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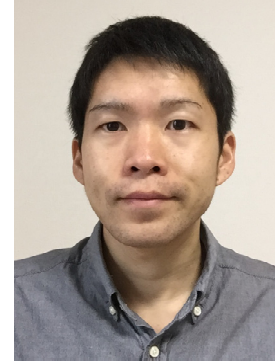
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**Academic History**

2007	Bachelor in Applied Life Sciences	Niigata University of Pharmacy and Applied Life Sciences, Japan
2009	Master in Agricultural Science	University of Tsukuba, Japan
2012	Ph.D. in Agricultural Science	University of Tsukuba, Japan

**Professional/ Scientific Career**

2012, April -	Postdoctoral Fellow	Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Japan
2014, December-	Assistant Professor	Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Japan

**Professional Societies**

Japanese Society for Plant Cell and Molecular Biology  
Japanese Society of Breeding

**Research Area/ Interests**

We are interested in the mechanism of fruit development and ripening and genetic regulation of parthenocarpy and fruit shelf-life which are important traits in tomato breeding. In addition, we are trying to improve agronomically-useful traits of tomato including fruit production and qualities through screening and use of tomato mutant resources.

**Selected Publications**

### **Research Articles**

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3. Chusreeaeom K, Ariizumi T, Asamizu E, Okabe Y, Shirasawa K, Ezura H (2014) A novel tomato mutant, *Solanum lycopersicum elongated fruit1 (Slefl1)*, exhibits an elongated fruit shape caused by increased cell layers in the proximal region of the ovary. *Molecular Genetics and Genomics*, 289(3), 399-409.
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2. Okabe Y, Ariizumi T, Ezura H (2013) Updating the Micro-Tom TILLING platform. *Breeding Science*, 63(1):42-48.
3. Okabe Y and Miura K (2013) Chapter 9. Agroinfiltration. What is NBT (new breeding technology) ?, Ed., Ezura H &, Ohsawa R, Kokusai Bunken Press, Tokyo, pp. pp. 87-97. (In Japanese)