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27	hexaploidization were compared between E. crus-galli and bread wheat. The results
28	illustrate different patterns of genome evolution during polyploidization of the
29	agricultural weed and a crop.

31 Abstract

The hexaploid species *Echinochloa crus-galli* is one of the most detrimental weeds in 32 crop fields, especially in rice paddies. Its evolutionary history is similar to that of 33 34 bread wheat, arising through polyploidization after hybridization between a tetraploid and a diploid species. Here we generated and analyzed high quality genome 35 sequences of diploid (E. haploclada), tetraploid (E. oryzicola) and hexaploid (E. 36 37 crus-galli) Echinochloa species. Gene family analysis showed that disease resistance genes such as those containing the NB-ARC domain have been significantly lost 38 during Echinochloa polyploidization, which is contrary to significant expansion of 39 those genes during wheat polyploidization. The result suggests that natural selection 40 might favor reduced investment in resistance in the weed to maximize its growth and 41 reproduction. In contrast to the asymmetric patterns of genome evolution shown in 42 wheat and other crops, no significant differences in selection pressure were detected 43 between the subgenomes in E. oryzicola and E. crus-galli. Additionally, distinctive 44 differences of transcriptomic dynamics in subgenome expression during 45 46 hexaploidization were observed between E. crus-galli and bread wheat. This study documents genomic mechanisms for adaptation during polyploidization in a major 47 agricultural weed and provides insights for crop breeding. 48

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50 Key words: Echinochloa weeds; genome polyploidization; wheat; fitness cost

51 Introduction

The genus Echinochloa (Poaceae) includes numerous problematic weeds that cause 52 reductions in crop yields (Aoki and Yamaguchi, 2008; Michael, 2001; Yabuno, 1966). 53 Among Echinochloa species, E. crus-galli is the most prevalent weed, occurring 54 widely in both rice paddies and other agricultural fields; its intense competition can 55 reduce tillering in rice up to 50% (Guo et al., 2018; Juraimi et al., 2006). Echinochloa 56 *crus-galli* is hexaploid $(2n=6\times=54)$ and is assumed to have arisen from hybridization 57 58 between the tetraploid E. oryzicola $(2n=4\times=36)$ and an unknown diploid species (2n=2×=18) (Aoki and Yamaguchi, 2008; Yabuno, 1966). Compared to E. crus-galli, 59 which occurs worldwide, the inferred progenitor species of E. crus-galli have limited 60 geographical distributions. So far, the tetraploid E. oryzicola (also called E. 61 62 phyllopogon, E. crus-galli var. oryzicola) has only been found in paddy fields, and diploid Echinochloa species are only found in Africa (Yabuno, 1983). 63

Polyploidy is very common in plants, with documented instances preceding the 64 diversification of seed plants and the origin of angiosperms (Amborella Genome 65 Project, 2013; Jiao et al., 2011), and whole genome duplication (WGD) events have 66 occurred continuously in plants (Soltis et al., 2015). Polyploidy can be a major driver 67 of plant species diversification and may play an important role in plant genome 68 evolution (Soltis et al., 2015; Soltis and Soltis, 2009; Van de Peer et al., 2017). In 69 70 addition, polyploidy may have increased the genetic variability of plant species and their adaptive plasticity (Chao et al., 2013; Freeling et al., 2015; Meimberg et al., 71 2009; Salman-Minkov et al., 2016; Soltis et al., 2015; te Beest et al., 2012; Wendel, 72 73 2015).

Some of our most important crop species are polyploids (Paterson and Wendel, 2015), such as cotton (tetraploid), oilseed rape (tetraploid) and bread wheat (hexaploid). In the case of bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum*), the crop is hexaploid with three subgenomes (i.e. A, B and D; genome formula AABBDD), which originated from hybridization between cultivated tetraploid emmer wheat (AABB, *T. dicoccoides*) and diploid goat grass (DD, *Aegilops tauschii*) approximately 8,000 years ago (Brenchley

et al., 2012). The allohexaploid genome of bread wheat could, in part, underly its ability to grow in diverse climates (IWGSC, 2014). With the availability of genome sequences of hexaploid and tetraploid wheat and two diploid progenitors, genome evolution and its contribution to agronomy traits during polyploidization have been partly revealed (Avni et al., 2017; Brenchley et al., 2012; IWGSC, 2014; IWGSC, 2018; Ling et al., 2018; Luo et al., 2017; Maccaferri et al., 2019; Zhao et al., 2017).

86 Currently, few polyploid agricultural weeds have been examined at the whole genome sequence level. The draft genome sequence of hexaploid E. crus-galli was previously 87 reported by us (Guo et al., 2017). As a dominant weed species, its wide distribution 88 and adaptation to a wide range of environments may be attributable in part to its 89 polyploid genome. Like bread wheat and other allohexaploids, E. crus-galli is the 90 91 result of hybridization of an allotetraploid with a diploid species. Comparison of the E. crus-galli and wheat genomes could help to elucidate the evolutionary consequences 92 of hexaploidization, including genetic mechanisms underlying environmental 93 adaptation. However, the extent to which such mechanisms are shared in the genomes 94 95 of these two hexaploid grass species is unknown.

To examine the mechanisms of adaptation in E. crus-galli and patterns of genome 96 97 evolution during polyploidization, we generated genome sequences of its progenitor E. oryzicola (tetraploid) and a diploid species (E. haploclada), which we have analyzed 98 99 along with a significantly improved E. crus-galli genome sequence assembled from 100 third-generation long reads. Gene family and subgenome evolution were further investigated, and the genomic and transcriptomic changes during hexaploidization 101 102 were compared between E. crus-galli and bread wheat. The results illustrate different patterns of genome evolution during polyploidization of the agricultural weed and a 103 104 crop.

106 **Results**

Sequencing, assembly and annotation of di-, tetra- and hexaploid *Echinochloa*genomes

109 We sequenced the genomes of *E. oryzicola* (accession ZJU2), the tetraploid progenitor of hexaploid E. crus-galli, and a diploid species E. haploclada (accession Pasquet 110 1083) and generated new data to improve the previous assembly of E. crus-galli 111 112 (accession STB08) (Figure 1A; Table 1). Hexaploid E. crus-galli and tetraploid E. oryzicola have genome sizes of 1.4 and 1.0 Gb, respectively (Guo et al., 2017); the 113 114 genome size of E. haploclada was estimated to be approximately 420 Mb based on K-mer analysis and flow cytometry (Supplementary Figure 1). These genome size 115 116 estimates are consistent with their ploidy.

117 For the *E. haploclada* genome, we generated 92× PacBio long reads and 79× Illumina paired-end reads and assembled these reads into 1848 contigs, producing a ~440 Mb 118 genome with a contig N50 length of 0.93 Mb (Table 1). The assembled genome size is 119 120 slightly larger than the estimated size; this may be due to its high heterozygosity rate of ~1.8% and cases where allelic SNPs were misassembled as different loci 121 (Supplementary Figure 1). Additionally, ~68 million valid Hi-C interacting unique 122 pairs were generated successfully. With the aid of Hi-C sequence data, we anchored 123 124 the assembly onto nine pseudochromosomes and obtained a nearly chromosome-level reference genome (scaffold N50 size = 48.75 Mb) (Table 1; Supplementary Figure 2). 125 The percentage of conserved genes retrieved by the assembly (BUSCO score, v. 2) is 126 97.1%, which is comparable to that of other sequenced grass species. The 127 Echinochloa genome shows high synteny with Setaria italica, a member of the same 128 tribe as *Echinochloa* (Paniceae), further supporting our good assembly quality (Figure 129 1B). After genome annotation, 36,949 genes were predicted in the E. haploclada 130 genome. Putative orthologs and paralogs were analyzed among E. haploclada and 131 four other grass family members, including Oryza sativa, Sorghum bicolor, S. italica 132 133 and Zea mays. We found 20 gene families containing 113 genes that appear to be E. haploclada-specific (Supplementary Figure 3). 134

For the genome of tetraploid *E. oryzicola*, we generated $63 \times$ PacBio and $120 \times$ 135 Illumina reads. De novo assembly yielded a draft genome of 950 Mb, representing 136 92.8% of the E. oryzicola genome, with contig and scaffold N50 length of 1.87 Mb 137 and 2.93 Mb, respectively (Table 1). A total of 66,521 protein-coding genes were 138 predicted in the E. oryzicola genome (Table 1). Additionally, to improve our previous 139 genome assembly of hexaploid E. crus-galli (Guo et al., 2017) we generated PacBio 140 long reads representing $\sim 86 \times$ coverage of the genome. The new assembly was 141 142 dramatically improved, and its contig and scaffold N50 sizes were increased from 26 Kb and 1.80 Mb, respectively, in the previous version to 1.57 Mb and 4.09 Mb (Table 143 1). A total of 103,853 protein-coding genes were annotated in the new E. crus-galli 144 genome assembly. 145

146 To further assess the assembly quality of the three *Echinochloa* species, we firstly mapped Illumina reads from paired-end libraries with 300 bp insertion size to each 147 assembly. The results showed that very high percentage (93.5%, 98.5% and 98.0% in 148 diploid, tetraploid and hexaploid *Echinochloa* genomes, respectively) of sequencing 149 150 reads could be successfully mapped and observed insertion size is very close to expected size (Supplementary Table 1). Second, normal ratios of RNA-seq reads 151 matching our assemblies were observed (87.6% for E. oryzicola and 84.6% for E. 152 crus-galli), with a relatively lower value (72.2%) for E. haploclada, which was 153 154 expected due to its high heterozygosity rate (Supplementary Tables 2-4). Third, LAI (LTR Assembly Index) was used to evaluate assembly continuity using LTR (long 155 terminal repeat) elements (Ou et al., 2018). The results showed 24.38, 19.80 and 156 157 18.60 of LAI scores for E. haploclada, E. oryzicola and E. crus-galli, respectively, which are comparable to those of *O. sativa* (MSUv7) and Arabidopsis (TAIR10) 158 (Supplementary Figure 4). Additionally, five publicly available sequences of fosmid 159 clones generated by our previous study (Guo et al., 2017) were aligned to E. 160 crus-galli assembly and the results showed high consistency (Supplementary Table 5). 161 162 Taken together the results demonstrated high-quality assemblies of the three Echinochloa species. 163

When contigs from the tetraploid and hexaploid genomes were aligned to the nine 164 pseudochromosomes of E. haploclada, two and three copies were evident for most 165 genes, respectively, consistent with their ploidy (Figure 1C). Distribution of gene 166 length also showed that the numbers of annotated genes generally have a ratio of 3:2:1 167 in the three *Echinochloa* genomes (Supplementary Figure 5). Repeat elements were 168 identified in the three genomes, with relatively high levels in E. oryzicola 169 (approximately 52% of the genome) and lower levels in *E. haploclada* (approximately 170 171 41% of the genome) (Table 1). Among the repetitive sequences, long terminal retrotransposons (LTRs) were the most abundant in all the three *Echinochloa* genomes, 172 which is similar to other cereals (Supplementary Table 6). 173

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175 Evolution of the *Echinochloa* genomes

We calculated the *Ks* value of orthologous gene pairs between diploid *E. haploclada* and five other grass species to estimate their divergence times. The *Ks* peak of *E. haploclada* and *S. italica* orthologous gene pairs has a value of 0.193, corresponding to an estimated divergence time of approximately 14.9 million years ago (mya) (Figure 2; Supplementary Figure 6), which is similar to our previous result based on single copy genies in *E. crus-galli* and other grasses using a phylogenetic approach (Guo et al., 2017).

183 To estimate the *Echinochloa* speciation and subgenome divergence times, we first 184 performed subgenome separation in tetraploid E. oryzicola and hexaploid E. crus-galli. Based on genomic synteny and genome similarity to the diploid E. 185 186 haploclada (see details in Methods), we divided the *E. oryzicola* genome into its two component subgenomes: A_T (where "A" indicates the A Echinochloa subgenome and 187 188 the subscript "T" indicates tetraploid species), containing 430.2 Mb genomic regions, and B_T, containing 378.7 Mb; together these cover 77.8% of the E. oryzicola 189 assembly (Supplementary Figure 7). The A_T subgenome showed substantially lower 190 191 genomic similarity with the *E. haploclada* genome than B_T (Supplementary Figure 8); 192 this difference suggests an allopolyploid origin of *E. oryzicola*. In the same way, the

hexaploid *E. crus-galli* genome was divided into three subgenomes: A_H (399.8 Mb), B_H (367.9 Mb) and C_H (395.5 Mb), which together cover 83.1% of its genome assembly (Supplementary Figure 7). The subgenome C_H has significantly lower similarity with the tetraploid progenitor *E. oryzicola* genome than the other two subgenomes (Supplementary Figure 9).

To further examine divergence dates of Echinochloa subgenomes, Ks values for 198 199 homeologous gene pairs between subgenomes were calculated (Figure 2; Supplementary Figure 10). According to the Ks peak, we dated the divergence time of 200 the two subgenomes (A_T and B_T) of *E. oryzicola* at 4.5 mya (Figure 2). *Echinochloa* 201 oryzicola speciation time (i.e., the timing of tetraploid formation) was further 202 estimated based on the distribution of sequence divergence rates of transposable 203 204 elements (TE) in the two subgenomes following the method suggested by Xu et al. (2019) (for details see Methods). The "bubble" peak in the TE divergence profile 205 suggested the E. oryzicola speciation time at 1.9 mya (Supplementary Figure 11). 206 Further, the divergence time of A_T from tetraploid *E. oryzicola* and A_H from hexaploid 207 208 E. crus-galli was estimated at 0.31 mya, as well as that of the B_T and B_H ; this indicates a recent formation of *E. crus-galli* (Figure 2; Supplementary Figure 10). 209 Additionally, we found that our sequenced diploid E. haploclada genome is similar to 210 the unknown diploid progenitor genome (C_H) of *E. crus-galli* with their divergence 211 212 time estimated at 1.2 mya (Figure 2). The reads from diploid E. haploclada and tetraploid E. oryzicola aligned well to the hexaploid E. crus-galli genome, and 213 appeared to match complementary subgenomes (Supplementary Figure 12). 214 215 Accordingly, based on this similarity, diploid E. haploclada was used as a proxy for 216 the progenitor genome in the analyses described below.

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218 Mass loss of disease-resistance genes in *Echinochloa* genomes

Gene loss and gain are common during polyploidization. Gene family sizes were determined by protein domains in diploid, tetraploid and hexaploid *Echinochloa* and other grass genomes. We first compared gene family sizes between hexaploid *E*.

crus-galli and O. sativa / S. italica genomes using a dot matrix (Figure 3A; 222 Supplementary Figure 13). The results showed that for the majority of gene families 223 in E. crus-galli, gene family sizes are almost three times those of O. sativa and S. 224 italica, consistent with E. crus-galli being a hexaploid and O. sativa and S. italica 225 being diploids (Figure 3A; Supplementary Figure 13). This analysis also revealed that 226 sizes of several gene families in E. crus-galli are much less than three times those in 227 O. sativa and S. italica; these exceptions are predominantly genes with protein 228 229 domains associated with disease resistance, e.g. NB-ARC genes (471 in E. crus-galli versus 469 and 400 in *O. sativa* and *S. italica*, respectively), D-mannose lectin genes 230 (122 versus 129 and 122, respectively) and legume lectin genes (50 versus 91 and 61, 231 232 respectively) (Lannoo and Van Damme, 2014; Meyers et al., 2005) (Figure 3A and 233 3B). Phylogenetic trees of NB-ARC genes in Echinochloa and S. italica genomes confirmed the occurrence of many S. italica-specific genes (Supplementary Figure 234 14). 235

Comparison of gene family sizes among the three Echinochloa species revealed that 236 237 the sizes of most gene families in the hexaploid E. crus-galli are almost the same as the sum of the gene families in the diploid and tetraploid species (Figure 3A). This 238 close correlation suggests that little gene loss has occurred for most gene families in 239 tetraploid E. oryzicola and hexaploid E. crus-galli after polyploidization. Gene 240 241 families showing this additive pattern include AP2 and GRAS domain proteins involved in abiotic stresses and cytochrome P450s and glutathione S-transferases 242 associated with detoxification or non-target-site resistance to synthetic herbicides (Yu 243 and Powles, 2014) (Figure 3B; Supplementary Figure 15). In contrast, NB-ARC 244 245 disease-resistance genes were significantly lost in the tetraploid E. oryzicola after polyploidization (277 in E. oryzicola versus 240 in E. haploclada; P < 0.0001, 246 Fisher's exact test) (Figure 3B). Similarly, in E. crus-galli, numbers of NB-ARC 247 disease-resistance genes (471) are still less than the sum of those present in E. 248 249 oryzicola and E. haploclada (517).

250 To further confirm this loss, we calculated synteny retention ratios of diploid E.

251 haploclada genes in tetraploid E. oryzicola and hexaploid E. crus-galli (i.e., within a gene family, the percentage of gene members keeping 1:(1:1):(1:1:1) syntenic 252 relationship among six genomes/subgenomes including E. haploclada, A_T and B_T 253 from tetraploid E. oryzicola, and A_H, B_H and C_H from hexaploid E. crus-galli) 254 (Supplementary Figure 16). Across the genome, 46.4% of genes fit the 1:(1:1):(1:1:1) 255 synteny retention ratio. In contrast, the synteny retention ratio for NB-ARC family 256 genes (12.9%) is significantly lower (P < 0.0001, Fisher's exact test); this is also true 257 258 for another well-known disease-resistance gene family, the wall-associated receptor kinases (18.3%; P < 0.0001) (Hurni et al., 2015) (Figure 3C). An example of a 259 NB-ARC gene that deviates from the 1:(1:1):(1:1:1) syntenty retention ratio is 260 illustrated in Figure 3d; in relation to the *E. haploclada* gene, only one homeologous 261 copy is retained in E. oryzicola (within subgenome A_T), and in hexaploid E. crus-galli 262 only the copy in subgenome C_H is retained (Figure 3D). In contrast, a GRAS gene in 263 the same chromosomal region as the NB-ARC gene conforms to the 1:(1:1):(1:1:1) 264 synteny retention ratio (Figure 3D). 265

266 To compare the patterns of gene family retention and loss between Echinochloa and wheat, we examined the wheat genomes using the same bioinformatic pipeline. 267 Abiotic stress-related gene families such as AP2 and GRAS in the bread wheat 268 genome have almost the same number of members as the sum of its two progenitor 269 270 genomes. This pattern is similar to those in E. crus-galli, suggesting no obvious gene loss in both hexaploid species after hexaploidization (Figure 3B). Interestingly, for 271 biotic stress related gene families, we found expansion in bread wheat after 272 273 hexaploidization, e.g. many more NB-ARC domain proteins in bread wheat (a total of 274 2,210 genes) than the sum of members in tetraploid cultivated wheat (1,222) and diploid goat grass (501) (P < 0.0001, Fisher's exact test). This pattern differs from 275 that of E. crus-galli where there has been gene loss in this family after 276 polyploidization (Figure 3B). Additionally, we also found a significant expansion (P <277 0.05, Fisher's exact test) of the NB-ARC gene family in cultivated tetraploid wheat 278 relative to wild tetraploid wheat (Supplementary Figure 17). 279

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281 Symmetric selection on subgenomes during *Echinochloa* polyploidization

To assess the selective pressure on subgenomes during *Echinochloa* polyploidization, 282 283 we calculated *Ka/Ks* ratios of homeologous gene pairs. The ratio was not significantly different between the two subgenomes (A_T and B_T) in *E. oryzicola* (Figure 4A and 284 4B), and those two subgenomes (A_H and B_H) were still not different after 285 286 hexaploidization (Figure 4A and 4B). To further confirm this observation, we calculated the pN/pS ratio based on SNPs in E. crus-galli populations collected in our 287 previous work (Ye et al., 2019) (details in Methods), and also found no significant 288 differences between the two subgenomes (Figure 4B). Taken together, these results 289 suggest symmetric evolution of subgenomes under similar selection pressure during 290 291 Echinochloa polyploidization.

The bread wheat genome evolved through a similar polyploidization process to E. 292 crus-galli (Figure 4C). Therefore, the Ka/Ks ratio for subgenomes A and B in wild and 293 294 cultivated tetraploid and hexaploid wheat were also examined using the same methods as for *Echinochloa*. These results showed that wheat subgenome A had a significantly 295 higher ratio than subgenome B in both cultivated tetraploid and hexaploid wheat (P <296 0.0001, Kruskal-Wallis test). However, no significant difference of Ka/Ks ratio 297 between subgenomes A and B in wild tetraploid wheat was observed, showing the 298 299 same lack of differentiation as in *Echinochloa* (Figure 4D). The results clearly 300 demonstrated an asymmetric evolutionary pattern of subgenome evolution in hexaploid cultivated wheat but not Echinochloa. 301

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303 Subgenome expression changes during *Echinochloa* hexaploidization

Homeologous triads (A_H, B_H and C_H homoeologs) in *E. crus-galli* were identified, and
deviations from balanced expression characteristics were further analyzed following
the approach used in bread wheat by Ramirez-Gonzalez et al. (2018) (Figure 5A).
Genes with homeolog-specific dominant and suppressed expression accounted for 8.9
- 19.1% and 27.6 - 33.7% of all examined loci, respectively, in *E. crus-galli* (Figure 5A).

5A; Supplementary Table 7). For genes with expression dominance, no significant 309 310 differences in frequency were found among three subgenomes in E. crus-galli, consistent with findings in bread wheat (Figure 5B; Supplementary Figure 18). For 311 suppressed genes, a significantly higher proportion occurred in E. crus-galli 312 subgenome A_H (donated by the tetraploid progenitor) than in B_H and C_H (P < 0.0001, 313 paired t-test). Similarly, in bread wheat we observed that suppressed genes were 314 significantly underrepresented in subgenome D (donated by the diploid progenitor) 315 relative to subgenomes A (P = 0.017, paired *t*-test) and B (P = 0.0002, paired *t*-test) 316 (Figure 5B; Supplementary Figure 18). Significantly more *Echinochloa* genes with 317 dominant and suppressed expression were found in leaves than in roots, 318 demonstrating tissue differences for subgenome expression patterns (P < 0.01, t test; 319 Supplementary Table 7). This pattern is consistent with that of bread wheat 320 (Supplementary Table 8). When investigating purifying selection on genes based on 321 Ka/Ks ratios, we found that, for a given subgenome, dominant genes are under greater 322 functional constraint whereas their homoeologous counterparts show evidence of 323 324 relaxed selection (Supplementary Figure 19).

325 The transcriptomic profiles of *E. crus-galli* under biotic stress (infection with the blast Pyricularia oryzae and allelopathy by co-cultivation with rice) and abiotic stress 326 (drought) were investigated. After stress treatments, three homeologous genes from 327 328 each of approximately 50% of the triads in E. crus-galli showed balanced expression changes (either up-regulation or down-regulation for all the three genes in a triad, 329 termed "consistent" expression change) (Supplementary Table 9). The ratio of genes 330 331 with consistent expression change from subgenomes B_H and C_H (i.e. B_H/C_H consistent genes) was significantly higher than A_H/B_H and A_H/C_H consistent genes under three 332 stress conditions (P < 0.05; paired *t*-test) (Supplementary Table 9). In comparison, 333 334 bread wheat showed no significant differences among the three subgenomes' consistent genes (Supplementary Table 10). Most triads exhibited the same dominance 335 336 status after stress treatments (79.6% - 86.9%) and only a few triads (0.66% - 1.10%) changed to the opposite status after treatment of different stresses (Figure 5A; 337

Supplementary Figures 20 and 21). To further estimate the influence of stress on 338 subgenome expression in E. crus-galli, we calculated the relative contribution of a 339 subgenome responsive to stress (termed response dominance of subgenome), which 340 indicated that expression change of a gene in the subgenome is more dramatic than its 341 homeologous genes in other subgenomes after stress treatments (details in Methods). 342 Our results showed no significant differences for response dominance among 343 subgenomes under all three kinds of stress treatments, which is similar to bread wheat 344 345 (Supplementary Tables 11 and 12).

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347 Discussion

In this study, we present high-quality genome sequences of diploid, tetraploid and 348 hexaploid Echinochloa species and explore the genomic and transcriptomic evolution 349 during polyploidization of the notorious agricultural weed E. crus-galli. The 350 analogous hexaploidization processes between E. crus-galli and bread wheat led us to 351 compare their genomic and transcriptomic responses to polyploidization. Our results 352 353 show that *Echinochloa* weeds apparently acquired only a limited number of disease 354 resistance genes and maintained largely symmetric selection on subgenomes. Additionally, we found a number of distinctive subgenome expression patterns. 355

Significant expansion of one set of disease resistance genes (NB-ARC genes) was 356 found in cultivated wheat (IWGSC, 2018) and also confirmed in our reanalysis of the 357 wheat genome (Figure 3B; Supplementary Figure 17). This was expected and may be 358 the result of artificial selection, as disease resistance is a major crop breeding 359 360 objective. However, disease resistance has well known fitness costs for energetic investment in growth and reproduction (Brown and Rant, 2013; Karasov et al., 2017; 361 362 Kliebenstein, 2016; Nelson et al., 2018). The pioneering research on costs of resistance was related to resistance of potato to late blight (*Phytophthora infestans*) 363 (Vanderplank, 1963). More research indeed revealed the costs of resistance for many 364 365 genes in different plants; for example, the widely deployed *mlo* powdery mildew resistance gene in barley is associated with necrotic flecking and yield loss (Bergelson 366

and Purrington, 1996; Brown and Rant, 2013). In diploid E. haploclada, we 367 unexpectedly found that resistance genes are much less than in S. italica and even 368 through hexaploidization, the number of these genes (particularly NB-ARC genes) in 369 E. crus-galli are close to or less than diploid O. sativa (Figure 3B). This pattern 370 suggests that natural selection might favor reduced investment in resistance in the 371 weed, which is then beneficial for maximizing growth and reproduction. Unlike a 372 crop with strong resistance as a necessary agronomic trait, rapid growth and massive 373 374 reproduction may be necessary for weediness. The result further implies that we may need to re-think our strategies for crop breeding programs (Weiner, 2019). For 375 example, weed-like crop cultivars with stronger adaptation ability may be able to 376 balance yield and environmental cost (input of chemicals). 377

378 Subgenome dominance is common in allopolyploids, in which one of the parental subgenomes often exhibits stronger purifying selection and significantly higher 379 expression than those of the other subgenomes (Cheng et al., 2018; Edger et al., 2018; 380 Yang et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2015). We indeed also found significant differences in 381 382 selection pressures between subgenomes A and B in both tetraploid and hexaploid cultivated wheat (Figure 4). However, this phenomenon was not observed in 383 Echinochloa weeds and wild tetraploid wheat. Different selection forces (i.e. artificial 384 and natural selection) might be one of the reasons causing the differences. The 385 386 artificial selection may have imposed stronger pressure on target traits than previously thought, resulting in asymmetric evolution on subgenomes in a short time, similar to 387 asymmetric domestication selection for fiber length observed in cotton (Wang et al., 388 389 2017).

Analysis of subgenome expression showed some common characteristics during polyploidization between the two hexaploids, such as (1) similar percentages of dominant and suppressed genes; (2) tissue differences for dominance expression; (3) more and less relaxed selection on dominant and suppressed genes, respectively; (4) no significant differences for response dominance among subgenomes under stress treatments; (5) changes of dominance status of triads under stress conditions.

396 Meanwhile, several findings of this study show novel subgenome expression patterns in the Echinochloa weeds. First, we found B_H/C_H consistent genes (with consistent 397 398 expression change trend between genes in two subgenomes after stress) are significantly more common than those of A_H/C_H and B_H/C_H in E. crus-galli 399 (Supplementary Table 9); this is expected because of that B_H and C_H are more recently 400 401 diverged (Figure 2). However, no significant differences were found among A/B, A/D and B/D consistent genes, although B and D diverged more recently in bread wheat 402 403 (Supplementary Table 10). Second, in E. crus-galli, a significantly higher proportion of suppressed genes occurred in subgenome A_H (donated by the tetraploid progenitor) 404 than in B_H and C_H (Figure 5B). In hexaploid bread wheat, however, we observed 405 significantly fewer suppressed genes in subgenome D (donated by the diploid 406 progenitor). One possible reason is that subgenome D is critical for formation of 407 important traits of bread wheat such as quality and disease resistance (Luo et al., 408 2017). Additionally, we found that expression patterns of the subgenomes of E. 409 crus-galli are still similar to their ancestor progenitor genomes (i.e. A_H/B_H together 410 with the tetraploid genome and C_H together with the diploid genome) based on 411 clustering of the expression patterns of each subgenome (Supplementary file). In 412 contrast, expression patterns of the subgenomes are similar to each other within a 413 species in wheat after hexaploidization process (Supplementary file). We cannot 414 415 provide the exact reasons currently, but artificial selection might be one possible factor shaping transcriptomic pattern in wheat but not in the weed and causing the 416 differences between them. 417

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419 Methods

420 Genome sequencing and assembly

The voucher specimens for the three sequenced species were deposited in the
Herbarium of Zhejiang University (HZU), with herbarium accession No.
HZU60206925 for *E. crus-galli* (STB08), HZU60206923 for *E. oryzicola* (ZJU2) and
HZU60206921 for *E. haploclada* (Pasquet 1083).

425 Genomic DNA of E. crus-galli (STB08) was extracted from young leaves for sequencing library construction using CTAB method. DNA libraries for single 426 molecule real-time (SMRT) PacBio genome sequencing were constructed following 427 the standard protocols of the Pacific Biosciences company and sequenced on PacBio 428 Sequel platforms (Pacific Biosciences). Raw reads of the E. crus-galli genome were 429 corrected by using an error correction module embedded in Canu (version 1.8), and 430 high-quality sub-reads were used for assembly by using Canu with parameter 431 432 '-pacbio-raw minReadLength=2000' (Koren et al., 2017). Clean PabBio sub-reads were mapped to assembled contigs with minimap2 (Li, 2018). Consensus sequences 433 were constructed and assembled contigs were corrected using racon (v1.4.0) (Vaser et 434 al., 2017). Assembly was improved according the following steps for three rounds: (1) 435 Assembled contigs were corrected by Illumina paired-end and mate-pair reads 436 generated previously using Pilon (version 1.23) (Guo et al., 2017; Walker et al., 2014). 437 (2) Corrected contigs were scaffolded with OPERA-LG (version 2.0.5) (Gao et al., 438 2016). (3) Gaps within scaffolds were filled with Illumina pair-end reads by using 439 440 GapFiller (version 1.10) and clean PacBio sub-reads by using PBjelly incorporated in PBSuite (version 15.8.24) (Boetzer and Pirovano, 2012; English et al., 2014). 441

Genomic DNA of E. oryzicola (ZJU2) was extracted from young leaves for 442 sequencing library construction in the CTAB method. For Illumina sequencing, 443 444 paired-end and mate-pair libraries (insertion size ranges from 300 bp to 20 kb) were constructed following the manufacturer's instructions (Illumina, USA). PacBio long 445 446 reads were generated, corrected and assembled into contigs using the same procedures 447 for STB08 mentioned above. Corrected PacBio long sub-reads were further aligned to 448 assembled contigs to generate consensus sequences by using pbalign (release 0.4.1) (https://github.com/PacificBiosciences/pbalign). Assembled contigs were improved 449 450 by consensus sequences using arrow incorporated in SMRT Link (version 5.1) 451 (www.pacb.com). Assembly was further improved for two rounds using the same 452 procedure as for STB08 assembly improvement mentioned above.

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The diploid E. haploclada (Pasquet 1083) was collected on 05 July 2011 by Rémy

Pasquet in coastal forest in Kenya, near Muhaka, 04°20.201 S 39°28.137 E. 454 Taxonomic determination was performed by Elizabeth A. Kellogg; the voucher 455 specimen is housed at the Missouri Botanical Garden (MO), and details are available 456 at the following Tropicos URL: http://legacy.tropicos.org/Specimen/100668610. 457 Genomic DNA extraction of E. haploclada and PacBio sequencing library 458 construction followed procedures described previously. A Hi-C library was 459 constructed using fresh young leaves of E. haploclada for pseudomolecule 460 461 construction. The Hi-C experiments and sequencing procedures were similar to those described previously in cotton (Wang et al., 2017). PacBio long sub-reads were 462 corrected and assembled into contigs using Canu (-pacbio-raw minReadLength=2000) 463 and improved by corrected PacBio sub-reads by using arrow incorporated in SMRT 464 Link and Illumina paired-end reads with Pilon. Improved contigs were further rebuilt 465 into two sub-assemblies (ref and alt) with HaploMerger2 (Huang et al., 2017). Based 466 on ref sub-assembly, clean Hi-C reads were analysed by using Juicer (version 1.6.2) 467 and then 3D-DNA was used to scaffold contigs into pseudomolecule (Dudchenko et 468 al., 2017; Durand et al., 2016). Additionally, the method *optimize* in AllHiC was also 469 used to order and orientate contigs in each pseudo-chromosme cluster (Zhang et al., 470 2019). Based on the consistency between 3D-DNA and AllHiC assemblies and 471 synteny to S. italica, we manually corrected some errors with discrete chromatin 472 473 interaction patterns. BUSCO (version 2) was used to evaluate the completeness of assembled Echinochloa genomes (Simao et al., 2015). 474

475 **Genome annotation**

476 Repeat sequences of the three *Echinochloa* genomes were annotated using methods477 described previously (Guo et al., 2017).

For annotation of protein coding genes, the pipeline described previously (Guo et al., 2017) was adopted except for filtration for final gene sets. Briefly, a hybrid strategy combining ab initio predictions (i.e. GeneMark.hmm (Lukashin and Borodovsky, 1998), Fgenesh (Salamov and Solovyev, 2000) and Augustus (version 3.2.2) (Stanke et al., 2006)), homologous gene evidence and transcriptomic support (RNA-seq) was

483 applied in gene prediction. All gene structures predicted were integrated into 484 consensus gene models by EVidenceModeler (version 1.1.1) (Haas et al., 2008). Based on EVidenceModeler integrated results, high confidence gene models were 485 identified as those supported by homologous genes or transcript evidences or by at 486 487 least two ab initio methods, and the remaining gene models were categorized as low confidence. High confidence gene models were further filtered to remove short gene 488 models (less than 50 amino acids) and gene models with homology to sequence in the 489 490 Repbase (E-value $\leq 1e-5$, identity $\geq 30\%$, coverage $\geq 25\%$).

491 Subgenome construction

We employed a reference-guided method based on subgenome homology to construct 492 subgenomes in E. oryzicola and E. crus-galli. For separation of two subgenomes in 493 tetraploid E. oryzicola, the genes in contigs were used as markers and coding proteins 494 were aligned mutually by BlastP with E-value cutoff of 1e-10 and DAGchainer (Haas 495 et al., 2004) was used to identify syntenic blocks between contigs with at least 3 496 497 homologous gene pairs within 10 gene models. Two contigs whose marginal regions showed synteny to the left and right end of another contig would be linked and then 498 formed homeologous scaffold pairs (Supplementary Figure 22B). Each homeologous 499 scaffold pair was mapped to the diploid E. haploclada genome to place and orient on 500 501 chromosomes (Supplementary Figure 22C). Subsequently, E. haploclada genome sequences were split into 100-mers, and these short reads were mapped to 502 503 homeologous scaffold pairs of tetraploid E. oryzicola. Distinctly higher coverage depth was observed for one scaffold versus the other one in each of the homeologous 504 505 pairs (Supplementary Figure 8). We then linked homeologous pairs according to depth and classified these scaffolds with higher and lower depth to two different 506 507 subgenomes, respectively (Supplementary Figure 22D and 22E). For subgenome separation in hexaploid *E. crus-galli*, a similar approach was adopted. First, syntenic 508 contig triads were identified and linked according to synteny to E. haploclada 509 510 (Supplementary Figure 23B). Then tetraploid E. oryzicola genome sequences were split into 100-mers, and these reads were mapped to homeologous scaffold triads. 511

512 Distinctly higher coverage depth was found for two scaffolds of each homeologous triad as E. oryzicola is the progenitor of E. crus-galli (Aoki and Yamaguchi, 2008). 513 Another scaffold of the triads with much lower overage depth was then linked and 514 designated as the subgenome C_H of E. crus-galli (Supplementary Figure 23C). The 515 scaffolds with high coverage depth were mapped to the two above identified 516 subgenomes of E. oryzicola according to gene similarity and then these scaffolds were 517 linked and divided into two subgenomes A_H and B_H of hexaploid E. crus-galli 518 519 (Supplementary Figure 23D).

520 **Divergence time estimation**

Phylogenetic trees among E. haploclada and five other species (S. italica, Z. mays, 521 Sorghum bicolor, Brachypodium distachyon and O. sativa) were built with RAxmL 522 (Stamatakis, 2014) using 3,142 shared single-copy genes identified by OrthoFinder 523 (Emms and Kelly, 2015) and visualized in iTOL (itol.embl.de) (Letunic and Bork, 524 2016). Protein sequences were aligned in MAFFT (version 7.310) (Katoh and 525 Standley, 2013) under default parameters. We first aligned protein sequences 526 manually among species or subgenomes by using BLASTP. DAGchainer was 527 employed to determine syntenic blocks with at least 3 homologous gene pairs within a 528 region of 10 gene models based on best-hit BlastP results. Estimation of divergence 529 times was based on the non-synonymous substitution Ks calculation of syntenic 530 homologous gene pairs with the formula T = Ks/2r, where r is the rate of substitution. 531 We used the nucleotide substitution rate of 6.5×10^{-9} mutations \times bp⁻¹ \times generation⁻¹ as a 532 molecular clock (Molina et al., 2011). Kaks_calculator was used to calculate Ks with 533 534 the model of NG (Zhang et al., 2006). Transposable elements divergence was assessed by PercDivs (Percentage of substitutions in the matching region compared to the 535 consensus) calculated in RepeatMasker. TE sequence divergence between two 536 subgenomes of tetraploid E. oryzicola displaying a high degree of overlap suggested 537 the consistency of TE evolutionary rate in two subgenomes (Supplementary Figure 538 539 11). The non-overlapped segregation region indicates the time frame from diploid progenitor divergence to genomes merging as tetraploid genome (Xu et al., 2019). 540

541 Gene family identification

Gene families were identified based on Pfam protein domains, which were identified 542 by InterProScan (version 5.24-63.0) (Zdobnov and Apweiler, 2001). Besides 543 Echinochloa genes annotated in this study, the others include genes from S. italica 544 (v2.0) (Bennetzen et al., 2012), S. bicolor (v3.1.1) (Paterson et al., 2009), O. sativa 545 (MSU v7.0) (Matsumoto et al., 2005), B. distachyon (v3.0) (Vogel et al., 2010), A. 546 tauschii (Aet v4.0) (Jia et al., 2013), T. turgidum (WEWSeq v1.0 for wild emmer and 547 Svevo.v1 for durum wheat) (Avni et al., 2017; Maccaferri et al., 2019) and T. 548 aestivum (iwgsc_refseqv1.0) (IWGSC, 2014). Phylogenetic tree (Maximum 549 likelihood) of NB-ARC genes was constructed using FastTree (Price et al., 2009). 550

551 Selection pressure analysis

Ka/Ks ratio of homologous gene pairs with those of Ks < 0.001 excluded was 552 calculated by Kaks_calculator. To assess the selection pressure of genes in a 553 population level sample, pN/pS ratio was calculated based on whole-genome SNPs 554 (Hao et al., 2018). pN is the number of nonsynonymous positions in each gene 555 showing polymorphism divided by the total number of nonsynonymous changes 556 possible in the gene. pS is the number of polymorphic synonymous positions divided 557 by the number of possible synonymous sites. 30 E. crus-galli lines with genome 558 559 re-sequencing data were selected for pN/pS calculation (Ye et al., 2019). SNP calling was performed using the method described previously with an exception that the new 560 STB08 genome assembly was used (Ye et al., 2019). 561

562 Transcriptome sequencing and analysis

For drought stress treatment, the seedlings of three *Echinochloa* species at tillering stage were hydroponically cultivated and treated with 10% PEG6000 for 24 hours. The blast (*Pyricularia oryzae*) infection treatment on detached leaves of three *Echinochloa* species was similar to that described previously (Guo et al., 2017). Total RNA from roots and/or leaves was extracted for RNA sequencing. A total of three biological replicates for each treatment or control were performed. The transcriptomic data of *E. crus-galli* co-cultured with rice (i.e. allelopathy treatment) were generated
previously (Guo et al., 2017).

Illumina RNA-Seq libraries were prepared and sequenced on a HiSeq 4000 system 571 572 following the manufacturer's instructions. Clean data were obtained by using NGSOCtoolkit (v2.3.3) to filter out low quality reads under default parameters. Reads 573 were aligned to the *Echinochloa* genomes using Tophat (v2.0.9) (Trapnell et al., 2009). 574 Expression values of genes were quantified by FPKM (fragments per kilobase of exon 575 per million fragments mapped for each predicted transcript) using the Cufflinks 576 toolkit (v2.2.1) and Cuffdiff was employed to do differential expression analysis 577 (Trapnell et al., 2010). 578

Gene triads in hexaploid E. crus-galli were identified according to synteny among 579 three homeologous subgenomes. Only triads with a summed expression of all three 580 homeologs > 0.5 FPKM were kept for downstream analyses. Subgenome expression 581 bias was determined following a method implemented in bread wheat RNA-seq 582 583 analyses (Ramirez-Gonzalez et al., 2018). Briefly, we normalized the expression for each gene within the triad by calculating relative expression (relative expression 584 equals to FPKM of each homeolog divided by summed FPKM of its corresponding 585 586 triad). The relative expression of each homeolog within each triad determined the 587 triad's position in the ternary plot for the global analysis. Seven expression bias 588 categories (a balanced category with similar relative abundance of transcripts from the 589 three homeologs, 3 dominant and 3 suppressed categories, classified on the basis of the higher and lower abundance of transcripts from a single homeolog with respect to 590 591 those from the other two) were defined. We then calculated the Euclidean distance of the observed expression status of each triad and ideal expression status (see details in 592 593 Supplementary Figure 24) of seven categories and expression bias category was 594 assigned by the shortest distance for each triad (Supplementary Figure 24).

595 To further explore expression bias changes under stress, we measured the expression 596 level changes of three homeologs within a triad. Triads with the same expression level 597 change (up-regulated or down-regulated) of three homeologs were defined as 21

598 consistent response triad, and when response patterns of two homeologs were similar 599 but different from the other homeolog, then we defined it as AB consistent, BC 600 consistent or AC consistent response triads. For these triads with the same trends of 601 response to stress, we calculated relative contribution (RC) of stress response as the 602 following formula.

 $RC (Relative Contribution) = \frac{\text{change of gene expression in one subgenome}}{\text{sum of gene expression change in all subgenomes}}$

604 Similar to determining expression bias (Supplementary Figure 24), response bias605 categories were also assigned for each convergent response triad.

606 Wheat genomic data analysis

The same analysis pipelines for Echinochloa species were used in wheat omic data. 607 These analyses including gene family identification, syntenic gene pair and triad 608 identification, Ka/Ks calculation, gene expression quantification and subgenome 609 expression pattern analyses. Genome sequences of A. tauschii (Aet_v4.0) and T. 610 611 turgidum (WEWSeq_v1.0 for wild and Svevo.v1 for domesticated emmer) were obtained from Ensembl Plants release 46 (http://plants.ensembl.org). Genome 612 sequence of *T. aestivum* (iwgsc_refseqv1.0) was obtained from Wheat@URGI portal 613 (https://wheat-urgi.versailles.inra.fr/). Wheat transcriptomic data were obtained from 614 previous studies (Supplementary Table 13). 615

616 Data availability

The genomic sequence and RNA-seq data included in this study were deposited into the BIG data centre (https://bigd.big.ac.cn/) under accession number PRJCA002334. The *Echinochloa* genome assemblies and the annotations are accessible at http://ibi.zju.edu.cn/RiceWeedomes/Echinochloa/.

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873	Table 1.	Summary	of	genome	sequencing,	assembly	and	annotation	of	three
874	Echinoclo	a species								

Species	E. haploclada	E. oryzicola	E. crus-galli
Ploidy	2n=2X=18	2n=4X=36	2n=6X=54
Estimated genome size, Gb	0.42	1.00	1.40
Sequencing platform and coverage	Pacbio (92×) +Illumina (79×) +HiC (276×)	Pacbio (63×) +Illumina (120×)	Pacbio (86×) +Illumina (148×)
Assembly size, Gb	0.44	0.95	1.34
Contig N50, Mb	0.93	1.87	1.57
Scaffold N50, Mb	48.75	2.93	4.09
Genes annotated	36 946	66 521	103 853
BUSCO assessment (%)	97.1	97.7	97.5
Percentage of repeat element (%)	41.09	52.19	46.26
GC content (%)	46.05	46.05	45.91

877 Figure legends

Figure 1. Genomes and phenotypes of diploid *Echinochloa haploclada*, tetraploid 878 E. oryzicola and hexaploid E. crus-galli. (A) Phenotypes of three sequenced 879 880 Echinochloa species. From left to right, E. haploclada (Pasquet 1083), E. oryzicola (ZJU2) and E. crus-galli (STB08). (B) circos plot of E. haploclada genome showing 881 different genomic features including synteny to S. italica (only blocks with at least 20 882 883 syntenic genes were shown; different colors represent chromosomes of S. *italica*), repeat element, gene density, GC content and transcription landscape. (C) Alignments 884 of E. oryzicola (gray-blue) and E. crus-galli (red) contigs to E. haploclada genome. 885 Black histograms in nine chromosome bars represent gene density of E. haploclada. 886

Figure 2. Divergence times of *Echinochloa* genomes. 887 (A) The synonymous substitution rates (Ks) distribution of homologous genes between E. haploclada and S. 888 italica, and between subgenomes from two Echinochloa weeds. The subscript "T" 889 and "H" indicate subgenomes from tetraploid (A_T and B_T in E. oryzicola) and 890 hexaploid (A_H, B_H and C_H in *E. crus-galli*), respectively. Individual peak was 891 separately shown in Supplementary Figure 10. (B) Brief diagram showing the 892 evolution of *Echinochloa* species and estimation of polyploidization times. Gray lines 893 with square nodes represent three unknown ancestral diploid progenitors. Numbers 894 895 beside each branch point show divergence or hybridization time. mya, million years 896 ago.

Figure 3. Changes of gene family size during *Echinochloa* polyploidization. (A) 897 Dot matrix and distribution of fold changes (lower right) of gene family sizes of E. 898 899 crus-galli with O. sativa and the sum of tetraploid and diploid Echinochloa species. In 900 the distribution of fold changes of gene family size, majority of gene families in E. crus-galli is about three times those of O. sativa (left) and the same as the sum of the 901 diploid and tetraploid *Echinochloa* species (right) in size. (B) Comparison of abiotic 902 and biotic stress-related gene family sizes among Echinochloa species and other 903 904 grasses. T. turgidum refers to durum wheat. Topological relationship is derived from the Timetree database (http://timetree.org/). For ploidy, one, two and three circles 905 33

represent diploid, tetraploid and hexaploid, respectively. +/-, increase/decrease in size 906 relative to corresponding outgroup species. *, P<0.01; **, P<0.001; ***, P<0.0001, 907 Fisher's exact test. (C) Synteny retention ratio of seven gene families including 908 disease-resistance gene families NB-ARC and wall-associated receptor kinase (WAK). 909 Across the genome, 46.4% (indicated by the red dashed line) of genes fit the 910 1:(1:1):(1:1:1) synteny retention ratio. ***, P < 0.0001, Fisher's exact test. (D) An 911 912 example of loss for a NB-ARC domain encoding gene and retention for a GRAS gene 913 during *Echinochloa* polyploidization. Shades between two segments represent synteny. A_T and B_T represent two subgenomes in tetraploid *E. oryzicola* genome, and A_H, B_H 914 and C_H represent three subgenomes in hexaploid E. crus-galli genome, respectively. 915

916 Figure 4. Comparison of selection pressure on subgenomes of *Echinochloa* weed 917 and wheat during polyploidization. (A) The model of *Echinochloa* polyploidization process. [#], E. haploclda was used as a proxy for the C_H progenitor genome. (B) 918 Comparison of Ka/Ks ratio between subgenomes A_T and B_T in E. oryzicola (left) and 919 A_H and B_H in *E. crus-galli* (middle) and comparison of pN/pS ratio of A_H and B_H in *E*. 920 921 *crus-galli* populations (right). (C) The model of bread wheat polyploidization process. 922 (D) Comparison of Ka/Ks ratio between subgenomes A and B in domesticated and wild tetraploid wheat (left) and hexaploid bread wheat (right). In the box plots, the 923 horizontal line shows the median value, and the whiskers show the 25% and 75% 924 925 quartile values of Ka/Ks or Pn/Ps. Nonparametric Wilcoxon rank-sum test and Kruskal-Wallis pairwise comparison test were performed to evaluate significant 926 differences for two and four samples, respectively. n.s., not significant; ***, 927 928 *P*<0.0001.

929 Figure 5. Subgenome expression profiling during *Echinochloa* hexaploidization.

(A) Subgenome expression changes of *E. crus-galli* under drought stress by PEG
(polyethylene glycol) treatment. Expression bias status for 13,619 triads of
homeologous genes in roots under drought treatment (lower right triangle and bottom
half of the middle circle) and control (upper left triangle and upper half of the middle
circle) were shown. Summary of bias category changes was shown by the middle

chord diagram. (B) Relative expression of three subgenomes (i.e. expression value of
one homoeolog divided by sum of expression values of three homoeologs in a triad)
in *E. crus-galli* and bread wheat. Black verticle line marks the extremely average
status with relative expression value of 0.33. A_H, B_H and C_H represent three
subgenomes in hexaploid *E. crus-galli*, respectively. A, B and D represent three
subgenomes in hexaploid wheat, respectively.

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