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D' (12), ranging between values of 0 (a fully random association) to 1 (a complete association between allele pairs). Because the underlying model assumes random mating within the population from which the sample was taken, it is only appropriate to calculate this statistic for the Leeds sample. D' was high (>0.5) for all markers across the 1.4-Mb sequence examined, defining a region of approximately 400 kb where $D' > 0.9$, with a maximum D' at locus *c* (Fig. 2). Interpolation of D' values at loci *b*, *c*, and *d* suggests that the genetic polymorphism controlling the morph phenotype is located within 100 kb on either side of locus *c*. Further consideration of the “missing” (repulsion-phase) haplotypes separately for *carbonaria* and *typica* (Table 2) emphasizes the deficit of repulsion-phase *carbonaria* haplotypes across all six loci. In contrast, *typica* haplotypes show only weak deficits of *carbonaria*-type marker alleles, which is consistent with the view that these alleles were segregating in the population before the genesis of *carbonaria*. At loci *a* and *b*, the deficit for *typica* is greater because the *carbonaria*-type alleles (C and A, respectively) were rare in the ancestral population. These two loci suggest that *carbonaria*-to-*typica* haplotype introgression has been weak.

Bombyx mori chromosome 17 and its orthologs in other lepidopterans are rich in major color-patterning genes, such as *black moth* and *wild wing spot* (13). These *Bombyx mori* genes do not map closely to the *carbonaria* locus (fig. S5). However, *Bicyclus anynana* LG17 contains two pigment-patterning mutants, *067* and *Bigeye*, that both affect eyespot size, with *Bigeye* predicted to reside within the *carbonaria* region (14). The *Bigeye* and *carbonaria* phenotypes are clearly very different, but they share a large increase in the proportion of melanized scales. The *carbonaria* core region also overlaps the mimetic patterning locus in four *Heliconius* species, collectively referred to as the *Yb-P-Yb/Sb-Cr* locus (15–17). The *B. betularia* genes identified in this region so far correspond entirely with those described for the *Yb-P-Yb/Sb-Cr* region. A major feature distinguishing *Heliconius* forms is the amount and distribution of black, as with the various *B. betularia* morphs (4). This unlikely coincidence suggests that the control of melanin pattern formation in these deeply diverged lepidopterans may have a common genetic basis, the functional units of which have yet to be identified.

The rapid spread of an initially unique haplotype, driven by strong positive selection, is expected to generate the profile of linkage disequilibrium we have observed (18), establishing that UK industrial melanism in the peppered moth was seeded by a single recent mutation that spread to most parts of mainland Britain and also colonized the Isle of Man (fig. S4). Paradoxically, although the *carbonaria* morph is now strongly disadvantageous and consequently rare in the United Kingdom, the rapidity of its decline (19) has minimized the eroding effect of *typica* introgression on the molecular footprint of strongly positive selection created during its ascendancy.

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Vascular plants appeared ~410 million years ago, then diverged into several lineages of which only two survive: the ephyllphytes (ferns and seed plants) and the lycophytes. We report here the genome sequence of the lycophyte *Selaginella moellendorffii* (*Selaginella*), the first nonseed vascular plant genome reported. By comparing gene content in evolutionarily diverse taxa, we found that the transition from a gametophyte- to a sporophyte-dominated life cycle required far fewer new genes than the transition from a nonseed vascular to a flowering plant, whereas secondary metabolic genes expanded extensively and in parallel in the lycophyte and angiosperm lineages. *Selaginella* differs in posttranscriptional gene regulation, including small RNA regulation of repetitive elements, an absence of the trans-acting small interfering RNA pathway, and extensive RNA editing of organellar genes.

S*elaginella moellendorffii*, like all lycophytes, has features typical of vascular plants, including a dominant and complex sporo-

phyte generation (Fig. 1, A and B) having vascular tissues with lignified cell types. Lycophytes also share traits with nonseed plants, most notably

the release of haploid spores (Fig. 1C) from the sporophyte and a gametophyte generation that develops independently of the sporophyte. Be-

cause the lycophytes are an ancient lineage that diverged shortly after land plants evolved vascular tissues (Fig. 2A) (1), we sequenced the Selaginella

genome to provide a resource for identifying genes that may have been important in the early evolution of developmental and metabolic processes specific to vascular plants.

The *Selaginella* genome was sequenced by whole-genome shotgun sequencing (2). The assembled genome size (212.6 Mbp) is twice that determined by flow cytometry (3), indicating that the assembled genome includes two haplotypes of ~106 Mbp that are 98.5% identical at the nucleotide level. A deduced haplotype has 22,285 predicted protein-coding genes, of which 37% are supported by expressed sequence tag sequences, and 58 microRNA (miRNA) loci (2, 4). The *Selaginella* genome lacks evidence of an ancient whole-genome duplication or polyploidy (2), unlike all other sequenced land-plant genomes (5–7). Gene density in *Selaginella* and *Arabidopsis*, which has a slightly larger genome size, is very similar (2), and both genomes have gene-poor regions rich in transposable elements (TEs) and other repetitive sequences (2). Although fewer genes and smaller introns (2) contribute to a genome size smaller than *Arabidopsis*, this is offset by a greater proportion of TEs in *Selaginella* (37.5% versus 15% in *Arabidopsis*) (2). Long terminal repeat retrotransposons are the most abundant TEs, occupying one-third of the *Selaginella* genome (2).

Plant TEs and *MIRNA* loci are important sources of small RNAs (sRNAs) that function

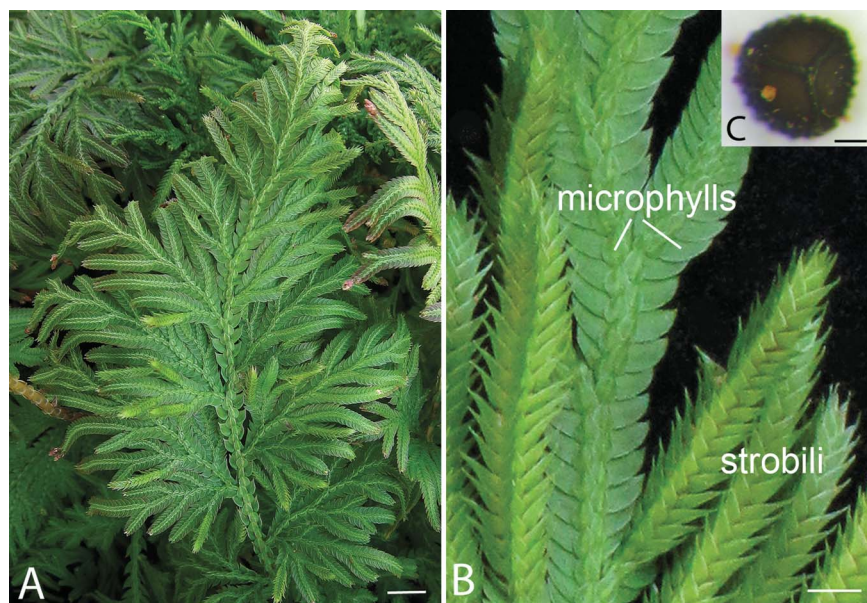


Fig. 1. *Selaginella* morphology. (A) The diploid sporophyte body. Bar, 10 mm. (B) A shoot with two ranks of microphylls (“leaves”) and strobili. Each microphyll of a strobilus has either a mega- or a microsporangium where mega- or microspores are produced. Bar, 2 mm. (C) An orange microspore on top of a dark megaspore. These single-celled haploid spores represent the beginning of the independent haploid gametophyte generation. The microgametophyte produces motile sperm and the megagametophyte eggs. Bar, 0.1 mm.

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to epigenetically regulate TE and gene activity (8). Several observations suggest that some aspects of epigenetic or posttranscriptional gene regulation in *Selaginella* are unique among plants. For one, the proportion of sRNAs 23 to 24 nucleotides (nt) in length is extraordinarily small in the *Selaginella* sRNA population (2) compared to angiosperms (9). Nearly three-quarters of the *Selaginella* sRNAs (4) map to *MIRNA* loci and are predominantly 21 nt in length (2). In angiosperms, 24-nt siRNAs, which are generated primarily from TEs, function to silence TE activity through the RNA-dependent DNA methylation pathway (10–12) and accumulate massively in specific cells of the female gametophyte (13). Because the *Selaginella* sRNA population was generated from sporophytic tissues, the 24-nt siRNA pathway may only be deployed during gametophyte development in *Selaginella*. A second distinction is the absence of *DCL4*, *RDR6*, and *MIR390* loci in *Selaginella*, which are required for the biogenesis of trans-acting siRNAs (tasiRNAs) in angiosperms (2). Their absence suggests that tasiRNA-regulated processes in angiosperms, including leaf polarity (14) and developmental phase changes in the sporophyte (15, 16), are regulated differently in *Selaginella*, and possibly reflects the independent origins of foliar organs in the lycophyte and angiosperm lineages (17, 18). Finally, the *Selaginella* plastome sequence reveals an extraordinarily large number of RNA-edited sites (2), as do other lycophyte organellar genomes (19, 20). This coincides with an exceptionally large number of PPR genes in *Selaginella* (>800) (2), some of which guide RNA editing events in angiosperms (21).

Because *Selaginella* is a member of a vascular plant lineage that is sister to the euphyllophytes, we used comparative and phylogenetic approaches to identify gene origins and expansions coinciding with evolutionary innovations and losses in land plants. To identify such genes without regard to function, we compared the proteomes of the green alga *Chlamydomonas*, the moss *Physcomitrella*, *Selaginella*, and 15 angiosperm species; identified gene families that are related by homology by

hierarchical clustering (2); and then mapped them onto a phylogenetic tree (Fig. 2B). The 3814 families with gene members present in all plant lineages define the minimum set of genes that were likely to be present in the common ancestor of all green plants and their descendants and include genes essential for plant function. The transition from single-celled green algae to multicellular land plant approximately doubled the gene number with the acquisition of 3006 new genes. The transition from nonvascular to vascular plant is associated with a gain of far fewer new genes (516) than the transition from a basal vascular plant to a basal euphyllophyte whose descendants include the angiosperms (1350). These numbers show that the evolution of traits specific to euphyllophytes or angiosperms required the evolution of about three times more new genes than the transition from a plant having a dominant gametophyte and simple, leafless, and nonvascularized sporophyte (typified by modern bryophytes) to a plant with a dominant, vascularized, and branched sporophyte with leaves.

In a second approach, we analyzed the phylogenies of genes known to function in *Arabidopsis* development (2). We identified 424 monophyletic groups of developmental genes, each group containing putatively all genes descended from a common land-plant ancestral gene (table S6). *Selaginella* and *Physcomitrella* genes are present in 377 (89%) and 356 (84%) of the 424 land-plant orthologous gene groups, respectively, indicating that the common ancestor of land plants had most of the gene families known to direct angiosperm development. Conspicuous expansions of families within different lineages resulted in different numbers of land-plant orthologs in each genome (table S6). The 27 vascular plant-specific orthologous groups likely represent genes associated with developmental innovations of vascular plants. Among them are genes regulating the meristem (*CLV1* and *CLV2*), hormone signaling (*GID1* and *CTR1*), and flowering (*TFL2* and *UFO*). Homologs of genes involved in the specification of xylem (*NST* and *VND*) (22) and

phloem (*APL*) (23) in *Arabidopsis* are present in *Physcomitrella* and *Selaginella*, suggesting that the developmental programs for patterning and differentiation of vascular tissues were either present in, or co-opted from, preexisting genetic programs in the ancestral land plant. The 43 groups lacking genes from *Physcomitrella* and *Selaginella* (table S6) likely identify genes that were necessary for euphyllophyte or angiosperm developmental innovations. Among this group are genes that regulate light signaling (*FAR1*, *MIF1*, *OBP3*, and *PKSI*), shoot meristem development (*AS2* and *ULT1*), hormone signaling and biosynthesis (*BRI1*, *BSU1*, *ARF16*, *ACS*, and *ACO*), and flowering (*HUAI*, *EMF1*, *FT*, *TFL1*, and *FD*). Altogether, these results suggest that the evolutionary transitions from a nonvascular plant to a vascular angiosperm included the stepwise addition of components of some developmental pathways, especially those regulating meristem and hormone biology, as previously noted for the gibberellin signaling pathway (24, 25).

Genes involved in secondary metabolism were also investigated because plants synthesize numerous secondary metabolites that they use to interact with their environment. Three gene families involved in their biosynthesis, including those encoding cytochrome P450-dependent monooxygenases (P450s), BAHD acyltransferases (BAHDs), and terpene synthases (TSs), were analyzed. The largest of these in *Selaginella* is the P450 family, accounting for 1% of its predicted proteome (table S7) (2). All three families show similar evolutionary trends, with the inferred ancestral vascular plant having a small number of genes that radiated extensively but independently within the lycophyte and angiosperm lineages (figs. S6 to S13). *BAHD* and *TS* genes, which are known to be involved in the biosynthesis of volatile odorants, are apparent only in seed plants (figs. S12 to S13), likely reflecting the coevolution of seed plants with animals that pollinate flowers or disperse seeds. The independent diversification of these gene families plus the large number of *Selaginella* genes suggest that *Selaginella* not only has the potential to synthesize a repertoire of secondary metabolites that rivals the angiosperms in complexity, but that many of them are likely to be of pharmaceutical value [e.g., (26)].

We have used the compact *Selaginella* genome sequence to uncover genes associated with major evolutionary transitions in land plants. Understanding their functions in *Selaginella* and other taxa, as well as acquiring the genome sequences of other informative taxa, especially charophytes, ferns, and gymnosperms, will be key to understanding the evolution of plant form and function.

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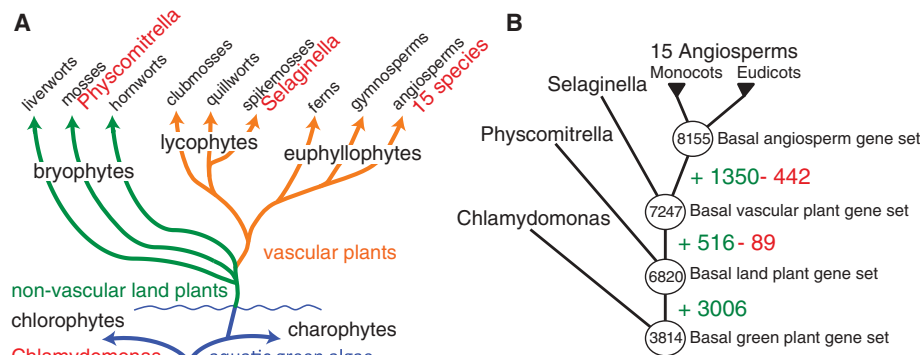


Fig. 2. (A) Phylogeny of plants. Taxa in red have sequenced genomes. **(B)** Gene family gains (+) and losses (-) mapped onto the plant phylogenetic tree. The minimum numbers of gene families present in the ancestors of different plant lineages are circled.

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Chromatin “Prepattern” and Histone Modifiers in a Fate Choice for Liver and Pancreas

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Transcriptionally silent genes can be marked by histone modifications and regulatory proteins that indicate the genes' potential to be activated. Such marks have been identified in pluripotent cells, but it is unknown how such marks occur in descendant, multipotent embryonic cells that have restricted cell fate choices. We isolated mouse embryonic endoderm cells and assessed histone modifications at regulatory elements of silent genes that are activated upon liver or pancreas fate choices. We found that the liver and pancreas elements have distinct chromatin patterns. Furthermore, the histone acetyltransferase P300, recruited via bone morphogenetic protein signaling, and the histone methyltransferase Ezh2 have modulatory roles in the fate choice. These studies reveal a functional “prepattern” of chromatin states within multipotent progenitors and potential targets to modulate cell fate induction.

Early pluripotent cells of the mammalian embryo develop into multipotent endoderm, ectoderm, and mesoderm germ layers. In pluripotent cells, silent genes that will be activated later in development often exist with histone modifications and/or bound transcription factors that reflect the chromatin being “poised” for activity (1–3). It is un-

clear whether such poised states exist for silent genes in germ layer cells and, if so, whether genes poised for different tissue fates exhibit different chromatin features. Furthermore, it is not known whether enzymes that establish chromatin states can control germ layer fate choices. Embryonic germ layer cells are few in number, they have not been purified, and chromatin analysis on small cell populations is challenging (4). Yet germ layer cells represent the first lineage-restricted, multipotent progenitors of the embryo and a paradigm for all subsequent fate decisions.

Ventral foregut endoderm cells undergo a fate choice for liver or ventral pancreas progenitors (5, 6). FoxA1 or FoxA2, GATA4 or GATA6, vHNF1, and Hnf6 (also known as Oc1) are necessary in the endoderm for both liver and ventral pancreas induction (7). In the absence of any

set of the factors, the earliest liver marker genes *Alb1*, *Afp*, and *Ttr* and the ventral pancreas transcription factor gene *Pdx1* fail to be activated, or expression is delayed, and tissue buds fail to form (7). It is not clear how the same group of factors can be necessary for both liver and ventral pancreas and how signaling promotes the different fates. We sought to map chromatin states at silent liver- and pancreas-specific regulatory sequences in endoderm cells, to discover the factors or relevant histone-modifying enzymes, and test the enzymes' functions in the liver-versus-pancreas decision.

We used fluorescence-activated cell sorting (FACS) with the ENDM1 antibody to isolate ventral foregut endoderm cells from embryonic day 8.25 (E8.25) mouse embryos with four to six somite pairs (4–6S) (8) (fig. S1), just prior to the induction of hepatic and pancreatic fates (5, 9). We also used the liver-specific antibody Liv2 to isolate nascent hepatoblasts expressing *Alb1*, *Afp*, and *Ttr* from E9.5 embryos (fig. S2) (10). Chromatin marks in ENDM1⁺ and Liv2⁺ populations were identified with a low-cell number chromatin immunoprecipitation (ChIP) protocol (4) for H3K9acK14ac, H3K4me2, H3K4me3, H3K9me3, H3R17me2a, H3K27me3, H3K36me2, H3K36me3, H3K79me2, H4K20me3, H3T3ph, H3S10ph, the histone variant H2A.Z, and the chromatin remodelers Brg1 and SNF2. We assessed the liver-specific promoter and enhancer of *Alb1* (11, 12), the liver-specific promoters of *Afp* and *Ttr* genes (13, 14), and the I, II, III, and IV upstream elements and local promoter of the pancreatic determination gene *Pdx1* (fig. S3). The I, II, and III upstream elements and promoter of *Pdx1* reconstitute pancreas-specific activation (15); the IV element may function later (16, 17). All of the target genes are silent in endoderm cells, and only the liver genes become activated in hepatoblasts.

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