Identification one major thousand-grain weight QTL TGW12 based on recombinant inbred line population crossed by wild rice (Oryza minuta) introgression line K1561 and indica rice G1025

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Abstract

Background: Rice yield is needed to improve to meet the requirement of increasing population. Narrow genetic source in cultivated rice is limiting the yield improvement. Wild rice owned valuable genes that have been lost or lacked in cultivated rice. Identification of the quantitative trait locus (QTL) for yield related traits such as thousand-grain weight (TGW) from wild rice can be used to widen the genetic source of cultivated rice. Results: In the study, sixteen TGW QTL were identified based on a recombinant inbred line (RIL) population derived from the cross of one introgression line K1561 of Oryza minuta. and one cultivated rice G1025. One largest effective QTL TGW12 was mapped to the region of 241.47 kb between the Specific Locus Amplified Fragment (SLAF) Marker2768345 and Marker2853491. The origin of TGW12 was tested by means of three markers nearby or within the TGW12 region, but it is presently uncertain whether it was originated from Oryza minuta. or not. Preliminary prediction of TGW12 indicated thirty-two Open Reading Fragments (ORFs) in the region. RT-PCR analysis and sequence alignment showed that the coding domain sequence of one MADS-box gene were different between G1025 and K1561 due to alternative slicing, which caused premature transcription termination. The MADS-box gene was considered as one putative candidate of TGW12

Conclusion: We mapped a major QTL TGW12 by RILs population derived from the cross of one O. minuta introgression line and one cultivated rice, and preliminarily concluded its candidate genes. The region of TGW12 should be further narrowed and creation of transgenic lines will reveal its function. In addition, TGW12 can be directly applied for improvement of TGW in breeding program.

Background

Rice (Oryza sativa L.) is the world’s most important cereal crop as a staple food [1]. More rice yield is needed to meet the requirement of rapidly increasing population. Grain weight is one important component of rice yield, and it is usually represented by thousand-grain weight. Many QTLs for rice grain weight have been mapped to all of 12 chromosomes [2-7]. A dozen of QTLs/genes affecting grain weight have be cloned, such as the cytokinin oxidase/dehydrogenase (CKX) OsCKX2(Gn1a)[8], the transmembrane protein GS3 [9, 10 ], and its homolog DEP1 [11], the RING-type E3 ubiquitin ligase GW2 (grain width and weight 2)[12], the arginine-rich domain nuclear protein qSW5/GW5 [13], the
serine carboxypeptidase GS5/qTGW5a [14], the Kelch-like domain qGL3/OsPPKL1 [15], the SBP domain transcription factor GW8 (OsSPL16) [16], the IAA (indole-3-acetic acid)-glucose hydrolase protein TGW6 [17], the GNAT-like protein GW6a (Grain weight of chromosome 6)/OsglHAT1 [18], the ABC1-like kinase OsAGSW1 [19], the AP2 transcript factor qHD5 [20], the cytochrome P450 protein GNS4 [21], the otubain-like protease WTG1 (WIDE AND THICK GRAIN 1) [22], the 16-kDa α-amylase/trypsin inhibitor RAG2 [23], the GSK3/SHAGGY-Like Kinase qTGW3 [24]. GW2, WTG1, OsCKX2, TGW3, TGW6, qSW5/GW5qSW5/GW5, GS3, DEP1, qGL3/OsPPKL1 negatively regulated grain weight, whereas GW6a/OsglHAT1, GNS4, GS5/qTGW5a, OsAGSW1, RAG2, and GW8 (OsSPL16) functioned as positive regulator of grain weight.

To date, QTLs/genes associated with TGW were mostly cloned from the cultivated rice. However, it is well known that the genetics of cultivated rice was becoming narrower during the process of domestication from wild rice, which is limiting the yield improvement of the cultivated rice. The genetic resource of cultivated rice is needed to be expanded for high-yield breeding. Wild rice species contain many valuable genes that can be used for genetic improvements of cultivated rice [25], and it will be an effective way to widen the genetic basis of cultivated rice by sourcing and using favorable wild rice genes.

*Oryza minuta* (*O. minuta*) is a tetraploid wild rice that possesses a number of favorable yield related genes [26]. Rahman et al. mapped 22 novel yield-related QTLs for 16 agronomic traits using a set of introgression line (IL) of *O. minuta*, and demonstrated that 57% of the QTLs were derived from *O. minuta* [26]. In previous work, we also detected 28 QTLs for yield related traits by using ILs derived from the backcross of IR24 (*O. sativa L*) and *O. minuta*, and found that 46.4% of notable QTLs were from *O. minuta* [27].

To further identify the favorable yield related genes from *O. minuta*, a recombinant inbred line has been developed by crossing of K1561 to G1025 [27]. K1561 is one out of 192 ILs derived from backcross progenies (BC₄F₂) of IR24 and *O. minuta*, which shows excellent agronomic traits such as long panicles and high TGW. G1025 is an excellent restorer line that is widely used in Guangxi Province of China with dense grains but light TGW. In this study, QTL mapping was conducted on the
advanced RILs population by SSR and SLAF markers. Thirteen TGW QTLs TGWs were detected under five environments, and one largest effective QTL TGW12 was narrowed to 241.47 kb region based on the high-density genome map constructed with SLAF. The candidate genes of TGW12 were preliminarily concluded, and one gene encoding MADS-box protein was considered as the putative candidate based on sequence alignment. The TGW12 allele for increasing TGW might originated from O. minuta and can be directly used to yield improvement.

Methods

Plant Materials and Field Trials

The parental lines G1025, K1561 along with 201 F6, F7 RILs were planted in Nanning (NN) from February to July in 2013, 2014, respectively. The parental lines along with 201 F8 RILs were planted in NN (February to July) in 2015, and parents and F9 RILs were planted in NN (February to July) and Wuhan (WH) from May to October in 2016, respectively. The phenotypes of parents and RILs were collected to map TGW based on SSR or SLAFs. Grain weight was calculated based on 200 grains and converted to TGW after harvesting and sun-drying. The mean values of ten plants were used as input data to identify QTLs (Table S1).

SSR, Linkage, and QTL analysis

DNA was extracted from fresh leaves following the CTAB procedure [37]. SSR markers were used to analyze a polymorphism between the parents (Table S2). SSR were synthesized according to published sequences [28]. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) was conducted in a 15 µL volume as follow: 50 ng of template DNA, 0.3 µL of 10 mM each dNTPs, 0.5 units of Taq DNA polymerase, 1.5 µL of 10×PCR buffer with Mg2+, and 0.5 µL of 10 umol/L forward and reverse primers. The reaction conditions was carried out as an initial denaturation at 94 °C for 5 min, followed by 35 cycles of 30 s at 94 °C, 30 s at 56 °C, and 30 s at 72 °C, with a final extension at 72 °C for 10 min. PCR products were separated on 6% polyacrylamide denaturing gels, and the bands were revealed by the silver-staining protocol [39].

Linkage was constructed by Mapmaker/Exp 3.0 [39]. Genetic distance was calculated by the Kosambi function. QTLNetwork2.2 was used to analyze QTL at a threshold of LOD 3.0 [40].
Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) genotyping, Linkage Map Construction and QTL analysis

Genomic DNA was extracted from fresh leaves of the parents and RILs by CTAB [37]. Quantified DNA was used for SLAF sequencing by an Illumina HiSeqTM 2500 [41]. SLAF markers, developed in previous work, were used for genotyping, linkage map construction and QTL analysis for TGW in this study as described procedure by Zhu et al [29].

Derived cleaved amplified polymorphic sequences (dCAPS) marker development

dCAPs marker was development for SLAF Marker2758157. Primers were designed according to dCAPS Finder 2.0 (http://helix.wustl.edu/dcaps/dcaps.html). PCR were conducted in a 20 uL volume as follow: 100 ng of template DNA, 0.5 uL of 10 mM each dNTPs, 1 units of Taq DNA polymerase, 2.0 uL of 10×PCR buffer with Mg$^{2+}$, and 0.5 uL of 10 umol/L forward and reverse primers. The reaction conditions was carried out as an initial denaturation at 94 °C for 3 min, followed by 35 cycles of 30 s at 94 °C, 30 s at 60 °C, and 30 s at 72 °C, with a final extension at 72 °C for 5 min. PCR products were digested with EcoR V (Takara, China) for 4 h at 37°C, then were run in 2% agarose gel to genotype.

Candidate genes prediction and RT-PCR analysis

The predicted genes in the target region of QTL were analyzed according to the annotation of Nipponbare reference genome2. RT-PCR was conducted as described by Sha et al. [42]. In brief, total RNA was extracted from roots, leaves, stems, shoot apical meristem, young panicles (1-5 cm), mature panicles (15-20 cm) of K1561 and G1025 with Trizol (Invitrogen, Carlsbad, CA, USA). RNAs were digested with DNase I (Promega, USA) to eliminate genomic DNA contamination before cDNA synthesis. 5.0 ug total RNA was used for cDNA synthesis by M-MLV Reverse Transcriptase (Promega, USA) using oligo-d (T) according to the user manual. 2 ul of the first cDNA strand was used for RT-PCR analysis by gene-specific primer pairs in 20 uL reaction volumes, which contained 1 uM forward and reverse primer each, 200 uM dNTPs, and 1U Taq enzyme (Takara, China). A DNA Engine peltier ThermalCycler (Bio-RAD) was used to perform the reaction. The PCR procedure was as follow: 94 °C, 2 min; 35 cycles of 94 °C for 30 s, 53 °C for 30 s, 72 °C for 1 min per 1 kb; 5 min for a final elongation at 72 °C. The PCR products were purified by Agrose gel and cloned into pMD-18T vector (Takara,
China). Clones were sequenced by Tianyihuiyuan Company (Wuhan, China). Sequence was aligned by ClustalW (https://www.genome.jp/tools-bin/clustalw).

Results

Phenotypic analysis

TGW of the two parents G1025 and K1561 showed highly significant differences under five environments with an average of 16.01 g and 32.07 g (Table 1), respectively. TGW of the 201 individuals was mostly distributed between 20-30 g with an average of 24.60 g, 25.69 g, 22.80 g, 24.97 g, and 25.69 g in 2013NN, 2014NN, 2015NN, 2016NN, 2016WH (Table 1, Figure 1, Table S1), respectively. TGW of 104, 106, 104, 107, and 107 out of the 201 individuals was smaller than the average in 2013NN, 2014NN, 2015NN, 2016NN, 2016WH, and TGW of the remaining individuals was either equal to or larger than the average (Table S1).

QTL mapping of TGW by Simple Sequence Repeats (SSR)

TGW QTLs were preliminarily detected by 300 SSR markers with evenly distribution on the 12 chromosomes. The population were F6, F7 RILs derived from the cross of G1025 and K1561 planted in NN in 2013, 2014. Four QTLs TGW3, TGW7, TGW9.2, and TGW12 were stably detected on the chromosomes 3, 7, 9 and 12 in the two environments (Table 2). TGW12 had the largest effect which located on the region of RM247 and RM7003 (Table 2), so it was selected for further analysis. There were other 166 SSR markers (Table S2) in the region based on the genome sequencing data of Nipponbare [28]. The polymorphism of the 166 SSRs were firstly detected between the parental lines G1025 and K1561. As a result, nine SSRs showed polymorphism but only five displayed clear bands. The five SSRs were further used to detect F6, F7 RILs population in 2013, 2014. Finally, TGW12 was mapped to the 5.1 cM region between RM27638 and RM27748 (Figure 2).

QTL mapping of TGW by SLAF markers

We have developed 5, 521 SLAF markers by SLAF sequencing [29]. To further map TGW QTLs, Those SLAF markers were used to screen F8 RILs in NN in 2015 and F9 RILs in NN and WH in 2016, respectively. A total of eight QTLs were detected in three environments, namely, TGW7, TGW9.1, TGW12 in 2015NN, TGW7, TGW9.2, TGW12 in 2016NN, and TGW7, TGW12 in 2016WH (Table 2, Figure
3). *TGW7* and *TGW12* were both detected in three environments, and *TGW9.1, TGW9.2* was each detected once. *TGW7* explained the phenotypes for 8.01%, 10.76%, and 10.43% inheritance with an LOD of 6.94, 7.69, and 7.48 in 2015NN, 2016NN, and 2016WH, respectively, whereas *TGW12* showed 22.36%, 17.48%, and 17.95% inheritance explaining for the phenotypes with an LOD of 15.42, 11.99, and 11.96 in the three environments, respectively (Table 2). *TGW12* had larger effect than *TGW7*, which was consistent with the results analyzed by SSR mapping (mentioned above). Further analysis for *TGW12* was conducted by comparing the linkage map constructed by SSR and SLAF markers. Consequentially, thirteen SLAF markers fell into the region of RM27638-RM27748, and *TGW12* was further narrowed to 241.47 kb region between SLAFs Marker2768345 and Marker2853491 (Figure 2).

**Evaluation of *TGW12* phenotype and identification of *TGW12* segment genetic origin**

In order to evaluate whether the phenotypes were determined by *TGW12*, 16 out of the 201 RILs containing the *TGW12* region were identified by means of the markers nearby the region (Figure 4). Then, the phenotypes and genotypes of the 16 RILs were compared. All the 16 RILs with one or two segments of K1561 showed TGW increase than the recurrent parent G1025, suggesting *TGW12* control TGW (Figure 4). To clarify whether the increasing effect of *TGW12* was originated from *O. minuta*, the genotypes of G1025, K1561, IR24, and *O. minuta* were detected using markers nearby or within *TGW12*. The genotype of K1561 was the same as that of IR24 but different from that of G1025 and *O. minuta* on the sites of RM27638 and RM27748, which are nearby *TGW12* (Figure 2, Figure 5). However, the genotype of K1561 was the same as those of IR24 and *O. minuta*, but it was different from that of G1025 at the site of Marker2758157, which is within *TGW12*. We cannot presently draw a conclusion whether *TGW12* originated from IR24 or *O. minuta* based on the above results. It has been suggested that translocation through centric break-fusion occurred more frequently than recombination in the introgression lines with interspecific cross, which didn’t always resulted in an *O. minuta* chromosome arm onto a complete or incomplete *O. sativa* chromosome [30]. Thus, we cannot simply identify the *TGW12* origination by means of single marker. It is feasible to compare sequence of *TGW12* candidate among *O. minuta*, IR24, and K1561 once it was fine mapped.

**Preliminary prediction of candidate genes for *TGW12***
Analysis of annotated genes indicated that 32 ORFs located in the 241.47 kb region based on *Nipponbare* genome annotation (http://rice.plantbiology.msu.edu) (Table 3). Among them, 13 ORFs encoded functional proteins and 19 ORFs were annotated as transposon/retrotransposon proteins, hypothetical proteins, or expressed protein. It is worth noting that there were four transcription factors (TFs) among the functional proteins, that is, MADS-box (ORF17, ORF19), ZF-HD protein (ORF24), B-box zinc finger protein (ORF27). Because TFs play crucial roles in regulation of plant growth and development [31], the four TFs were considered preferentially as putative candidate genes of *TGW12*. Reverse transcript (RT)-PCR were conducted to amplify the CDS (coding domain sequence) of the four transcription factors from the parents G1025 and K1561. Sequence comparison indicated that the amplified sequence of ORF17 in K1561 was 56 bp shorter than that of G1025, which resulted in premature transcription termination that only encoding 45 amino acids, whereas ORF17 encoded 202 amino acids in G1025. Further analysis displayed that the decreased 56 bp in K1561 was due to alternative splicing (AS) in the first intron (Figure 6). There were no difference in the CDS of ORF19, ORF24, and ORF27 between K1561 and G1025 (data not shown). Thus, the MADS-box (ORF17) is one putative candidate of *TGW12*. Of course, other nine functional proteins and the hypothetical proteins, or expressed protein cannot be excluded, which required more experiments to verify.

**Discussion**

Rice is one of the most staple food widely consumed by one-half world's people and more product is needed in the future. However, further yield improvement of rice is constrained by the narrow genetic basis of cultivated varieties. Wild rice species are good candidates for widening the genetic basis of cultivated rice due to preserved many valuably original genes [25]. *O. minuta* possesses a number of outstanding genes associated with resistance and yield [26]. Lots of QTLs for yield related traits have been identified using the introgression lines (IL) consisting of *O. minuta* segments [26, 27]. In this study, sixteen *TGWs* were detected using the advanced RILs population under five environments (Table 2). Among them, one largest effective QTL *TGW12* was located on chromosome 12. Eight QTLs (AQAG040, AQCF014, AQAG053, AQGP079, AQDR045,
AQDR047, AQCY020, COAS153) have been mapped to Chromosome 12 (http://archive.gramene.org/). Location comparison indicated that TGW12 was partially overlapped with AQDR045. TGW12 and AQDR045 were located in 4037811-6150143 and 1589200-5829185 of Chromosome 12 on the physical map of Nipponbare genome [28], respectively, suggesting there might be a major QTL controlling grain weigh in this region. However, AQDR045 was mapped by using the population derived from two cultivated rice Lemont and Teqing [32], whereas TGW12 was mapped by using the population of one O. minuta introgression line and one cultivated lines. Although it was uncertain whether TGW12 allele originated from O. minuta or IR24, it showed a great increasing effect for TGW and could be directly applied in the breeding program.

There were 32 annotated ORFs between TGW12 region, and we concluded the four ORFs encoding TFs as candidate due to their regulatory roles in plant growth and development. Sequence analysis indicated the amino acid sequence encoded by ORF17 were different between K1561 and G1025 due to AS happened, whereas there were no sequence difference for other three TFs ORF19, ORF24, and ORF27 between K1561 and G1025. So we assumed that ORF17 as one candidate of TGW12. ORF17 encoded MADS-box protein, which have highly conserved DNA-binding MADS domain and are involved predominantly in developmental processes [33]. In Arabidopsis, there are 107 genes encoding MADS-box proteins [33], and almost all of them are involved in the process of flower and seed development [34]. In rice, 75 MADS-box genes were identified, and more than 20 were transcribed during the stages of panicle and seed development [35]. In addition, alternative splicing of one MADS-box transcription factor OsMADS1 encoded by OsLG3b (Os03g0215400) controls grain length and yield in japonica rice [36]. The results suggested that ORF17 was one potential candidate of TGW12, but other ORFs located in the region could not be excluded at present.

Conclusions
We mapped a major QTL TGW12 by RILs population derived from the cross of one O. minuta introgression line and one cultivated rice, and preliminarily concluded its candidate genes. The region of TGW12 should be further narrowed to determine the exact candidate gene by developing backcross population and screening recombinant individuals. Sequence analysis of candidates will be
helpful for ascertaining the origin of TGW12, and creation of transgenic lines will reveal its function.

Abbreviations
CKX: Cytokinin oxidase/dehydrogenase; dCAPS: Derived cleaved amplified polymorphic sequences; GW2: Grain width and weight 2; GW6a: Grain weight of chromosome 6; IAA: Indole-3-acetic acid; ORFs: Open reading fragments; PCR: Polymerase chain reaction; QTL: Quantitative trait locus; RIL: Recombinant inbred line; RT-PCR: Reverse transcript (RT)-PCR; SLAF: Specific locus amplified fragment; SNP: Single Nucleotide Polymorphism; SSR: Simple sequence repeats; TGW: Thousand-grain weight; WTG1: Wide and thick grain 1.

Declarations

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Tables

Table 1 Thousand Grain weight of Parental lines G1025, K1561 and RILs

| Environments | G1025 (g) | K1561 (g) | RILS (g) | Range (g) |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 2013NN       | 16.23±0.07| 31.94±0.09| 24.60±2.74| 16.82-34.67|
| 2014NN       | 16.89±0.09| 32.99±0.12| 25.69±2.90| 16.68-36.02|
| 2015NN       | 14.44±0.05| 29.58±0.07| 22.80±2.48| 16.67-31.26|
| 2016NN       | 15.76±0.06| 33.68±0.13| 24.97±3.00| 15.68-34.05|
| 2016WH       | 16.73±0.09| 32.18±0.11| 25.69±3.04| 16.69-35.00|

NN: Nanning; WH, Wuhan

Table 2 Quantitative trait loci (QTL) analysis of rice thousand grain weight

| Environments | QTL | Chr | Marker interval | Marker interval (cM) | LOD | Additive effect | R² (%) | The donor parent |
|--------------|-----|-----|----------------|----------------------|-----|----------------|--------|-----------------|
| 2013NN       | TGW3 | 3   | RM186-RM416    | 95.7                 | 0.76| 5.83           | K1561  |
| TGW7         |     | 7   | RM455-RM10     | 76.1                 | 1.22| 9.25           | K1561  |
| TGW9.2       |     | 9   | RM201-RM6294   | 85.3                 | 1.05| 8.07           | K1561  |
| TGW12        |     | 12  | RM7003-RM247   | 45.6                 | 1.93| 24.81          | K1561  |
| 2014NN       | TGW3 | 3   | RM186-RM416    | 95.7                 | 0.69| 4.37           | K1561  |
| TGW7         |     | 7   | RM455-RM10     | 76.1                 | 1.39| 10.88          | K1561  |
| TGW9.2       |     | 9   | RM201-RM6294   | 85.3                 | 0.85| 5.34           | K1561  |
| TGW12        |     | 12  | RM7003-RM247   | 45.6                 | 1.71| 19.12          | K1561  |
| 2015NN       | TGW7 | 7   | Marker1254956  | 99.60                | 0.71| 8.01           | K1561  |
| TGW9.1       |     | 9   | Marker864241   | 166.79               | 0.84| 11.21          | K1561  |
| TGW12        |     | 12  | Marker2767906  | 56.06                | 1.18| 22.36          | K1561  |
| 2016NN       | TGW7 | 7   | Marker1254956  | 99.60                | 0.99| 10.76          | K1561  |
| TGW9.2       |     | 9   | Marker775977   | 163.15               | 1.09| 12.95          | K1561  |
| TGW12        |     | 12  | Marker2767906  | 56.06                | 1.26| 17.48          | K1561  |
| 2016WH       | TGW7 | 7   | Marker1124977  | 101.91               | 0.99| 10.43          | K1561  |
| TGW12        |     | 12  | Marker2767906  | 56.06                | 1.30| 17.95          | K1561  |

NN: Nanning; WH: Wuhan.
Table 3 Predicted candidate genes of TGW12

| ORFs  | Gene product                                           | ORFs  | Gene product                                           |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| ORF1  | NB-ARC/LRR disease resistance protein                 | ORF17 | ATP synthase subunit beta                              |
| ORF2  | Ty3-gypsy retrotransposon protein                      | ORF18 | Ribulose bisphosphate carboxylase large chain precursor|
| ORF3  | Ty3-gypsy retrotransposon protein                      | ORF19 | OsClp13 - Putative Clp protease homologue              |
| ORF4  | Ty3-gypsy retrotransposon protein                      | ORF20 | Photosystem II P680 chlorophyll A apoprotein           |
| ORF5  | expressed protein                                      | ORF21 | Retrotransposon protein                                |
| ORF6  | rp1                                                    | ORF22 | Ty3-gypsy retrotransposon protein                      |
| ORF7  | expressed protein                                      | ORF23 | Ty3-gypsy retrotransposon protein                      |
| ORF8  | hypothetical protein                                   | ORF24 | ZF-HD protein                                          |
| ORF9  | expressed protein                                      | ORF25 | uncharacterized protein ycf45                          |
| ORF10 | Ty1-copia retrotransposon protein                      | ORF26 | expressed protein                                      |
| ORF11 | expressed protein                                      | ORF27 | B-box zinc finger family protein                        |
| ORF12 | MADS-box family gene                                   | ORF28 | AAA-type ATPase family protein                         |
| ORF13 | expressed protein                                      | ORF29 | Retrotransposon protein                                |
| ORF14 | MADS-box family gene                                   | ORF30 | expressed protein                                      |
| ORF15 | CACTA transposon protein                               | ORF31 | expressed protein                                      |
| ORF16 | Clathrin adaptor complex small chain domain containing protein | ORF32 | NB-ARC domain containing protein                        |

Figures
Figure 1

Phenotypic evaluation of thousand-grain weight (TGW) for G1025, K1561 and RILs. The Y axis represents the number of lines. The X axis is continuous for TGW: 16 g < TGW ≤ 20 g; 20 < TGW ≤ 22 g; 22 < TGW ≤ 24 g; 24 < TGW ≤ 26 g; 26 < TGW ≤ 28 g; 28 < TGW ≤ 30 g; TGW > 30 g. G1025 and K1501 are the parents with light and weight TGW, respectively. The arrows mean TGW range of G1025 and K1561.
Figure 2

Mapping of TGW12 by SSR and SLAF Markers.
QTLs for TGW were identified in 2015NN (A), 2016NN (B), and 2016WH (C)
Genotypes and phenotypes of 16 RILs and parents. Left figure, genotypes of 16 RILs and parents. Marker1-21, Marker2804825, Marker2755190, Marker272486, RM27748, Marker2758610, Marker2776377, Marker2832175, Marker2745315, Marker2853491, Marker2758157, Marker2768345, Marker2746984, Marker2737811, Marker2797863, RM27638, Marker2734798, Marker2854577, Marker2827288, Marker2753963, Marker2716467, Marker2852418, respectively. Solid bar represents segments of G1025, and hallow bar represents segments of K1561. Right figure, phenotypes of 13 RILs and parents.
Identification of TGW12 segment by SSR or SLAF markers. Lanes 1-4, K1561, IR24, O. minuta, G1025. M, DNA marker 2000 plus.
Figure 6

RT-PCR for ORF17 and sequence alignment. (A) RT-PCR for ORF17. M, DNA marker 2000 plus; R, root; S, stem; L, leave; SAM, shoot apical meristem; YP, young panicles (1-5 cm); MP, mature panicles (15-20 cm). (B) Sequence alignment of ORF17 between G1025 and K1561. Solid bar, exon; hollow bar, 3’untranslated region; line, intron. The red and green letters indicated the sequence of exon1; the blue letters indicated the sequence of exon2; the black letters indicated the sequence of intron. The symbol of \ indicated the omitted sequences.

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