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## Development of transgenic potato plants with enhanced tolerance to environmental stresses

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Arabidopsis SIK (Stress Inducible Kinase, AtSIK) is known to function as a negative regulator of osmotic stress signaling in plants and also induced by various environmental stresses. In order to see the function of the AtSIK gene in transgenic potato plants, the AtSIK gene under the control of dual CaMV35S promoter was introduced into a potato cultivar (Solanum tuberosum L. cv. Taedong) using an Agrobacterium—mediated transformation system. Putative transgenic plants were selected from MS medium containing 50 mg/L kanamycin and confirmed by both PCR and RT—PCR. These results showed the AtSIK gene was successfully introduced into potato plants. These transgenic potato plants will be further used to analyze the levels of tolerance to various environmental stresses compared to non—transgenic potato plants.

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