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genotypes is used to generate mapping populations for candidate and interval mapping of respective gene(s) together with aforementioned anatomical and chemical analyses. This research is funded by Grant Agency of Czech Republic, 14-11782S project and Operational Program Research and Development for Innovations (CZ.1.05/2.1.00/03.0058).

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The four year FP7 European project LEGATO (Legumes for the Agriculture of Tomorrow) is aimed at improving the competitiveness of legumes in European agriculture. Grain legumes represent less than 2% of cultivated arable land in Europe, which relies heavily on imported plant protein sources. The project brings together 17 research institutions and 10 companies or professional associations from 12 European states to focus on breeding and management methods for the principal grain legumes or pulses grown in Europe, the pea and faba bean. Among the actions proposed will be the use of advanced breeding methods taking advantage of recent genomics data, exploitation of genetic resource collections, techniques of high-throughput phenotyping including non-destructive root imaging, legume-based cropping systems including intercropping, and exploration of new food products incorporating legume flours. Project Web site: http://www.legato-fp7.eu/

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A candidate gene association mapping approach was taken to understand how allelic variation in 25 sucrose or starch metabolism pathway genes and *R* locus affect the variation in pea seed amylopectin chain length distribution (CLD); a structural attribute related to starch functional properties. Using 97 single seed derived USDA-ARS Plant Introduction (PI) lines that were grown in two replicated trials, starch CLD variation was quantified by fluorophore-assisted carbohydrate electrophoresis. The lines consisted of both round (*R*_, n = 86) and wrinkled seeded types (*rr*, n = 11). In addition, polymorphisms were identified in alignments of partial sequences of the 25 candidate genes by resequencing PCR products. Association mapping was conducted using the mixed linear model (MLM) implemented using TASSEL software with population structure and kinship accounted for using a Q matrix (k = 4, four subpopulations, estimated using STRUCTURE software) and a K (kinship) matrix (the MLM + Q + K model). Q-values were used to determine significant associations that met or exceeded a false discovery rate (FDR) criterion of $\alpha \leq 0.05$. With the 97 lines, *R* locus accounted for most of the variation in CLD (81% and 87% from the trials). Allelic variation in ADP glucose pyrophosphorylase S2 subunit, UDP glucose pyrophosphorylase and phosphoglucan water dikinase were also associated with CLD variation in starch from both trials, and an additional four genes from one trial