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How the COVID-19 DNA-based Vaccine Works

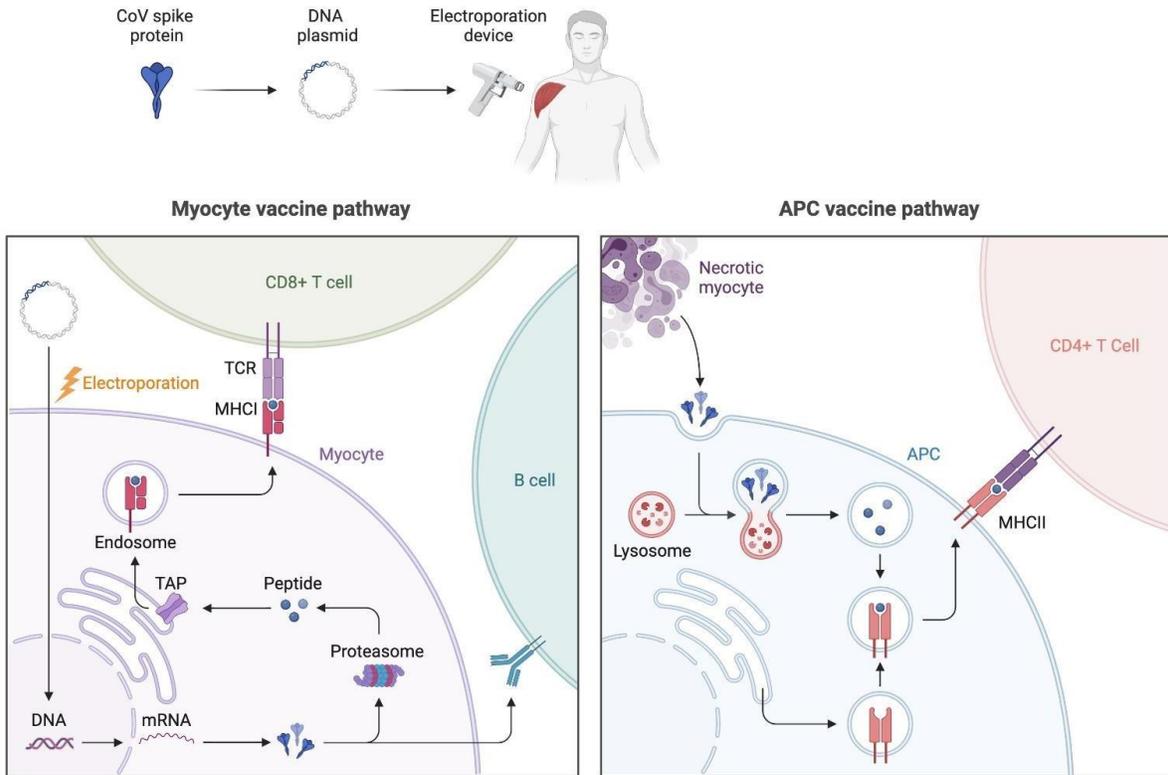


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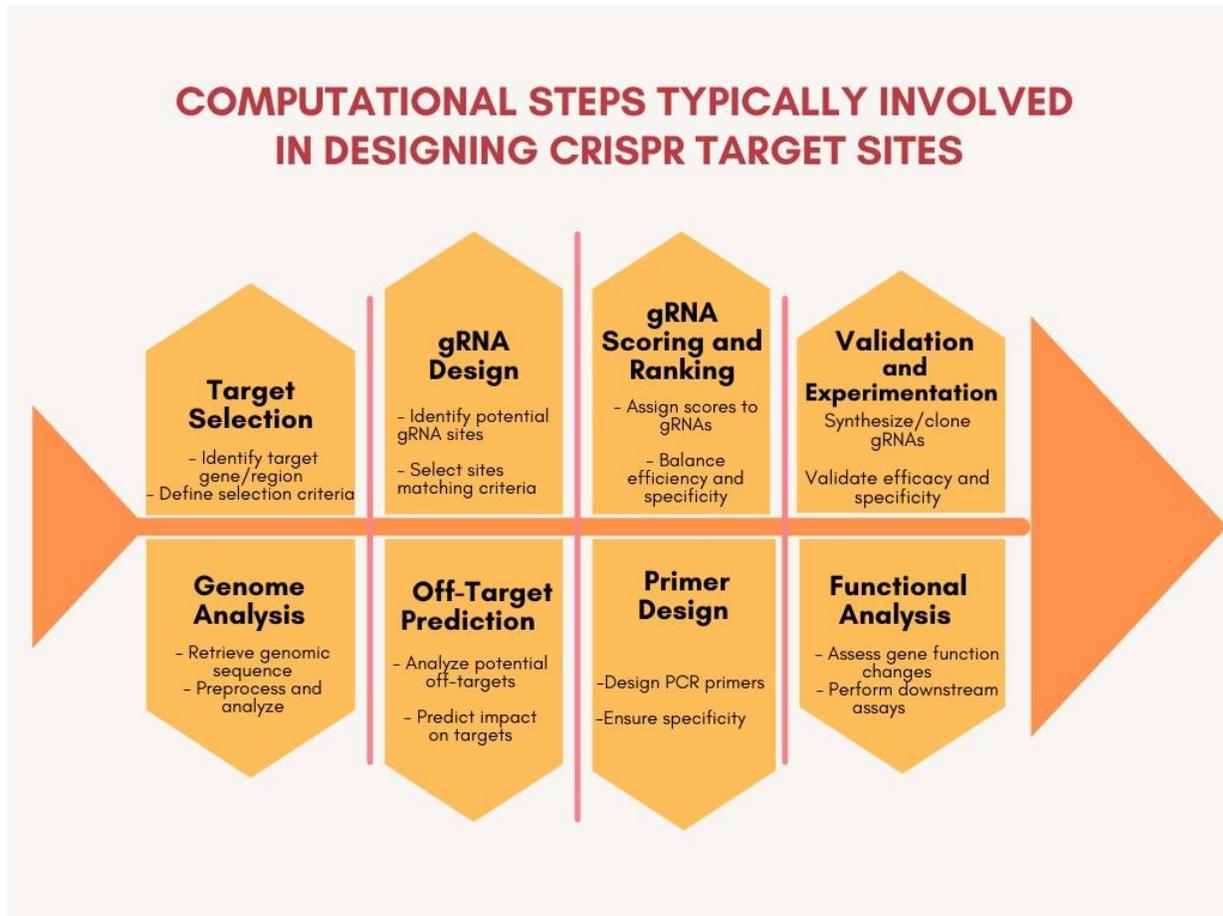


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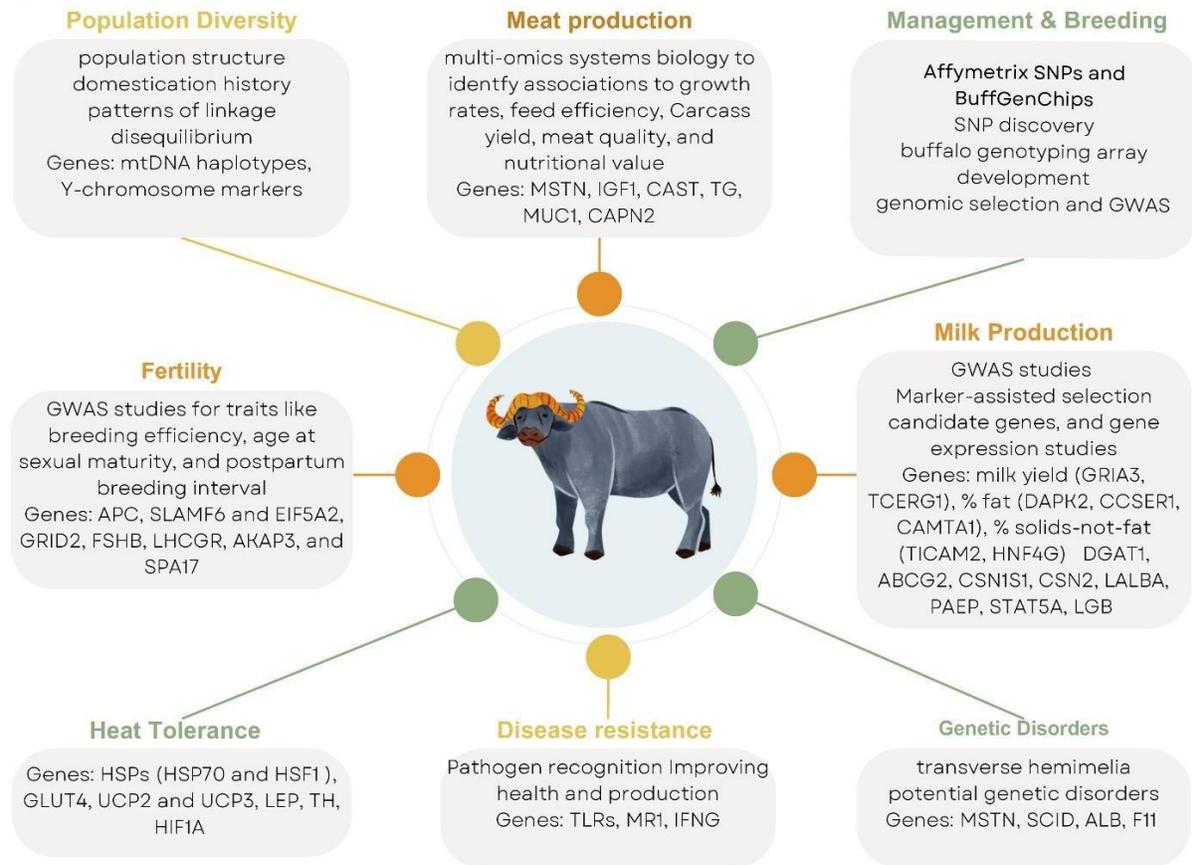
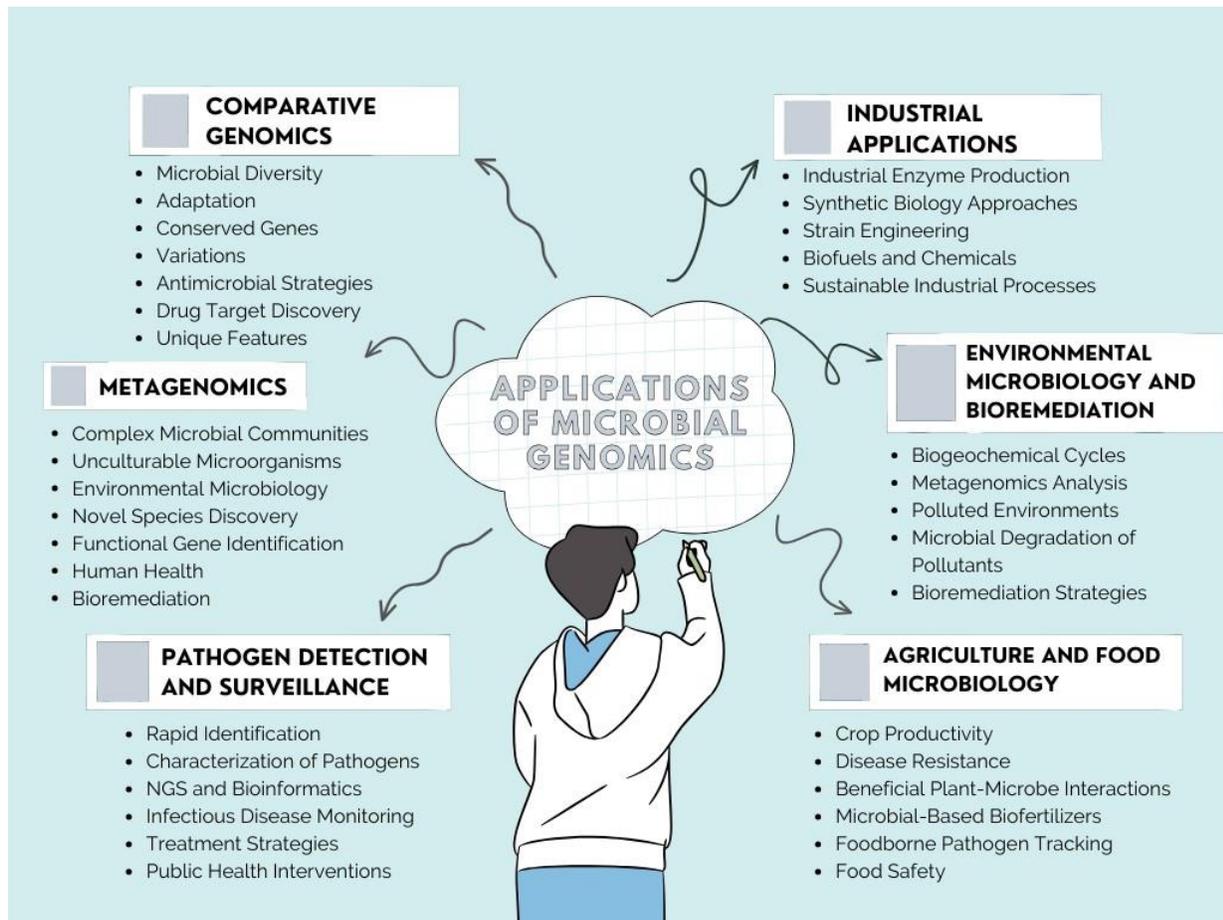


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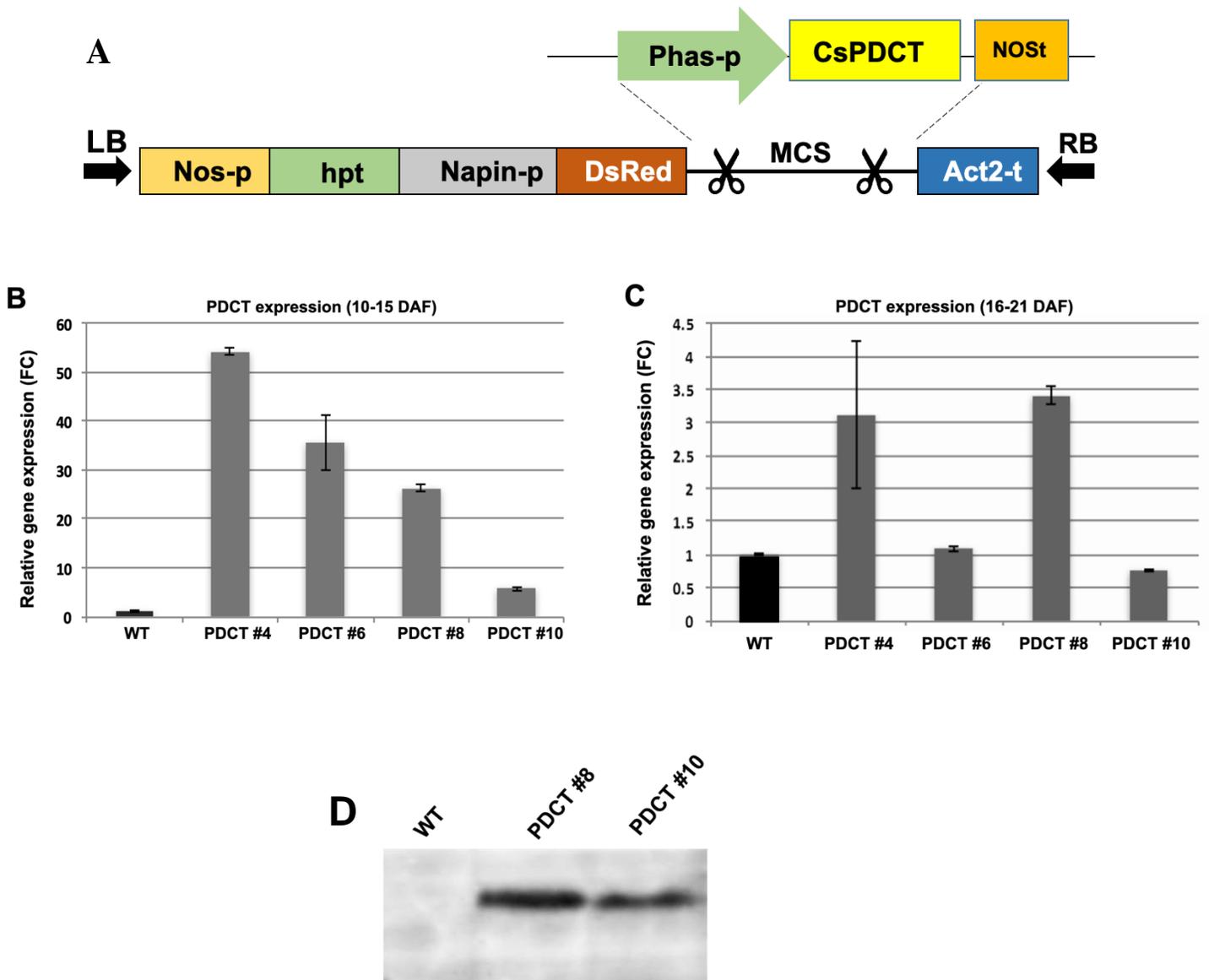


Figure. 6 The T-DNA insertion used to transform *Camelina sativa* and the gene expression confirmation of PDCT using qRT-PCR. **(A)** the modified pCambia RedSeed binary vector containing seed-specific cassettes for expression of the Camelina PDCT under the control of seed-specific beta-type Phaseolin promoter from *Phaseolous vulgaris*. DsRed fluorescence marker and the hygromycin-resistant *hpt* gene for selection of transformants are shown in the phas::PDCT construct. **(B and C)** the analysis of PDCT transcript expression in Camelina developing seeds of T3 generation homozygous transgenic lines overexpressing PDCT and in their parental non-transgenic WT in 10-15 and 16-21 DAF, respectively. **(D)** Immunoblot using 1:500 dilution of HA-tag primary antibody and 1:10000 dilution of Licor Goat anti mouse secondary antibody 800cw in each well on the 12% SDS-PAGE gels, ~ 50ug of total protein was loaded in SDS gel as determined by the Dot plot Assay. A PVDF membrane was used for the transfer and this image was exposed using Licor at 800cw. CsPDCT is ~ 32 kDa. Proteins were extracted from 14 days after flowering (DAF) seeds. Values in (B and C) are the means of fold change \pm standard error SE estimated from three independent qRT-PCR measurements. Gene expression levels were normalized with respect to the internal control *Actin2* gene. The value in WT samples were always adjusted to 1 as they are calibrators for normalizing relative gene expression. DAF, days after flowering; Nos-p, nopaline synthase promoter; Napin-p, napin promoter from *Brassica napus*; MCS, multiple cloning site; Nos-t, nopaline synthase terminator; Act2-t, Actin 2 terminator.

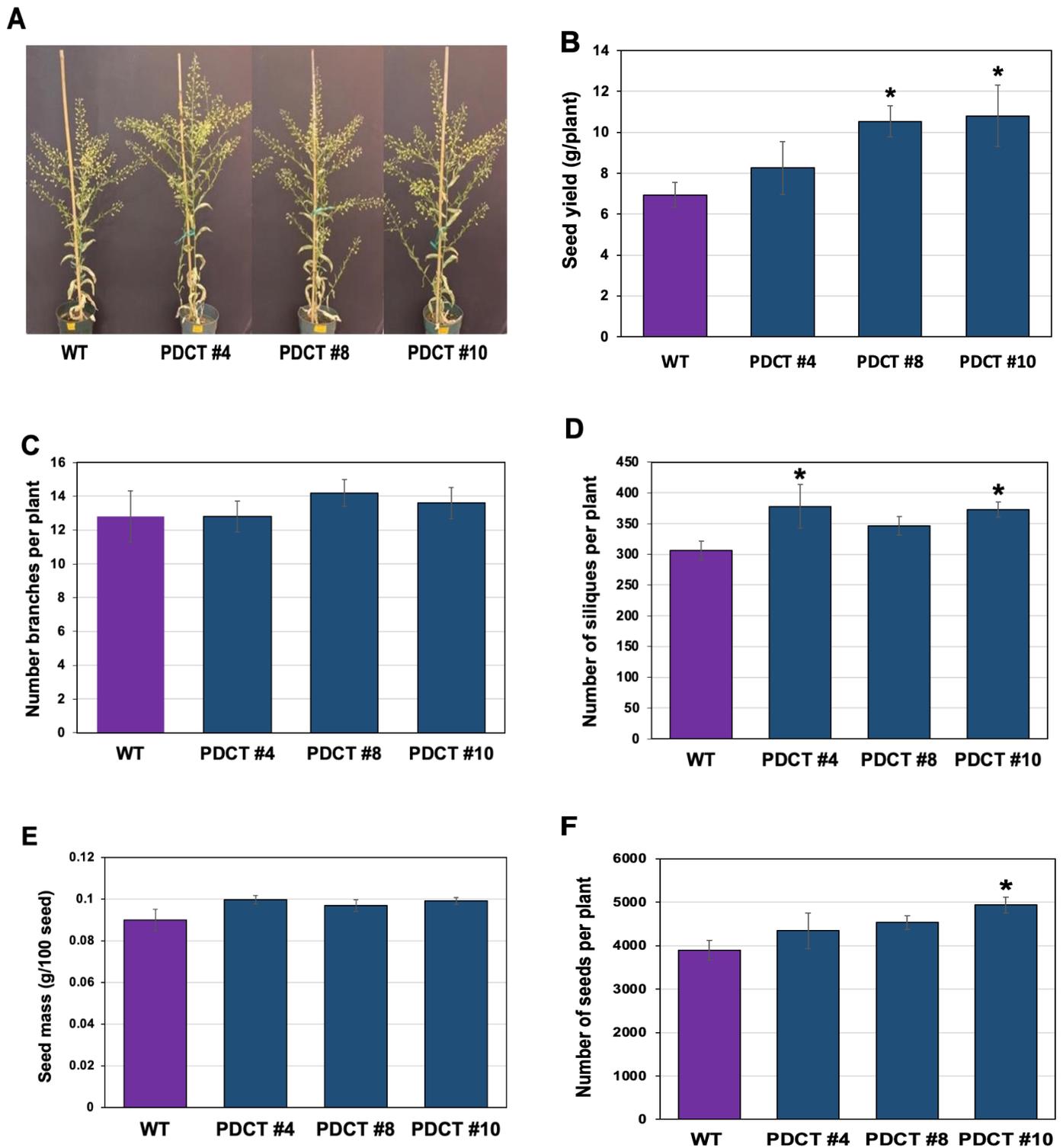


Figure.7 Effect of PDCT overexpression on *Camelina* morphological characteristics and seeds attributes. The morphology of the 8-weeks old plants (**A**), average seed yield (**B**), average number of branches (**C**), average number of siliques/pods (**D**), average seed size (**E**), average number of seeds (**F**) are shown. Data are means \pm standard error (SE) on measurements on homozygous T4 seeds from individual plants ($n= 6-8$) of each genotype grown under controlled growth conditions. Asterisks denote significance of differences between WT and PDCT transgenic lines (Dunnett test $*P < 0.05$).

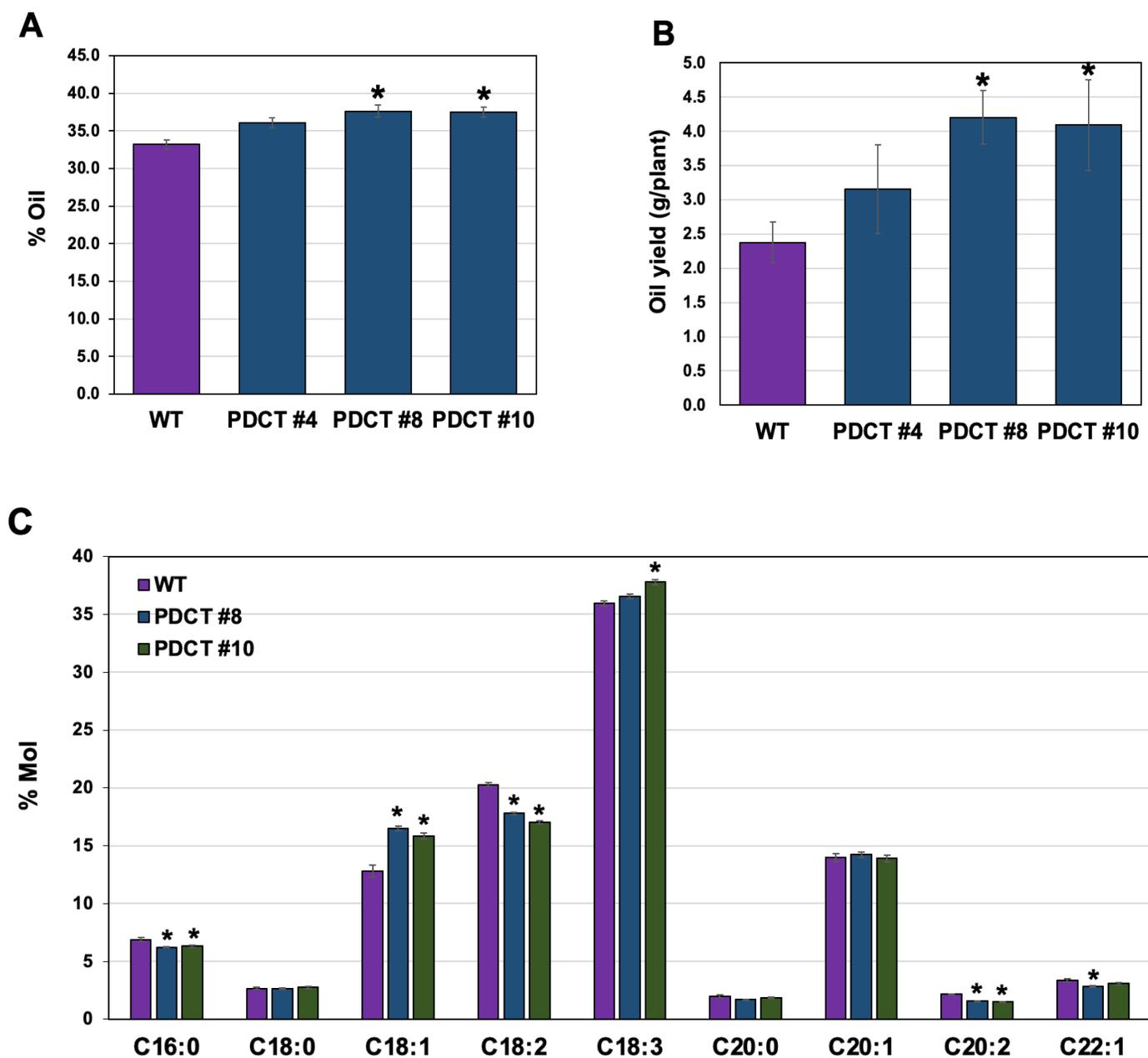
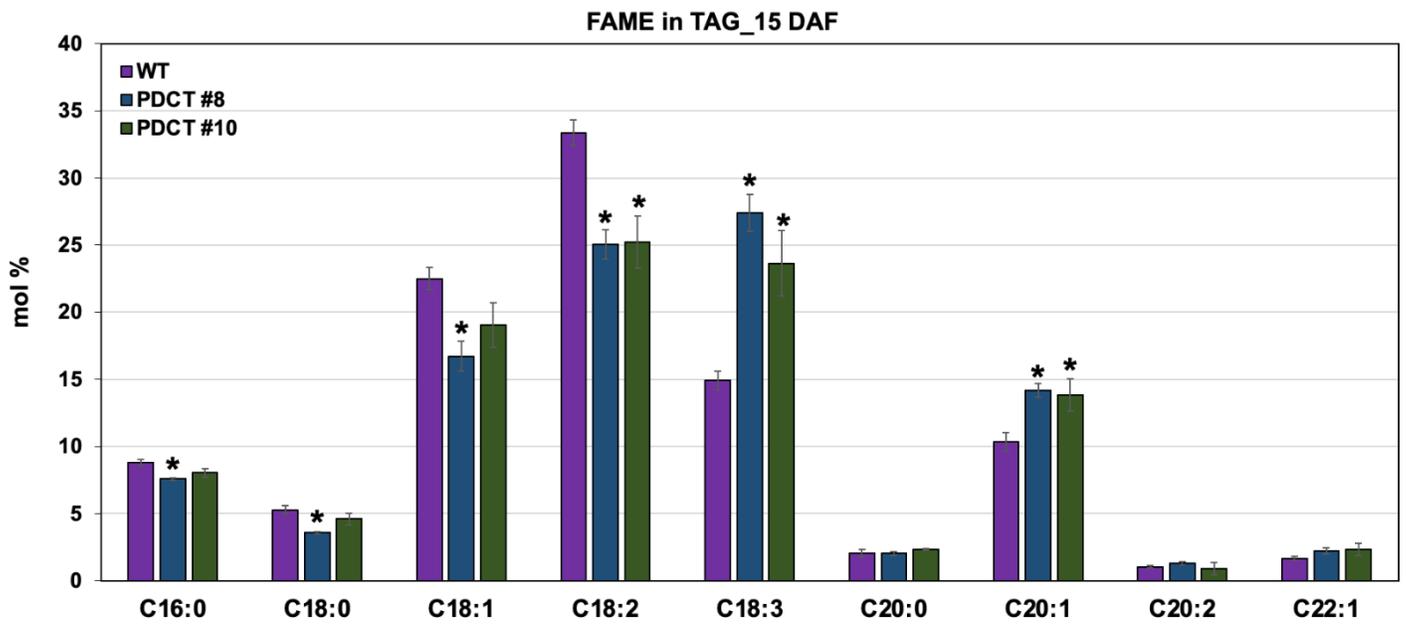
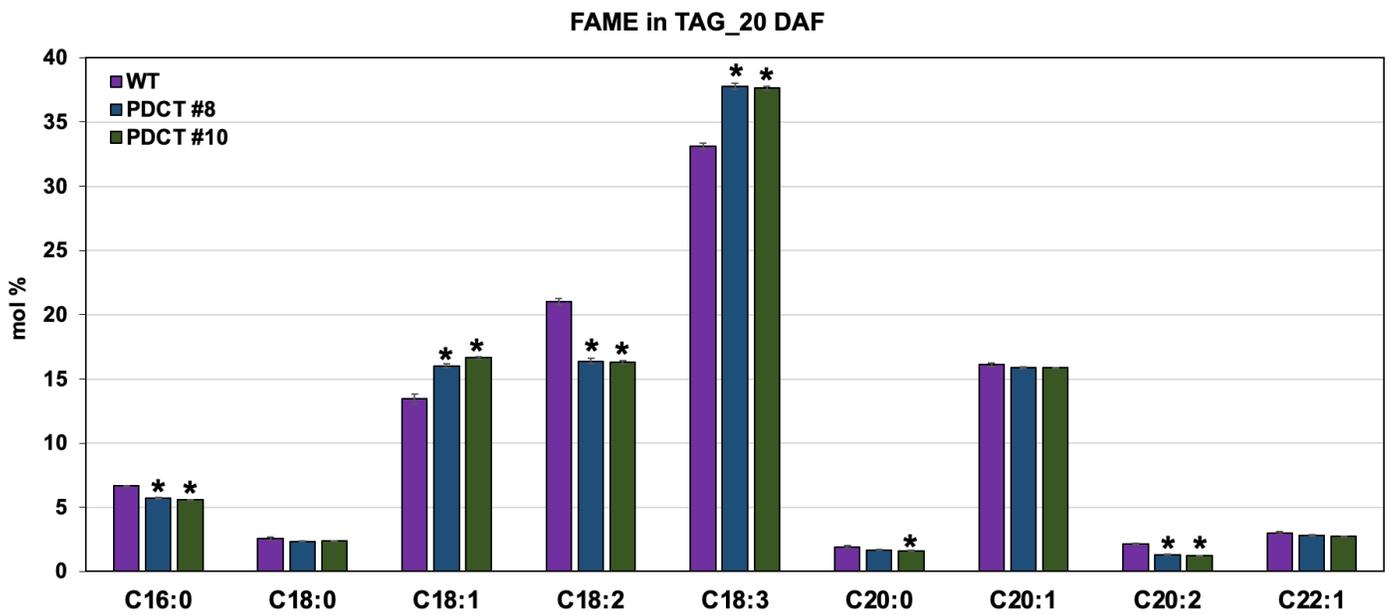
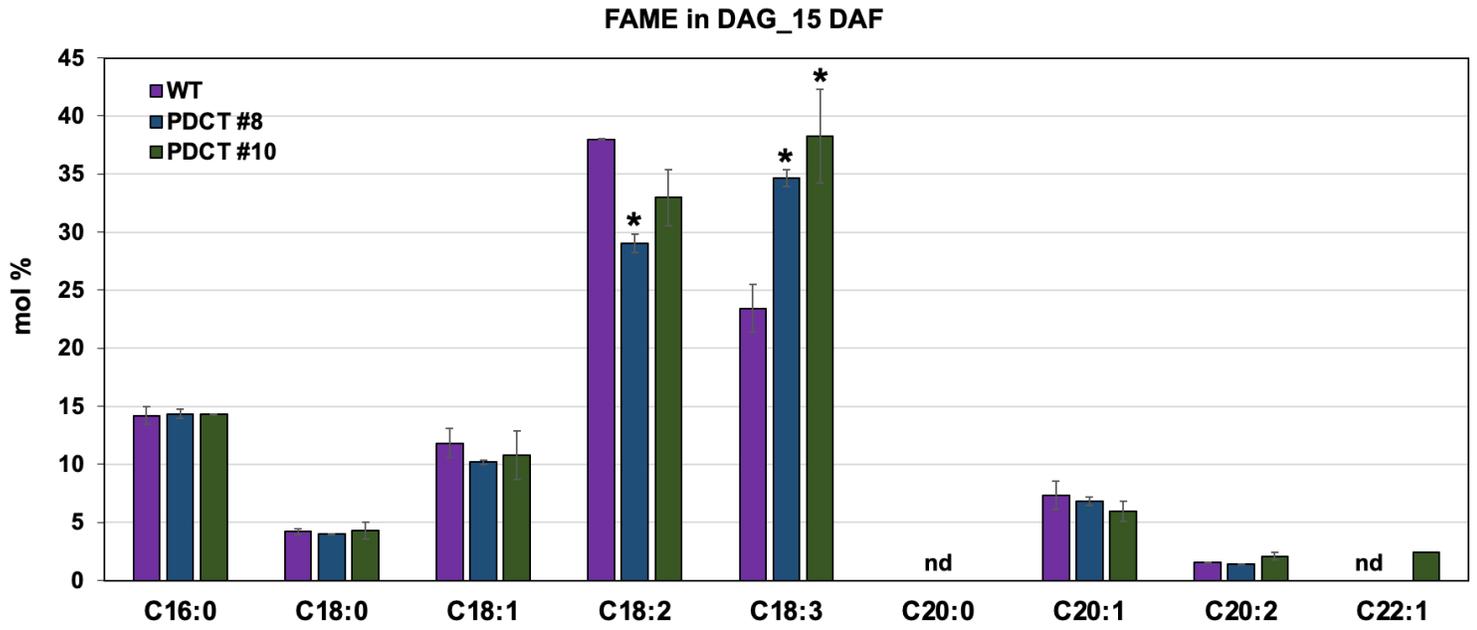
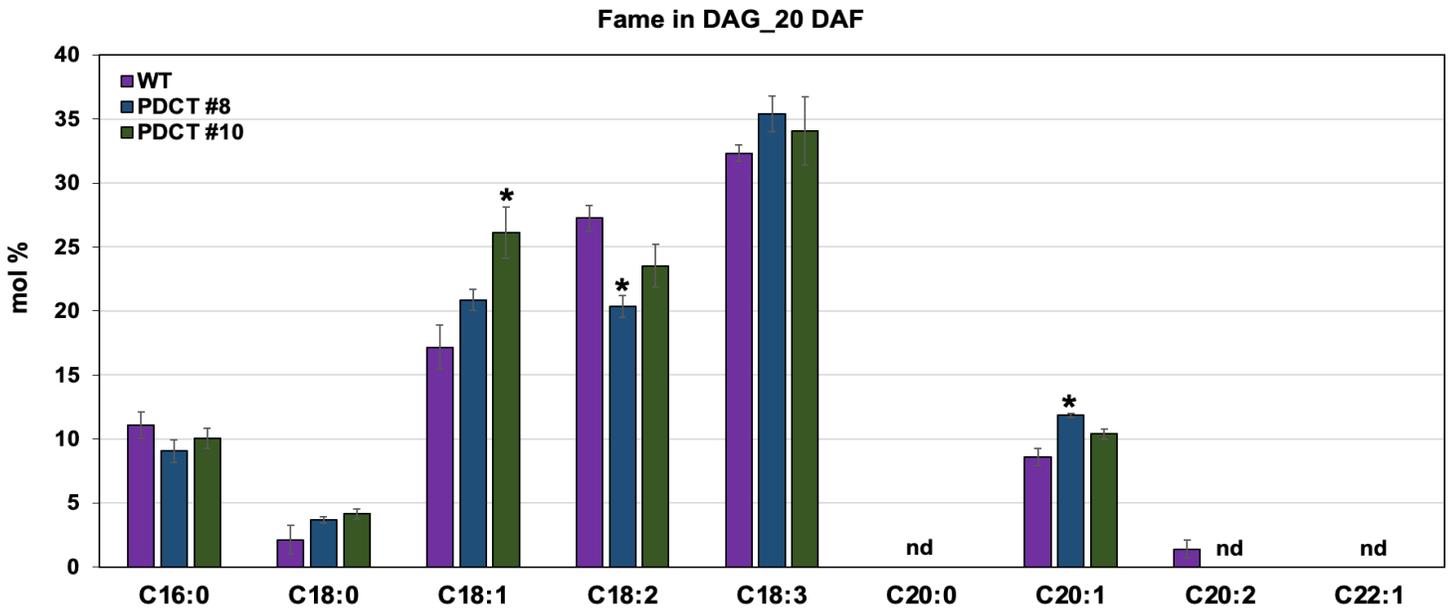


Figure. 8 Effect of PDCT overexpression on Camelina seed oil attributes. % oil content (A), oil yield (B), and FAME composition (C) of WT and T4 transgenic homozygous seeds from individual plants ($n= 6-8$) of each genotype grown under controlled growth conditions, relative to their parental WT plants. The data from selected elite lines expressing PDCT gene are shown. Asterisks denote significance of differences between WT and PDCT transgenic lines (Dunnett test $*P < 0.05$).

A**B**

C**D**

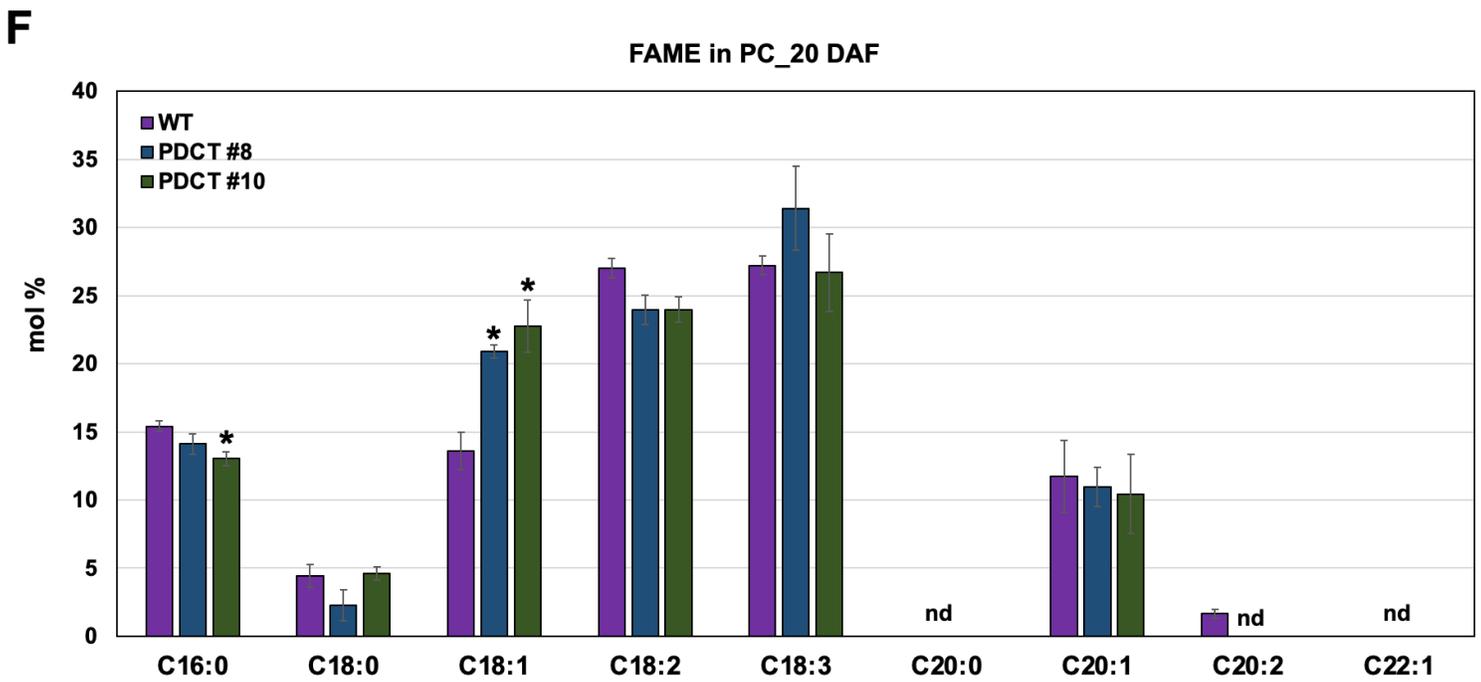
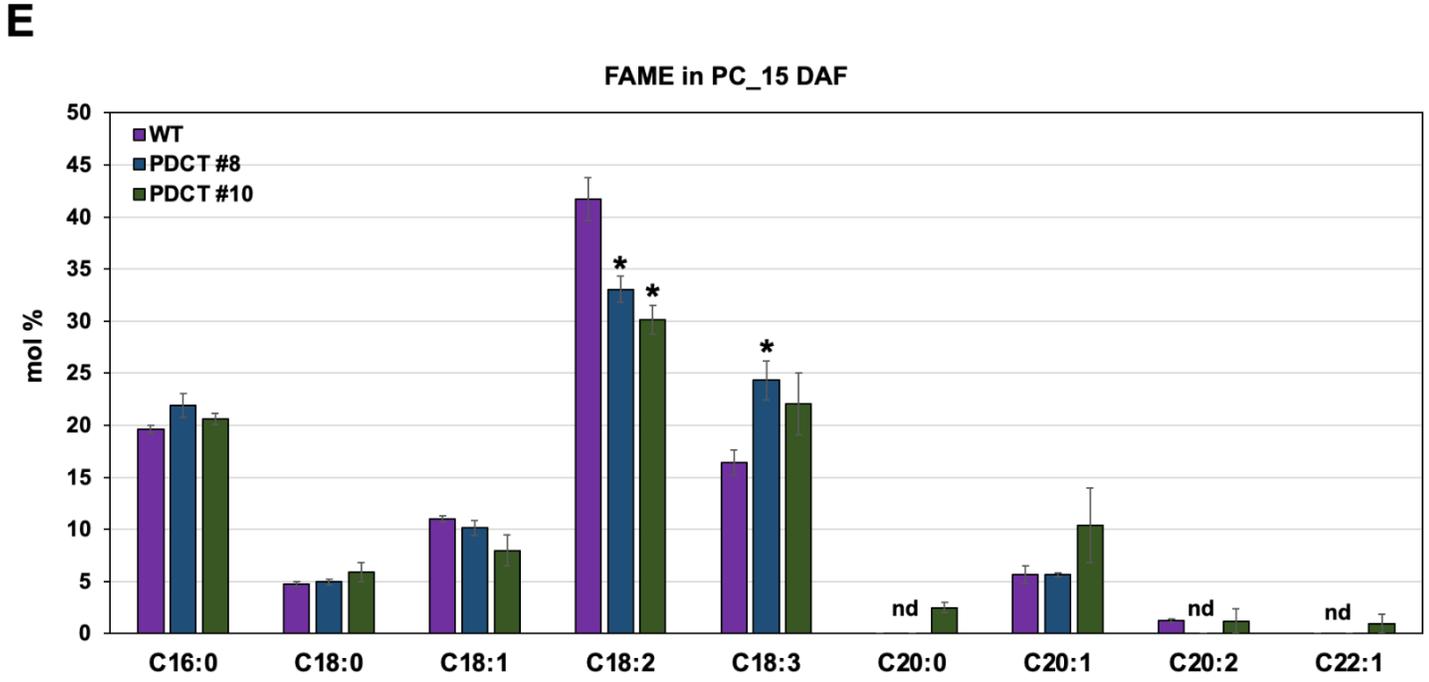


Figure. 9 Fatty acid compositions of TAG, DAG, and PC extracted from developing seeds of WT and PDCT expressing lines. Seeds were harvested 15 and 20 days after flowering (DAF), the periods at which the oil synthesis rate is maximum. Shown are FAME compositions of common fatty acids in WT and T3 transgenic homozygous seeds from three independent biological replicates (n= 3) of each genotype grown under controlled growth conditions. The data in (A) and (B) are FAME in TAG at 15 and 20 DAF, respectively. The data in (C) and (D) are FAME in DAG at 15 and 20 DAF, respectively. The data in (E) and (F) are FAME in PC at 15 and 20 DAF, respectively. The data from selected elite lines expressing the PDCT gene and WT are shown. Asterisks denote significance of differences between WT and PDCT transgenic lines (Dunnett test *P < 0.05). TAG: triacylglycerol, DAG: diacylglycerol, PC: phosphatidylcholine. nd, not detected.

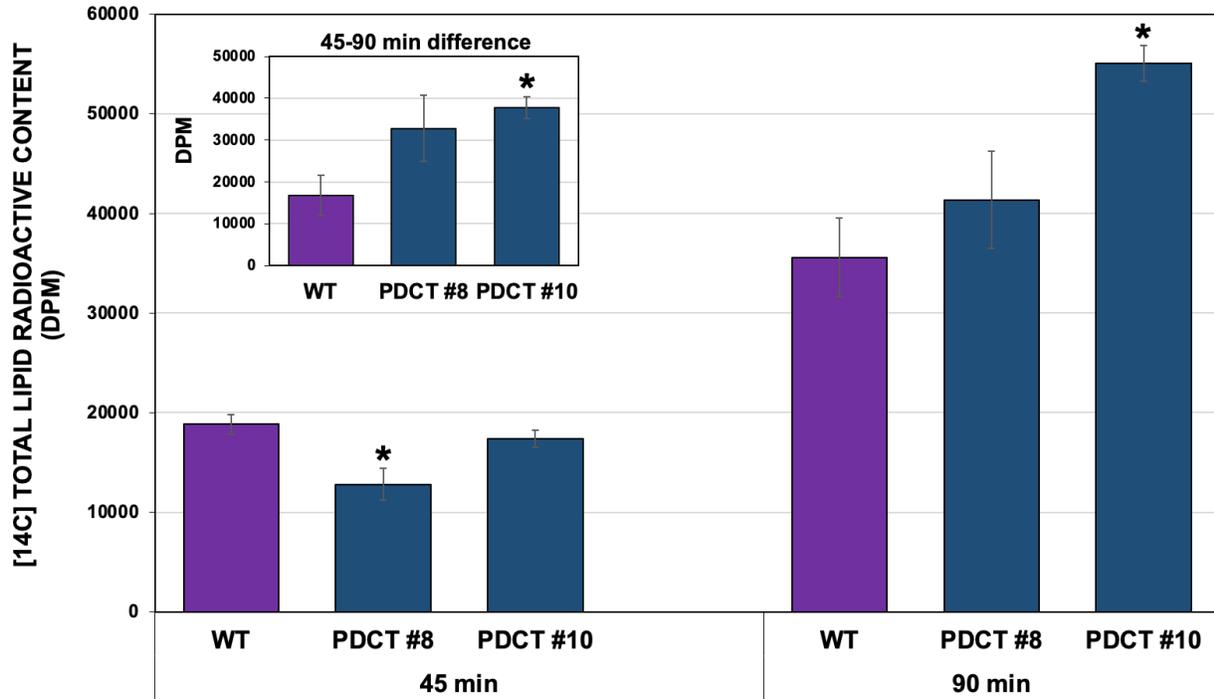


Figure. 10 Radioactivity [disintegrations per minute (DPM)] of the radiolabeled total lipids in *Camelina* embryos 15 DAF at 45 and 90 min of incubation with [¹⁴C]acetate. WT and two elite PDCT expressing lines are shown. The flux change rates are shown. Data is disintegrations per minute DPM/embryo. Asterisks denote significance of differences between WT and PDCT transgenic lines (Dunnett test *P < 0.05).

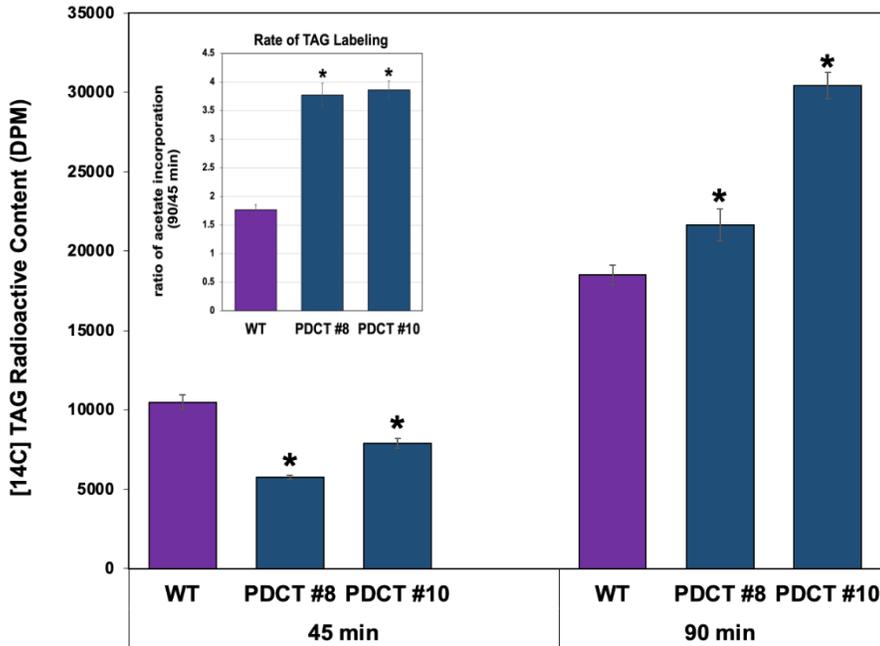
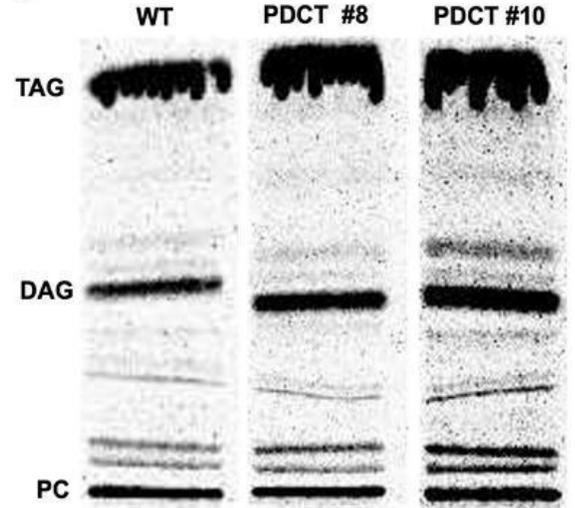
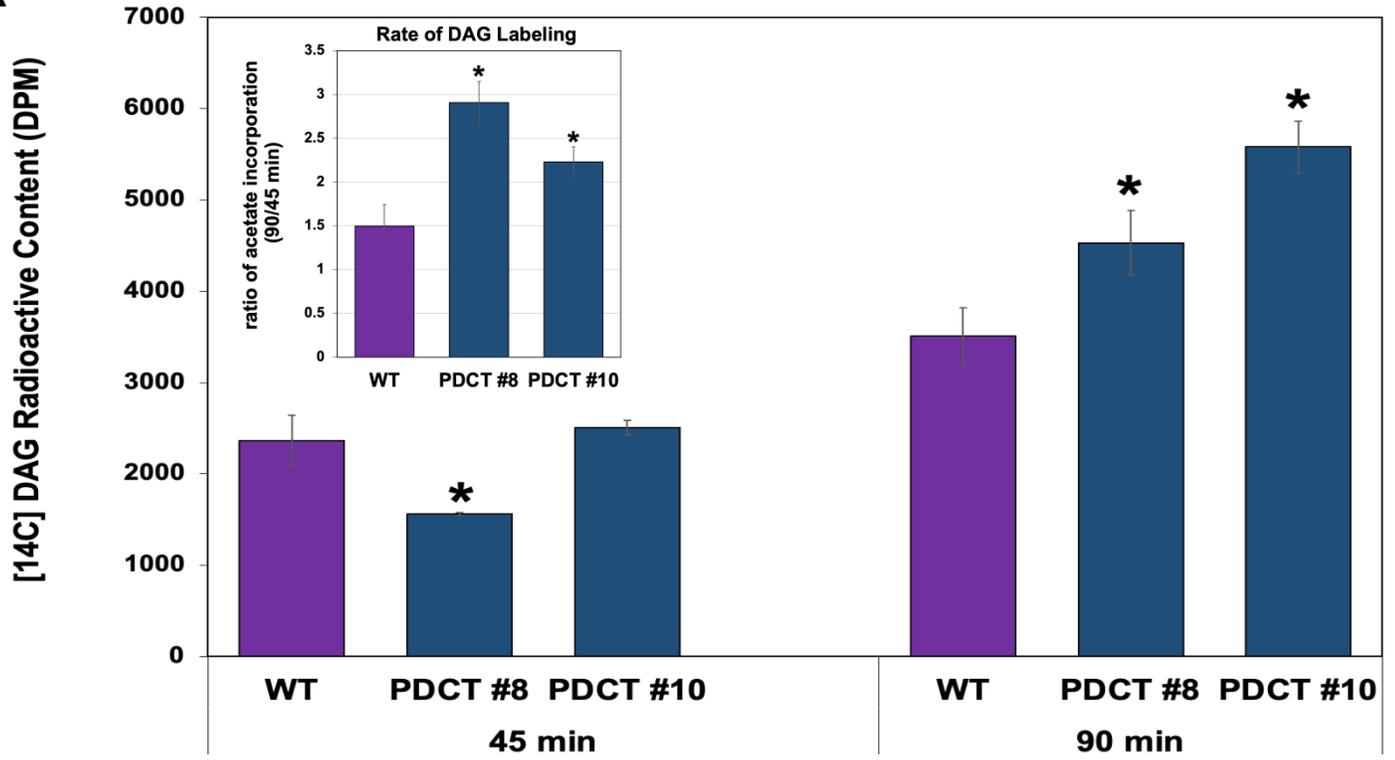
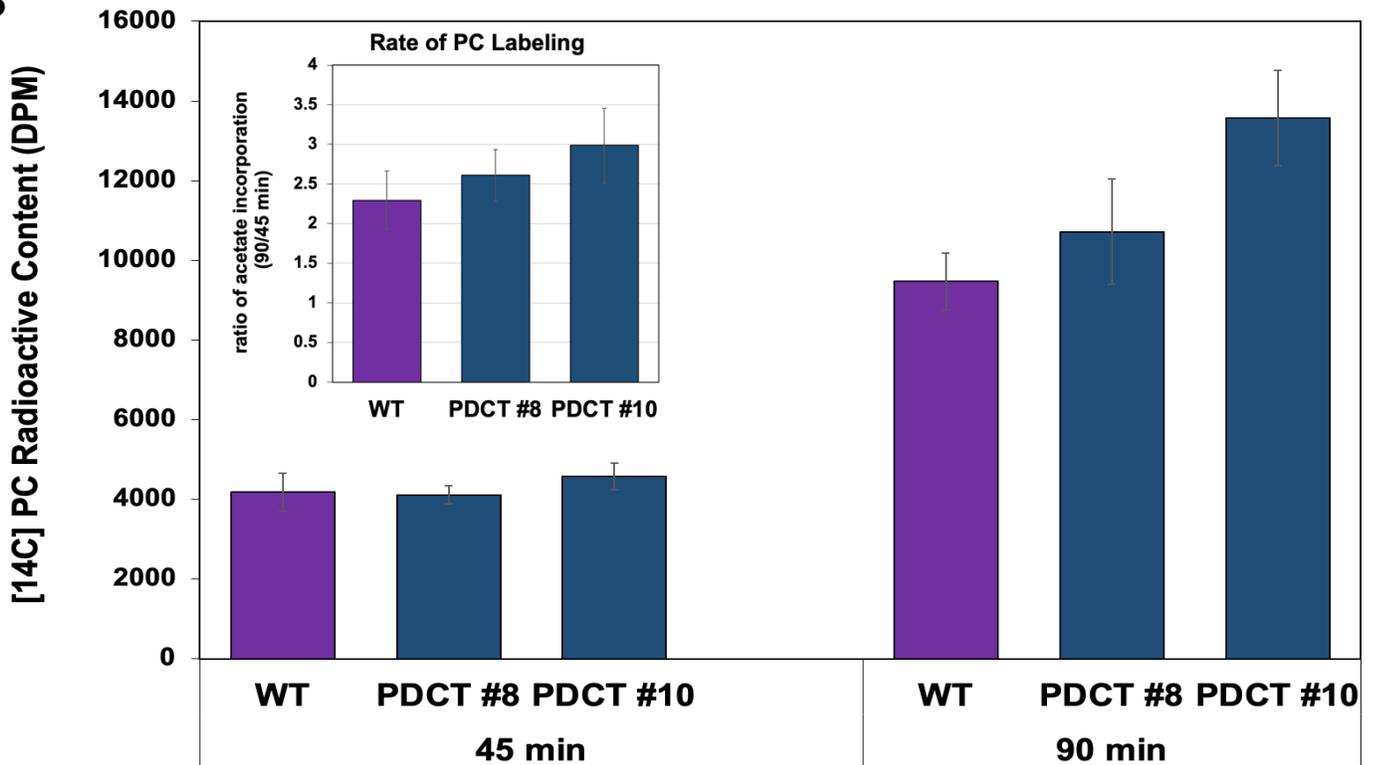
B**A**

Figure. 11 TLC analyses and phosphoimaging quantification of [¹⁴C]lipids in *Camelina* embryos. Panel **A** shows TLC separation of neutral and polar lipids in 15 DAF embryos at 90 min of incubation with [¹⁴C]acetate. WT and two elite PDCT expressing lines are shown. Panel **B** shows the quantification of radioactive content in TAG lipids in PDCT embryos relative WT embryos cultured with [¹⁴C]acetate for 45 and 90 minutes. The small panel indicates the rate of change of [¹⁴C]acetate content between 45 and 90 min of culturing with [¹⁴C]acetate in TAG. Data is disintegrations per minute DPM/embryo. TAG: triacylglycerol, DAG: diacylglycerol, PC: phosphatidylcholine. Asterisks denote significance of differences between WT and PDCT transgenic lines (Dunnett test *P < 0.05).

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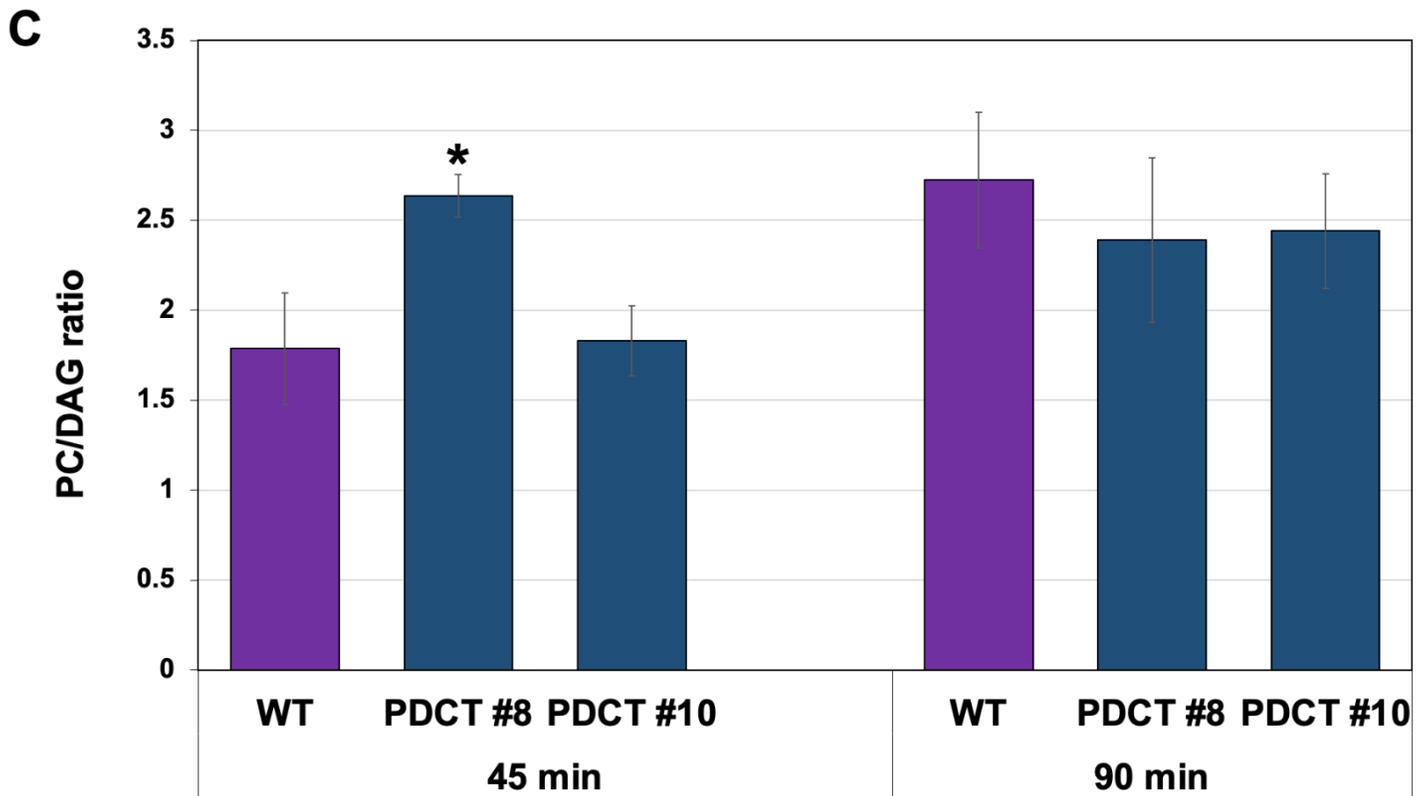


Figure. 12 Phosphoimaging quantification of [^{14}C]lipids in *Camelina* embryos. Panels **A** and **B** show the quantification of radioactive content in DAG and PC lipids, respectively, in PDCT embryos relative WT embryos cultured with [^{14}C]acetate for 45 and 90 minutes. The small panel in **A** and **B** indicates the rate of change of [^{14}C]acetate content between 45 and 90 min of culturing with [^{14}C]acetate in DAG and PC, respectively. Panel **C** shows the ratio of relative PC content to the relative of DAG content in WT and transgenic PDCT embryos. WT and two elite PDCT expressing lines are shown. Data is disintegrations per minute DPM/embryo. TAG: triacylglycerol, DAG: diacylglycerol, PC: phosphatidylcholine. Asterisks denote significance of differences between WT and PDCT transgenic lines (Dunnett test * $P < 0.05$).