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Developing Novel Rust Disease Resistance Approaches in Wheat

Objective: Host-induced gene silencing technology for combating cereal rust diseases by targeting pathogenicity-associated factors in rust pathogens

Outputs thus far: Wheat was genetically transformed for enhanced tolerance to rust pathogens using expressed rust gene fragments as an effective disease control strategy

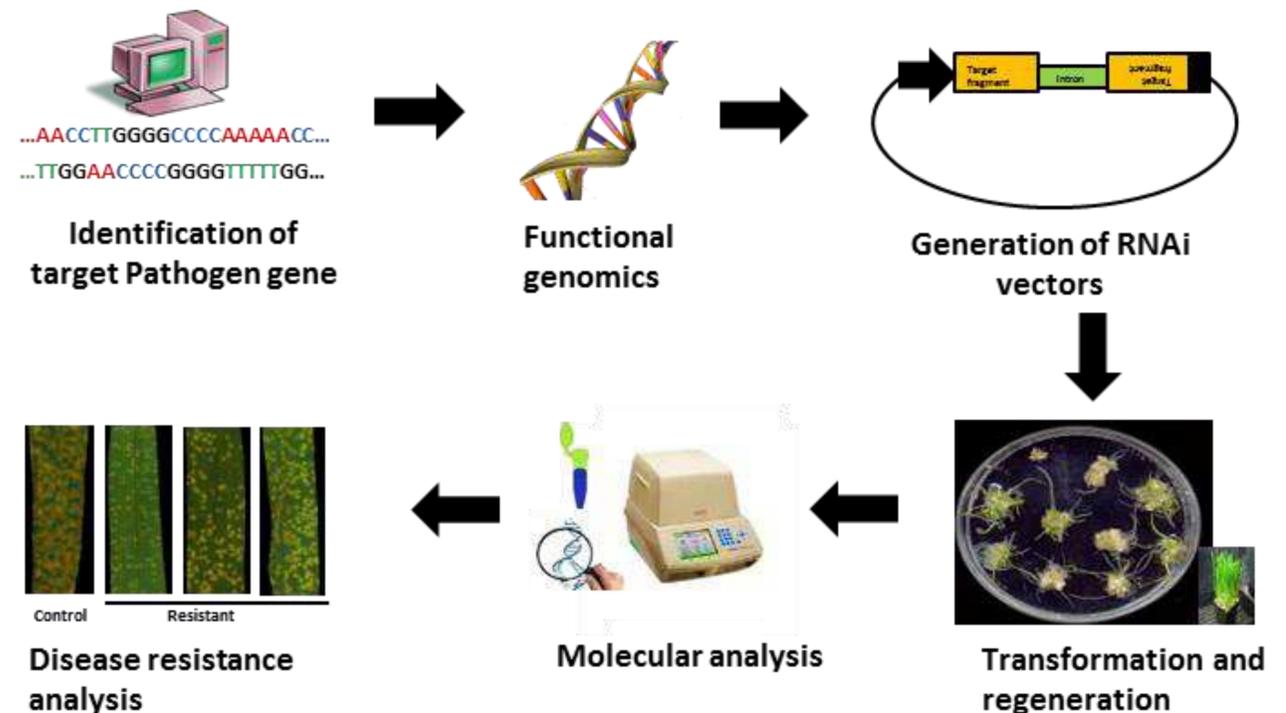
Impact: Increased variability and durability of resistance in cereal crops

Potential to reduce fungicide costs and their detrimental environmental impacts

Deployment path: Method training of personnel between the CWA and consortium partners

Delivery date: 2016-2017

Resources committed: ~\$500K over 4 years



Opportunity for collaboration: Development of marker-free wheat plants with durable rust disease resistance using the technology platform.

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