

1 DeepTetrad: high-throughput analysis of meiotic tetrads by deep 2 learning in plants

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15 Abstract

16 Meiotic crossovers facilitate chromosome segregation and create new combinations of alleles
17 in gametes. Crossover frequency varies along chromosomes and crossover interference limits
18 the coincidence of closely spaced crossovers. Crossovers can be measured by observing the
19 inheritance of linked transgenes expressing different colors of fluorescent protein in
20 *Arabidopsis* pollen tetrads. Here we establish DeepTetrad, a deep learning-based image
21 recognition package for pollen tetrad analysis that enables high-throughput measurements of
22 crossover frequency and interference in individual plants. DeepTetrad will accelerate genetic
23 dissection of mechanisms that control meiotic recombination.

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25 Main

26 Meiosis consists of two consecutive nuclear divisions and produces four haploid gametes from
27 a single diploid cell in sexually reproducing eukaryotes¹. In *Arabidopsis* male meiosis, ~200–

28 250 meiotic DNA double-strand breaks (DSBs) are induced in the genome by a DNA
29 topoisomerase VI-like complex to initiate meiotic recombination²⁻⁴. Of these DSBs, only ~8–
30 11 are repaired as crossovers (COs) using a homologous chromosome (homolog). Thus, male
31 meiosis in the *Arabidopsis* genome, which comprises five chromosomes, results in an average
32 of ~1.8 crossovers between homologs. This low number suggests the existence of
33 mechanisms that limit crossovers, a phenomenon that is observed in most eukaryotes².
34 Meiotic DSB and CO frequencies are controlled by genetic and epigenetic factors and are
35 non-randomly distributed along chromosomes, with higher levels around gene promoters and
36 terminators and lower levels across the centromeres⁵⁻⁷.

37 At least two pathways (Type I and Type II), contribute to CO formation^{2,3}. The Type I pathway
38 leads to interfering COs that prevent the coincident occurrence of closely spaced CO on the
39 same pair of chromosomes^{2,8,9}. In plants, interfering COs represent ~80–85% of total COs and
40 are dependent on the ZMM proteins (ZIP4, MSH4, MSH5, MER3, HEI10, SHOC1, PTD, MLH1,
41 MLH3). The remaining ~10–15% of COs are non-interfering and occur via the Type II
42 pathway¹⁰. Non-interfering COs are resolved by the MUS81 endonuclease and are restricted
43 by anti-recombination factors such as FANCM, RECQ4A, RECQ4B, and FIGL1¹¹⁻¹⁵.
44 Disruption of anti-recombination factors can increase the number of Type II COs in plants,
45 which has the potential to create new combinations of desirable alleles that can improve crop
46 varieties^{13,16}. Therefore, high-throughput detection and understanding of CO frequency and
47 interference have important implications for our understanding of the control of meiotic
48 recombination as well as for breeding.

49 In *Arabidopsis*, CO frequency and interference can be measured by pollen tetrad analysis
50 using Fluorescent-Tagged Lines (FTLs) in the *quartet1* (*qrt1*) background^{17,18}. Mutation of the
51 *QRT1* gene encoding a pectin methylestrase results in the four pollen products of male
52 meiosis remaining attached to one another, allowing classical tetrad analysis. Each FTL has
53 a transgene that expresses eYFP (Y), dsRed (R) or eCFP (C) fluorescent proteins in mature
54 pollen using the post-meiotic *LAT52* promoter. Genetic intervals bounded by transgenes
55 expressing different colors (e.g. *I1bc*, *I1fg*, *I2ab*, *I2fg*, *I3bc*, *CEN3*, *I5ab*; Supplementary Fig.
56 1) can be created by crossing FTLs. Scoring the segregation of 2 or 3 linked markers enables
57 CO frequency and interference to be measured. For example, plants that are hemizygous for
58 the three markers (*YRC/+++*) that define the *I1bc* interval produce 12 pollen tetrad classes
59 (A–L) depending on the number of COs between *YR* and *RC* (Supplementary Fig. 2). The
60 relative segregation of any two markers can be used to place pollen tetrads into one of the

61 three categories used for classic tetrad analysis: parental ditype (PD), tetratype (T) and non-
62 parental ditype (NPD) (Supplementary Fig. 3). Tetrad analysis enables the calculation of map
63 distances between pairs of markers, and measurement of CO interference between adjacent
64 intervals.

65 Visual analysis of pollen tetrads is a powerful method for measuring genetic distance and
66 crossover interference in *Arabidopsis*^{12,14,15,17,18}. For example, manual analysis using
67 fluorescence microscopy has been used to measure interference by comparing the map
68 distances of two-color FTL intervals with and without COs in an adjacent interval¹⁸. However,
69 manually scoring large numbers of tetrads is laborious and time consuming. Alternatively,
70 FTLs in the *qrt1/+* or *QRT1* background can be analyzed by flow cytometry, which allows rapid
71 measurement of CO frequency and interference of ~10,000 single pollen grains per plant^{19–21}.
72 Unfortunately, the flow cytometric method is unable to detect double crossovers within single
73 intervals, requires high purity pollen samples, and uses specialized equipment for three-color
74 measurements. As an alternative, we have developed DeepTetrad
75 (<https://github.com/abysslover/deeptetrad>), a deep learning-based image recognition package
76 that enables quick, high-throughput, automated pollen tetrad analysis that can be used with
77 existing FTL lines.

78 To develop DeepTetrad, we adapted the Mask Regional Convolutional Neural Network (Mask
79 R-CNN), integrating a deep residual network (ResNet) backbone for image recognition to
80 detect four-pollen tetrads with and without fluorescence^{22,23} (Fig. 1). First, DeepTetrad must
81 precisely recognize pollen tetrads in bright-field pollen images, which include not only tetrads
82 but also triads, dyads and monads (Fig. 1 a–c). DeepTetrad was assembled with two separate
83 Mask R-CNN processes, using a ResNet-FPN backbone to generate masks of the bright-field
84 pollen images (Fig. 1a)^{23,24}. Then, DeepTetrad was trained to detect whole tetrad, triad, or
85 dyad images via a Tetrad Segmentation Model with a ResNet depth of 101 layers. In parallel,
86 we also trained DeepTetrad to detect every single pollen cell within tetrads, triads, dyads, and
87 even monads via a Pollen Segmentation Model with a ResNet of depth 50 layers (Fig 1a). We
88 used Keras and TensorFlow backends for training, with input bright-field images of pollen
89 tetrads from FTLs^{25,26}.

90 When trained, DeepTetrad can produce masks of both tetrad-like (tetrads, triads, dyads) and
91 single pollen-like objects from bright-field images of pollen tetrads (Fig. 1b). Next, DeepTetrad
92 assigns a centroid to each pollen mask. Based on the position and distance between centroids

93 of pollen masks within each tetrad-like mask, DeepTetrad recognizes measurable tetrads
94 comprising four detectable pollen grains in the bright-field images (Fig. 1c). DeepTetrad's
95 tetrad classifier then determines a tetrad type from a choice of 12 classes (A–L) for three-color
96 assays (Supplementary Fig. 4), or from a choice of three types (PD, T, NPD) for two-color
97 assays (Supplementary Fig. 5), according to the segregation pattern and intensity of
98 fluorescence (yellow, red, cyan) in the four pollen masks per tetrad mask (Fig. 1d). CO
99 frequency and interference can then be calculated using the frequency of tetrads in each
100 class¹⁸. Because DeepTetrad is able to recognize single pollen grains and classify their
101 fluorescence in tetrads, triads, dyads and monads, we developed the DeepMonad package
102 by subclassing DeepTetrad. Like flow cytometry analysis, DeepMonad can measure crossover
103 frequency and interference in FTLs by analyzing images of single fluorescent pollen grains in
104 the *qrt1/+* and *QRT1* backgrounds¹⁹. In addition, DeepMonad can analyze single grains within
105 tetrads, which allows comparison of genetic distances and interference calculated by
106 DeepTetrad and DeepMonad (Fig. 2).

107 Since DeepTetrad does not require specialized equipment (like flow cytometry), we developed
108 a quick, simple method to prepare a large number of pollen tetrads for high-throughput imaging
109 (Fig. 2a). This method allows extensive image sets of pollen tetrads (bright-field, red, yellow
110 and cyan) to be obtained, which can then be analyzed quickly and simultaneously by
111 DeepTetrad (Supplementary Table 1). We used this technique to measure genetic distances
112 in two-color FTL intervals (*CEN3*, *I1b*, *I1c*, *I1b-c*, *I1f*, *I1g*, *I1f-g*, *I2f*, *I2g*, *I2f-g*, *I3b*, *I3c*, *I3b-c*,
113 *I5a*, *I5b*, *I5a-b*) using DeepTetrad (Fig. 2b, Supplementary Fig. 1). The genetic distance values
114 obtained this way were similar to those obtained using manual tetrad counting, flow cytometry
115 and DeepMonad (Fig. 2b, Supplementary Table 2-4). Intriguingly, our DeepTetrad analysis
116 showed higher crossover frequencies for long intervals (*I1b*, *I1c*, *I1b-c*, *I3b-c*, *I5a*, *I5b*, *I5a-b*)
117 compared to DeepMonad single pollen analysis; this was because DeepTetrad, but not
118 DeepMonad, detects double crossovers in long intervals (Fig. 2b, Supplementary Table 2-4).
119 In addition, the *CEN3* interval which spans the centromere on chromosome 3 had a lower CO
120 rate (2.21 cM/Mb) than the overall male chromosome average CO frequencies (4.77 cM/Mb),
121 and intervals *I2f*, *I2g* and *I2f-g* which are close to the telomere had higher CO frequencies
122 (10.19 cM/Mb, 10.71 cM/Mb and 10.23 cM/Mb, respectively) (Fig. 2c, Supplementary Fig. 1),
123 consistent with prior observations^{6,7,27}. DeepTetrad can also recognize tetrad images taken at
124 different magnifications, and produces consistent CO frequency irrespective of scale (Fig. 2d,
125 Supplementary Fig. 6).

126 To demonstrate DeepTetrad's utility for measuring CO interference we analyzed tetrad images
127 from the three-color (*YRC/+++*) FTL interval-*I1bc* (Fig. 2e, Supplementary Fig. 1). Previously,
128 interference had been measured in manually counted tetrads by calculating the interference
129 ratio (defined here as σ) of the map distance of an interval (*i1*) in tetrads that have a CO in an
130 adjacent interval (*i2*) with the map distance of the same interval (*i1*) in tetrads that lack a CO
131 in *i2*¹⁸. Analysis of 18,584 tetrads with DeepTetrad resulted in a σ value of 0.33 for *I1bc* which
132 is consistent with the σ value of 0.36 obtained by manually counting 923 tetrads (Fig. 2e,
133 Supplementary Table 2-5). Flow cytometry has also been used to measure interference in
134 fluorescent-tagged pollen monads by calculating the ratio of observed double COs to expected
135 double COs ($I=1$ -coefficient of coincidence, the ratio of DCO_{obs} to DCO_{exp})¹⁹. An analysis of
136 74,336 monads (converted from tetrad images) using this method with DeepTetrad resulted in
137 an interference value of 0.54 for *I1bc* (*YRC/+++*) which was consistent with a value of 0.56
138 obtained from flow sorting 135,789 monads (Fig. 2e)¹⁹. To provide baseline values for future
139 studies we also used DeepTetrad and DeepMonad to measured σ and I values in 4 other 3-
140 color FTL intervals (*I1fg*, *I2fg*, *I3bc* and *I5ab*; (Fig. 2e, Supplementary Table 2 and 3).
141 Previously, it was shown that frequency of Type II COs increases in *fancm* single mutants, as
142 well as *recq4a recq4b figl1* triple mutants, leading to an absence of interference ($I=0$, σ
143 $=1$)^{12,14,15,19}. Using DeepTetrad, we found that the σ value of FTL-*I2ab* in *recq4a recq4b figl1*
144 plants is 1, indicating no detectable interference, consistent with the prior observations (Fig.
145 2f, Supplementary Table 2 and 3). Taken together, our data demonstrate that DeepTetrad is a
146 useful deep learning-based image recognition package for high-throughput measurements of
147 both CO frequency and interference.

148 The FTL-based visual tetrad assay has been used extensively in studies of plant meiosis^{12,17,18}.
149 The application of flow cytometry to FTLs allowed rapid, high-throughput measurement of CO
150 frequency and interference^{19,21}. Here, we have extended the utility of FTLs further by
151 developing DeepTetrad to enable quick, simple, and automated tetrad analysis. DeepTetrad
152 will accelerate genetic analysis of meiotic recombination mechanisms as well as the influence
153 of epigenetic and environmental effects.

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155 **Methods**

156 **DeepTetrad Network Architecture**

157 DeepTetrad assembles two separate Mask Regional Convolutional Neural Network (Mask R-
158 CNN) for the instance segmentation task²³. They generate masks of pollen objects and tetrad
159 objects, respectively, from input bright-field images. As backbone architectures, which are
160 responsible for feature detection, we used deep residual networks (ResNet) of depths 50 and
161 101, with a feature pyramid network (FPN)²⁸. We use the same terminology and definitions as
162 those used in the Mask R-CNN article²³ when describing the backbone; ResNet-50-FPN.
163 Multi-task loss L is also defined in the same manner.

$$164 \quad L = L_{cls} + L_{box} + L_{mask}$$

165 , where L_{cls} is classification loss. L_{box} is loss of bounding box $v=(v_x, v_y, v_w, v_h)$, which is a
166 rectangle defined by coordinates of the upper-top vertex (x, y) , and the dimension (width w ,
167 height h). L_{mask} is mask loss. The i -th mask of bounding box v , which is the core feature in
168 DeepTetrad, is a grayscale image defined by the following logical predicate.

$$169 \quad m_i(v) = \{(x_i, y_i) \mid pixel(x_i, y_i) > 0, v_x \leq x_i < v_x + v_w, v_y \leq y_i < v_y + v_h, i > 0\}$$

170 , in which the $pixel(x, y)$ function returns the pixel value of given coordinates in an image.

171 Mask segmentation is a multi-label classification. Hence L_{mask} must be calculated
172 independently for each class in a single image. It is achieved by applying a sigmoid function
173 to each pixel, from which the mean of binary cross entropy loss is calculated.

$$174 \quad L_{mask} = -\sum_{i=1}^{C=2} y_i \log\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{x_i}}\right)$$

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176 Training

177 DeepTetrad is trained by nVidia TITAN X with 12 GB RAM using Keras²⁶ and Tensorflow²⁵
178 backends in the CUDA 10 platform. Transfer learning is performed with pre-trained weights
179 on a Microsoft COCO dataset²⁹. Input images are of fixed dimensions (1,920, 2,560). Zero-
180 padding resizes each image to the exact dimension of (2,048, 2,560), which ensures that width
181 and height are multiples of 512. The image is cropped at random positions with dimensions of
182 (512, 512). For pollen objects, 919 training masks and 370 validation masks were used for

183 data augmentation. For tetrad objects, 1,371 training masks and 617 validation masks were
184 used. Masks were annotated using VGG Image Annotator (VIA)³⁰.

185 Image augmentation with scaling, translation, rotation, and shearing operations is randomly
186 triggered to each training session and validation mini-batch. During an epoch, a mini-batch of
187 two images per Graphic Processing Unit (GPU) is fed to the backbone. Regions of interest
188 (ROIs) or bounding boxes are sampled 128 times for the pollen model; 512 times for the tetrad
189 model.

190 The pollen model, in which ResNet-50-FPN backbone is integrated, is trained by a single GPU
191 for 10,000 iterations using the Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD) optimizer with a learning
192 rate of 0.001, momentum of 0.9, and weight decay of 0.0001. The tetrad model is trained with
193 the same configuration, except that the backbone is replaced with ResNet-101-FPN and the
194 number of iterations is increased to 20,000.

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196 **Inference**

197 Each backbone applies non-maximum suppression to 6,000 ROI candidates, in turn yielding
198 1,000 ROIs. The number of detected masks is limited by the maximum number of detecting
199 instances D , which is set to 200. Hence, only D -detected ROIs with the highest scores are
200 selected to create masks. If D is increased, the model may fail to infer masks because of
201 memory limitation, or the inference may be seriously prolonged. The model might also
202 overlook a considerable number of masks, which would be a critical problem.

203 As a solution, DeepTetrad tries to infer masks from cropped images rather than directly
204 gathering them from a whole image. In an image of dimension (2048, 2560), there are at least
205 1,600–5,000 ground truth pollen masks, and at least 400–1,250 ground truth tetrad masks. As
206 well as tetrad masks, monad, dyad, and triad masks will also be reported by the tetrad model.
207 Thus, the number of ground truth masks in the whole image is much larger than D in both
208 cases. A total of 63 cropped images of dimension (512, 512) are generated from the whole
209 image, thereby left images of dimension (256, 512), or top images of dimension (512, 256)
210 are intersected with one another. Complete inference for the whole image involves predicting
211 masks from a mini-batch of 21 cropped images in three epochs.

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213 **Mask refinement**

214 All masks from the inference stage need to be refined. Masks that are produced at the edges
215 of the cropped image are usually not overlapping in local coordinates, which represent the
216 spatial location before translating to that in the whole image. However, they can become
217 broken or overlapping when translated to global coordinates, which are the coordinates in the
218 whole image. After removing broken or overlapping masks, contours and the number of tetrad
219 and pollen masks can be more accurately determined. The procedure is as follows: i) all pixel
220 coordinates of pollen masks, M_p , and tetrad masks, M_t in each cropped image are moved to
221 global coordinates by translation (affine transformation). ii) All pixel coordinates of tetrad
222 masks are stored in a k -d tree, T_t . Similarly, all pollen masks are kept in a k -d tree, T_p . iii) All
223 tetrad masks are queried against T_t , and, similarly, all pollen masks are queried against T_p to
224 collect refined tetrad masks, Ψ_t , and refined pollen masks, Ψ_p , which meet the predicate below:

$$225 \quad \Psi_c(M_c) = \{m_i \mid \text{dist}(m_i, m_j) = 0, n(m_i) > n(m_j), i \neq j, m_i \in M_c, m_j \in M_c\}$$

226 , in which, $\text{dist}(x, y)$ returns a Euclidean distance between x and y , $n(x)$ returns the number of
227 elements, and c is either t (tetrad) or p (pollen).

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229 The measurable tetrad masks and pollen masks, Ω , are defined as follows:

$$230 \quad \Omega(\Psi_t, \Psi_p) = \{(\psi_i, \psi_j) \mid n(\psi_i \cap \text{centroid}(\psi_j)) = 4, \psi_i \in \Psi_t, \psi_j \in \Psi_p\}$$

231 , where $\text{centroid}(x)$ yields the median of given mask coordinates.

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233 Centroids are calculated to associate a tetrad mask Ψ_t , with the refined pollen masks Ψ_p . Each
234 centroid of a pollen mask, Ψ_p , is queried against T_t , then Ψ_p is associated with a tetrad mask,
235 Ψ_t if the Euclidean distance between them is 0. When the number of Ψ_p associated with Ψ_t is
236 four, they are deemed to be measurable.

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238 **Tetrad classification**

239 A tetrad mask can be classified into a representative type of crossover event according to the
240 fluorescence intensity values of associated pollen masks. The signal intensity, S_c , is defined
241 as the mean of pixel values in each fluorescence channel of measurable pollen masks, in
242 which c can be a fluorescence channel of red (R), yellow (Y), or cyan (C). We assume $c=\{R,$
243 $Y\}$ for two-channel images, and $c=\{R, Y, C\}$ for three-channel images. For measurable tetrad
244 masks, S_c of four pollen masks can be calculated, yet those which have undergone silencing
245 in fluorescent protein expression should be ignored. If silencing occurs, the difference between
246 S_c of the second-highest and the third-highest would be smaller than a certain threshold, Θ .
247 Second-highest S_c represents presence or on-state of fluorescence proteins, whereas the
248 third-highest implies absence or off-state of the proteins. Z-scores are calculated for four S_c
249 values before finding Θ . We explored a parameter space of Θ up to two decimal places using
250 an adaptive grid search method, then Θ was set to 0.40, meaning that S_c differences between
251 on-state and off-state must be bigger than but not equal to 0.40 in a normal distribution.

252 We determine if fluorescent proteins in a pollen grain are expressed by comparing individual
253 S_c with the median of all four S_c values. With per-channel expressions, tetrad masks are
254 classified as one of classical three tetrad types: parental ditype (PD), tetra type (T), and non-
255 parental ditype (NPD), with two-color FTL intervals or 12 classes (A to L) with the three-color
256 counterparts (Supplementary Fig. 2 and 3). In three-color FTL intervals that have two intervals
257 ($i1$ and $i2$) with four chromatids (1-4), tetrad classes are non-crossover (A), single crossover
258 interval 1 (B; SCO- $i1$), single crossover interval 2 (C; SCO- $i2$), two strand double crossover
259 (D; 2stDCO), three strand double crossover a (E; 3st DCOa), three strand double crossover b
260 (F; 3st DCOb), four strand double crossover (G; 4st DCO), non-parental ditype interval 1, non-
261 crossover interval 2 (H; NPD- $i1$ NCO- $i2$), non-crossover interval 1, non-parental ditype interval
262 2 (I; NCO- $i1$ NPD- $i2$), non-parental ditype interval 1, single crossover interval 2 (J; NPD- $i1$
263 SCO- $i2$), single crossover interval 1, non-parental ditype interval 2 (K; SCO- $i1$ NPD- $i2$) and
264 non-parental ditype interval 1, non-parental ditype interval 2 (L; NPD- $i1$ NPD- $i2$)¹⁸.

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266 **Calculation of interference**

267 With two-color FTL intervals, we calculate crossover frequency following Perkin's equation:

$$268 \quad cM = \frac{0.5T + 3NPD}{(PD + T + NPD)} * 100$$

269 With three-color FTL intervals, we can calculate the interference ratio σ , which is the ratio of
270 the map distance with adjacent crossover χ_γ to the map distance without adjacent crossover
271 χ_δ .

$$272 \quad \chi_\gamma = \frac{0.5T_\gamma + 3NPD_\gamma}{PD_\gamma + T_\gamma + NPD_\gamma} = \frac{0.5(D + E + F + G + K) + 3(J + L)}{(C + I) + (D + E + F + G + K) + (J + L)}$$

$$273 \quad \chi_\delta = \frac{0.5T_\delta + 3NPD_\delta}{PD_\delta + T_\delta + NPD_\delta} = \frac{0.5(B) + 3(H)}{(A) + (B) + (H)}$$

$$274 \quad \sigma = \frac{\chi_\gamma}{\chi_\delta}$$

275 , in which PD means the number of parental ditypes or no crossover event. T is the number of
276 tetratype or single crossover events. NPD is the number of non-parental ditype or double
277 crossover events. A-L letters represent 12 tetrad classes from three-color FTLs
278 (Supplementary Fig. 2)¹⁸.

279 In the above equations, we assumed that two adjacent genetic intervals of $i1$ and $i2$ are defined
280 by three separate fluorescent protein transgenes of red, yellow, and cyan in sequential order.
281 The γ represents that at least a single crossover event occurred at $i2$, meanwhile δ denotes
282 that no crossover events were found at $i2$. We highlight that the number of crossover event is
283 counted at $i1$. T_γ is the tetratype tetrads for $i1$ that have a CO in $i2$, and T_δ is the tetratype
284 tetrads for $i1$ that do not have a CO in $i2$. DeepTetrad maps the order of input color images
285 (red-yellow-cyan) to the physical order of fluorescent protein transgenes of FTLs for
286 calculating the interference ratio as well as genetic distance.

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288 **Pollen tetrad preparation**

289 FTL plants were grown at 20°C under long-day condition (16 h light/8 h dark). Twenty open
290 flowers of a primary shoot from 30-day old FTL plants were collected in a 1.5-ml tube, and
291 1 ml of pollen tetrad preparation solution (17% sucrose, 2 mM CaCl₂, 1.625 mM boric acid,
292 0.1% Triton-X-100, pH 7.5) was added before incubating for 5 min at room temperature, with
293 gentle rotation. Flowers and the solution were mixed by inverting the tube several times. The
294 solution of pollen tetrads was pipetted and filtered into a new 1.5-ml tube through an 80- μ m

295 nylon mesh (30 x 30 mm). The filtered solution was centrifuged at 500g for 3 min to make a
296 yellow pellet. The supernatant was removed and discarded by pipetting or vacuum aspiration.
297 Four μ l of pollen tetrad preparation solution was added to the yellow pellet. After pipetting
298 gently five times, the 4- μ l suspension of pollen tetrads was loaded on a glass microscope slide
299 and covered with a small cover glass (9 x 9 mm). This resulted in ~2,500 tetrads for imaging.

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301 **Microscopy and imaging**

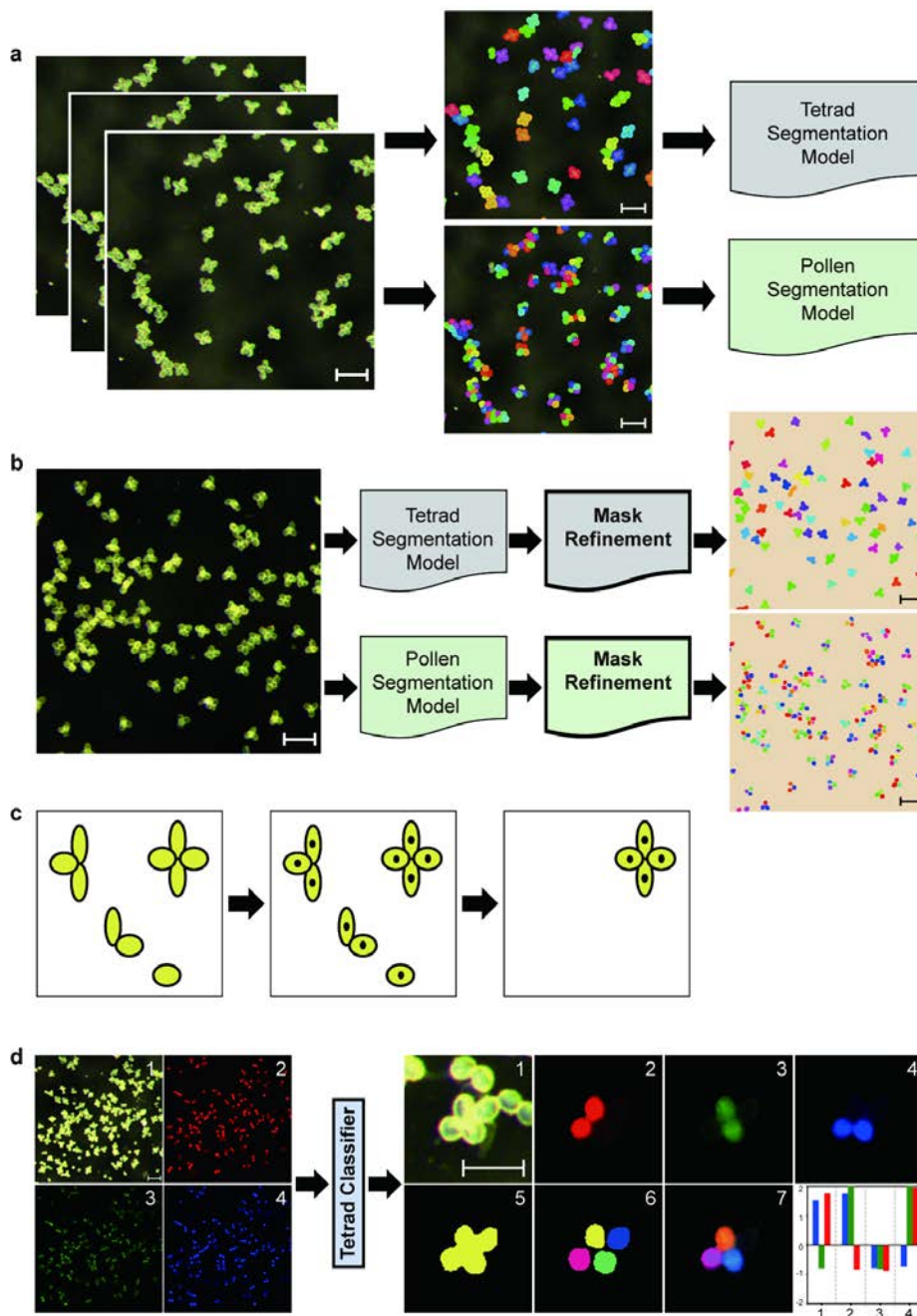
302 A set of four photographs for each pollen tetrad was taken using a Leica M165 FC dissecting
303 stereomicroscope with bright-field, RFP, YFP and CFP filters (ArticleNo 10450224, 10447410,
304 10447409, respectively) in sequential order. Twelve image sets per cover glass were obtained
305 from ~20 flowers when a magnification of 50x was used to image tetrads. Information about
306 the gain, gamma, saturation and exposure for each FTL for high quality imaging is available
307 (Supplementary Table 6).

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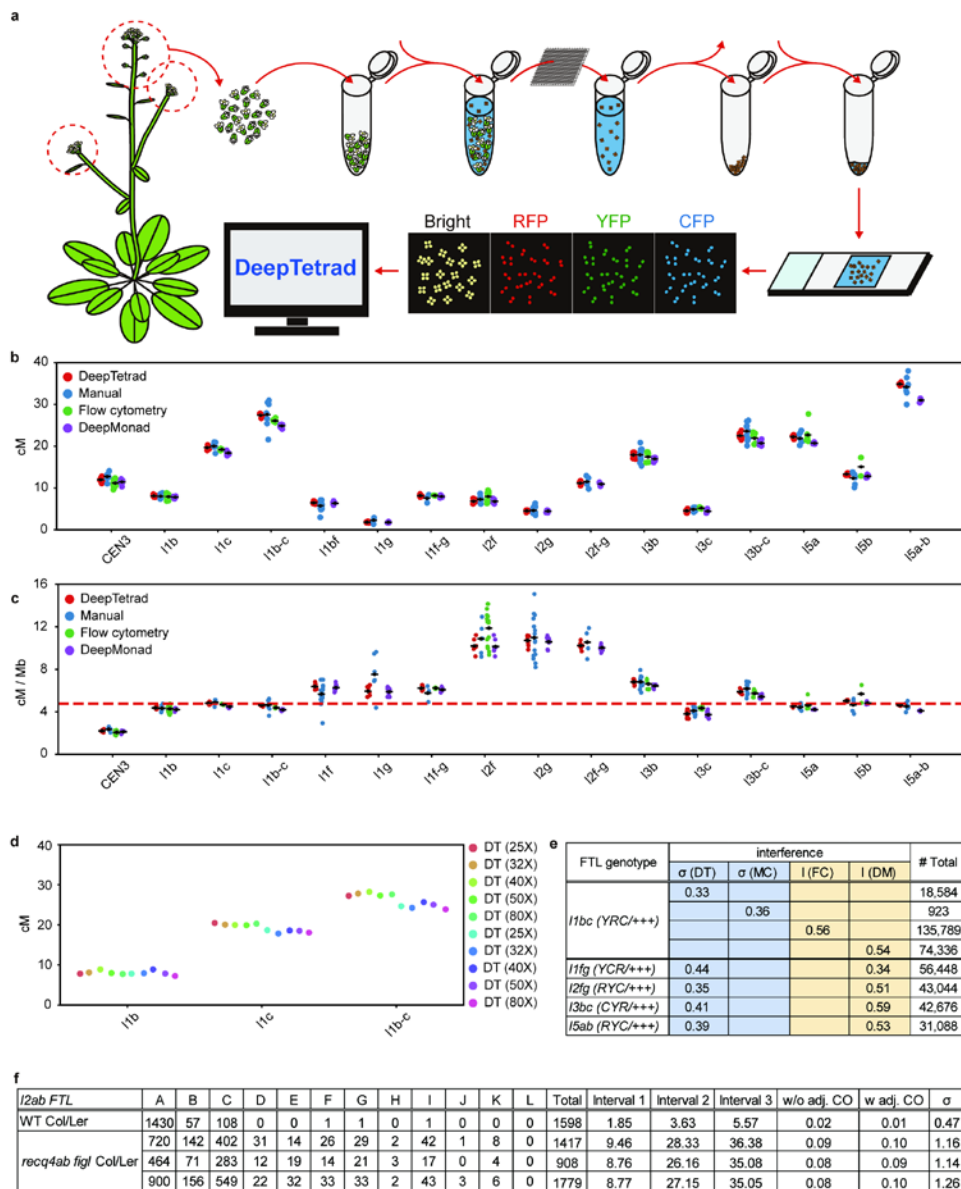
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319 **Fig. 1. Establishment of DeepTetrad.**

320 **a**, Masking and training of tetrad-like and pollen images by DeepTetrad. Two separate DeepTetrad
 321 segmentation models make masks of tetrad-like and single pollens, respectively. **b**, Generation of
 322 masks from tetrad-like and single pollen images by DeepTetrad. **c**, Recognition and selection of
 323 measurable tetrad masks by DeepTetrad. Black dots represent the centroid assigned to each pollen
 324 mask in monads, dyads, triads, and tetrads. **d**, Tetrad classification by DeepTetrad. Bright-field (1), red
 325 (2), yellow (3), cyan (4)-filtered tetrad images, tetrad mask (5), single-pollen masks (6), three-color
 326 merged tetrads (7) and DeepTetrad output are displayed. In the bar graphs of DeepTetrad output, X
 327 axis labels indicate four pollens per tetrad and Y axis labels show the intensities of three-color
 328 fluorescence in the tetrad image. Scale bar = 0.1 mm (a, b, d, left), 0.05 mm (d, right). The colors in the
 329 tetrad mask images (a, middle panel, b, right panel, d, (6)) do not correspond to fluorescence colors.



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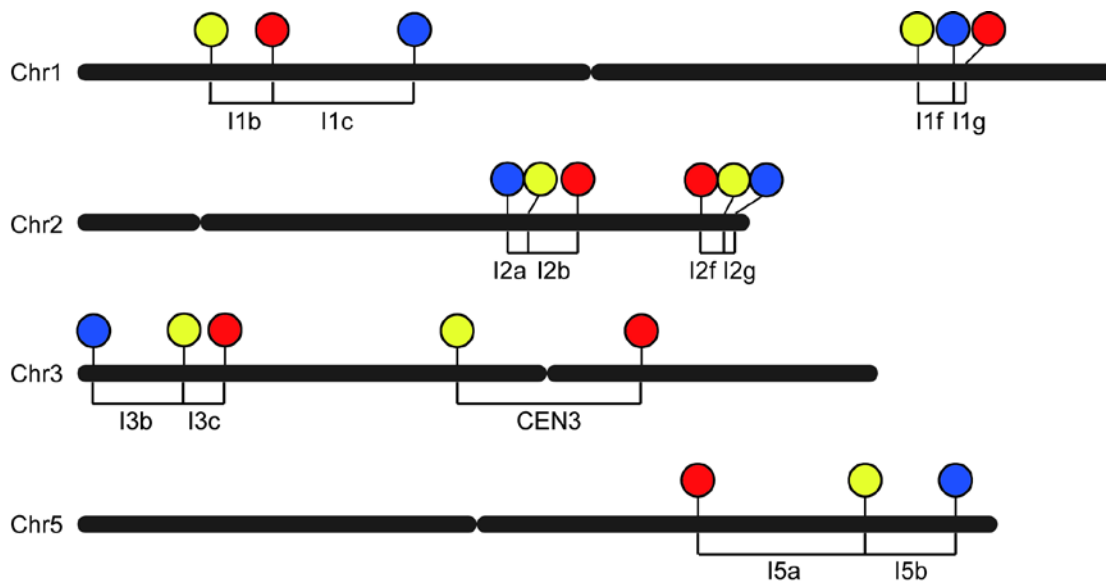
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Fig. 2. Measurements of crossover frequency and interference by DeepTetrad.

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a, A quick tetrad preparation method for high-throughput imaging of tetrads. The detail procedure was described in Methods. **b**, Plot showing measurement of CO frequencies (cM) in single intervals of FTLs. Genetic distances of single intervals were measured by DeepTetrad, manual counting, flow cytometry and DeepMonad. **c**, Plot showing measurement of CO frequencies (cM/Mb) in single intervals of FTLs. A horizontal red line indicates the male chromosome average crossover rate. **d**, Plot showing measurement of genetic distances in various sized tetrad images by DeepTetrad. Different magnifications were applied to the same tetrad samples for imaging (Supplementary Fig. 6). **e**, Measurement of CO interference by DeepTetrad. The CO interference ratio ($\sigma = X_{ij}$ without adjacent CO / X_{ij} with adjacent CO) was measured by DeepTetrad (DT) and manual counting (MC), highlighted in blue. Interference value ($I = 1 - \text{coefficient of coincidence}$) in yellow, was calculated by flow cytometry (FC) and DeepMonad (DM). A value of 1 and 0 indicates no interference in σ and I , respectively. The values of interference in other FTLs were measured by DeepTetrad and DeepMonad. **f**, The CO interference ratio in *recq4a recq4b fig1* plants. DeepTetrad shows that *recq4a recq4b fig1* causes interference to be absent, increasing crossover frequency in FTL-*I2ab*.

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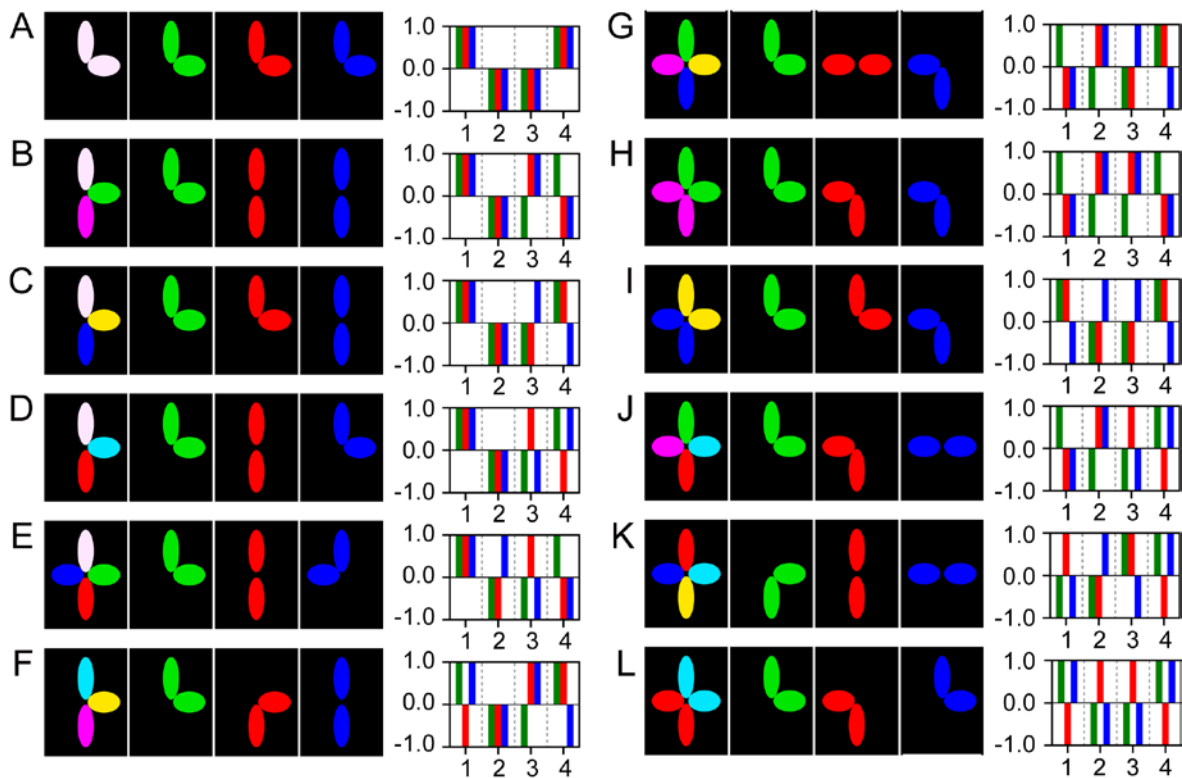


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347 **Supplementary Fig. 1. T-DNA locations of pollen FTLs (*I1bc*, *I1fg*, *I2ab*, *I2fg*, *I3bc*, *CEN3*,**
348 ***I5ab*) on the *Arabidopsis thaliana* genome.**

349 T-DNA positions of FTLs originally generated in *qrt1* Col-0 plants are displayed on the
350 *Arabidopsis* genome. Each FTL of homozygous genotype for fluorescence T-DNAs was
351 crossed to *qrt1*, and pollen tetrads of F₁ plants were used to measure CO frequency and
352 interference by DeepTetrad. Chr = chromosome.

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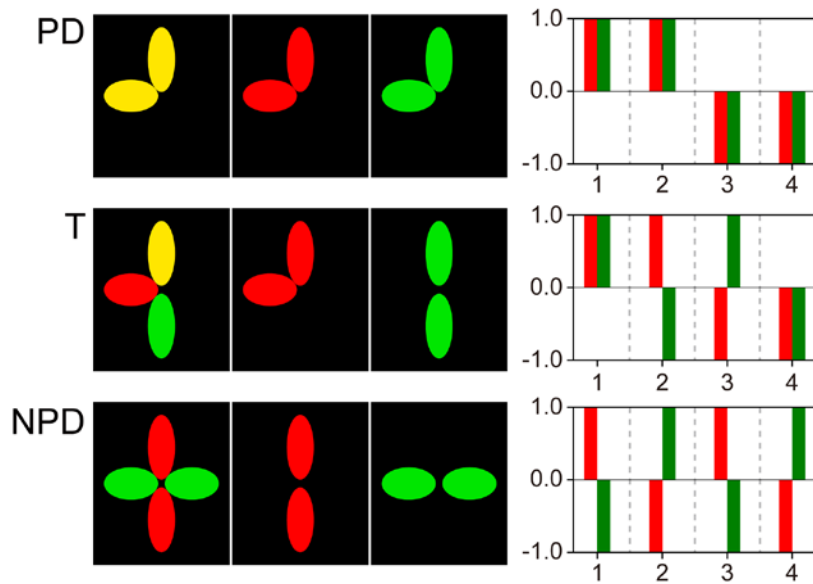


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355 **Supplementary Fig. 2. Diagram of 12 tetrad classes (A-L) generated by three-color**
356 **tetrad assay and DeepTetrad outputs.**

357 Twelve tetrad classes (A-L) are generated from three-color tetrad assays¹⁸. According to the
358 position and segregation of three T-DNAs expressing eYFP, dsRed and eCFP, non-crossover
359 (A) and recombination tetrad classes (B-L) are determined in FTLs (*YRC/+++*). For each
360 tetrad type, merged, red, yellow and cyan images are displayed. Bar graphs indicate the output
361 of DeepTetrad classification. In the bar graphs, X axis labels indicate four spores (1, 2, 3, 4)
362 per tetrad and Y axis labels show the intensities of three-color fluorescence in the tetrad
363 images.

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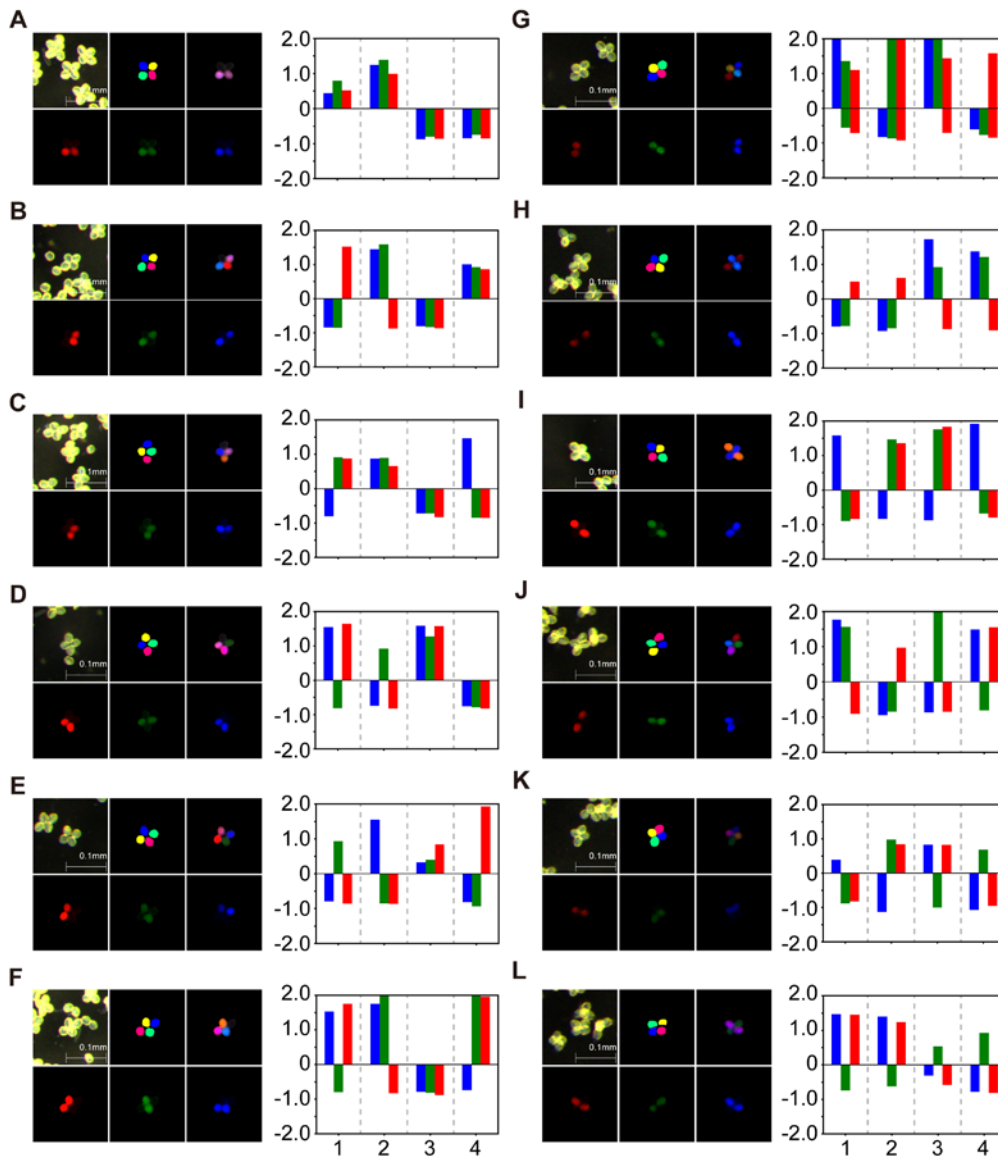


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366 **Supplementary Fig. 3. Diagram for three tetrad classes (PD, T, NPD) of 2-color assay**
367 **and DeepTetrad output.**

368 Tetrad classes of **PD** (parental ditype), **T** (tetra type), and **NPD** (non-parental ditype) are
369 generated from two-color tetrad assays of FTLs (*RY/++*). In the bar graphs, X axis labels
370 indicate four pollens per tetrad and Y axis labels show the intensities of two-color fluorescence
371 in the tetrad images.

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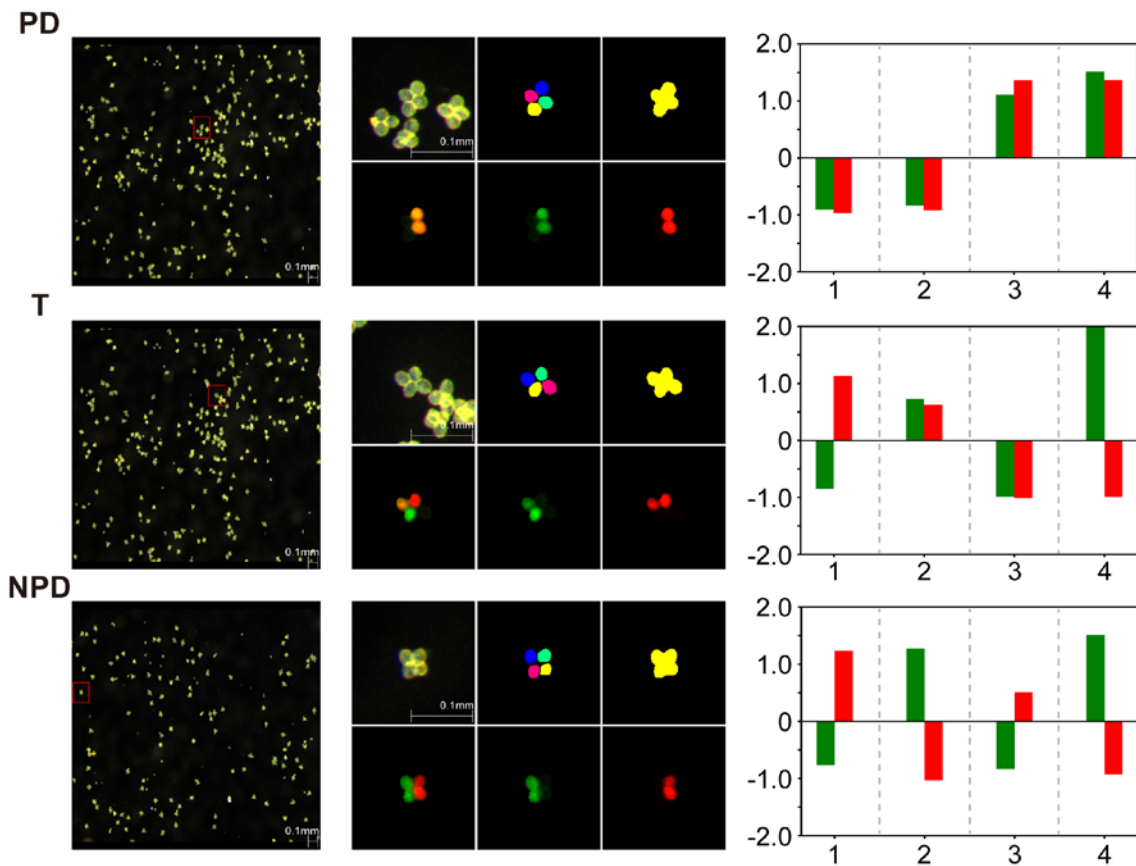


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374 **Supplementary Fig. 4. Tetrad images and DeepTetrad output in three-color assay of FTL**
375 **plants.**

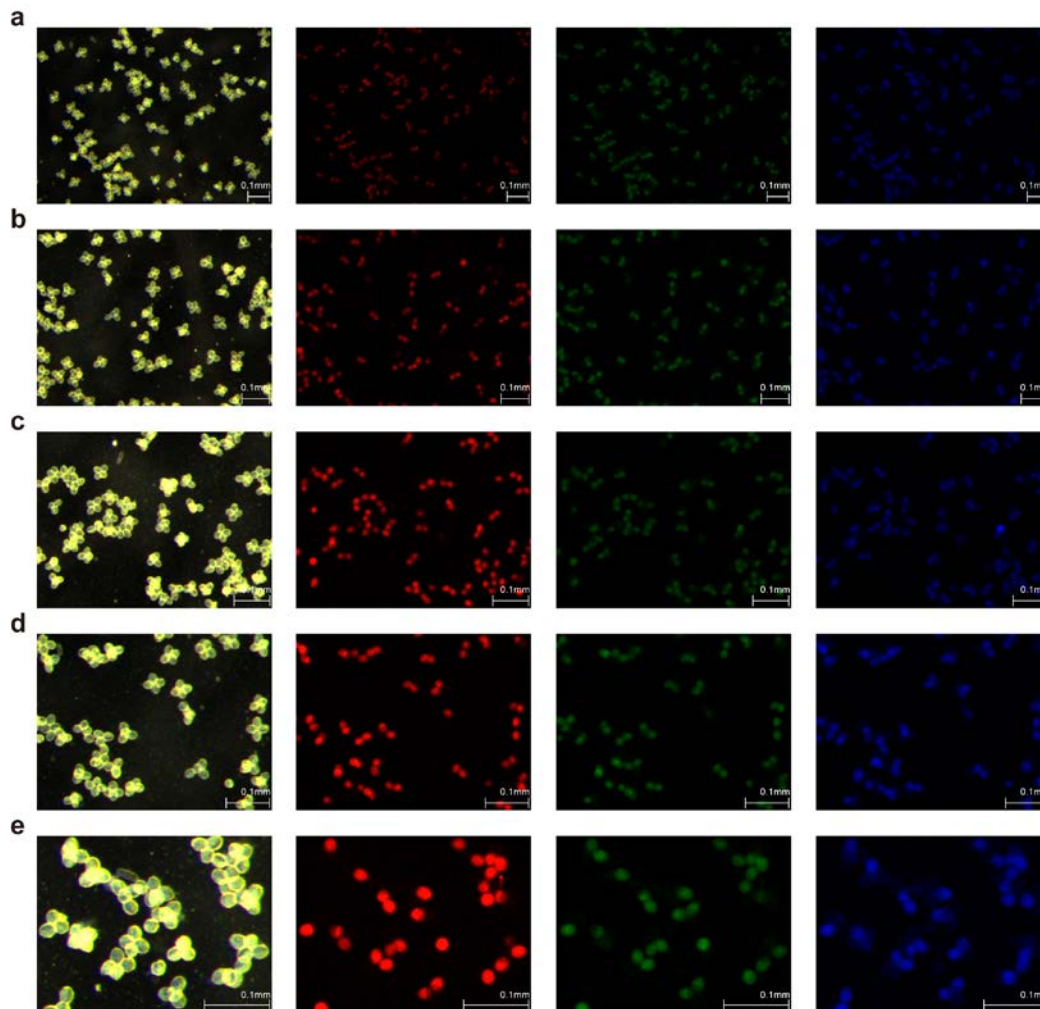
376 DeepTetrad recognizes measurable tetrads from a large number of tetrads, and classifies the
377 tetrads as **A** (non-crossover, NCO) or **B–L** (recombinant tetrad classes with one or two
378 crossovers in interval 1 and 2 (*i1* and *i2*)) of FTL (*RYC/++*). Tetrad classes are **B**, single
379 crossover interval 1 *SCO-i1*, **C**, *SCO-i2*, **D**, two strand double crossover 2st DCO, **E**, 3st DCOa,
380 **F**, 3st DCOb, **G**, 4st DCO, **H**, *NPD-i1* *NCO-i2*, **I**, *NCO-i1* *NPD-i2*, **J**, *NPD-i1* *SCO-i2*, **K**, *SCO-*
381 *i1* *NPD-i2*, and **L**, *NPD-i1* *NPD-i2*¹⁸. Each panel (A-L) shows bright-field (upper left), single-
382 pollen mask (upper middle), merged-fluorescent (upper right), and single-color fluorescent
383 (lower three) images. The colors in the tetrad mask images do not correspond to fluorescence
384 colors. In the bar graphs, X axis labels indicate four pollens per tetrad and Y axis labels show
385 the intensities of three-color fluorescence in the tetrad images. Scale bar = 0.1 mm.

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Supplementary Fig. 5. Tetrad images and DeepTetrad output in two-color assay of FTL-*CEN3* (*YR/++*) plants.

DeepTetrad recognizes measurable tetrads (left panels) and classifies them as **PD** (parental ditype), **T** (tetra type) and **NPD** (non-parental ditype) of tetrad types according to segregation of fluorescence in FTL-*CEN3* (*YR/++*) (middle panels). Each panel in the middle shows bright-field (upper left), single-pollen mask (upper middle), tetrad mask (upper right), merged-fluorescent (lower left), yellow (lower middle) and red (lower right) fluorescent images. The colors in the tetrad mask images do not correspond to fluorescence colors. In the bar graphs, X axis labels indicate four pollens per tetrad and Y axis labels show the intensities of two-color fluorescence in the tetrad images. Scale bar = 0.1 mm.



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399 **Supplementary Fig. 6. Different sized tetrad images.**

400 Tetrad images were taken using an epifluorescence microscope at different magnifications (**a–**
401 **e**) (25x, 32x, 40x, 50x, 80x) under bright-field, RFP, YPF and CFP filters. Scale bar = 0.1 mm.

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403 **Supplementary Table 1. Comparison of crossover measurement methods.**

404 DeepTetrad involves the preparation of a large number of tetrads using a quick and simple
 405 method, and increases the speed of tetrad analysis to obtain data from many individual plants
 406 by analyzing all tetrad images simultaneously. Abbreviations: CO, crossover; DCO, double
 407 crossovers.

	Tetrad analysis (manual counting)	Flow cytometry	Tetrad analysis (DeepTetrad)
Equipment requirements	Fluorescence microscope, graphics software	Fluorescence microscope, flow cytometer	Fluorescence microscope, DeepTetrad package
Tetrad preparation method	Simple	Multiple steps (50-ml tube, flow cytometric tube)	Quick and simple (1.5-ml tube)
Time to prepare tetrads from 10 individual plants	2 h 30 min (1 h 40 min/sampling, 50 min/imaging)	1 h (60 min/sampling)	1 h (10 min/sampling, 50 min/imaging)
Time of data analysis for two adjacent intervals in 10 individual plants (~1,000 tetrads/plant)	30 h	5 h (30 min/plant, 10 plants)	2 h 30 min (16 min/plant, 10 plants)
Imaging requirement	Yes	No	Yes
Data analysis	Individually	Individually	Simultaneously
Gene conversion measurement	Yes	No	Yes
CO interference measurement	Yes	Yes	Yes
Single-interval DCO measurement	Yes	No	Yes
Differentiating 2-strand, 3-strand and 4-strand DCOs from one another	Yes	No	Yes
<i>qrt1</i> mutant background	Yes	No	Yes

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410 **Supplementary Table 2. Measurement of crossover frequency of FTL intervals by**
 411 **DeepTetrad, manual counting, flow cytometry, and DeepMonad.**

412 In FTLs with T-DNAs expressing eYFP (Y), dsRed (R) and eCFP (C), the physical distances and genetic
 413 distances are shown¹⁸. Genetic distances were measured by DeepTetrad, manual counting, flow
 414 cytometry^{6,19–21,31}, and DeepMonad. The results of statistical analyses (mean of cM, 95% confidence
 415 interval, *P*-value) on the genetic distances measured by different methods are shown. The *P*-values of
 416 significantly different crossover frequency are marked by asterisks. A *P*-value is not calculated when
 417 assumptions for the statistical *t*-test are violated. Abbreviations: DT, DeepTetrad; MC, manual counting;
 418 FC, flow cytometry; DM, DeepMonad; FTL, fluorescent tagged line.

FTL genotype	T-DNA 1	T-DNA 2	T-DNA 3	Mb	cM (DT)	cM (MC)	cM (FC)	cM (DM)	<i>p</i> -value (DT-MC)	<i>p</i> -value (DT-DM)	Total tetrads (DT)
<i>l1bc (YRC/+++)</i>	3,905,441	5,755,618	9,850,022								18,584
<i>l1b (YR/++)</i>	3,905,441	5,755,618		1.85	8.09 ± 0.17	8.02 ± 0.59	7.93 ± 0.18	7.79 ± 0.20	7.68E-01	1.54E-02*	
<i>l1c (RC/++)</i>		5,755,618	9,850,022	4.09	19.69 ± 0.37	20.00 ± 0.83	19.20 ± 0.21	18.38 ± 0.32	3.97E-01	2.02E-05*	
<i>l1b-c (YC/++)</i>	3,905,441		9,850,022	5.94	27.43 ± 0.36	27.59 ± 3.10	26.12 ± 0.42	24.88 ± 0.32	9.07E-01	5.29E-09*	
<i>l1fg (YCR/+++)</i>	24,645,163	25,652,977	25,956,590								14,112
<i>l1f (YC/++)</i>	24,645,163	25,652,977		1.01	6.44 ± 0.21	5.74 ± 0.5		6.34 ± 0.26	5.61E-02	4.78E-01	
<i>l1g (CR/++)</i>		25,652,977	25,956,590	0.30	1.78 ± 0.11	2.26 ± 0.61		1.77 ± 0.10	1.02E-01	8.19E-01	
<i>l1f-g (YR/++)</i>	24,645,163		25,956,590	1.31	8.14 ± 0.18	7.54 ± 2.5	8.16 ± 0.07	7.95 ± 0.18	1.16E-01	1.05E-01	
<i>l2fg (RYC/+++)</i>	18,286,716	18,957,093	19,373,634								10,761
<i>l2f (RY/++)</i>	18,286,716	18,957,093		0.67	6.83 ± 0.33	7.29 ± 1.3	7.95 ± 0.58	6.79 ± 0.34	3.94E-01	8.63E-01	
<i>l2g (YC/++)</i>		18,957,093	19,373,634	0.42	4.50 ± 0.17	4.61 ± 0.46		4.45 ± 0.18	6.31E-01	6.08E-01	
<i>l2f-g (RC/++)</i>	18,286,716		19,373,634	1.09	11.15 ± 0.28	11.5 ± 2.31		10.93 ± 0.26	6.67E-01	1.93E-01	
<i>l3bc (CYR/+++)</i>	498,916	3,126,994	4,319,513								10,669
<i>l3b (CY/++)</i>	498,916	3,126,994		2.63	17.91 ± 0.54	17.94 ± 0.71	17.43 ± 1.14	16.95 ± 0.35	9.58E-01	NA	
<i>l3c (YR/++)</i>		3,126,994	4,319,513	1.19	4.53 ± 0.35	4.88 ± 0.28	5.17 ± 0.14	4.44 ± 0.31	8.17E-02	6.58E-01	
<i>l3b-c (CR/++)</i>	498,916		4,319,513	3.82	22.51 ± 0.64	23.61 ± 1.46	21.89 ± 1.22	20.72 ± 0.53	1.44E-01	1.65E-04*	
<i>l5ab (RYC/+++)</i>	18,164,269	23,080,567	25,731,311								7,772
<i>l5a (RY/++)</i>	18,164,269	23,080,567		4.92	22.24 ± 0.49	21.86 ± 1.36	22.70 ± 1.77	20.73 ± 0.27	5.32E-01	7.28E-05*	
<i>l5b (YC/++)</i>		23,080,567	25,731,311	2.65	13.31 ± 0.31	12.36 ± 1.28		12.81 ± 0.42	1.62E-01	2.68E-02*	
<i>l5a-b (RC/++)</i>	18,164,269		25,731,311	7.57	34.91 ± 0.38	34.21 ± 2.41		31.03 ± 0.50	5.05E-01	1.35E-07*	
<i>CEN3 (RY/++)</i>	11,115,724	16,520,560		5.40	11.96 ± 0.64	12.72 ± 0.86	11.17 ± 0.19	11.45 ± 0.70	1.16E-01	1.95E-01	7,657
<i>l2ab recq4ab figl (CYR/+++)</i>	12,640,092	13,226,013	14,675,407								4,271
<i>l2a recq4ab figl (CY/++)</i>	12,640,092	13,226,013		0.59	8.86 ± 1.38			8.35 ± 1.56	NA	NA	
<i>l2b recq4ab figl (YR/++)</i>		13,226,013	14,675,407	1.45	27.47 ± 1.88			21.42 ± 0.48	NA	NA	
<i>l2a-b recq4ab figl (CR/++)</i>	12,640,092		14,675,407	2.04	35.26 ± 2.56			25.99 ± 0.83	NA	NA	

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421 **Supplementary Table 3. Measurements of crossover frequency and interference in FTL**
 422 **intervals by DeepTetrad.**

423 Abbreviations: CO, crossover; non-crossover, NCO; single crossover, SCO; double crossover, DCO; st*, stand; NPD, non-
 424 parental diatype; σ , interference ratio. $\sigma = X_{if}(\text{with adjacent CO}) / X_{if}(\text{w/o adjacent CO})$. X_{if} is the map distance of the first interval
 425 ($i1$) generated from the Perkins equation $((1/2 \cdot T) + 3 \cdot (\text{NPD}) / \text{total})$. A σ value of 1 indicates no interference. The letters A-L
 426 represent tetrad classification as described previously¹⁸.

FTL	A NCO	B SCO- $i1$	C SCO- $i2$	D 2st* DCO	E 3st* DCOa	F 3st* DCOb	G 4st* DCO	H NPD- $i1$ NCO- $i2$	I NCO- $i1$ NPD- $i2$	J NPD- $i1$ SCO- $i2$	K SCO- $i1$ NPD- $i2$	L NPD- $i1$ NPD- $i2$	Total	Interval 1 (cM)	Interval 2 (cM)	Interval 3 (cM)	X_{if} (w/o adjacent CO)	X_{if} (with adjacent CO)	σ
11bc	1490	370	898	26	13	18	21	1	15	1	3	0	2856	8.11	19.00	26.70	0.10	0.04	0.43
11bc	1396	364	907	12	14	15	11	5	15	0	2	0	2741	8.17	19.35	27.14	0.11	0.03	0.25
11bc	1346	324	861	18	14	15	20	3	16	0	1	0	2618	7.83	19.67	27.67	0.10	0.04	0.35
11bc	642	152	427	8	5	7	8	2	5	1	0	0	1257	7.88	19.33	27.13	0.10	0.04	0.36
11bc	1084	283	691	14	8	14	10	5	16	0	3	0	2128	8.51	20.00	27.84	0.11	0.03	0.28
11bc	789	215	512	8	10	8	6	0	15	1	0	0	1564	8.09	20.30	27.88	0.11	0.03	0.32
11bc	1253	304	862	21	10	18	12	7	14	0	0	0	2501	8.14	20.13	27.83	0.11	0.03	0.29
11bc	1457	385	986	16	23	20	16	1	12	0	3	0	2919	8.03	19.72	27.25	0.11	0.04	0.34
total	9457	2397	6144	123	97	115	104	24	108	3	12	0	18584	8.10	19.66	27.40	0.11	0.03	0.33
11fg	1432	192	58	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	1687	6.14	1.96	7.97	0.06	0.02	0.39
11fg	824	133	29	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	989	6.88	1.62	8.54	0.07	0.05	0.67
11fg	1640	227	71	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1943	6.23	1.90	8.13	0.06	0.02	0.32
11fg	2029	295	87	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2417	6.43	1.88	8.15	0.07	0.02	0.33
11fg	1726	251	69	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2049	6.20	1.76	7.83	0.06	0.02	0.33
11fg	1584	236	68	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1891	6.45	1.85	8.22	0.07	0.01	0.21
11fg	1365	203	47	4	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1623	6.65	1.66	8.29	0.07	0.06	0.97
11fg	1269	195	45	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1513	6.58	1.62	8.00	0.07	0.04	0.61
total	11869	1732	474	17	2	4	5	8	0	0	1	0	14112	6.41	1.80	8.12	0.07	0.03	0.44
12ab recq4 fig1	559	85	330	13	20	16	21	3	23	0	7	0	1077	8.36	26.93	34.35	0.08	0.09	1.12
	720	142	402	31	14	26	29	2	42	1	8	0	1417	9.46	28.33	36.38	0.09	0.10	1.16
	900	156	549	22	32	33	33	2	43	3	6	0	1779	8.77	27.15	35.05	0.08	0.10	1.26
total	1279	227	732	44	34	42	50	5	65	1	15	0	2494	8.98	27.73	35.51	0.09	0.10	1.14
12fg	1036	158	112	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1311	6.18	4.65	10.56	0.07	0.02	0.26
12fg	1068	178	124	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1375	6.65	4.69	11.24	0.07	0.02	0.27
12fg	798	126	87	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1017	6.74	4.52	11.16	0.07	0.03	0.38
12fg	1115	207	117	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1450	7.52	4.41	11.38	0.08	0.04	0.55
12fg	1746	294	197	3	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	2246	6.83	4.67	11.73	0.07	0.02	0.23
12fg	797	143	77	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1023	7.23	4.30	11.14	0.08	0.03	0.40
12fg	798	133	80	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1015	6.75	4.14	10.89	0.07	0.02	0.33
12fg	1031	171	115	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1324	6.72	4.61	11.10	0.07	0.03	0.40
total	8389	1410	909	24	9	7	8	2	3	0	0	0	10761	6.83	4.53	11.21	0.07	0.03	0.34
13bc	657	368	96	3	6	2	8	4	0	0	0	0	1144	17.96	5.03	23.78	0.19	0.08	0.43
13bc	500	270	53	7	1	1	5	3	0	0	0	0	840	17.98	3.99	22.20	0.19	0.10	0.56
13bc	1128	615	152	4	9	8	5	13	1	0	0	0	1935	18.58	4.75	23.20	0.20	0.07	0.37
13bc	1035	523	131	4	3	3	5	7	2	0	0	0	1713	16.93	4.61	21.72	0.18	0.05	0.28
13bc	572	292	65	1	2	4	4	8	0	0	0	0	948	18.51	4.01	22.94	0.19	0.07	0.37
13bc	958	510	123	5	2	3	8	4	1	0	0	0	1614	17.10	4.55	22.18	0.18	0.06	0.35
13bc	505	264	57	7	1	5	1	5	0	1	0	0	846	18.56	4.26	21.51	0.19	0.14	0.73
13bc	937	535	134	3	4	6	4	3	2	1	0	0	1629	17.68	5.03	22.53	0.19	0.07	0.40
total	6292	3377	811	34	28	32	40	47	6	2	0	0	10669	17.83	4.61	22.53	0.19	0.08	0.41
15ab	637	585	315	18	18	26	20	9	4	0	1	0	1633	22.11	13.07	35.00	0.26	0.10	0.40
15ab	696	668	409	19	17	14	11	13	4	4	1	0	1856	22.41	13.58	34.51	0.27	0.09	0.33
15ab	563	504	304	14	13	18	11	15	2	1	2	0	1447	22.74	13.30	34.90	0.27	0.09	0.32
15ab	508	461	270	15	27	12	20	6	1	3	1	0	1324	22.28	13.56	35.35	0.25	0.13	0.52
15ab	602	527	292	23	13	21	22	8	3	0	1	0	1512	21.66	13.06	34.79	0.25	0.11	0.42
total	3006	2745	1590	89	88	91	84	51	14	8	6	0	7772	22.24	13.32	34.88	0.26	0.10	0.39

427 **Supplementary Table 4. Measurements of crossover frequency in FTL intervals by**
 428 **manually counting tetrads.**

429 Abbreviations: NPD, non-parental ditype; T, tetra type; FTL, fluorescence tagged line.

FTL Interval	NPD	T	Total	cM	FTL Interval	NPD	T	Total	cM
CEN3	1	163	670	12.61	l2g	0	11	153	3.59
CEN3	0	134	517	12.96	l2g	0	9	114	3.95
CEN3	0	164	623	13.16	l2g	0	6	77	3.90
CEN3	2	124	528	12.88	l2g	0	15	169	4.44
CEN3	2	155	593	14.08	l2g	0	9	119	3.78
CEN3	0	124	563	11.01	l2g	0	10	99	5.05
CEN3	2	150	656	12.35	l2g	0	22	205	5.37
l1b	0	151	998	7.57	l2f-g	0	119	547	10.88
l1b	0	112	764	7.33	l2f-g	1	88	363	12.95
l1b	0	119	737	8.07	l2f-g	2	126	556	12.41
l1b	0	118	692	8.53	l2f-g	0	65	333	9.76
l1b	0	35	224	7.81	l3b	1	190	542	18.08
l1b	0	118	670	8.81	l3b	2	126	380	18.16
l1c	3	347	998	18.29	l3b	4	230	694	18.30
l1c	2	234	618	19.90	l3b	4	64	228	19.30
l1c	8	261	737	20.96	l3b	9	273	784	20.85
l1c	4	258	710	19.86	l3b	0	59	193	15.28
l1c	9	180	577	20.28	l3b	1	68	219	16.89
l1c	6	182	521	20.92	l3b	2	99	296	18.75
l1c	4	174	500	19.80	l3b	4	167	559	17.08
l1b-c	6	472	998	25.45	l3b	2	134	381	19.16
l1b-c	4	435	764	30.04	l3b	1	65	207	17.15
l1b-c	10	352	737	27.95	l3b	0	59	184	16.03
l1b-c	4	387	674	30.49	l3b	1	67	196	18.62
l1b-c	2	120	213	30.99	l3b	0	110	311	17.68
l1b-c	2	45	132	21.59	l3b	2	126	391	17.65
l1b-c	0	25	47	26.60	l3b	2	166	494	18.02
l1f	0	56	536	5.22	l3c	1	22	276	5.07
l1f	0	56	494	5.67	l3c	0	20	219	4.57
l1f	0	35	292	5.99	l3c	0	31	296	5.24
l1f	1	70	589	6.45	l3c	1	50	559	5.01
l1f	0	61	607	5.02	l3c	0	34	381	4.46
l1f	18	1	169	7.10	l3c	0	18	184	4.89
l1f	29	0	222	6.53	l3c	0	21	196	5.36
l1f	23	0	198	5.81	l3c	0	29	311	4.66
l1f	0	16	129	6.20	l3c	0	33	391	4.22
l1f	0	22	199	5.53	l3c	0	53	494	5.36
l1f	0	17	152	5.59	l3b-c	5	92	233	26.18
l1f	0	18	188	4.79	l3b-c	3	91	219	24.89
l1f	0	21	196	5.36	l3b-c	4	122	296	24.66
l1f	0	22	155	7.10	l3b-c	6	208	559	21.82
l1f	0	12	99	6.06	l3b-c	6	162	381	25.98
l1f	0	15	122	6.15	l3b-c	0	74	184	20.11
l1f	0	7	118	2.97	l3b-c	2	85	196	24.74
l1g	0	17	645	1.32	l3b-c	2	135	311	23.63
l1g	0	22	532	2.07	l3b-c	4	143	391	21.36
l1g	0	17	294	2.89	l3b-c	4	200	494	22.67
l1g	1	36	739	2.84	l5a	2	266	608	22.86
l1g	0	31	665	2.33	l5a	6	208	513	23.78
l1g	0	21	500	2.10	l5a	2	48	139	21.58
l1f-g	0	70	544	6.43	l5a	1	34	99	20.20
l1f-g	0	74	475	7.79	l5a	1	53	140	21.07
l1f-g	0	43	256	8.40	l5b	0	168	608	13.82
l2f	0	68	532	6.39	l5b	0	102	407	12.53
l2f	0	53	363	7.30	l5b	0	119	442	13.46
l2f	1	82	556	7.91	l5b	0	107	493	10.85
l2f	0	41	333	6.16	l5b	1	30	136	13.24
l2f	0	91	525	8.67	l5b	0	20	99	10.10
l2g	0	47	480	4.90	l5b	1	29	140	12.50
l2g	0	46	363	6.34	l5a-b	9	369	608	34.79
l2g	0	50	556	4.50	l5a-b	18	304	605	34.05
l2g	0	23	334	3.44	l5a-b	11	281	476	36.45
l2g	0	59	536	5.50	l5a-b	8	280	493	33.27
l2g	0	71	639	5.56	l5a-b	2	90	134	38.06
l2g	0	12	126	4.76	l5a-b	1	59	99	32.83
l2g	0	6	73	4.11	l5a-b	1	78	140	30.00

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431 **Supplementary Table 5. Measurements of crossover interference in FTL-*l1bc* by**
 432 **manually counting tetrads.**

433 Abbreviations: CO, crossover; non-crossover, NCO; single crossover, SCO; double crossover,
 434 DCO; st*, stand; NPD, non-parental ditype; σ , interference ratio. $\sigma = X_{i1}$ (with adjacent CO) / X_{i1}
 435 (w/o adjacent CO). X_{i1} is the map distance of the first interval (*i1*) generated from the Perkins
 436 equation $((1/2 * T) + 3 * (NPD) / \text{total})$. A σ value of 1 indicates no interference. The letters A-L
 437 represent tetrad classification as described previously¹⁸.

FTL	A NCO	B SCO- <i>i1</i>	C SCO- <i>i2</i>	D 2st* DCO	E 3st* DCOa	F 3st* DCOb	G 4st* DCO	H NPD- <i>i1</i> NCO- <i>i2</i>	I NCO- <i>i1</i> NPD- <i>i2</i>	J NPD- <i>i1</i> SCO- <i>i2</i>	K SCO- <i>i1</i> NPD- <i>i2</i>	L NPD- <i>i1</i> NPD- <i>i2</i>	Total	Interval 1 (cM)	Interval 2 (cM)	Interval 3 (cM)	X_{i1} (w/o adjacent CO)	X_{i1} (with adjacent CO)	σ
<i>l1bc</i>	514	110	277	7	4	4	4	0	3	0	0	0	923	6.99	17.01	23.67	0.09	0.03	0.36

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439 **Supplementary Table 6. Information of imaging fluorescent pollen in *FTLs*.**

440 The gain, saturation, gamma values except for the exposure value are applied across images:
441 gain of x10.1, saturation of 1.00, gamma of 1.50. In particular, exposure for the YFP image
442 should be adjusted if its fluorescence is weaker than those in the other channels. The table
443 shows the value of exposure applied to each FTL (fluorescent tagged line).

FTL	Red (ms)	Yellow (ms)	Cyan (ms)
<i>l1bc (YRC/+++)</i>	250	1,200	1,200
<i>l1fg (YCR/+++)</i>	300	800	800
<i>l2ab (CYR/+++)</i>	150	700	1,500
<i>l2fg (RYC/+++)</i>	40	1500	700
<i>l3bc(CYR/+++)</i>	300	1300	800
<i>CEN3 (YR/++)</i>	700	1500	
<i>l5ab (RYC/+++)</i>	500	1,500	1500

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