induced efficiency/%
三叶龄 Three-leaf stage	54	19	35
八叶龄 Eight-leaf stage	64	25	39

2.2 不同苗龄对苹果毛状根诱导率的影响

苹果幼苗注射法存在转化效率整体较低、操作步骤繁琐、用时较长等问题。近几年随着发根农杆菌技术的不断研究发现，使用幼嫩植株直接浸泡菌液或刮取细菌菌株涂抹方法可以更为简单、快速、高效的获得转基因株系^[28, 30-31]。为了缩短遗传转化时间，简化操作步骤，

接下来分别采用菌液浸染法和菌株涂抹法对苹果发根农杆菌遗传转化体系进行优化。选取三叶龄、五叶龄、八叶龄平邑甜茶幼苗为材料，使用菌液浸染法转化后培养 30 d，对毛状根诱导株数进行统计（见图 2）。

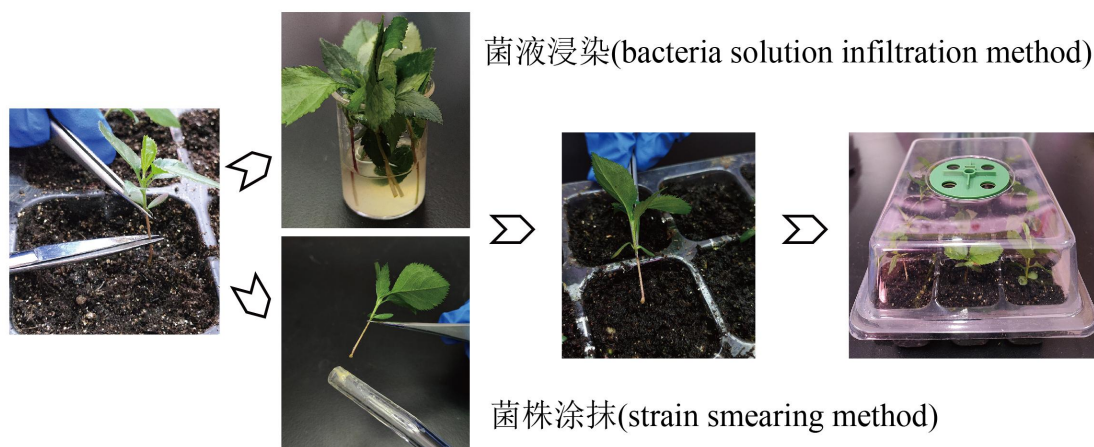


图 2 菌液浸染法与菌株涂抹法关键步骤

Fig. 2 Key steps of bacteria solution infiltration method and strain smearing method

表 3 不同侵染方式的苹果幼苗毛状根诱导率

Table 3 Hairy Root Induction rate of Apple seedlings with different infection methods

侵染方式 Infection method	苗龄 Seedling age	外植体数 (株) Numbers of infected plants	毛状根诱导数 (株) Hairy root induction number	诱导率 Induced efficiency/%
菌液浸染 Bacteria solution infiltration	三叶龄 Three-leaf stage	25	21	84
	五叶龄 Five-leaf stage	30	14	47
	八叶龄 Eight-leaf stage	40	21	52.5
菌株涂抹 Strain smearing method	三叶龄 Three-leaf stage	25	24	96
	八叶龄 Eight-leaf stage	40	26	65

结果表明，不同苗龄苹果的毛状根的诱导数存在差异，三叶龄苹果苗的毛状根诱导率最高为 84%，五叶龄、八叶龄苹果幼苗的诱导率分别为 47%、52.5%，因此三叶龄苹果苗更适宜作为菌液浸染法转化材料（表 3）。为了进一步优化毛状根诱导流程，选取三叶龄、八叶龄平邑甜茶幼苗为材料，使用菌株涂抹法进行浸染后扦插于穴盘中培养 30 d，通过毛状根诱导率统计结果表明，不同苗龄苹果苗都能成功诱导毛状根，其中三叶龄直接涂抹菌株处理毛状根诱导率为 96%，八叶龄毛状根诱导率为 60%（表 3）。此外对比以上途径诱导出的毛状根后发现，三叶龄苹果苗菌株涂抹所诱导出根系均匀分布于茎段基部，其根系更为丰富，且

同一批转化幼苗整齐度较高（图 3）。通过 GFP 荧光观察发现毛状根系均有荧光信号。除此之外，对比毛状根诱导率较高的转化方法后发现，从种植幼苗开始算起注射法整个转化周期要近 60~90 d 才能获取转基因株系，而以三叶龄苹果幼苗为材料采用菌株涂抹法可以将转基因株系获取时间缩短至 45 d，并且拥有更高的毛状根发根整齐度及根系结构（图 3）。综合以上结果表明，选择三叶龄苹果幼苗作为转化材料，运用菌株涂抹方式去侵染可以较快、简单、高效的获得整齐度高的转化株系。

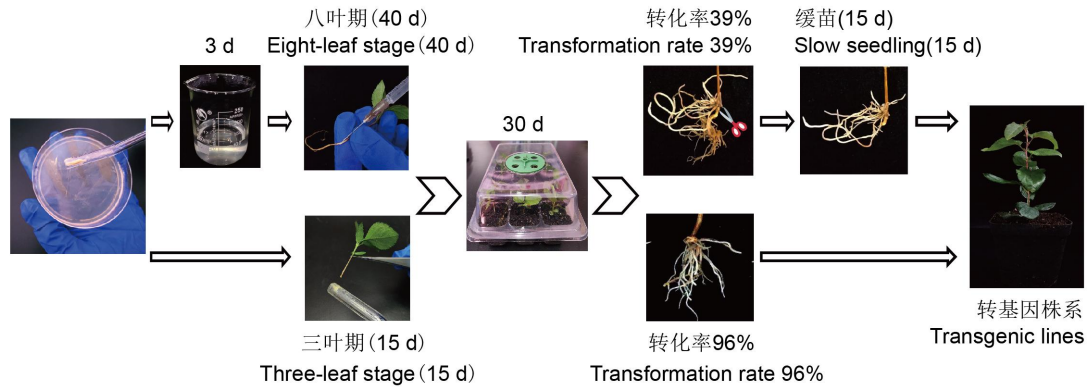
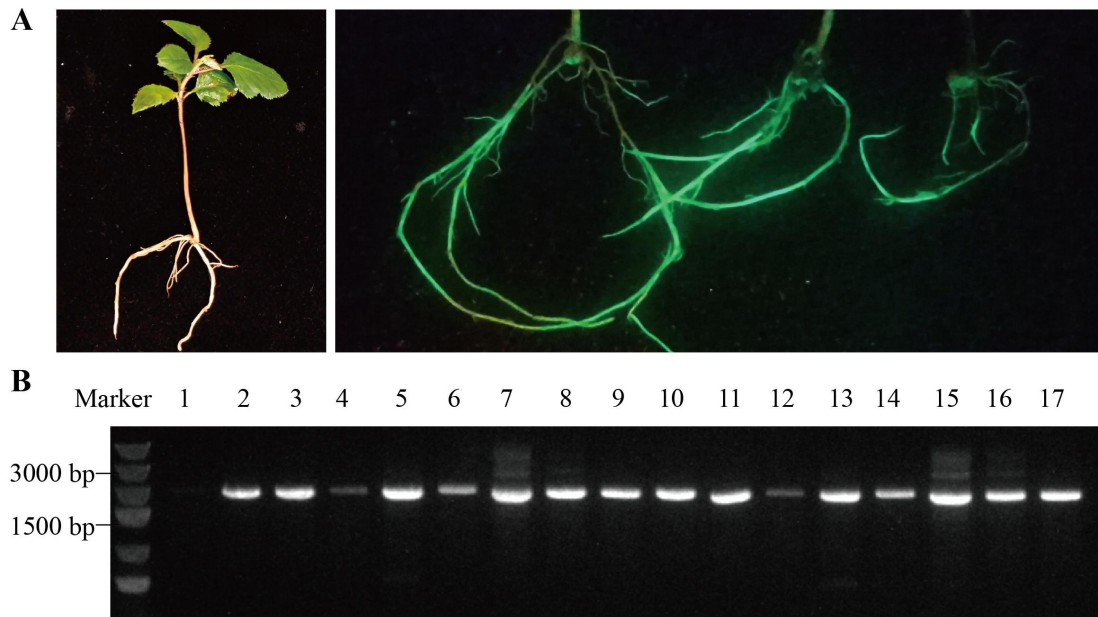


图 3 不同苹果幼苗发根农杆菌转化体系对比

Fig. 3 Comparison of *A. rhizogenes* transformation systems in different apple seedlings

2.3 苹果发根农杆菌转化植株的鉴定

对苹果遗传转化株系毛状根进行荧光检测，结果表明所有成功诱导出的毛状根系均有绿色荧光信号（图 4-A）。为了鉴定目的基因是否整合到苹果根系基因组中，从不同组合中随机选取 3 株转化植株，进一步提取毛状根 DNA，通过 PCR 克隆 GUS 标签基因后发现，所有毛状根均有阳性信号（图 4-B）。



注: A.苹果毛状根荧光检测; B.毛状根的 DNA 分子鉴定, 1 为空白对照, 2-16 为毛状根 DNA 分子检测, 17 为阳性对照。

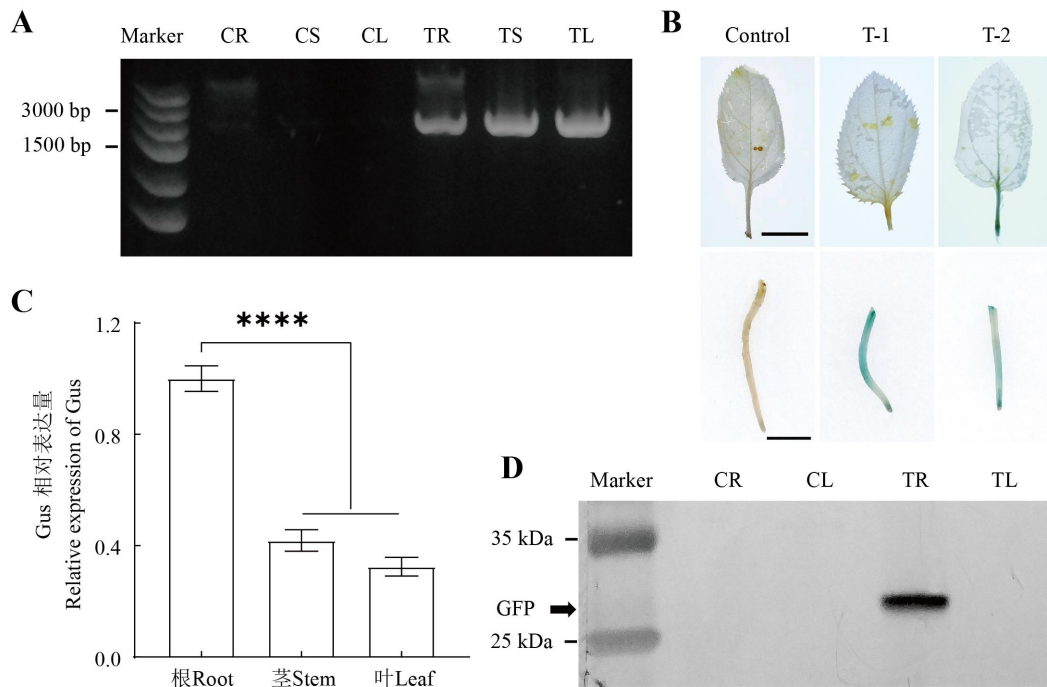
Note: A. Fluorescence detection of apple hairy root; B. The DNA molecular identification of hairy roots showed that 1 was blank control, 2-16 was DNA molecular detection of hairy roots, and 17 was positive control.

图 4 苹果毛状根荧光检测及 DNA 分子鉴定

Fig. 4 Fluorescence Detection and DNA Molecular Identification of Hairy Roots of Apple

2.4 发根农杆菌在植株中迁移特性分析

为了鉴定发根农杆菌在转化植株中的迁移性,对转化植株根、茎和叶组织 DNA 中 GUS 基因进行克隆后发现,根、茎和叶中均有 GUS 的信号(图 5-A)。对转化根系进行根和叶的 GUS 染色分析,发现有部分株系叶片叶柄、主叶脉中有 GUS 信号(图 5-B)。进一步对叶片中检测到 GUS 信号株系的根、茎、叶样品中 GUS 表达量进行检测,结果表明在茎段和叶片中均检测到 GUS 基因的微弱表达(图 5-C)。随后对转化阳性株系根和叶片的总蛋白 GFP 蛋白印迹检测发现,根系中检测到 GFP 蛋白表达,而叶片中并未检测到 GFP 荧光蛋白的表达(图 5-D)。综合以上结果表明,使用发根农杆菌遗传转化技术获得株系中,发根农杆菌存在随机通过脉管组织向地上部迁移的现象。



注: A. 苹果转基因株系根茎叶间 DNA 分子检测, CR 为未转化株系的根系, CS 为未转化株系的茎段, CL 为未转化株系的叶片, TR 为转化株系的根系, TS 为转化株系的茎段, TL 为转化株系的叶片。B. 发根农杆菌转化株系根和叶 GUS 染色检测, Control 为未转化株系根和叶, T-1、T-2 为转化株系根和叶。叶片比例尺为 1 cm, 根系比例尺为 0.5 cm。C. 发根农杆菌转化株系根、茎和叶中 GUS 基因相对表达量分析。****, $p < 0.0001$ 。D. 苹果转基因株系根叶间 GFP 蛋白印迹检测, CR 为未转化株系的根系, CL 为未转化株系的叶片, TR 为转化株系根系, TL 为转化株系叶片。

Note: A. Molecular Detection of DNA between Roots, stems and leaves of transgenic Apple Lines. CR is the root of the untransformed line, CS is the stem segment of the untransformed line, CL is the leaf of the untransformed line, TR is the root system of the transformed line, TS is the stem segment of the transformed line, and TL is the leaf of the transformed line. B. The hairy root of apple was observed by fluorescence, scale 2 cm. B. GUS staining of roots and leaves of *A. rhizogenes* transformed strains was detected. Control is the untransformed plant, while T1 and T2 are the root and leaf of the transformed plant. The leaf scale is 1cm and the root scale is 0.5 cm. C. Analysis of relative expression of GUS gene in roots, stems and leaves of *A. rhizogenes* transformed lines. ****, $p < 0.0001$. D. GFP Western blotting detection between roots and leaves of transgenic apple lines. CR is the root of the untransformed plant, CL is the leaf of the untransformed plant, TR is the root of the transformed plant, and TL is the leaf of the transformed plant.

图 5 转化植株中发根农杆菌迁移性分析

Fig. 5 Analysis of migration of *A. rhizogenes* in transformed plants

3 讨论

植物转基因技术广泛应用于植物种质改良,也是鉴定基因功能的关键技术^[7, 12, 32]。然而对于木本植物,基于根癌农杆菌稳定转化体系存在着费时、操作繁琐等问题,不适合快速的获得转化植株进行功能验证^[5, 33]。而发根农杆菌遗传转化体系的建立能够快速的得到具备稳定转化的根系,从而快速的进行一些基因功能的验证,尤其在土传病害抗性基因的挖掘与营养元素高效吸收相关基因的鉴定^[3, 34-35]。例如使用发根农杆菌转化技术在苹果幼苗中过表达 *MdNRT2.4* 可以显著提高了对低氮的耐受性^[10],过表达 *MdWRKY75* 可增强苹果根系对 *F.*

solani 的抗性^[7], 过表达 *CHS* 增加了类黄酮的积累和对氮的吸收^[30]。然而目前苹果发根农杆菌的体系下, 往往需要近 60~90 d 才能获得转基因植物。此外在毛状根诱导的过程中, 如注射法, 采用木质化程度较低的三叶龄幼苗进行注射时很容易将茎段刺穿从而导致幼苗萎蔫死亡, 采用木质化程度较高的八叶龄苹果幼苗注射法存在毛状根诱导率较低、根系分布不均匀等问题。随着植物发根农杆菌转化方法的不断改进, 通过直接浸泡菌液或刮取细菌菌株涂抹方法被证明具有更为快速、简单、高效等优点的转化方法^[28, 31, 36]。本研究对菌液直接浸泡法和涂抹菌株法对不同苗龄苹果幼苗进行侵染, 结果表明, 以菌液涂抹法毛状根诱导率为最高 96%。通过 GFP 荧光观察和 PCR 分析发现, 菌株涂抹法诱导毛状根根系均具有转化阳性信号, 该结果与先前在山丁子中得到结果相似^[23]。本研究中首次使用菌株涂抹法对木质化程度较低三叶龄苹果幼苗进行侵染, 对比传统注射法可将转化周期由 60 d~90 d 缩短至 45 d, 该方法得出转化率相比传统注射法明显增高, 并且已达到相同方法在草本植物的转化率水平^[37], 同时拥有更好的毛状根发根整齐度及根系结构。

先前报道, 农杆菌在植株中具有一定的迁移性, 通过发根农杆菌转化株系通常会引烟草叶片卷曲等表型, 在通常情况下是无害的^[10], 柑橘发根农杆菌转化株系中也发现农杆菌从根系到茎中的转移^[38], 但目前发根农杆菌在植株中迁移及转化规律尚不明确。为了探明在发根农杆菌在苹果植株中的迁移性, 对成功转化植株根、叶样品进行检测后发现, 在苹果中存在着随机向上迁移的现象, 然而这种传递仅在叶柄及部分主叶脉处有表达, 在对整个叶片进行蛋白水平上检测并未检出明显阳性信号, 可能是培养时间较短导致表达量较低或者表达部位仅局限在叶柄和部分叶脉所致。以上结果可为苹果发根农杆菌转化体系的利用中提供理论基础, 例如在鉴定根、茎、叶间长距离传递信号中存在一定的假阳性, 需要通过增加空载体转化株系的数量来观察目的传递基因及蛋白信号的可信度。

4 结论

本研究建立了快速、简单、高效的发根农杆菌 K599 介导的苹果转化体系。利用菌株涂抹法侵染三叶龄幼苗, 可在 45 d 左右获得整齐度较高的阳性毛状根植株, 诱导率高达 96%。鉴定了发根农杆菌在转化植株内随机向地上部迁移现象。

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