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## **Abstract**

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MicroRNA (miRNA) is a class of small RNA, which are associated with diverse biological processes in plants, such as growth, development, and disease-resistance. Previously, several plant miRNAs were identified as a trigger of secondary small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) biogenesis, including phased, secondary siRNAs (phasiRNAs), and these small RNAs regulate expression of several gene families. In this study, miRNAs in pepper, tomato and potato were analyzed in an evolutionary aspect. Degradome analysis identified target genes of the miRNAs in three species and some specific miRNAs target numerous genes involved in disease-resistance, encoding nucleotide-binding leucine-rich repeat (NB-LRR) and receptor-like proteins (RLPs). Furthermore, these miRNAs prompt phasiRNA production in pepper, indicating reinforcement of the regulation against disease-resistance genes. miR-n033a-3p, whose target NB-LRRs belonging to specific subgroup CNL-G1 have been duplicated in pepper, targets more CNL-G1 NB-LRRs in pepper than those in potato. These observations suggested that resistance-associated miRNAs might have evolved to regulate numerous genes as the result of

target gene expansion in pepper.

**Keywords:** degradome, disease-resistance, evolution, microRNA, NB-LRR, pepper, phasiRNA, receptor-like protein

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# Introduction

Small RNA-mediated gene silencing is a well-conserved system for gene regulation in eukaryotes (Axtell et al., 2011). Small RNAs are generally 20-24 nucleotides in length and their roles range from plant growth to disease-resistance (Jones-Rhoades et al., 2006; Sunkar et al., 2007; Voinnet, 2008). MicroRNAs (miRNAs), which are classified as small RNAs, regulate various genes in animal and plant. In plant, the length of miRNAs is mostly 21-22 nucleotides and they are generated from stem-loop structured precursors by Dicer-like proteins (DCL). Mature miRNAs are loaded on Argonaute proteins, which are core proteins of the RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC), and repress target mRNA through cleavage if miRNA is near-perfectly paired with targets in sequences (Axtell et al., 2011).

There are particular cases that miRNAs induce the production of secondary small RNAs. It requires that length of the trigger miRNAs is 21 or 22 nucleotides (Chen et al., 2010; Cuperus et al., 2010) and their target mRNAs contain two (Axtell et al., 2006) or one (De felippes et al., 2017) target sites. After cleavage of the transcripts, dsRNAs are generated from the remnants by SUPPRESSOR OF GENE SILENCING 3 (SGS3) and RNA-DEPENDENT RNA POLYMERASE 6 (RDR6). Then, DCL4 and DCL5 process dsRNAs into secondary small interfering RNAs (siRNAs) in a phased pattern (Vazquez et al., 2004; Fei et al., 2013). Given that nature, these siRNAs are known as phased, secondary siRNA (phasiRNA). Most phasiRNAs are 21-nucleotides in length and some phasiRNAs are known to repress target mRNAs in *cis* or *trans*, similar to miRNA (Zhai et al., 2011; Fei et al., 2013). Hundreds of phasiRNA-producing loci (*PHAS* loci) exist in various plants, including Arabidopsis (Axtell et al., 2006), rice (Song et al., 2012) and soybean (Zhai et al., 2011). *PHAS* loci consist of protein-coding genes or *trans*-acting siRNA-generating loci (*TAS*), which are not coding protein (Vazquez et al., 2004;

Allen et al., 2005). miR390-TAS3-ARF pathway is one of the most well-known example of the TAS and it is conserved in land plants (Xia et al., 2017). In the pathway, miR390 induces the phasiRNA production from TAS3 transcripts, and these phasiRNAs repress auxin response factor (ARF) genes in *trans*.

Diverse studies have reported that miRNAs and phasiRNAs in plants control the expression of various gene families (Pantaleo et al., 2010; Fei et al., 2013; Hwang et al., 2013; Lakhotia et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2016), including genes associated with disease-resistance. Mechanism of disease-resistance in plants consists of two layers. First, pattern recognition receptors (PRRs) perceive pathogen via pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs) and trigger resistance responses (PAMP-triggered immunity, PTI). Second, if pathogens overcome PTI by secreting effectors, host plants recognized effectors by resistance proteins (R proteins), and R proteins trigger a subsequent resistance response like rapid and localized cell death (effector-triggered immunity, ETI) (Dodds and Rathjen, 2010). miRNAs belonging to the miR482/2118 superfamily, miR6019, miR6024 and miR6027 are known to regulate genes encoding nucleotide-binding leucine-rich repeat (NB-LRR) proteins, which are a major class of resistance genes (*R*-genes) (Zhai et al., 2011; Li et al., 2012; Shivaprasad et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2016). Moreover, NB-LRR gene family is also known as *PHAS* gene in numerous plant species including Solanaceae (Zhai et al., 2011; Li et al., 2012; Shivaprasad et al., 2012; Zhang et al., 2016).

Recently, there are several studies that investigated the evolutional history of miRNAs among plant lineages (Abrouk et al., 2012; Zhao et al., 2015). These studies suggested that the divergent evolution of miRNAs are deeply involved in genome duplication and evolution of their target genes. Particularly, NB-LRR associated miRNAs like miR482 superfamily were investigated well regarding evolutionary relationship with target NB-LRRs (De Vries et al., 2015; Gonzalez et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2016). NB-LRR associated miRNAs are assumed to

originate from tandem duplication of NB-LRRs and evolve with their target NB-LRRs (Zhang et al., 2016). Each plant species and its NB-LRRs evolved respectively, thus, the pool of NB-LRR associated miRNAs is distinguishable in each species (Gonzalez et al., 2015; Zhang et al., 2016).

Solanaceae is one of the most important plant family in agriculture, including pepper (*Capsicum annuum*), tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) and potato (*Solanum tuberosum*). Pepper is widely grown in the world and utilized in food and pharmaceutical industry. Previously, Hwang et al. (2013) identified miRNAs via high-throughput sequencing and validated several target genes of them in pepper (Hwang et al., 2013). Another group reported that pepper miRNAs regulate various transcription factors, which contribute to plant development, through a trans-omics approach (Zhang et al., 2017). Moreover, the other group covered an evolutionary history of the miR482/2118 superfamily and suggested a role of the miR482/2118 family as an evolutionary buffer for *R*-gene diversity (De Vries et al., 2015). However, there is no comprehensive study that reveals the functions and evolutionary history of miRNAs in pepper.

In this study, functions of the miRNAs in pepper were investigated through comparative analyses of miRNA and their target genes using degradome analysis. Surprisingly, miR-n026 and miR-n033, which were specifically annotated in pepper (Hwang et al., 2013), were identified to target *R*-genes as well as several conserved miRNAs like miR482. Furthermore, these miRNAs were predicted to induce phasiRNA biogenesis. miR-n033 family targets numerous NB-LRR genes and most of them belong to CNL-G1 subgroup, which is specifically duplicated in pepper. Based on the estimated divergence times of pepper, tomato and potato, miR-n033 family was presumed to exist in a common ancestor of these species and evolve to regulate more CNL-G1 NB-LRRs, following an expansion of NB-LRR genes in pepper. These results were expected to advance our understanding of the evolutionary relationship between miRNA and target NB-LRRs, and gene

regulation by small RNAs in plant immunity.

# Materials and Methods

## Information of miRNAs and genes in pepper, tomato and potato

Sequences of precursor and mature miRNAs in pepper (*C. annuum* L.), tomato (*S. lycopersicum* L.) and potato (*S. tuberosum* L.) were extracted from the previous studies and online database (Table S1-3) (Fei et al., 2011; Kozomara and Griffiths-Jones, 2011; Tomato Genome, 2012; Zuo et al., 2012; Hwang et al., 2013; Lakhotia et al., 2014). In pepper, additional miRNAs were identified using almost the same small RNA-Seq data and pipeline from the previous study, excluding a criterion of the expression cut-off (Hwang et al., 2013). Several miRNAs, whose IDs were inconsistent although their sequences are identical between pepper, tomato and potato, were integrated into the same ID. Genome annotation of pepper (v.1.55; <http://peppergenome.snu.ac.kr>), tomato (TAG v.2.3; <https://solgenomics.net>) and potato (JGI v.4.03; <https://genome.jgi.doe.gov>) was exploited.

## Degradome sequencing analysis

Degradome libraries were constructed by Dr. June hyun Park. Degradome Pepper (CM334), tomato (Heinz) and potato (Phureja) were grown under standard conditions (16h light/8h dark; 27°C/19°C). Leaves, roots, stems, green fruits, red fruits and tubers were exploited for the degradome library. Degradome libraries were constructed according to the protocol and sequenced using an Illumina HiSeq2000 (Addo-Quaye et al., 2008). Raw data was preprocessed for a downstream analysis. Adapters were removed from the raw data and reads whose length was outside of the ranges (15-26 nucleotides) were filtered. Filtered reads were analyzed whether they have homology with structural RNAs such as rRNA, tRNA, snRNA and snoRNA using BLASTn with default option against Rfam (<http://rfam.xfam.org>) (Burge et al., 2013), and non-homologous reads with

structural RNAs were obtained. Likewise, homologous reads with repeats and transposons from the repeat database were also eliminated (Jurka et al., 2005). Because UTR sequences have not been identified in pepper, transcripts were defined to coding sequence (CDS) and  $\pm 1$  kb flanking sequences. Target genes of the miRNAs were identified using the CleaveLand4 pipeline (Brousse et al., 2014). Targets that  $p$ -value  $\leq 0.05$  or a score  $\leq 4$  were regarded as significant. Target genes were compared with the NR database through BLASTx, and InterPro domains of the target genes were identified using Blast2go, which were conducted by Dr. Eunyoung Seo.

### Northern blot analysis

Northern blot was conducted by Dr. June hyun Park. Total RNA was extracted from leaves of pepper, tomato, potato and *Nicotiana benthamiana* using TRI Reagent (Ambion). Total 20  $\mu$ g of RNA from each species was respectively separated in a 15% UREA polyacrylamide gel, and transferred to Hybond-NX membrane (GE Healthcare). Transferred RNA was chemically cross-linked via 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl) carbodiimide (EDC) (Pall and Hamilton, 2008). To label with probes, 2  $\mu$ l of 10  $\mu$ M oligo, 2  $\mu$ l of 10X T4 PNK buffer (Takara), 2.5  $\mu$ l of [ $\gamma$ - $^{32}$ P] ATP, >7000 Ci/mmmole ( $\sim 150$   $\mu$ Ci/ $\mu$ l), 12.5  $\mu$ l of dH<sub>2</sub>O, and 1  $\mu$ l of T4 polynucleotide kinase (Takara) were added to a 20  $\mu$ l reaction for an hour at 37°C. The labelled probes were purified from unincorporated labels with PERFORMA Spin Columns (Edge Bio) following the manufacturers' instruction. Probe sequences for northern blot were same with the mature miRNAs in pepper (Table S1). Hybridization and washing were performed as described previously (Sunkar and Zhu, 2004). The membranes were exposed to a phosphorimager, and signals were analyzed using BAS-2500 (Fuji).

### PhasiRNA analysis

PhasiRNA prediction pipeline was written in Python language (Fig. S3). Public small RNA-Seq data were exploited in phasiRNA analysis (Fei et al., 2011; Tomato Genome, 2012; Zuo et al., 2012; Hwang et al., 2013; Lakhotia et al., 2014). Adapter sequences were removed from the raw reads, and low-quality reads were filtered. Filtered reads were collapsed using the FASTX toolkit ([http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx\\_toolkit](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit)). Processed reads were mapped to the genomes of pepper, tomato and potato using Bowtie-1.1.2 with options -v 0 -a (Langmead et al., 2009), and normalized by genome-mapped counts (hit normalize) to prevent the bias overestimating multiply-mapped reads. Then, mapped reads whose abundance is less than three were excluded for efficient analysis. Multiply aligned reads to the genome (> 25) were hard to identify their origin. Thus, they were excluded for downstream analysis. To identify a putative *PHAS* region in the genome, *p*-value was calculated as described (Xia et al., 2013). Predicted *PHAS* regions with *p*-value > 0.001 were excluded and phasing score was calculated in the expanded *PHAS* regions (-500 and +1000 bp) with the modified method (Xia et al., 2013). Only the *PHAS* genes, whose maximum phasing score was 15 or above, were considered *PHAS* genes. *PHAS* genes were characterized by gene annotation data (pepper: v.1.55; tomato: ITAG 2.4; potato: PGSC\_DM\_v4.03; <https://solgenomics.net>). *PHAS* genes were examined whether there are miRNA triggers that initiate the phasiRNA production through degradome analysis via CleaveLand4 (Brousse et al., 2014). To predict the target of phasiRNAs, they were analyzed via CleaveLand4 pipeline as the input (Brousse et al., 2014). *PHAS* loci were visualized through the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV) (Robinson et al., 2011).

### Bioinformatic analyses for miR-n026 and miR-n033

Genome annotation of pepper, tomato and potato were exploited to locate miRNA genes. Syntenic relationships between pepper, tomato and potato genes near

miRNA genes were investigated using MCScanX (BLASTp *e*-value < 1e-10) by Dr. Eunyoung Seo according to Wang et al. (2012). To inspect existence of the miR-n026 and miR-n033 genes in Solanaceous species, homologous regions with them were found by BLASTn with default option in the genome of each species. Evolutionary distances between Solanaceous species were referred from other studies to infer the origin of miRNA genes (Bombarely et al., 2012; Särkinen et al., 2013). Stem-loop structures of the miR-n026 and miR-n033 precursors were predicted by the RNAfold (Mathews et al., 2004). Transposable elements were identified as described (Kim et al., 2014). Subgroups of NB-LRRs in pepper, tomato and potato were classified following the pipeline (Seo et al., 2016). Targeted sequences in NB-LRRs by each miRNA were aligned using Clustal Omega (Sievers et al., 2011), and consensus sequences were identified using WebLogo (<http://weblogo.threplusone.com>) (Crooks et al., 2004). Target genes of miR-n026 and miR-n033 were predicted using psRNATarget (score ≤ 3.5; <http://plantgrn.noble.org/psRNATarget>) (Dai and Zhao, 2011). The phylogenetic tree of NB-LRRs was from the study (Seo et al., 2016).

### **Availability of data**

The dataset for this study is available in the Gene Expression Omnibus as below; GSE41654 (pepper small RNA library), GSE18110, GSE32470, GSE76204 (tomato small RNA libraries), GSE52599, GSE32471 (potato small RNA libraries) and GSE102781 (degradome libraries).

## Results

### Disease-resistance associated miRNAs in Solanaceae were identified via degradome analysis

To investigate target genes of the miRNAs in pepper, tomato and potato, information of miRNAs were exploited from other studies and databases (Fei et al., 2011; Kozomara and Griffiths-Jones, 2011; Tomato Genome, 2012; Zuo et al., 2012; Hwang et al., 2013; Lakhotia et al., 2014). Additional miRNAs in pepper were identified from the previous study, because strict criteria were applied to verify novel miRNAs, which might induce false negative (Hwang et al., 2013). Total 145, 123, and 275 mature miRNAs from a guide and passenger strand and their genes (223, 93, 393) were gathered in pepper, tomato and potato, respectively (Table S1-4). For comprehensive understanding, miRNAs were identified whether they are species-specific with the criteria that sequence of mature and precursor miRNAs was conserved in other species (refer to miRBase) using BLASTn with default option (Table S4). Only 28 miRNA families are conserved among the three species, while 93, 58 and 126 families exist in each species (Fig. S1). It suggests that miRNA genes evolved rapidly after divergence of the lineages.

Parallel Analysis of RNA Ends (PARE) libraries, which are also referred to as degradome libraries, from the pooled tissues (leaves, roots, stems, green fruits, red fruits and tubers) were constructed to identify target genes of miRNAs in pepper, tomato and potato. Degradome analysis verified small RNA-directed target cleavage on a genome-wide scale through sequencing an uncapped 5' end of RNAs (German et al., 2008; German et al., 2009). Statistics of degradome sequencing were listed in Table S5. Reads with low quality and those which are homologous with structural RNA were filtered for confidence. Target genes of the miRNAs were identified via CleaveLand4 (Brousse et al., 2014).

Hundreds of miRNA-target pairs were identified in pepper, tomato and

potato (436, 352, 169, respectively). There are 99, 72 and 70 miRNAs targeting one or more genes, and 390, 319 and 163 genes cleaved by miRNAs in pepper, tomato and potato, respectively. While there are more degradome reads in potato than those in pepper and tomato, miRNA-target pairs might have been underestimated in potato, because unique reads in potato are lower than those in other species, indicating high redundancy of reads in potato. In results, degradome analysis provided consistent results with the previous study. can-miR-396b and can-miR-396c were identified to target domain-rearranged methyltransferase (DRM) gene as previously validated (Table S6) (Hwang et al., 2013). To investigate target genes of the miRNAs, domains of the target genes were identified and classified (Fig. 1). Interestingly, numerous target genes contain the leucine-rich repeat (LRR) and nucleotide-binding domains shared by APAF-1, R genes and CED-4 (NB-ARC), which are major domains of NB-LRR. Furthermore, there are 115 target genes containing a LRR domain in pepper, which are much more than those in other species (Fig. 1). Majority of the NB-LRRs were targeted by conserved miRNAs including miR482 family, miR6024 and miR6027 (Table S6). miR482 family is conserved in most plant species (Zhang et al., 2016), while miR6024 and miR6027 were only identified in Solanaceae (Li et al., 2012). miR6024 and miR6027 are less conserved than miR482, however, they also targeted numerous NB-LRRs in pepper, tomato and potato. Transcription factors were identified as the second most abundant genes targeted by miRNAs. Transcription factors including Teosinte Branched 1, Cycloidea, and PCF (TCP), ARF and MYB were mostly targeted by conserved miRNAs (Table S6).

Target genes of the species-specific miRNAs were also analyzed in detail (Table 1). In results, more than half of the pepper-specific miRNAs were not identified to trigger target gene cleavage by degradome analysis. It is consistent with the previous studies that most of young miRNAs, generally species-specific, do not have their target genes or functions, because miRNAs have evolved in a

neutral way (Axtell, 2008; Cuperus et al., 2011). However, several pepper-specific miRNAs target numerous genes encoding NB-LRRs, receptor-like proteins (RLPs), F-box proteins and accelerated cell death proteins (Table 1). For example, both can-miR-n002a-c and can-miR-n005a-5p target three F-box proteins (Table S6). Interestingly, these genes are primarily associated with plant defense system (Gou et al., 2009; Fei et al., 2016). Furthermore, can-miR-n026 and can-miR-n033a-3p were identified to cleave numerous RLPs and NB-LRRs (17 and 31, respectively). Generally, only well-conserved miRNAs like miR482 have plenty of target genes (Cuperus et al., 2011), whereas young miRNAs are weakly expressed and have few target genes (Fahlgren et al., 2010; Cuperus et al., 2011; Nozawa et al., 2012; Hwang et al., 2013). However, miR-n026 and miR-n033 were identified to induce cleavage of numerous target genes, although they were only identified in pepper, suggesting their importance in plant defense system. Furthermore, representative examples of cleaved genes associated with disease-resistance by conserved miRNAs (miR482, miR6024 and miR6027) and pepper-specific miRNAs (miR-n026 and miR-n033a) were evident in degradome analysis (Fig. S2). It supported the hypothesis that pepper-specific miRNAs have a significant function to regulate disease-resistance.

### **PhasiRNAs are also involved in disease-resistance of pepper**

Previously, several studies showed that some miRNAs could induce production of secondary small RNAs like phasiRNA to control more target genes efficiently (Zhai et al., 2011; Shivaprasad et al., 2012; Xia et al., 2013). To confirm these findings in this study, putative *PHAS* loci in pepper, tomato and potato were analyzed with the public small RNA libraries (Fei et al., 2011; Tomato Genome, 2012; Zuo et al., 2012; Hwang et al., 2013; Lakhotia et al., 2014) using revised algorithms (Fig. S3) (Chen et al., 2007; Xia et al., 2013). In results, 39, 13, 14 protein-coding *PHAS* loci were identified in pepper, tomato and potato,

respectively (Table 2). There were several gene families including NB-LRR, RLP, nuclear transcription factor Y and transport inhibitor response 1-like (TIR1-like). Most of these protein coding genes were already reported as *PHAS* genes in other plants (Zhai et al., 2011; Xia et al., 2013; Arikit et al., 2014), indicating conservation of the phasiRNA mechanism in diverse plant species. However, *TAS*, which is well-known example of *trans*-acting *PHAS*, was not identified in the result. Interestingly, majority of *PHAS* loci are involved in disease-resistance, especially in pepper. There are 28 NB-LRRs, 8 RLPs and 1 TIR1-like protein genes among *PHAS* of pepper, which are associated with ETI and PTI in plants (Fei et al., 2016).

Triggers of the phasiRNA biogenesis were identified by degradome analysis using CleaveLand4 (Table 2) (Brousse et al., 2014). Length of the identified triggers for phasiRNA biogenesis is generally 22-nucleotides, corresponding with the previous studies (Table S1) (Cuperus et al., 2010; Zhai et al., 2011; Xia et al., 2013). miR482 family is known as a trigger of phasiRNA biogenesis, suggesting that miR482 amplified regulation on NB-LRR through phasiRNA to control disease-resistance extensively (Zhai et al., 2011; Shivaprasad et al., 2012). miR6027 is also known as a trigger like miR482 through cleaving NB-LRR transcripts (Li et al., 2012; Zheng et al., 2015). In this study, miR482 and miR6027 were identified to induce phasiRNA biogenesis by cleaving NB-LRRs (Fig. S4-5). For example, can-miR482c targeted coiled-coil NB-LRR (CNL, CA05g06820), and its cleavage site in CA05g06820 fell into 21-nucleotide phasing window (Fig. S4). In the same context, other miR482 members were also identified as a trigger (Table S7). can-miR6027-3p cleaved another CNL (CA04g14510), and triggered phasiRNA biogenesis (Fig. S5). miR6024 is other miRNA that regulate NB-LRR genes, such as *I2* gene in tomato and *RxI* gene in potato (Wei et al., 2014). However, there was no evidence that miR6024 is a phasiRNA trigger in pepper and potato, although it was identified as a phasiRNA trigger in tomato and

potato (Li et al., 2012). miR6024 is 22-nucleotides in tomato and potato, but 21-nucleotides in pepper (Table S1). Therefore, can-miR6024 might not induce phasiRNA biogenesis in pepper, considering length of the major phasiRNA triggers (22-nucleotides) (Fei et al., 2013). In the case of stu-miR6024-3p, it might be missed in the result because of the high-redundancy problem in the potato degradome library. miR393 is a conserved miRNA that control *TIR1*-like genes and known as a phasiRNA trigger in Arabidopsis (Si-Ammour et al., 2011). Also, it was reported that miR393 is induced by *Phytophthora sojae* and involved in basal defense response of soybean (Wong et al., 2014). In pepper and potato, miR393 was also identified as a phasiRNA trigger of *TIR1*-like gene (Table 2). Interestingly, pepper-specific miRNAs also triggered phasiRNA biogenesis, and all their target genes are associated with disease-resistance. can-miR-n033a-3p generated phasiRNAs through cleaving four NB-LRRs (Fig. S6). Furthermore, can-miR-n026 induced phasiRNA production by cleaving eight RLPs (Table 2, Fig. 2).

To investigate whether phasiRNAs also cleave target genes, degradome analysis was performed with the phasiRNAs as input via CleaveLand4 ( $p$ -value  $\leq 0.05$  or penalty score  $\leq 4$ ) (Brousse et al., 2014). A few phasiRNAs from resistance-associated genes acted in *cis* or *trans*. Several phasiRNAs, which were generated from a CNL (CA05g06820) by can-miR482c, regulated their original genes in *cis* or another NB-LRR (CA05g05440) in *trans* (Fig. S4). Likewise, phasiRNAs generated from the RLP (CA08g01140) by can-miR-n026 also acted in *cis* or *trans* (Fig. 2B-C). In the case of can-miR-n033a-3p, phasiRNAs from the NB-LRR (CA06g02150) were identified to only act in *cis* (Fig. S6). These results are consistent with the previous study about a function of phasiRNAs (Zhai et al., 2011), suggesting that phasiRNAs might reinforce regulation of the target genes by miRNAs, especially in disease-resistance.

## **Evolution of miR-n026 and miR-n033 genes within pepper, tomato and potato**

Several miRNAs in pepper were identified to target numerous genes involved in disease-resistance and induce phasiRNA biogenesis. To validate expression of these miRNAs, northern blot was conducted in leaves of pepper, tomato, potato and *N. benthamiana* (Fig. S7). In the result, can-miR-n033a-3p and can-miR-n026 were only expressed in pepper, while can-miR6027 were also expressed in tomato and potato. It is accordant with the previous classification that miR-n026 and miR-n033 are pepper-specific (Hwang et al., 2013), but miR6027 are conserved in Solanaceae (Li et al., 2012). However, expression of miR6023 was only validated in pepper, although it is known as a conserved miRNA like miR6027 (Li et al., 2012). It might result from difference of miR6023 sequences between pepper and other species, perhaps causing disruption of probe hybridization (Table S1).

To examine whether miR-n026 and miR-n033 are truly pepper-specific, their gene sequences were found in tomato and potato using BLASTn. Interestingly, homologous regions of miR-n026 and miR-n033 were identified on the intergenic regions of chromosome 12 and 10, respectively (Fig. 3). These regions show synteny in tomato and potato. Sequence of miR6027 precursor was conserved among the three species, and miR-n033a and miR-n033b genes were located near miR6027 in pepper and potato (Fig. 3A). Previously, miR-n033a and miR-n033b were not identified in potato. However, miR-n033b and miR6027 seems to share the same precursor structure between pepper and potato (Fig. S8A-C). Furthermore, miR-n033b was identified to express in potato using public small RNA sequencing data (Fig. S8E) (Tomato Genome, 2012; Lakhota et al., 2014). In the case of miR-n033a, it is also conserved and expressed in pepper and potato, but not in tomato (Fig. S9). Overall, miR-n033 family is not pepper-specific, just not identified in potato previously. To identify whether miR-n033 genes were lost in tomato, miR-n033 genes were examined in other Solanaceous species [eggplant (*Solanum melongena* L.) (Hirakawa et al., 2014), *Petunia axillaris* (Bombarely et al., 2016) and *N. benthamiana* (Bombarely et al., 2012)] via BLASTn. miR-n033a region is

conserved in these species, and miR-n033b region is only conserved in *Capsicum* and *Solanum* species (Fig. S10). Considering that the divergence of *Capsicum* and *Solanum* species was estimated to occur approximately 19 million years ago (mya), and tomato and potato was estimated to diverge from their common ancestor 8 mya (Bombarely et al., 2016), It indicates that miR-n033 genes originated in a common ancestor of *Capsicum* and *Solanum* species and lost in tomato.

Flanking genes of the miR-n026 region were also conserved among pepper, tomato and potato. Interestingly, homologous region of miR-n026 exists in the three species (previously not identified in tomato and potato), but the precursor structure of can-miR-n026 is different from those in tomato and potato (Fig. S11). miR6023 and miR-n026 seem to share the same precursor in tomato and potato, but not in pepper (Fig. 3B). It might result from either pepper-specific translocation of the miR6023 gene from the miR-n026 region or translocation of the miR6023 gene to the miR-n026 region in an ancestor of *Solanum* species. Although precursor structure or miR-n026 is not conserved between pepper and *Solanum* species, expression of the miR-n026 candidates in tomato and potato was confirmed using public small RNA libraries (Mohorianu et al., 2011; Tomato Genome, 2012; Lakhotia et al., 2014; Wu et al., 2016). In summary, miR-n026 and miR-n033 were not pepper-specific and their regions showed dynamic evolution, despite in syntenic regions.

### Different target affinity of miR-n033 between pepper and potato

A previous study reported that NB-LRR genes in Solanaceae were classified into 13 subgroups, including 12 CNL and 1 Toll interleukin 1 receptor NB-LRR (TNL) subgroups, based on the phylogenetic relationship of NB-ARC domains (Seo et al., 2016). To compare target specificity of miRNAs regulating NB-LRRs in pepper, the target NB-LRRs were classified into the subgroups. Interestingly, most target NB-LRRs of can-miR-n033 family belong to the CNL-G1 subgroup (Fig. 4A),

which was duplicated after the divergence of pepper from a common ancestor of *Capsicum* and *Solanum* species. Particularly, duplication of the CNL-G1 subgroup was estimated to reach a peak around 10 mya (Seo et al., 2016). Therefore, can-miR-n033 family might have acquired or reinforced their affinity for CNL-G1 NB-LRRs after speciation of pepper from an ancestor. In other words, can-miR-n033 family might have evolved to regulate numerous NB-LRR genes that have recently been duplicated. To investigate how miRNAs targeting NB-LRRs could regulate a number of targets, domains of target NB-LRRs were analyzed (Fig. 4B). Target region of can-miR-n033 family in the NB-LRRs was different with those of other NB-LRR-targeting miRNAs, except can-miR6027. can-miR-n033a-3p and can-miR-n033b targeted the resistance nucleotide binding site (RNBS)-D motif in the ARC2 domain, while can-miR482 family and can-miR6024 targeted the P-loop motif (Fig. 4B). Because RLPs were not classified into subgroups yet, only domains of RLPs regulated by can-miR-n026 and can-miR6023 were analyzed in pepper. Both can-miR-n026 and can-miR6023 were identified to target the region encoding leucine-rich repeat N-terminal domain (LRRNT) (Fig. 4C).

As above, homologous region of the miR-n026 gene exists in tomato and potato, and those of the miR-n033 family exist in potato. Therefore, target affinity of miR-n026 and miR-n033 family was investigated to examine whether there is a difference between pepper, tomato and potato. Because degradome libraries were different in depth, target prediction using psRNATarget (score  $\leq 3.5$ ) was adopted to compare target affinity (Dai and Zhao, 2011). Remarkably, can-miR-n033a-3p was predicted to target 37 NB-LRRs (32%) which are more than other miR-n033s (can-miR-n033b-3p: 19, 16%; stu-miR-n033a-3p: 16, 44%; stu-miR-n033b-3p: 12, 33%, respectively; Table 3). It suggests that can-miR-n033a-3p evolved to target more CNL-G1 NB-LRRs, and only a portion of expanded CNL-G1 NB-LRRs was predicted to be targeted by can-miR-n033a-3p. To examine how can-miR-n033a-3p could acquire more target affinity than other miR-n033s, target CNL-G1 NB-LRRs

were analyzed in detail. Target CNL-G1 NB-LRRs of the miR-n033 family in pepper and potato were assigned to the phylogenetic tree from the other study (Seo et al., 2016) and most of them were overlapped with each other (Fig. 5B). It indicates that miR-n033 family might regulate CNL-G1 NB-LRRs before the divergence of *Capsicum* and *Solanum* species. Thus, can-miR-n033a-3p might reinforce its target affinity after the divergence of pepper from a common ancestor of *Capsicum* and *Solanum* species, due to expansion of CNL-G1 NB-LRRs in pepper. This hypothesis is supported by the facts that sequences of mature miR-n033s are different in these species (Fig. 5A) and consensus sequences of the CNL-G1 NB-LRRs targeted by miR-n033a-3p, which correspond with the different sequences in miRNAs, are also different between pepper and potato (Fig. 5C). It suggests that miRNAs and their target CNL-G1 NB-LRRs might evolve together after the divergence of species. In summary, possible scenario is as below: (1) miR-n033 genes existed in a common ancestor of *Capsicum* and *Solanum* species and they regulated CNL-G1 NB-LRRs; (2) after pepper diverging from the ancestor (19 mya) (Bombarely et al., 2016), CNL-G1 subgroup in pepper was highly expanded causing sequence diversification of CNL-G1 NB-LRRs in pepper (Fig. 5B); (3) can-miR-n033a-3p evolved to target more CNL-G1 by mutation (Fig. 5A and Table 3). can-miR-n026 was also predicted to target more RLPs than miR-n026 candidates in tomato and potato (Table S8). Like miR-n033s, sequences of the mature miR-n026s are different (Table S8). Difference in targeting affinity between miR-n026s might result from mutation of the miRNAs and/or expansion of target genes.

## Discussion

miRNAs play important roles in the post-transcriptional regulation of gene expression. In this study, miRNAs and their target genes in pepper, tomato and potato were analyzed in a comparative method. Degradome analysis reveals target genes of miRNAs in a genome-wide scale. Results were consistent with the other study, such as can-miR396 was confirmed to target DRM by degradome analysis, which had been identified in pepper and tomato, exclusively (Table S6) (Hwang et al., 2013). Moreover, a number of genes targeted by miRNAs were identified to be associated with the plant disease-resistance. Previous studies showed that several conserved miRNAs are involved in disease-resistance, both PTI and ETI. In Arabidopsis, one of the well-known bacterial flagellin, flg22, induces miR393 which regulates F-box auxin receptors, TIR1, and auxin signaling F-box protein 2 and 3, causing restriction of *Pseudomonas syringae* growth (Navarro et al., 2006). In soybean, it became more susceptible to *Phytophthora sojae* when miR393 was knocked down (Wong et al., 2014). Therefore, suppression of auxin signaling by miR393 results in enhanced PTI. In addition, miR160a positively regulates callose deposition by repressing ARFs, when PAMP is induced (Li et al., 2010). miRNAs regulate ETI via NB-LRRs as well as PTI via control of hormone signaling. miR1507, miR2109 and miR2118 target hundreds of NB-LRRs in *Medicago truncatula* (Zhai et al., 2011; Fei et al., 2015). In Solanaceae, miR482, miR5300, miR6019 and miR6027 were reported to regulate NB-LRRs (Li et al., 2012; Shivaprasad et al., 2012). Moreover, some miRNAs regulating NB-LRRs induce phasiRNA biogenesis to regulate more NB-LRRs. For example, three miRNAs (miR2118, miR2109 and miR1507), whose length is 22-nucleotide, recognize conserved domains of NB-LRRs and trigger the production of phasiRNA in legume (Zhai et al., 2011). In *N. benthamiana*, nta-miR6017 and nta-miR6020 target Toll/interleukin-1 receptor domain in the *N* gene, and overexpression of these miRNAs attenuate *N*-mediated resistance against tobacco mosaic virus (Li et

al., 2012).

Degradome analysis identified that several miRNAs cleaved NB-LRRs and RLPs in pepper. Especially, can-miR-n033 and can-miR-n026 were identified to target dozens of NB-LRRs and RLPs (Table 1), although they might be conserved only in several Solanaceous species. It is a uncommon phenomenon because most miRNAs, whose genes are relatively young and not conserved well, show lower expression than conserved miRNAs or are expressed in specific condition (Rajagopalan et al., 2006). Similarly, most of species-specific miRNAs have a tendency to have few target genes, because they evolved neutrally (Cuperus et al., 2011). Considering that can-miR-n033a and can-miR-n026 induced phasiRNA biogenesis and phasiRNAs regulate NB-LRRs and RLPs in *cis* or *trans* (Fig. S6 and Fig. 2), miRNAs associated with disease-resistance might evolve to regulate a number of genes via phasiRNA, and it might provide long-term benefits for *R* gene evolution. In detail, NB-LRRs generally induce disease-resistance via hypersensitive response (HR) against pathogen infection, causing host cell death (Jones and Dangl, 2006). Previous studies demonstrated that some NB-LRRs could trigger HR in host without pathogen (Michael Weaver et al., 2006; Raordan et al., 2008; Wang et al., 2016). Thus, if NB-LRRs are not strictly regulated, it could result in serious fitness costs in host plants (Tian et al., 2003). Consequently, miRNAs regulating NB-LRRs might have evolved to control more NB-LRRs by the production of phasiRNAs (Shivaprasad et al., 2012; Fei et al., 2013). It might contribute to relieve the potential problems caused by the rapid evolution of *R* genes like unexpected HR. Hence, miRNAs and phasiRNAs might enable divergent evolution of *R* genes.

It is known that hundreds of NB-LRRs exist in plant genomes. They have evolved during an arms race with pathogens. As above, overactive plant immune systems could be harmful to host because of fitness costs (Tian et al., 2003). For example, a dominant mutant suppressor of npr1-1, constitutive 1 (snc1), which is a

TNL type gene, exhibited constitutive activation of HR without pathogen recognition, and the dwarf phenotype with curly leaves was shown in *Arabidopsis* (Li et al., 2001; Zhang et al., 2003). Therefore, plant should repress NB-LRRs when there is no pathogen, and fine tuning of NB-LRR expression is necessary. In this study, miR-n033 family in pepper was identified to target a number of NB-LRRs via degradome analysis (Table 1). Particularly, there are many CNL-G1 NB-LRRs, whose subgroup was expanded in pepper-specific (Fig. 4-5) (Seo et al., 2016). It suggests the divergent evolution of miRNA and their target NB-LRRs between the different species. However, few CNL-G2 NB-LRRs were found to be targeted by miRNAs, although CNL-G2 was also expanded in pepper (Seo et al., 2016). Therefore, there is a possibility that the other miRNAs or mechanisms, which regulate CNL-G2 NB-LRRs, exist in pepper. It requires further investigation to elucidate it.

miR-n026 was identified to regulate RLPs in pepper. There are few studies about the relationship between miRNA and RLPs. The previous study exhibited that sly-miR6022 and sly-miR6023 regulate *Hcr9*, a Cf-9 homolog in tomato (Li et al., 2012), and the other study showed that sly-miR6022 regulate other RLPs via degradome analysis in tomato fruit (Karlová et al., 2013). Cf-9 genes confer resistance against *Cladosporium fulvum* by recognizing pathogen-derived avirulence factor (Parniske et al., 1997). When Cf-9 recognized the pathogen, *C. fulvum* race 5, necrosis occurred in host. It proposes the importance of Hcr9 in disease-resistance. Meanwhile, an RLP kinase, CaLRR51, was validated to role in the resistance of pepper against *Ralstonia solanacearum*. Particularly, transient overexpression of the *CaLRR51* resulted in HR-like cell death responses, indicating necessity of the strict control of RLPs (Cheng et al., 2017). Degradome analysis revealed that miR-n026 cleaved some *Hcr9* genes in pepper (Table 2), although miR-n026s in tomato and potato were predicted to target few RLPs (Table S8). Hence, miRNAs targeting RLPs in pepper, especially miR-n026, might have

evolved with their target RLPs to regulate more RLPs for avoiding unwanted resistance responses. There might be other mechanisms to compensate for the absence of miR-n026 function in tomato and potato.

Previously, miR-n026 and miR-n033 had been regarded as pepper-specific miRNAs, but their homologs were identified to be also conserved in tomato and potato. There are several possibilities that could explain why miR-n033 and miR-n026 were not annotated in tomato and potato. First, all public small RNA libraries from several studies for each species were merged to examine expression of miR-n026 and miR-n033 (Mohorianu et al., 2011; Tomato Genome, 2012; Lakhotia et al., 2014; Wu et al., 2016). Therefore, expression of miR-n026 and miR-n033 in tomato and potato were too low to be identified as miRNA in the other studies. Second, miR-n033b and miR-n026 shared the same precursor with miR6027 and miR6023, respectively. Thus, miR-n033b and miR-n026 might be excluded, because a precursor of miRNA is generally considered to generate one mature miRNA. Third, length of the miR-n026 and miR-n033 precursors in tomato and potato is quite long (> 200nt). Then, it is hard to identify them with general criteria for miRNA annotation. Because of these possibilities, miR-n026 and miR-n033 in tomato and potato need validation in further study.

In conclusion, several miRNAs in pepper was revealed to target genes encoding disease-resistance associated proteins. miR-n026 and miR-n033 regulate numerous NB-LRRs and RLPs in pepper. This study provides an insight into evolution of miRNAs and target genes involved in disease-resistance, which has promoted differentiation of miRNA function.

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**Table 1. Identified target genes of pepper-specific miRNAs via degradome analysis.**

miRNA	Target description	# of targets
miR-n002a-c	F-box/kelch-repeat protein	3
miR-n003a-c-3p	ACCELERATED CELL DEATH 6-like	6
miR-n005a-5p	F-box protein CPR30-like	3
miR-n010	receptor-like protein 12-like	2
miR-n016a-b	leucine-rich repeat receptor kinase	2
miR-n022a-c	ATP-citrate synthase beta chain 2	2
	F-box PP2-B10-like	2
miR-n026	receptor-like protein 12-like	17
	acetylajmalan esterase-like	4
miR-n033a	disease resistance protein, late blight resistance homolog <sup>a</sup>	31
miR-n033b	disease resistance protein, late blight resistance homolog <sup>b</sup>	4
miR-n056	disease resistance RPP13	2

<sup>a</sup> and <sup>b</sup> are different from each other

**Table 2. List of *PHAS* genes and their trigger miRNAs.**

Trigger	Genes producing phasiRNA cluster	Pepper <sup>e</sup>	Tomato	Potato
miR482	disease resistance protein, NB-LRR <sup>a</sup>	20	6	7
miR5300	disease resistance protein, NB-LRR <sup>b</sup>	0	1	0
miR6023	LRR receptor-like protein	0	1	1
miR6024	disease resistance protein, NB-LRR <sup>c</sup>	0	4	0
miR6027	disease resistance protein, NB-LRR <sup>d</sup>	3	1	3
miR8041	disease resistance protein, NB-LRR	0	0	1
miR-n026	LRR receptor-like protein	8	0	0
miR-n033	NB-LRR	4	0	0
miR169	Nuclear transcription factor Y subunit A (NF-YA)	1	0	0
miR171	GRAS family transcription factor	1	0	0
miR319	TCP4	0	0	1
miR393	TRANSPORT INHIBITOR RESPONSE 1-like	1	0	1

<sup>a, b, c</sup> and <sup>d</sup> are different from each other

<sup>e</sup>Number of *PHAS* genes

**Table 3. Comparing target prediction results of miR-n033 in pepper and potato.**

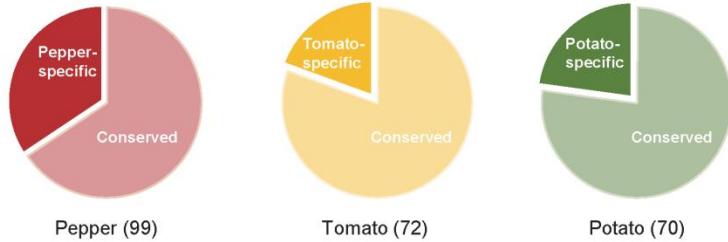
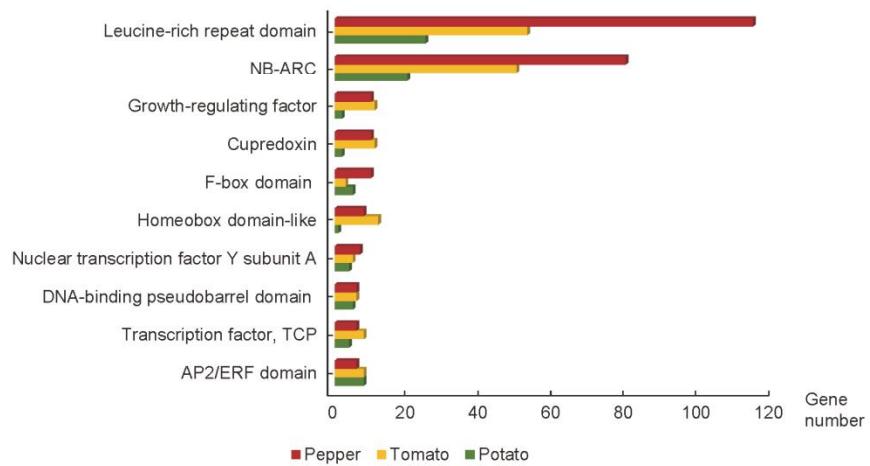
miRNA	Species	G1 <sup>a</sup>	G3	G5	G6	G9	G12	Ng
can-miR-n033a-3p	Pepper	37/116 <sup>b</sup>	1/37			6/73	1/17	2
	Potato	7/36	2/17			4/55		
can-miR-n033b-3p	Pepper	19/116	6/37	1/16	1/48	3/73	1/17	
	Potato	12/36	4/17			8/55		1
stu-miR-n033a-3p	Pepper	4/116	1/37			3/73		
	Potato	16/36	1/17			1/55		
stu-miR-n033b-3p	Pepper	3/116	4/37	1/16	2/48	18/73	1/17	
	Potato	12/36	3/17		2/39	9/55		1

<sup>a</sup>G1 to Ng are classes of NLRs. Subgroup G1 to G12 belong to CNL, Ng: NLR

<sup>b</sup>The number of predicted targets (score cutoff = 3.5) / total number of NLRs belonging to each subgroup

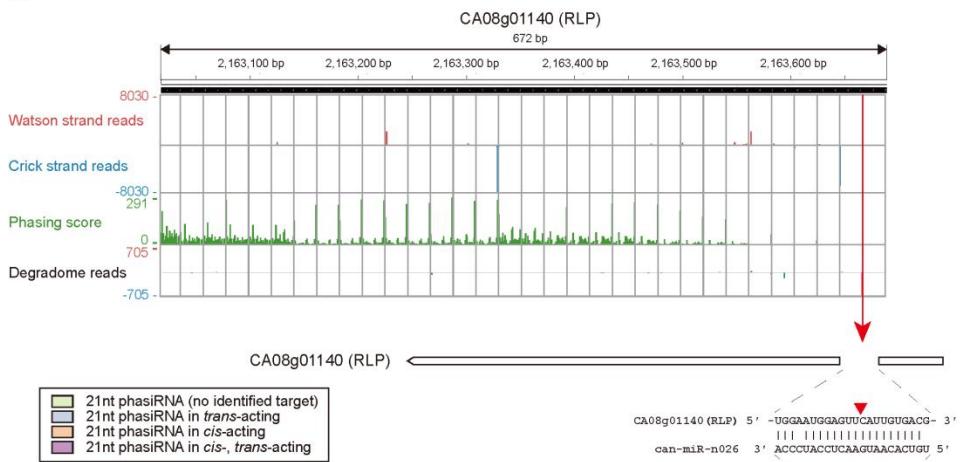
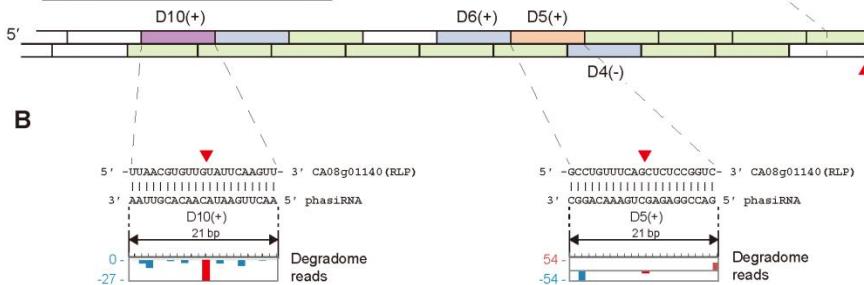
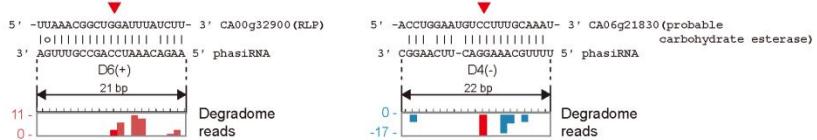
**Figure 1. Degradome analysis in Solanaceous species.**

(A) The numbers of miRNAs targeting at least one gene in pepper (*Capsicum annuum*), tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*), and potato (*Solanum tuberosum*) were indicated in the parenthesis. (B) The top 10 domains of degradome target genes were identified by InterproScan. X and Y axis indicate the number of genes having certain domains and the description of the domain, respectively. NB-ARC: nucleotide-binding domain shared by APAF-1, Resistance genes, and CED-4; TCP: TEOSINTE BRANCHED1, CYCLOIDEA.

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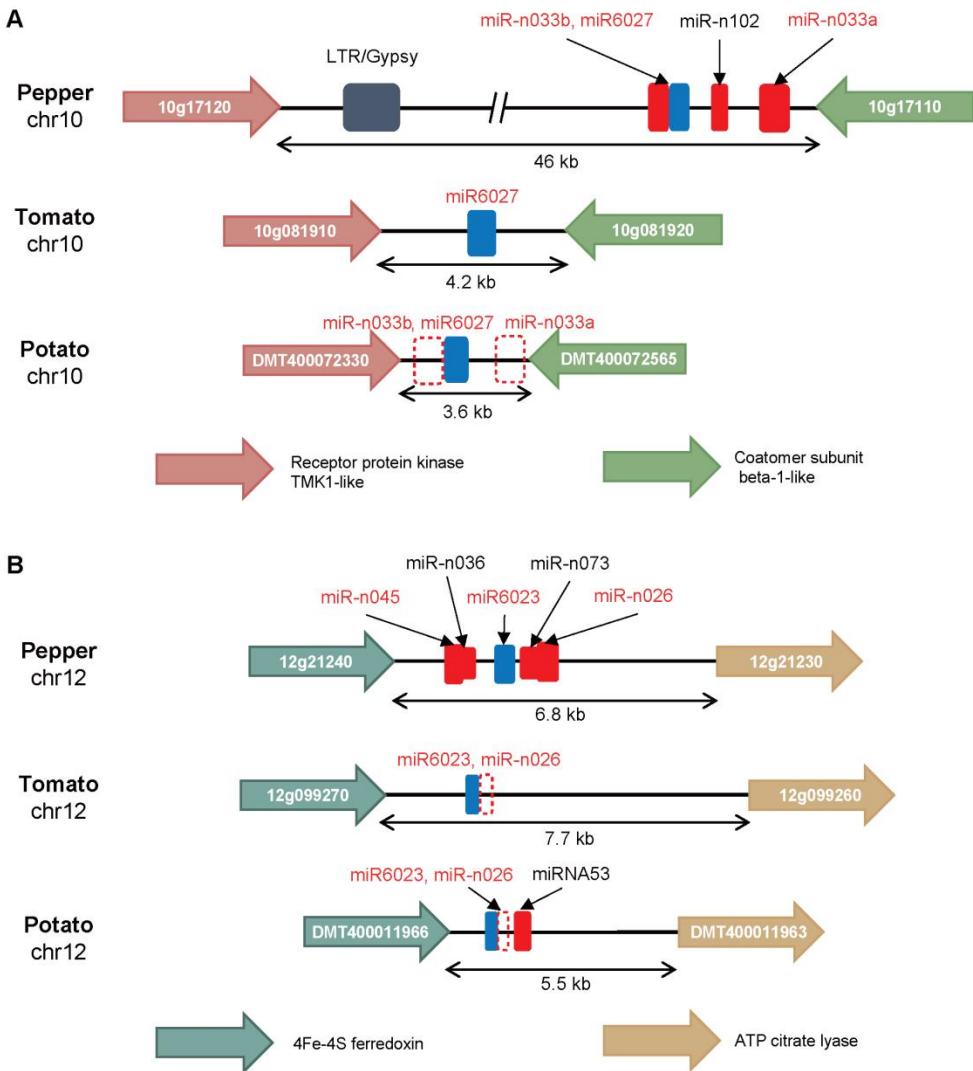
**Figure 2. can-miR-n026 induces phasiRNA biogenesis by cleaving RLP.**

(A) Mapping results of small RNA and degradome reads normalized by mapping count to the genome and phasing score data were viewed using IGV. Red arrow indicates the cleavage site by can-miR-n026. Examples of (B) *cis*-acting phasiRNAs and (C) *trans*-acting phasiRNAs. Red triangles indicate the cleavage sites by small RNAs. In degradome reads panel, pale red color indicates reads mapped to Watson strand and blue color indicates those mapped to Crick strand in the genome.

**A****B****C**

**Figure 3. Microsynteny analysis of clusters producing miR-n033 and miR-n026, targeting NLRs and RLPs, respectively.**

Red boxes and blue boxes indicate species-specific miRNAs and conserved miRNAs, respectively. Empty boxes with dot line indicate homologous regions of miRNAs that were not annotated. (A) Intergenic regions producing miRNAs targeting NLRs in pepper and the corresponding regions in tomato and potato are depicted. Pink and light green arrows indicate genes encoding receptor protein kinase *TMK1-like* and Coatomer subunit beta-1-like, respectively. Dark blue box indicates LTR/Gypsy element. miRNA genes were depicted as grey boxes. miRNAs targeting NLRs were written in red. (B) Intergenic regions producing miRNAs targeting RLPs in pepper and the corresponding regions in tomato and potato are depicted. Khaki and yellow arrows indicate genes encoding 4Fe-4S ferredoxin and ATP citrate lyase, respectively. miRNA genes were depicted as grey boxes. miRNAs targeting RLPs were written in red.

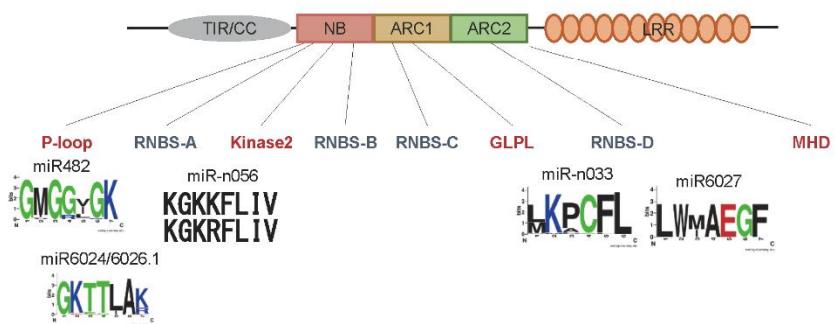
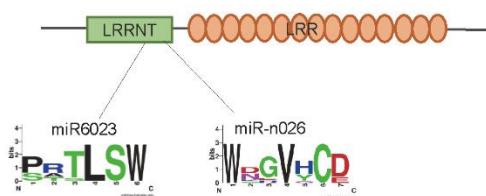


**Figure 4. Group-specific NLR targets in pepper.**

(A) The number of NLR targets according to their subgroups by miRNAs in pepper were shown as heatmap. NLR subgroups were followed to previous study and subgroup G1 to G12 belong to CNL 50. (B) Targeting regions in NLRs by miRNAs in pepper. Domains and motifs of NLRs were marked. Major and minor motifs were written in red and blue, respectively. Representative amino acid sequences encoded by target regions were shown using WebLogo. Some miRNA targets were unclassified because they are thought to target untranslated regions. (C) Targeting regions in RLPs by miRNAs in pepper. Domains of RLPs were marked. Representative amino acid sequences encoded by target regions were shown using WebLogo.

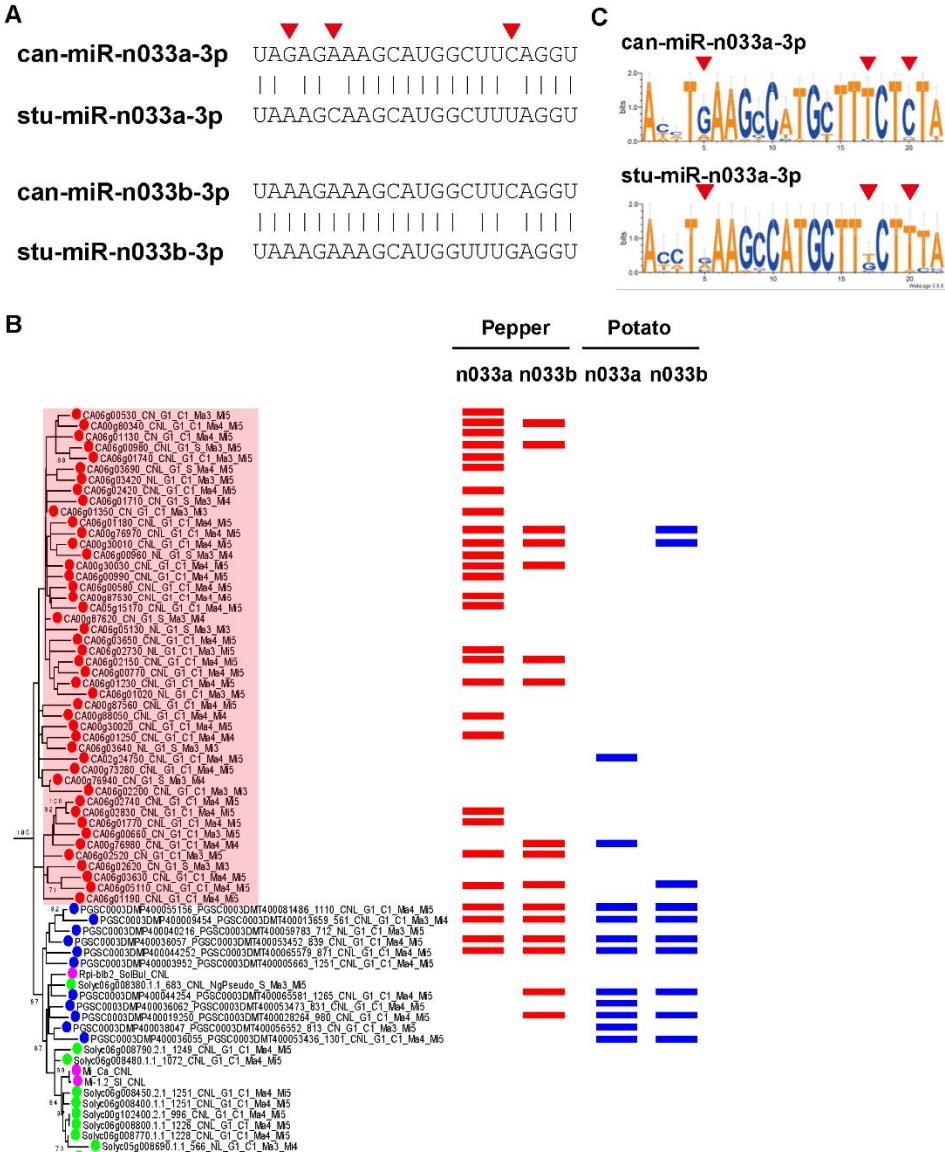
**A**

	NLR subgroup												
	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8	G9	G10	G11	G12	GT
miR482				9	4		2		3	2		3	3
miR6024				6		2			9		3		
miR6026											1		
miR6027			3		2			2					
miR-n019										1			
miR-n033	25									4			
miR-n050										1			
miR-n056				2									

**B****C**

**Figure 5. Evolutionary relationship between miR-n033 and CNL-G1.**

(A) Alignment of mature miR-n033 sequences. Red triangles indicate different sequences between can-miR-n033a-3p and stu-miR-n033a-3p. (B) Detailed phylogenetic tree of CNL-G1 from our previous study (Refer to Fig. S2 from Seo et al., 2016). Phylogenetic tree of whole CNL-G1 was in Fig. S12. Transparent red box indicates duplicated CNL-G1 in pepper. Red boxes indicate the target CNL-G1 of can-miR-n033. Blue boxes indicate the target CNL-G1 of stu-miR-n033. Note, some CNL-G1 NLRs were excluded in the tree, because their NB-domain did not satisfy the criteria to construct a phylogenetic tree. (C) Consensus sequences of CNL-G1 targeted by miR-n033a. Red triangles indicate the sequences, whose complementary sequences in miRNAs are different.



## Supplementary materials

**Table S1. List of pepper miRNAs.**

ID	Mature sequence	ID	Mature sequence
can-miR1446a-b	UGAACUCUCUCCCCUCAAUGGCU	can-miR172f	AGAAUCUUGAUGAUGCUGCAG
can-miR156a-c	UUGACAGAAGAUAGAGAGCAC	can-miR172g	GGAAUCUUGAUGAUGCUGC
can-miR156d-g	UGACAGAAGAGAGUGAGCAC	can-miR172h	AGAAUCUUGAUGCUGCUGCAU
can-miR156h	UUGACAGAAGAGAGUGAGCAU	can-miR172i	GGAAUCUUGAUGAUGCUGCAG
can-miR159a-c	UUUGGAAUGAAGGGAGCUCUA	can-miR319a	CUUGGACUGAAGGGAGCUCCC
can-miR160	UGCCUGGUCCCCUGUAUGCCA	can-miR319b-c	UUGGACUGAAGGGAGCUCCCU
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can-miR162f	UCGAUAAAACCUCUGCAUCCGG	can-miR319e	UUGGACUGAAGGGAGCUCCC
can-miR164a-b	UGGAGAACGGCACGUGCA	can-miR319f	UUGGACUGAAGGGAGCUCUU
can-miR164c	UGGAGAACGGCGCGUGCA	can-miR319g	UUGGACUGAAGGGAGCUCU
can-miR166a-h	UCGGACCAGGCUUCAUUCCCC	can-miR390a-b	AAGCUCAGGAGGGAUAGCGCC
can-miR166i-j	UCUCGGACCAGGCUUCAUUCC	can-miR390c	AAGCUCAGGAGGGAUAGCACC
can-miR166k	UCGAACCAGGCUUCAUUCCCC	can-miR393a-b	UCCAAAGGGAUCGCAUUGAUCC
can-miR166l	UCGGACCAGGCUUCAUUCCC	can-miR394a	UUGGCAUUCUGUCCACCUCC
can-miR167a-c	UGAAGCUGCCAGCAUGAUCUA	can-miR394b	UUGGCAUUCUGUCCACCUCC
can-miR167d	UGAAGCUGCCAGCAUGAUCUGG	can-miR395a-j	CUGAAGGUUUGGGGAAACUC
can-miR168a-b	UCGUUUGGUGCAGGUUCGGGAC	can-miR396a	UUCCACAGCUUUCUUGAACUG
can-miR168c	UCGUUUGGUGCAGGUUCGGGAA	can-miR396b	UUCCACAGCUUUCUUGAACUU
can-miR169a-g	UAGCCAAGGAUGACUUUGCCU	can-miR396c	UUCCACAGCUUUCUUGAACUA
can-miR169h	UAUCGGCAGGUCAUCCUUGGC	can-miR397a	UCAUCUACGCUGCACUCAAUC
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can-miR171f-g	UGAUUGAGCGUGUCAAAUAC	can-miR398a-b	UGUGUUUCAGGUUCACCCUU
can-miR171h	UGAGCCGAACCAAUAUCACUC	can-miR398c	UAUGUUUCAGGUUCACCCUA
can-miR171i	UUGAGCCGCGCCAAUAUCACU	can-miR398d	UGUGUUUCAGGUUCACCCUG
can-miR171j	UUGAGCCGCGCCAAUAUCAUU	can-miR399a-e	UGCCAAAGGAGAAUUGCCCUG
can-miR171k	UUGAGCCGUGCCAAUAUCACGU	can-miR399f-g	UGCCAAAGGAGAGUUGCCCUG
can-miR171l	UUGAGCCGCGCCAAUAUCACG	can-miR399h	CGCCAAAGGAGAGCUGCCUA
can-miR172a-d	AGAAUCUUGAUGAUGCUGCAU	can-miR403	UUAGAUUCACGCACAAACUCG
can-miR172e	UGAAUCUUGAUGAUGCUGCAU	can-miR408a	UGCACUGCCUCUUCGCCUGGU
can-miR408b	UGCACAGCCUCUUCGCCUGGU	can-miR-n014	CUGAAGUUCGUACUGUUGUC
can-miR4376	ACGCAGGAGAGAUGAUGCUGGA	can-miR-n015	UUCAGGCCUGAGAAACGAAAAACU
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can-miR4414b	AGCUGCUGAAUCAUUGGUUCG	can-miR-n017	CUAAGCAACGCUAUGUCGAGU
can-miR477	CCUCUCCCUCAGGGCUUCUU	can-miR-n018	AAUUGGACUGGCGCACAUCCGGAG
can-miR482a	UUGCCGAUUCGUCCAUACCGC	can-miR-n019a-d	AAAUAACUAGUAGUUGAGUAU
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can-miR-n006	CAACAAUCAUCCUUUGGGCUUU	can-miR-n045	CAUCACAUUUACUCCAUCUCA
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can-miR-n070	UUUGCCCUUGAUUCUAGCCGA		

**Table S2. List of tomato miRNAs.**

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sly-miR156d-5p	UGACAGAACGAGAGUGAGCAC	sly-miR1919a-c-3p	ACGAGAGUCAUCAUCUGAGACAGG
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sly-miR171e	UUGAGCCGCGUCAAAUCUCU	sly-miR482c	UCUUGCCAAUACCGCCCAUUCC
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sly-miR482e-3p	UCUUUCCUACUCCUCUCCAUACC	sly-miR9472-5p	UUUCAGUAGACGUUGUGAAUA
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sly-miR9470-5p	UGAAAUCCAUGAGGCCUAAACU	sly-miRn92	UGAGAUGGUAAAACGGUGAU
sly-miR9471a-3p	UUGGCUGAGUGAGCAUCACGG	sly-miRZ3	AGCUGCUGACCUAUGGAAUCC
sly-miR9471a-5p	CAGGUGCUCACUCAGCUAAUA	sly-miRZ5	UAGGGUGUCGAGUUGAGGAGA
sly-miR9471b-3p	UUGGCUGAGUGAGCAUCACUG		

**Table S3. List of potato miRNAs.**

<b>ID</b>	<b>Mature sequence</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>Mature sequence</b>
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stu-miR156e,g-k-5p	UGACAGAAAGAGAGUGAGCAC	stu-miR171a,c-5p	UAUUGGCCUGGUUCACUCAGA
stu-miR156f-3p	CUCACUUCUUUCUGUCAUC	stu-miR171a,e-3p	UGAUUGAGCCGUGCCAAUCAUC
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stu-miR156h-k-3p	GCUCACUGCUCUCAUCUGUCACC	stu-miR171c-3p	UGAUUGAGCCGUGUCAAAUC
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stu-miR162a-b-3p	UCGAUAAAACCUCUGCAUCCAG	stu-miR172-6	UGAAUCUUGAUGAUGCUGCAU
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stu-miR169c-3p	GCAGUCUCCUUGGUACU	stu-miR319-5p	AGGAAACUGUUUAGGUCAACC
stu-miR169d-3p	GCAGGUCAUCUUAAGCUACU	stu-miR319a-3p	UUGGACUGAAGGGACUCCU
stu-miR169e-3p	GCAAGUUAUCCUGGCUAUC	stu-miR319a-5p	AGAGCUUUCUUCGGUCCACAC
stu-miR319b	UGGACUGAAGGGAGCUCCU	stu-miR4376-3p	GCAUCAUACUCCUGCAUAAU
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stu-miR8022	UUUUAAAUGAGAAUUUUGGACUAAU	stu-miR8044-5p	UUUCAAAUAUGGUUGGAGAUG
stu-miR8023	UUUGGCACAAUUCAUUGGCAACC	stu-miR8045	AUUGAUAGUUGAGGUGGUUU
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stu-miR8033-3p	UCAAAUUCUGCAGCUUAGGAGU	stu-miRNA53	UUCCAUGAGACUGUUUUUGGU
stu-miR8033-5p	UUCCAAAGCUGCAGAAAUGAGU	stu-miRNA72	UUGGUUGAGUGAGCAUCUAAG
stu-miR8034	UAUGACAAACACUGCAAAACU	stu-miRNA231	UGUCUAGACGUGCAUACUAA
stu-miR8035	UCCAUUCAUUAUCACUUUCU	stu-miRNA232	UGUACAGUUCAUCUUCGGGCC
stu-miRNA261	UUCGAUACGCACCUUGAAUCGA		

**Table S4. Number of the miRNAs and miRNA genes used in this study.**

	<b>Pepper</b>	<b>Tomato</b>	<b>Potato</b>
Number of miRNAs	145	123	275
Conserved	80	81	145
species-specific	65	42	130
Number of miRNA genes	223	93	393
conserved	143	63	283
species-specific	80	30	110

**Table S5. Number of the miRNAs and miRNA genes used in this study.**

	<b>Pepper</b>	<b>Tomato</b>	<b>Potato</b>
Total reads	251,689,162	226,553,118	371,124,547
No adaptor & low quality	61,432,588	19,447,550	84,937,163
Rfam & repeat filtered	38,441,544	103,199,875	16,233,245
Final reads	151,815,030	103,905,693	269,954,139
Unique reads	17,172,509	25,382,981	4,817,402
Aligned to CDS	83,954,715	64,038,011	199,670,938
Not aligned	67,860,315	39,867,682	70,283,201
Aligned %	55.30	61.63	73.96

**Table S6. Results of degradome analysis in pepper.**

miRNA	Score <sup>a</sup>	p-value	Description
can-miR1446a-b	3	0.0421	GRAS family transcription factor
can-miR1446a-b	4	0.0698	neurofilament medium polypeptide-like isoform X2
can-miR156h	4	0.4661	Aldehyde dehydrogenase
can-miR156a-c	2	0.0012	LIGULELESS1 protein, putative
can-miR156d-g	1	0.0018	LIGULELESS1 protein, putative
can-miR156d-g	1	0.0920	LIGULELESS1 protein, putative
can-miR156h	1.5	0.1137	LIGULELESS1 protein, putative
can-miR156a-c	4	0.2913	non-specific lipid-transfer protein 3-like
can-miR156h	1	0.0421	squamosa promoter-binding protein 1-like
can-miR156a-c	1	0.0003	squamosa promoter-binding protein 1-like isoform X2
can-miR156d-g	4	0.8804	squamosa promoter-binding protein 1-like isoform X2
can-miR156d-g	1	0.0015	squamosa promoter-binding-like protein 16-like isoform 1
can-miR156h	2.5	0.1348	squamosa promoter-binding-like protein 16-like isoform 1
can-miR156a-c	2	0.0006	Promoter-binding protein SPL9
can-miR156d-g	1	0.0698	Promoter-binding protein SPL9
can-miR156d-g	1	0.0471	SPL domain class transcription factor
can-miR156h	1.5	0.0009	SPL domain class transcription factor
can-miR159a-c	3.5	0.0068	Actin cytoskeleton-regulatory complex protein pan1, putative isoform 2
can-miR159a-c	8	0.0280	AG-motif binding protein-5
can-miR159a-c	3.5	0.0074	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR159a-c	2.5	0.0920	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR159a-c	2.5	0.0003	GAMyb-like1
can-miR159a-c	4	0.0009	GAMYB-like2
can-miR159a-c	5	0.0083	NHL domain-containing protein isoform 2
can-miR159a-c	5	0.0116	uncharacterized N-acetyltransferase ycf52-like
can-miR160	1.5	0.0003	Auxin response factor 17
can-miR160	1	0.0006	Auxin response factor 10
can-miR160	0.5	0.0009	Auxin response factor, putative
can-miR160	1.5	0.0015	Auxin response factor, putative
can-miR160	1	0.0012	Auxin response factor 10
can-miR162f	2.5	0.0003	Dicer-like 1 protein (Fragment)
can-miR164a-b	4	0.0031	NAC domain-containing protein 21/22, putative
can-miR164a-b	2	0.0012	Salicylic acid-induced protein 19
can-miR164a-b	4	0.0025	NAC domain-containing protein 21/22, putative
can-miR164a-b	4	0.3365	NAC domain class transcription factor
can-miR164a-b	4	0.1952	UDP-glucuronate decarboxylase 1
can-miR164c	3	0.0009	protein CUP-SHAPED COTYLEDON 2-like
can-miR164c	4	0.7366	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR164c	5	0.0022	Beta-fructofuranosidase (Fragment)
can-miR166a-h	3	0.0015	Class III HD-Zip protein 8
can-miR166a-h	3	0.0012	Class III HD-Zip protein 3
can-miR166a-h	2.5	0.0006	DNA binding protein, putative
can-miR166a-h	3	0.0698	DNA binding protein, putative

can-miR166i-j	2	0.0238	DNA binding protein, putative
can-miR166i-j	2	0.0471	Class III HD-Zip protein 5
can-miR166i-j	2.5	0.0920	Class III HD-Zip protein 8
can-miR166i-j	2.5	0.0698	Class III HD-Zip protein 3
can-miR166i-j	2.5	0.1137	DNA binding protein, putative
can-miR166l	2.5	0.0003	Class III HD-Zip protein 5
can-miR167a-c	2.5	0.0920	Multidrug resistance pump, putative
can-miR168c	4	0.0009	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2c, putative
can-miR168c	4.5	0.0421	Serine/threonine-protein kinase PBS1, putative
can-miR169a-g	3	0.0012	Transcription factor CCAAT
can-miR169a-g	2	0.0009	Nuclear transcription factor Y subunit A3
can-miR169a-g	3	0.0061	YA3
can-miR169a-g	2.5	0.0022	Nuclear transcription factor Y subunit A-3, putative
can-miR169a-g	3	0.0015	nuclear transcription factor Y subunit A-10-like
can-miR169a-g	3	0.2913	YA4
can-miR169a-g	4	0.7533	YA4
can-miR169a-g	4	0.8733	Dentin sialophosphoprotein, putative
can-miR171f-g	1.5	0.0471	GRAS family transcription factor
can-miR171f-g	1.5	0.0238	GRAS family transcription factor
can-miR171f-g	1.5	0.0009	BAC19.14
can-miR171h	0	0.0238	GRAS family transcription factor
can-miR171i	1	0.0006	GRAS family transcription factor
can-miR171i	3	0.0009	GRAS family transcription factor
can-miR171k	1.5	0.0238	BAC19.14
can-miR171l	2	0.0003	GRAS family transcription factor
can-miR172a-d	4	0.8550	Dopamine beta-monooxygenase, putative
can-miR172a-d	4	1.0000	Cysteinyl-tRNA synthetase, putative
can-miR172e	2.5	0.0006	APETALA2B
can-miR172e	4	1.0000	Multidrug resistance protein ABC transporter family
can-miR172e	3	0.9102	CD2 antigen cytoplasmic tail-binding protein
can-miR172e	3.5	1.0000	Pentatricopeptide repeat-containing protein
can-miR172f	4	1.0000	Ubiquitin-protein ligase, putative
can-miR172f	3.5	0.9997	Serine/threonine-protein kinase
can-miR172g	1	0.0003	AP2 transcription factor SIAP2b
can-miR172g	1	0.0006	Transcription factor APETALA2
can-miR172g	4	1.0000	Plant synaptotagmin
can-miR172g	3	0.3524	Nucleic acid binding protein, putative
can-miR172g	2.5	0.9989	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase KATAMARI1, putative
can-miR172h	4	0.3203	UDP-glucosyltransferase, putative
can-miR172h	4.5	0.0421	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR172i	1.5	0.0006	AP2 transcription factor SIAP2d
can-miR172i	1.5	0.0003	AP2 transcription factor SIAP2d
can-miR172i	1.5	0.0698	AP2 transcription factor SIAP2c
can-miR319a	3.5	0.1936	TCP transcription factor
can-miR319a	3.5	0.1582	TCP transcription factor
can-miR319a	7.5	0.0434	Ef-hand calcium binding protein, putative

can-miR319b-c	2.5	0.0005	TCP transcription factor 1
can-miR319b-c	2.5	0.0015	TCP transcription factor
can-miR319b-c	2.5	0.0012	TCP transcription factor
can-miR319b-c	4	0.0825	GAMyb-like1
can-miR319d	2	0.0421	PfkB-like carbohydrate kinase family protein
can-miR319d	4	0.1211	TCP transcription factor
can-miR319d	4	0.0825	TCP transcription factor
can-miR319e	2	0.0018	Transcription factor, putative
can-miR319f	3.5	0.0009	Lanceolate
can-miR319f	3.5	0.0012	Lanceolate
can-miR319g	4	0.2144	GAMYB-like2
can-miR319g	4	0.4526	NHL domain-containing protein isoform 2
can-miR390c	3.5	0.2144	Protein phosphatase, putative
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0015	Transport inhibitor response 1 (Fragment)
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0018	TIR1-like protein
can-miR393a-b	3	0.0037	Transport inhibitor response 1 (Fragment)
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0028	Detected protein of confused Function
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0012	TIR1-like protein
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0471	Transport inhibitor response 1 (Fragment)
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0025	Transport inhibitor response 1
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0238	protein TRANSPORT INHIBITOR RESPONSE 1-like
can-miR393a-b	3	0.0049	Detected protein of confused Function
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0698	Transport inhibitor response 1
can-miR393a-b	2	0.0890	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR393a-b	2	0.1554	Transport inhibitor response 1
can-miR393a-b	7	0.0068	Transport inhibitor response protein
can-miR394a	7	0.0471	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 subunit, putative
can-miR394b	1	0.0003	F-box family protein
can-miR395a-j	3	0.0012	Sulfate transporter, putative
can-miR395a-j	2	0.0003	Sulfate/bicarbonate/oxalate exchanger and transporter sat-1
can-miR395a-j	2.5	0.0471	Sulfate/bicarbonate/oxalate exchanger and transporter sat-1
can-miR395a-j	4	0.7004	ATP-dependent RNA helicase, putative
can-miR395a-j	3.5	0.0698	Sulfate adenylyltransferase
can-miR396a	3	0.0034	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR396a	3	0.0037	growth-regulating factor 4-like
can-miR396a	3	0.0040	growth-regulating factor 4-like
can-miR396a	3	0.0031	growth-regulating factor 3-like
can-miR396a	3.5	0.9568	60S ribosomal protein L35a-3-like
can-miR396a	5.5	0.0238	AT4g27650
can-miR396b	2.5	0.0006	DNA (cytosine-5)-methyltransferase DRM1-like
can-miR396b	4	0.0455	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1A-10-like
can-miR396b	4	0.9021	Germin-like protein subfamily 1 member 20
can-miR396b	3.5	0.4912	prohibitin-3, mitochondrial-like
can-miR396b	4	0.0920	putative B3 domain-containing protein At3g49610-like
can-miR396c	4	0.0028	growth-regulating factor 8-like
can-miR396c	4	0.0031	growth-regulating factor 1-like

can-miR396c	4	0.0037	UPA17
can-miR396c	3	0.0003	DNA (cytosine-5)-methyltransferase DRM1-like
can-miR396c	4	0.0022	growth-regulating factor 3-like
can-miR396c	3	0.0009	Detected protein of confused Function
can-miR396c	4	0.2913	growth-regulating factor 6-like isoform XI
can-miR396c	4	0.8804	Terpene synthase
can-miR396c	5	0.0119	Growth-regulating factor
can-miR396c	8	0.0077	Metallo-hydrolase/oxidoreductase superfamily protein isoform 1
can-miR397a	4	0.5392	At5g65760
can-miR397b	1	0.0238	Laccase-like multicopper oxidase
can-miR397b	2	0.0471	Diphenol oxidase
can-miR397b	3.5	0.1952	laccase-11-like
can-miR397b	3.5	0.1756	laccase-11-like
can-miR397b	3.5	0.2514	laccase-2-like
can-miR397b	1.5	0.0698	Laccase 110a
can-miR397b	4	0.5950	Laccase 110b
can-miR398d	6	0.0144	Glycerol-3-phosphate transporter, putative
can-miR398d	4.5	0.0471	Os12g0570700
can-miR399a-e	2	0.0471	PHO2
can-miR399a-e	1.5	0.0238	PHO2
can-miR399a-e	3	0.0698	PHO2
can-miR399f-g	4	0.5034	Detected protein of confused Function
can-miR403	1	0.0003	AGO2A
can-miR408a	3	0.0009	basic blue protein-like
can-miR408a	3.5	0.0006	plastocyanin-like domain-containing family protein
can-miR408a	4	0.0025	Unknown protein
can-miR408b	4.5	0.0025	psbP-like protein 2, chloroplastic-like
can-miR4376	3	0.0238	Auto-inhibited Ca2+-transporting ATPase 10
can-miR4414a	4	0.1211	Unknown protein
can-miR4414b	4	0.9912	Protein phosphatase 2C
can-miR4414b	7	0.0421	Transcription factor Pur-alpha
can-miR4414b	11	0.0074	Unknown protein
can-miR482a	4	0.0698	NL27
can-miR482b	3	0.0009	TIR-NBS-LRR RCT1-like resistance protein
can-miR482b	3	0.0006	Nematode resistance-like protein
can-miR482b	2.5	0.9966	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR482b	7.5	0.0077	Serine/threonine-protein kinase
can-miR482c	3	0.3524	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR482c	3	0.3829	Disease resistance protein I2C-5, putative
can-miR482c	3	0.3365	CC-NBS-LRR protein
can-miR482c	3	0.4977	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR482c	5.5	0.0455	disease resistance protein RPP13-like
can-miR482c	5.5	0.0464	R2 late blight resistance protein
can-miR482c	5.5	0.0461	SNKR2GH2 protein
can-miR482c	4.5	0.0034	SNKR2GH2 protein
can-miR482c	4.5	0.0040	SNKR2GH2 protein

can-miR482c	4.5	0.0037	SNKR2GH2 protein
can-miR482c	5	0.0247	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR482c	5	0.0225	Disease resistance protein
can-miR482d	2.5	0.0012	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance-like protein
can-miR482d	2.5	0.0009	Protein YigZ (Fragment)
can-miR482d	3	0.0046	Disease resistance protein RGH9
can-miR482d	2.5	0.0015	Disease resistance protein RGH3
can-miR482d	2.5	0.0006	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR482d	3	0.6705	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR482d	4	0.1952	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR482d	4	0.6457	Disease resistance protein RGH3
can-miR482d	5	0.0113	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1A-10-like
can-miR482d	5	0.0116	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1A-10-like
can-miR482d	5.5	0.0268	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1B-16-like
can-miR482e	3.5	0.9636	DEAD-box ATP-dependent RNA helicase
can-miR482e	6	0.0162	Transcription factor, putative
can-miR482f	1	0.0009	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR482f	3	0.0289	Late blight resistance protein Rpi-sto1
can-miR482f	2	0.0003	NBS-LRR type disease resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR482f	2	0.0471	Nbs-lrr resistance protein
can-miR482f	2.5	0.0012	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance-like protein
can-miR482f	2.5	0.0015	I2 (Fragment)
can-miR482f	4	0.0071	Nematode resistance-like protein
can-miR482f	4	0.9961	Protein binding protein, putative
can-miR482f	4	0.7149	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR482f	4.5	0.0028	Blight resistance protein
can-miR530	1	0.0003	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR530	3.5	0.3037	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 3 subunit, putative
can-miR530	3.5	0.7760	Lanceolate
can-miR530	4.5	0.0095	Aprataxin, putative
can-miR6022-3p.2	4	0.8267	Cf-4
can-miR6022-3p.2	4	0.9997	Hcr9-OR2C
can-miR6022-3p.2	4	0.9996	Hcr9-OR2A
can-miR6022-3p.2	2.5	0.6284	Verticillium wilt disease resistance protein
can-miR6022-3p.2	1.5	0.0890	receptor-like protein 12-like
can-miR6022-3p.2	3	0.6591	Hcr2-0A
can-miR6022-3p.2	1.5	0.2601	Hcr2-0A
can-miR6022-3p.2	1.5	0.1348	receptor-like protein 12-like
can-miR6022-3p.2	2.5	0.3037	receptor-like protein 12-like
can-miR6023	2	0.0238	Hcr9-Avr4-per1
can-miR6023	1.5	0.0037	Hcr9-OR2A
can-miR6023	4	0.4788	Cf-4
can-miR6023	2	0.2144	Hcr9-OR2C
can-miR6023	4	0.7411	receptor-like protein 12-like
can-miR6023	2	0.3365	NL0E
can-miR6023	2	0.4526	receptor-like protein 12-like

can-miR6023	2.5	0.3829	Hcr9-Avr9-hir4
can-miR6023	2	0.3037	Hcr9-OR2A
can-miR6023	4	0.1952	Hcr9-0
can-miR6023	2.5	0.3678	Hcr9-Avr4-per1
can-miR6023	4	0.2917	NL0D
can-miR6023	2	0.2332	NL0E
can-miR6024-3p	2.5	0.0012	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR6024-3p	2.5	0.0061	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR6024-3p	2.5	0.0330	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR6024-3p	3	0.6441	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1B-12-like
can-miR6024-3p	3.5	0.9998	Disease resistance protein R3a-like protein
can-miR6024-3p	4	0.8683	Tm-2^2 ToMV resistance protein
can-miR6024-3p	3	0.1952	Tm-2 protein
can-miR6024-3p	4	0.1554	Resistance protein F
can-miR6024-3p	3	0.2144	Tm-2
can-miR6024-3p	3.5	0.6282	Resistance protein F
can-miR6024-3p	3	0.9545	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1B-16-like
can-miR6024-3p	4	1.0000	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR6024-3p	3	0.0790	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1A-10-like
can-miR6024-3p	3	0.9988	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1A-10-like
can-miR6024-3p	3	0.9705	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1B-16-like
can-miR6024-3p	3	0.1623	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR6024-3p	3.5	0.4661	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR6024-3p	3.5	0.2225	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR6024-3p	3.5	0.9831	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR6024-3p	4	0.9999	putative disease resistance RPP13-like protein 1-like isoform X2
can-miR6024-3p	3.5	0.7988	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR6024-3p	3.5	0.9857	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR6024-3p	3.5	0.9864	CC-NBS-LRR type resistance protein (Fragment)
can-miR6024-3p	7	0.0009	RecA
can-miR6026-3p.1	1.5	0.0003	Tm-2
can-miR6026-3p.1	6	0.0455	ATP-binding cassette transporter, putative
can-miR6027-3p	2.5	0.0238	HJTR2GH1 protein
can-miR6027-3p	2.5	0.0471	disease resistance protein RPP13-like
can-miR6027-3p	3.5	0.0366	Disease resistance protein BS2
can-miR6027-3p	3	0.0698	Disease resistance protein RGH2
can-miR6027-3p	4	0.4661	disease resistance protein RPP13-like
can-miR6027-3p	4	0.4788	R2 late blight resistance protein
can-miR6027-3p	4	0.4530	SNKR2GH2 protein
can-miR6027-3p	3.5	0.1137	NBS-coding resistance gene analog (Fragment)
can-miR6027-3p	4	0.0684	NRC1
can-miR6027-3p	4	0.9843	NRC1
can-miR827	6	0.0256	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR-n002a-c	0	0.0003	F-box/kelch-repeat protein At3g23880-like, partial
can-miR-n002a-c	0	0.0006	F-box protein CPR30-like
can-miR-n002a-c	1	0.0009	F-box/kelch-repeat protein At3g23880-like, partial

can-miR-n003a-5p	3.5	0.3498	1,2-dihydroxy-3-keto-5-methylthiopentene dioxygenase 1-like
can-miR-n003a-c-3p	2	0.0421	ankyrin repeat-containing protein At3g12360-like
can-miR-n003a-c-3p	2.5	0.0471	ankyrin repeat-containing protein At5g02620-like isoform 1
can-miR-n003a-c-3p	4	0.5392	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR-n003a-c-3p	3	0.2601	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR-n003a-c-3p	3	0.2276	Ankyrin repeat-containing protein, putative
can-miR-n003a-c-3p	4	0.9487	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR-n003a-c-3p	4	0.5152	Ankyrin repeat-containing protein, putative
can-miR-n004	3.5	0.7592	Ran-binding protein
can-miR-n005a-5p	1	0.0003	Ubiquitin-protein ligase, putative
can-miR-n005a-5p	1	0.0006	F-box family protein
can-miR-n005a-5p	1	0.0009	Ubiquitin-protein ligase, putative
can-miR-n005a-5p	3.5	0.8619	Acyl ACP-thioesterase
can-miR-n010	4	0.1701	Hcr9-Avr4-per1
can-miR-n010	4	0.2440	Hcr9-OR2C
can-miR-n016a-b	2	0.0238	Hcr2-0A
can-miR-n016a-b	3	0.4285	Hcr2-p2
can-miR-n016a-b	4	0.2867	Hcr2-2A
can-miR-n019a-d	2.5	0.3772	protein TAP1 precursor-like
can-miR-n019a-d	4	0.9873	U1 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein A-like isoform X1
can-miR-n019a-d	3	0.7584	putative late blight resistance protein homolog R1A-4-like
can-miR-n022a-c	2	0.3240	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR-n022a-c	1.5	0.5268	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR-n022a-c	2	0.4011	Peroxidase
can-miR-n022a-c	3	0.6063	Pentatricopeptide repeat-containing protein, putative
can-miR-n022a-c	2	0.7584	At1g28280
can-miR-n022a-c	3.5	0.8241	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR-n022a-c	4	0.9940	pleiotropic drug resistance protein 1-like
can-miR-n022a-c	4	0.6763	F-box protein PP2-B10-like
can-miR-n022a-c	4	0.9690	mitochondrial substrate carrier family protein ucpB-like
can-miR-n022a-c	1.5	0.3113	Zinc finger protein, putative
can-miR-n022a-c	1.5	0.7004	ATP-citrate lyase B-1
can-miR-n022a-c	3.5	0.6733	F-box protein PP2-B10-like
can-miR-n022a-c	2.5	0.4544	protein MNN4-like
can-miR-n022a-c	2	0.5556	myb-like protein X-like
can-miR-n022a-c	2.5	0.1224	Detected protein of unknown function
can-miR-n022a-c	2	0.3726	Phospholipase D
can-miR-n022a-c	2	0.2917	Phospholipase C, putative
can-miR-n023	0.5	0.4285	Cytochrome P450
can-miR-n023	2.5	0.2716	Crossover junction endonuclease MUS81
can-miR-n023	3	0.2648	uncharacterized LOC101221004
can-miR-n023	3.5	0.7411	Dihydrolipoamide S-acetyltransferase, putative
can-miR-n024	9	0.0421	Scythe/bat3, putative
can-miR-n025	4	0.3829	At1g01920
can-miR-n026	1.5	0.0012	Detected protein of confused Function
can-miR-n026	4	0.0092	Peru 2

can-miR-n026	2.5	0.0375	Detected protein of confused Function
can-miR-n026	2	0.0006	Hcr9-9D
can-miR-n026	2	0.0031	Hcr9-OR2A
can-miR-n026	1	0.0003	Hcr9-OR2C
can-miR-n026	1.5	0.0058	receptor-like protein 12-like
can-miR-n026	1.5	0.0055	receptor-like protein 12-like
can-miR-n026	1.5	0.0052	Hcr9-OR2A
can-miR-n026	3.5	0.8288	Hcr9-Avr4-per1
can-miR-n026	3.5	0.8212	Hcr9-OR2C
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can-miR-n070	3	0.0238	Heavy metal cation transport ATPase, putative
can-miR-n071	1	0.1545	Leucine-rich repeat-containing protein, putative
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can-miR-n071	2.5	0.9983	thioredoxin X, chloroplastic-like
can-miR-n071	0.5	0.1211	Clathrin assembly protein, putative
can-miR-n071	3	0.4337	aluminum-activated malate transporter 9
can-miR-n071	4	0.5598	aluminum-activated malate transporter 9
can-miR-n071	4	0.9938	protein ECERIFERUM 3-like
can-miR-n102	4	0.6346	probable uridine nucleosidase 2-like
can-miR-n105	4	0.7783	Atypical receptor-like kinase 1

<sup>a</sup>Penalty score

**Table S7. Result of phasiRNA analysis in pepper.**

miRNA trigger	Maximum phasing score	Annotation <sup>a</sup>
can-miR169a-g	39.63	Nuclear transcription factor Y subunit A-3, putative
can-miR171i	19.72	BAC19.14
can-miR393a-b	129.39	TIR1-like
can-miR482b	86.87	TIR-NBS-LRR RCT1-like resistance protein
can-miR482b	44.04	NB-LRR
can-miR482c	399.89	NB-LRR
can-miR482c	395.86	NB-LRR
can-miR482c	317.92	NB-LRR
can-miR482c	274.71	NB-LRR
can-miR482c	179.32	NB-LRR
can-miR482c	83.74	NB-LRR
can-miR482c	73.10	NB-LRR
can-miR482c	52.58	autoimmune
can-miR482d	243.61	NB-LRR
can-miR482d	97.76	NB-LRR
can-miR482d	80.17	NB-LRR
can-miR482d	72.26	NB-LRR
can-miR482d	64.01	NB-LRR
can-miR482d	58.20	NB-LRR
can-miR482d	53.53	NB-LRR
can-miR482e	144.06	autoimmune
can-miR482f	602.24	NB-LRR
can-miR482f	89.56	NB-LRR
can-miR482f	51.16	NB-LRR
can-miR6027-3p	195.90	NB-LRR
can-miR6027-3p	136.12	NB-LRR
can-miR6027-3p	35.99	NB-LRR
can-miR-n026	255.30	Hcr9-OR2A
can-miR-n026	90.18	receptor-like protein 12-like
can-miR-n026	62.15	Hcr9-Avr4-par1
can-miR-n026	54.90	NL0E
can-miR-n026	41.14	receptor-like protein 12-like
can-miR-n026	31.86	Hcr9-OR2C
can-miR-n026	22.58	Hcr9-OR2A
can-miR-n026	16.07	Hcr9-9D
can-miR-n033a	80.91	NB-LRR
can-miR-n033a	75.74	NB-LRR
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can-miR-n033a	21.99	NB-LRR

<sup>a</sup>Red: NB-LRR, blue: RLP

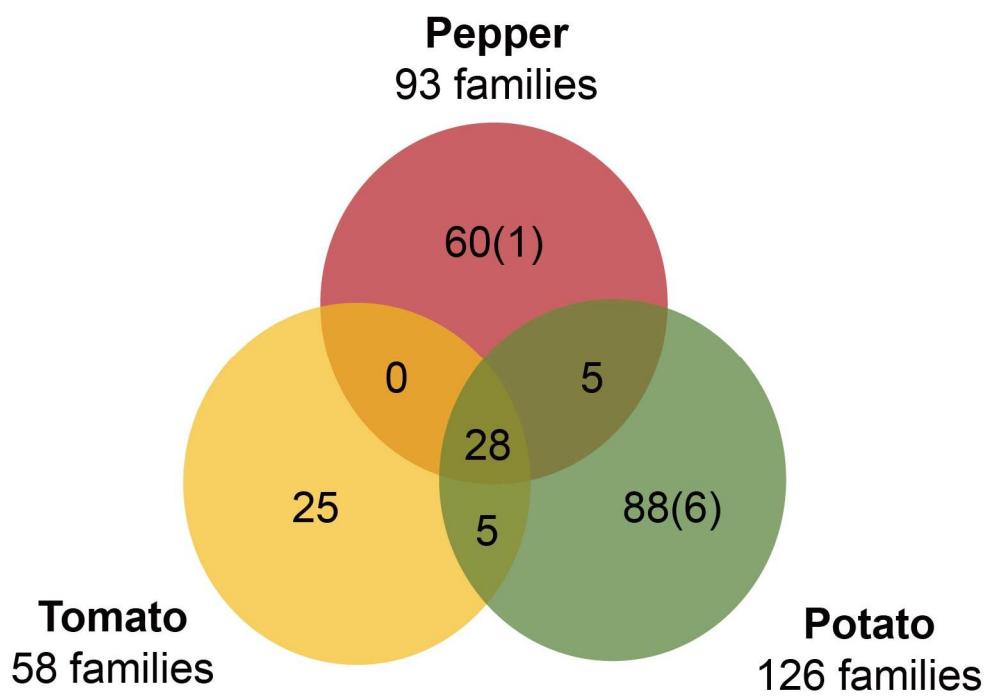
**Table S8. Comparing target prediction results of miR-n026.**

miRNA	Species	RLP <sup>a</sup>
can-miR-n026	Pepper	17
	Tomato	16
	Potato	5
sly-miR-n026	Pepper	2
	Tomato	2
	Potato	1
stu-miR-n026	Pepper	0
	Tomato	0
	Potato	1

<sup>a</sup>Number of the predicted target RLPs (score ≤ 3.5)

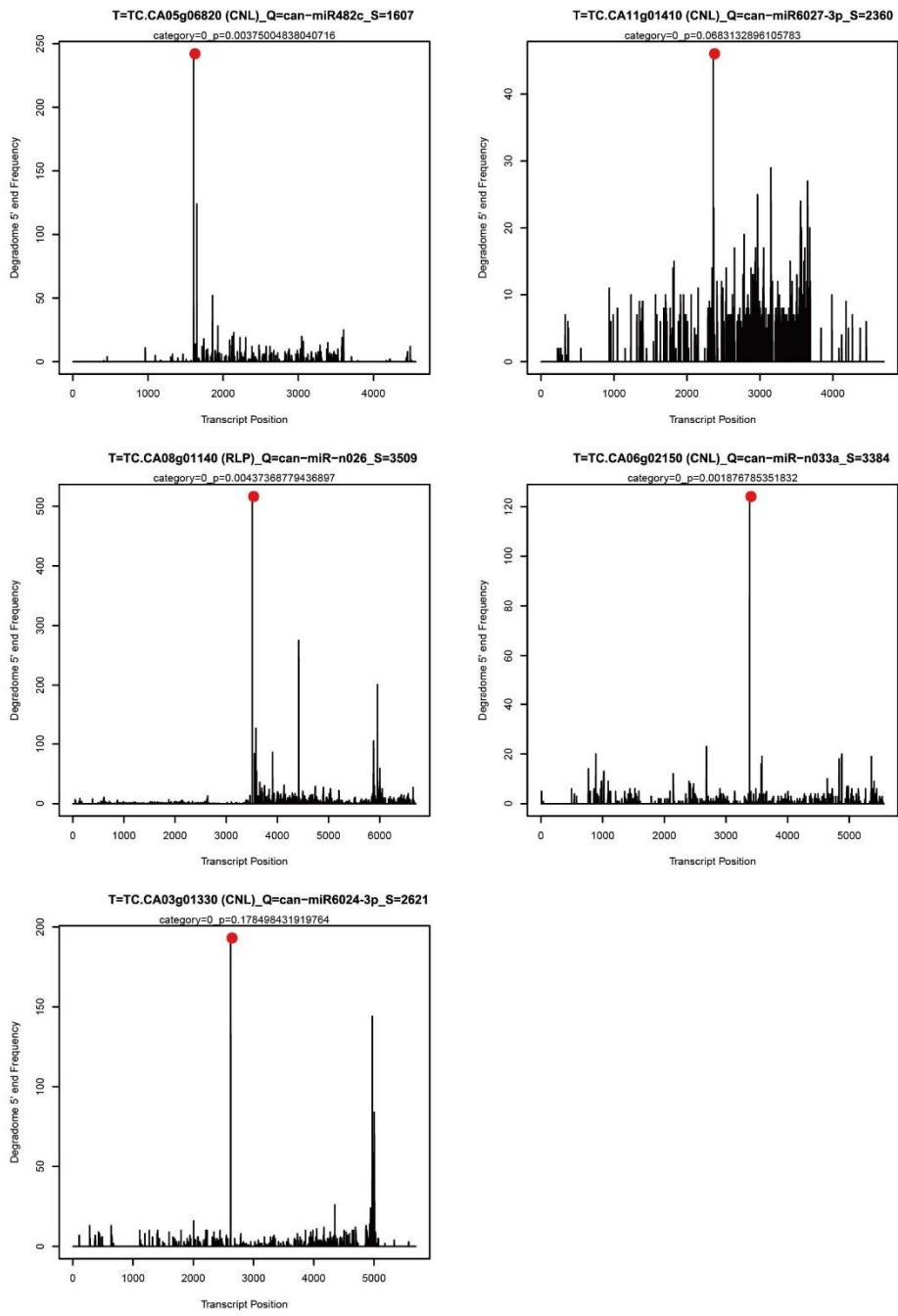
**Figure S1. miRNA classification in pepper, tomato and potato.**

A Venn diagram showed conserved miRNA families in Solanaceae. Numbers in the parenthesis indicate miRNAs which are conserved in other plant species.



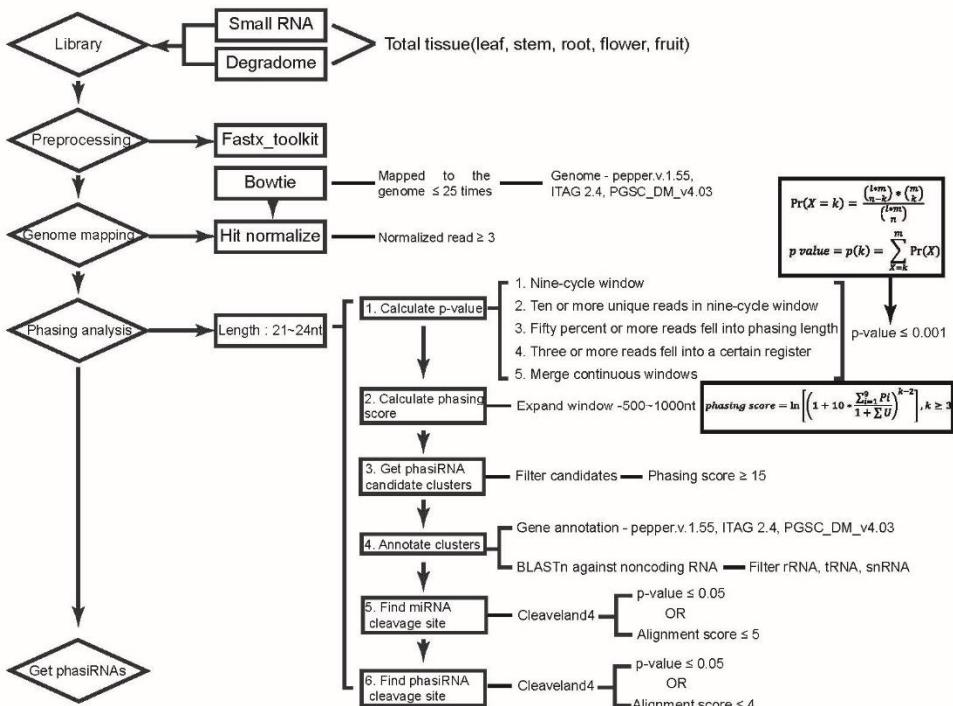
**Figure S2. Representative examples of miRNAs cleaving disease-resistance genes.**

Plot shows results of the degradome analysis in pepper. x-axis and y-axis indicate 5' end position of the mapped degradome reads and abundance of the mapped degradome reads, respectively. Red dot indicates cleavage site in the transcript by miRNA.



**Figure S3. Pipeline for phasiRNA analysis.**

Pipeline for phasiRNA analysis in this study is modified algorithm from the study of Xia et al. (2013).

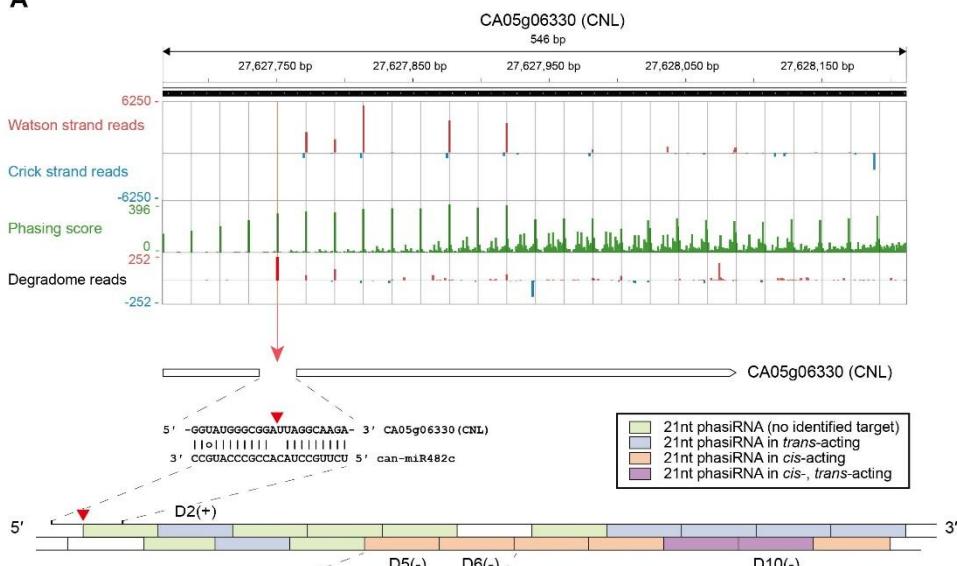
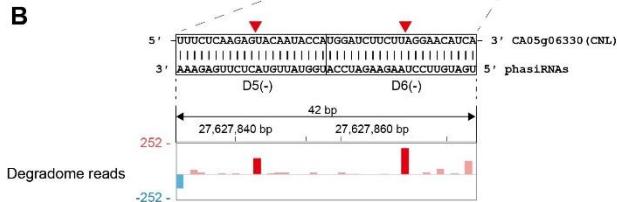
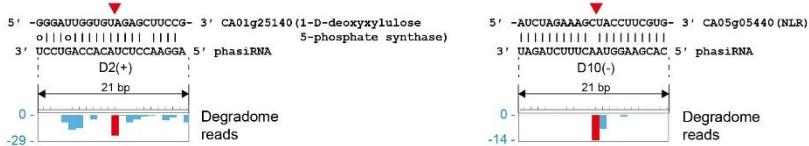


※ In the formula for calculating p value, l is the length for phasing analysis; m is number of the phases within a window; k is number of the unique small RNAs mapped to the phased positions; n is number of the unique small RNAs within a window. Small RNAs of the "l" length are only used for calculation.

※ In the formula for calculating phasing score, P is total abundance of the reads mapped to the phased positions within a nine-cycle window, whose length is "l"; U is total abundance of the reads which are mapped out of the phase and whose length is "l"; k is equal.

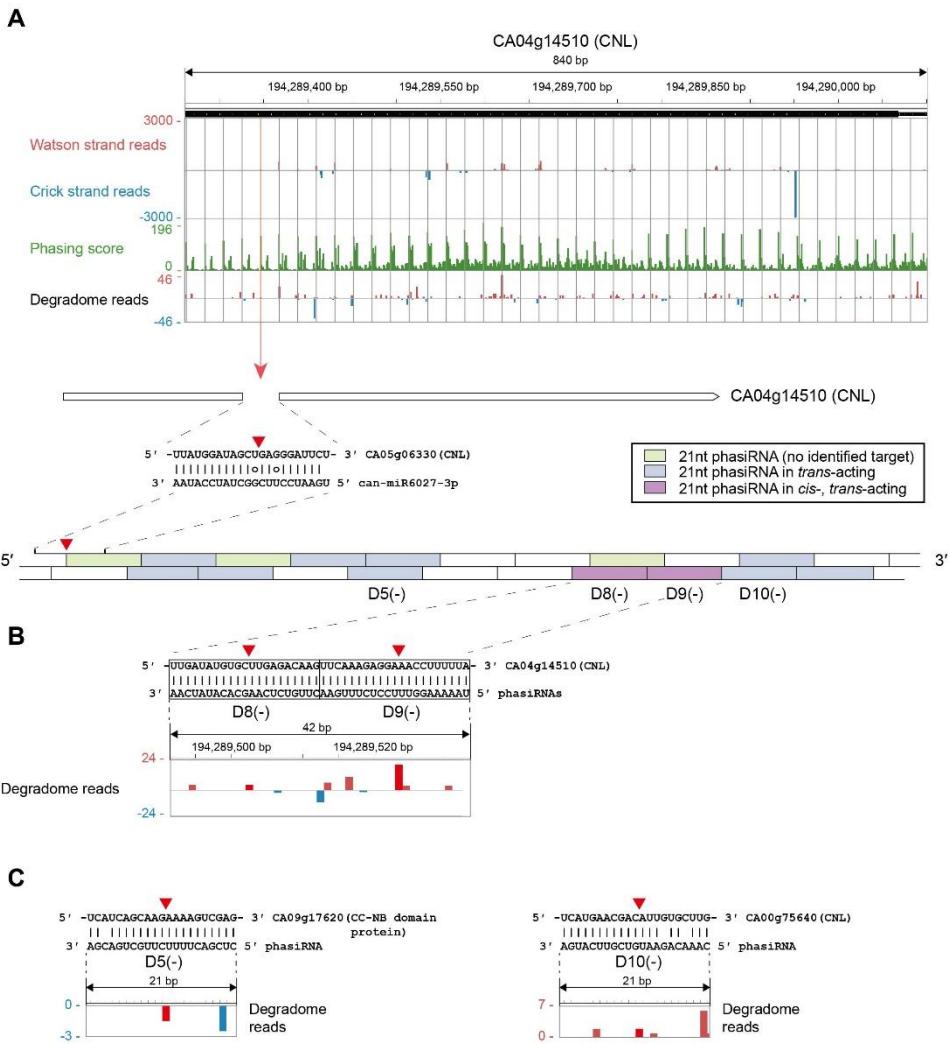
**Figure S4. can-miR482c induces phasiRNA biogenesis by cleaving CNL.**

(A) Mapping results of small RNA and degradome reads normalized by mapping count to the genome and phasing score data were viewed using IGV. Red arrow indicates the cleavage site by can-miR482c. Examples of (B) *cis*-acting phasiRNAs and (C) *trans*-acting phasiRNAs. Red triangles indicate the cleavage sites by small RNAs. In degradome reads panel, pale red color indicates reads mapped to Watson strand and blue color indicates those mapped to Crick strand in the genome.

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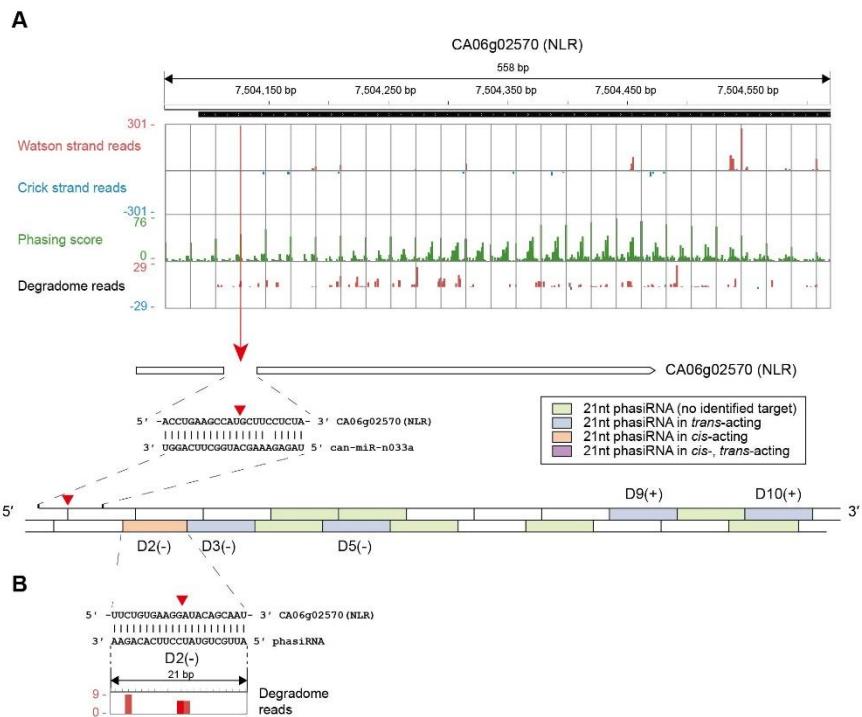
**Figure S5. can-miR6027 induces phasiRNA biogenesis by cleaving CNL.**

(A) Mapping results of small RNA and degradome reads normalized by mapping count to the genome and phasing score data were viewed using IGV. Red arrow indicates the cleavage site by can-miR6027. Examples of (B) *cis*-acting phasiRNAs and (C) *trans*-acting phasiRNAs. Red triangles indicate the cleavage sites by small RNAs. In degradome reads panel, pale red color indicates reads mapped to Watson strand and blue color indicates those mapped to Crick strand in the genome.



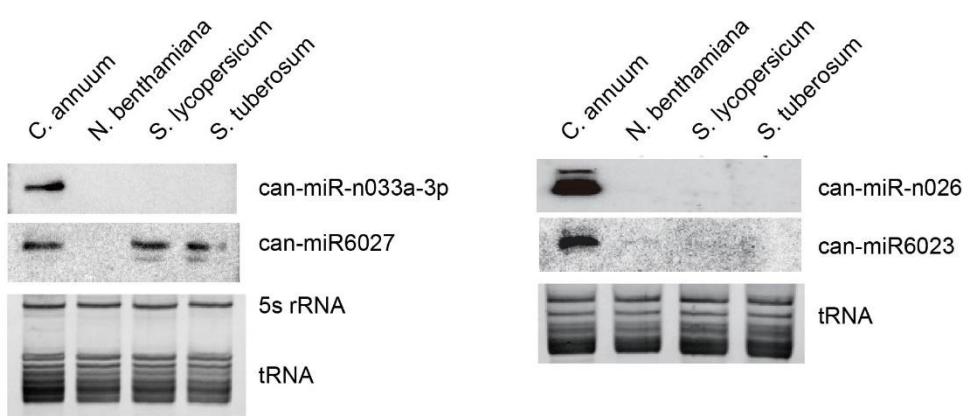
**Figure S6. can-miR-n033a induces phasiRNA biogenesis by cleaving NLR.**

(A) Mapping results of small RNA and degradome reads normalized by mapping count to the genome and phasing score data were viewed using IGV. Red arrow indicates the cleavage site by can-miR-n033a. (B) An example of *cis*-acting phasiRNA. Red triangles indicate the cleavage sites by small RNAs. In degradome reads panel, pale red color indicates reads mapped to Watson strand and blue color indicates those mapped to Crick strand in the genome.



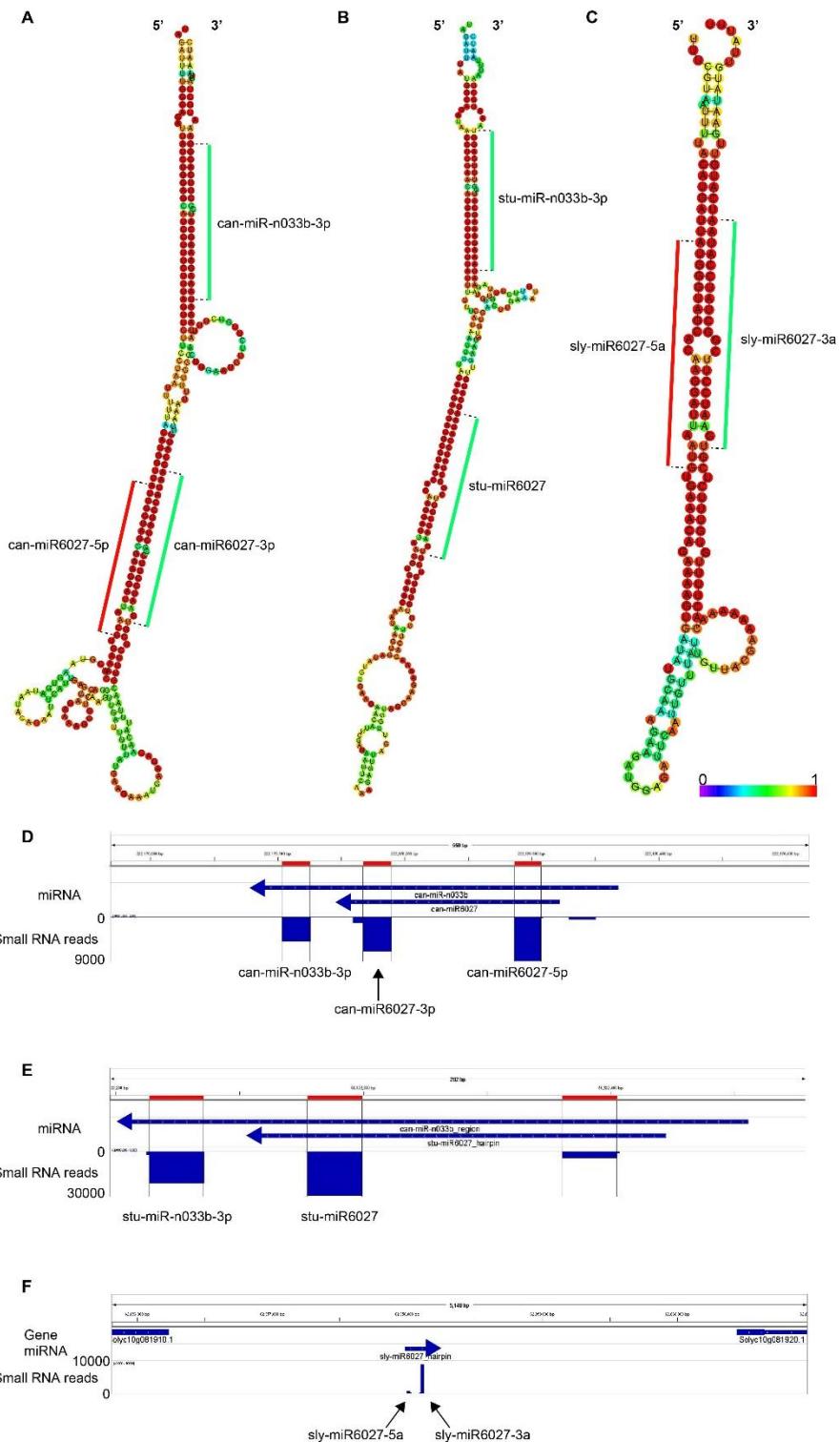
**Figure S7. Validation of the disease-resistance associated miRNAs via northern blot.**

Total RNA was extracted from leaf of pepper, tomato, potato and *Nicotiana benthamiana*. tRNAs are shown as a loading control.



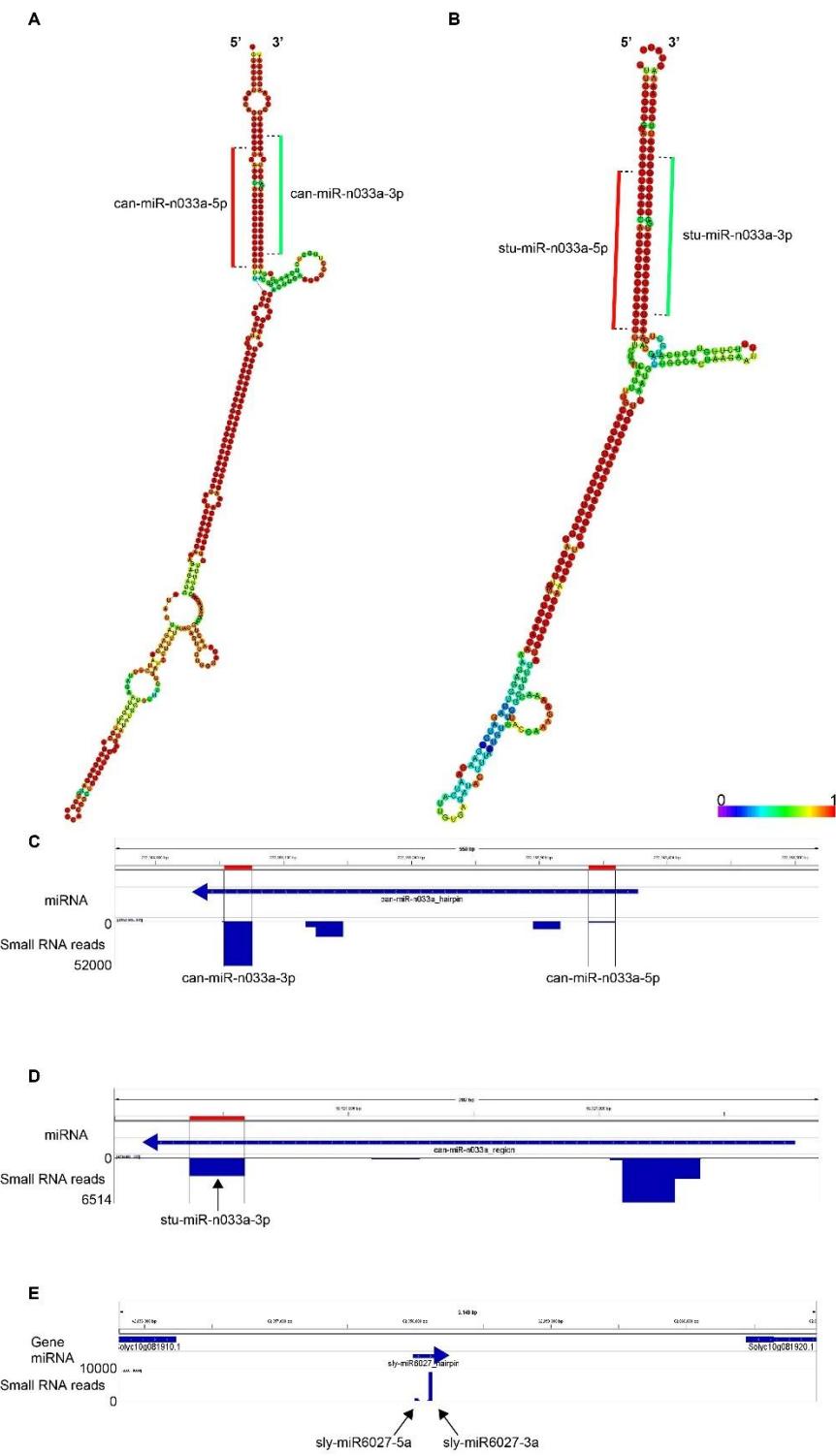
**Figure S8. Hairpin structures of the miR-n033b genes and their expression.**

Hairpin structures of (A) can-miR-n033b, (B) stu-miR-n033b and (C) sly-miR6027, respectively. Color indicates the possibility of base-pairing. (D-F) Small RNA mapping results on the homologous region of miR-n033b in pepper, potato and tomato, respectively.



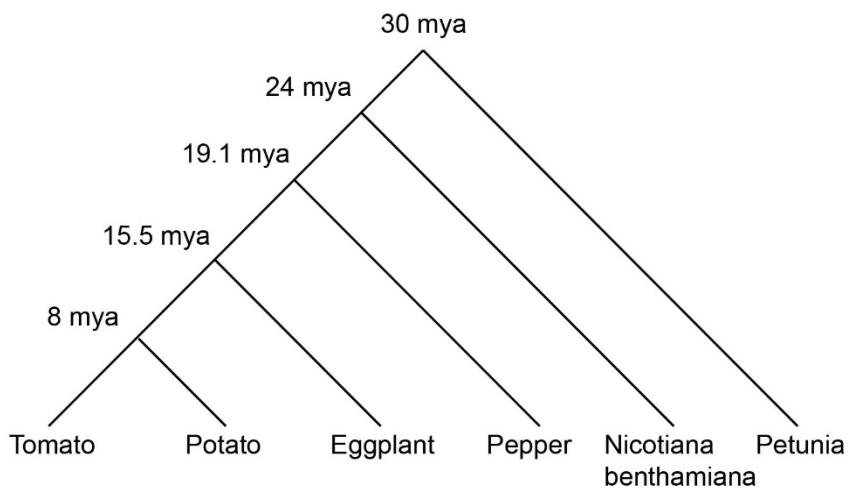
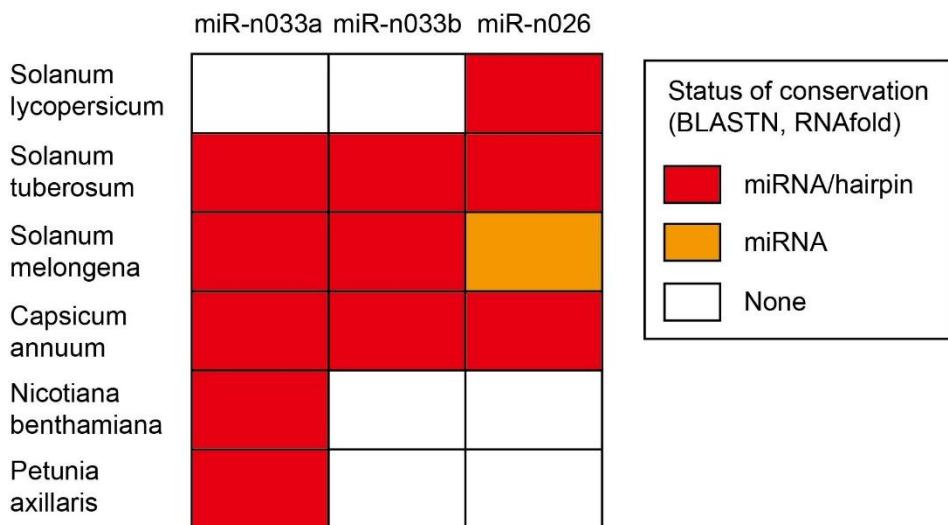
**Figure S9. Hairpin structures of the miR-n033a genes and their expression.**

Hairpin structures of (A) can-miR-n033a, (B) stu-miR-n033a, respectively. miR-n033a does not exist in tomato. Color indicates the possibility of base-pairing. (C-E) Small RNA mapping results on the homologous region of miR-n033a in pepper, potato and tomato, respectively.



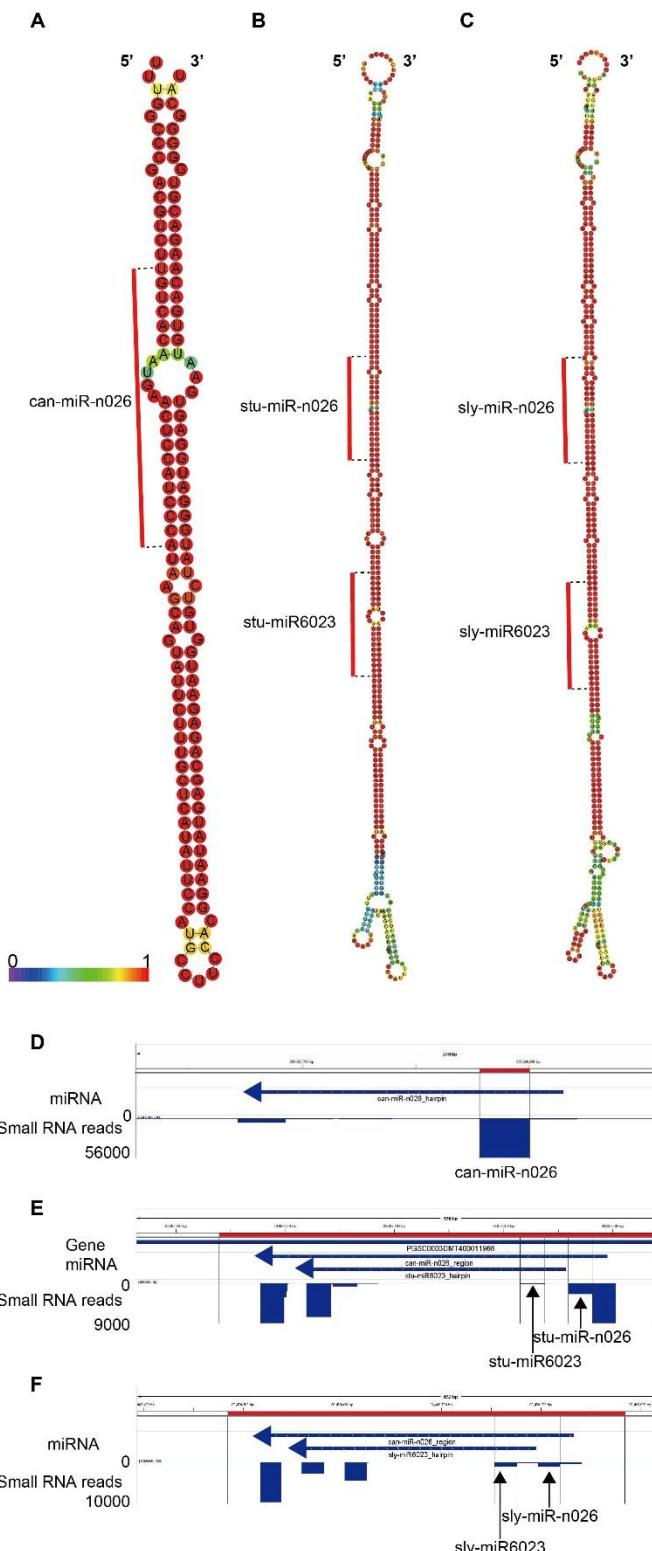
**Figure S10. Conservation of miR-n033 and miR-n026 in Solanaceous species.**

(A) Evolutionary distances between Solanaceous species. (B) Conservation status of miR-n026 and miR-n033 in Solanaceous species. Homologous region of miRNA was identified using BLASTN (default option) and hairpin structure was predicted using RNAfold. Red color indicates that both sequences of miRNA-homologous region including mature miRNA and hairpin structure are conserved. Orange color indicates that sequences of miRNA-homologous region including mature miRNA is conserved, but hairpin structure is not because of insertion.

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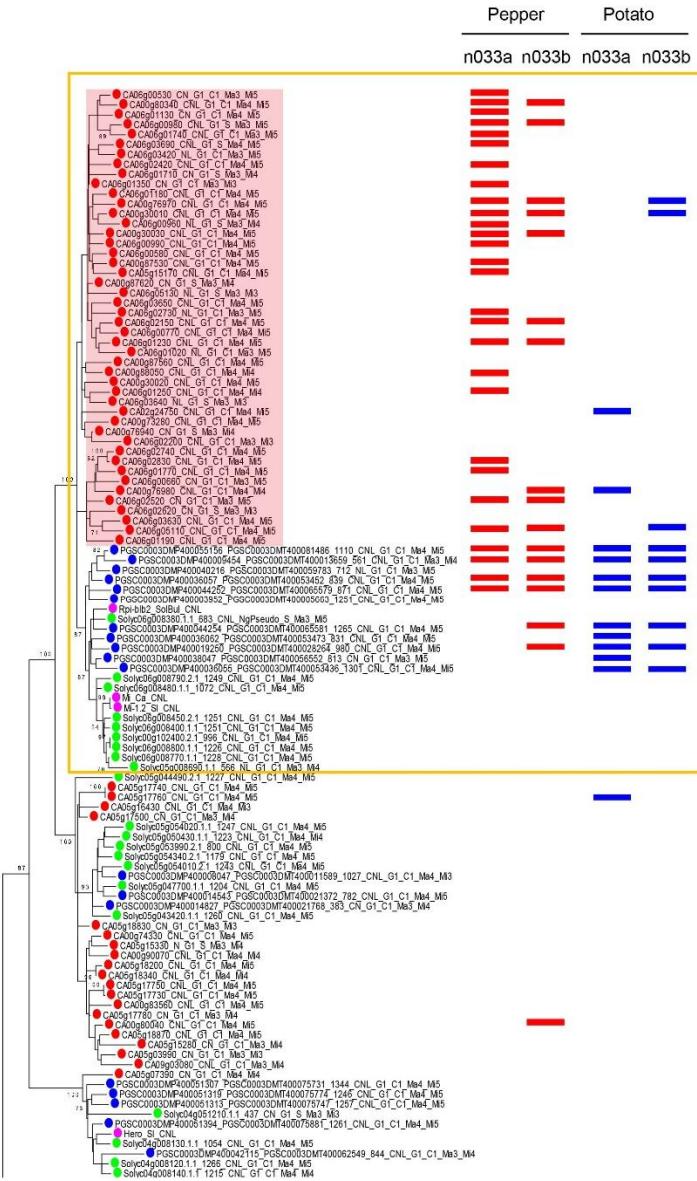
**Figure S11. Hairpin structures of the miR-n026 genes and their expression.**

Hairpin structures of (A) can-miR-n026, (B) stu-miR-n026 and (C) sly-miR-n026, respectively. Color indicates the possibility of base-pairing. (D-F) Small RNA mapping results on the homologous region of miR-n026 in pepper, potato and tomato, respectively.



**Figure S12. Phylogenetic relationships of whole CNL-G1 in pepper, tomato and potato.**

The part in yellow boundary corresponds with Fig. 5b. Red boxes indicate the predicted target CNL-G1 of can-miR-n033. Blue boxes indicate the predicted target CNL-G1 of stu-miR-n033. Note, some CNL-G1 NLRs were excluded in the tree, because their NB-domain did not satisfy the criteria to construct a phylogenetic tree.



## Abstract in Korean

마이크로RNA는 small RNA의 일종으로, 식물에서 생장, 발달, 병 저항성과 같은 다양한 생물학적 과정에 연관되어 있는 것으로 알려져 있다. 이전 연구결과에 따르면, 몇몇 식물 마이크로RNA는 phased, secondary siRNA (phasiRNA)와 같은 이차 small interfering RNA의 생성을 유도하며, 생성된 small RNA들은 몇몇 유전자 군의 발현을 조절한다는 사실이 알려져 있다. 본 연구에서는 고추, 토마토, 감자 마이크로RNA를 진화적인 측면에서 분석하였다. Degradome 분석을 통해 세 종에서의 마이크로RNA 표적 유전자를 발굴하였고, 일부 마이크로RNA들이 병 저항성과 연관된 수많은 유전자들, 가령 nucleotide-binding leucine-rich repeat (NB-LRR)과 receptor-like protein (RLP)와 같은 유전자들을 조절한다는 사실을 확인할 수 있었다. 더욱이 해당 마이크로RNA들이 고추에서 phasiRNA 생성을 유도하여 병 저항성 유전자들에 대한 조절을 강화한다는 사실을 밝혔다. 특히, miR-n033a-3p는 감자에 비해 고추에서 더 많은 NB-LRR 유전자들을 조절할 것으로 예측되었는데, 해당 마이크로RNA의 표적 NB-LRR 유전자들은 주로 고추 특이적으로 팽창된 CNL-G1 분류에 속한다는 사실을 확인할 수 있었다. 이러한 관찰 결과들을 종합하여, 병 저항성에 연관된 마이크로RNA들이 고추에서 표적 유전자 팽창으로 인해 많은 유전자를 조절하도록 진화하였음을 짐작할 수 있었다.

**주요어:** 고추, 마이크로RNA, 병 저항성, 진화, degradome, NB-LRR, phasiRNA, receptor-like protein

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