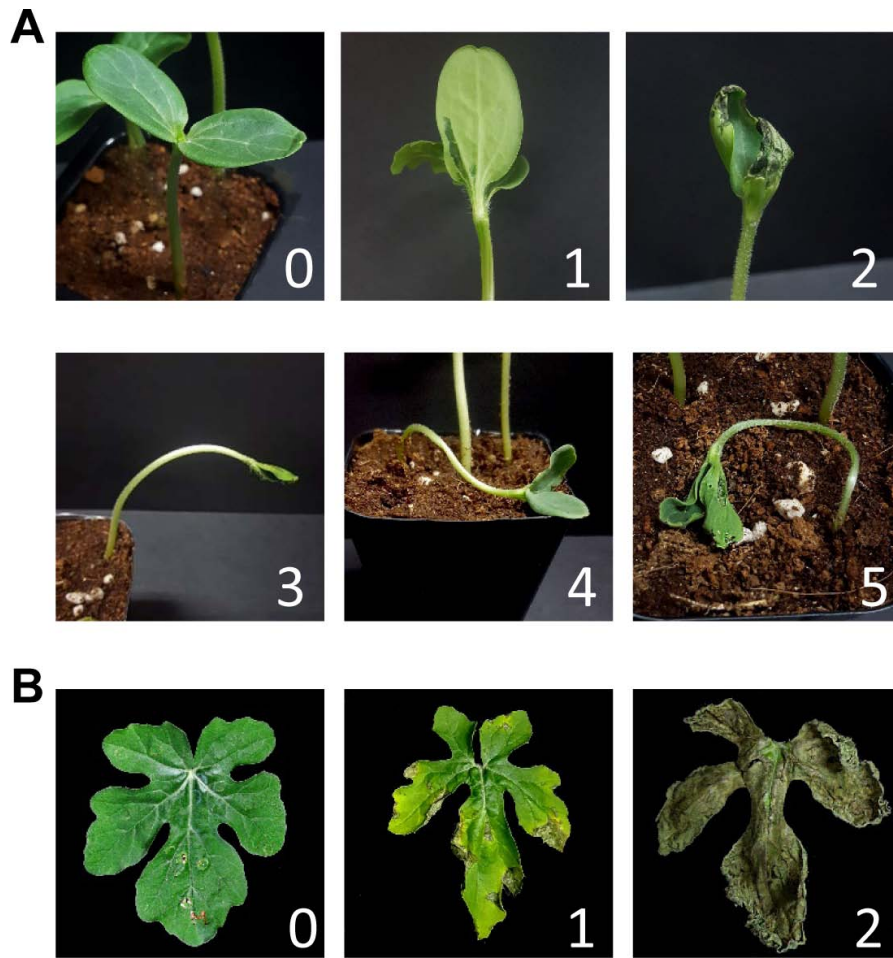


Supplementary Table 1. List of primers used in this study

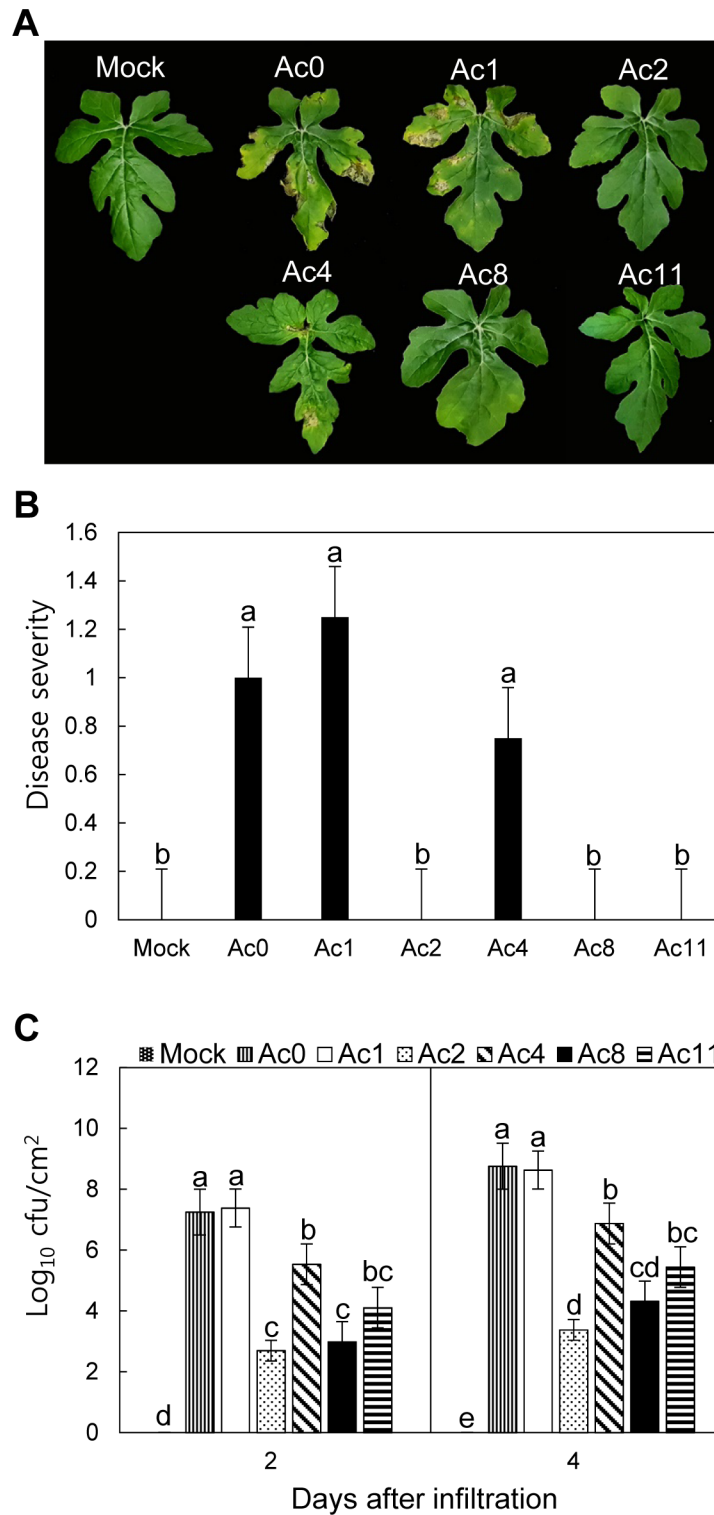
No.	Gene name	Forward (5'→3')	Reverse (5'→3')	Sources
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2	Aave_1373	CTACAAGCTTATGACCAACGTCCTCAAACGGCTACCCG	CTACGGATCCTTACCTCCTTCTCTGGGATACCAA	This study
3	Aave_1548	CACCGAATTCATGCCTCTACAGTCCATTTCAT	GGATCCTGGTTGATCCCCCGTCCGAGCAT	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
4	Aave_2166+upstream	CTACAAGCTTATAAGCGGCTCCAGCATTCCTCCT	GGATCCTGGTTGATCCCCCGTCCGAGCAT	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
5	Aave_2173	CACCGAATTCATGCTGGAGAAAAAGAGGCAGGT	GGATCCGGCAAACATGCTGCACCTTTGGAGGA	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
6	Aave_2708(2938)	CACCGAATTCATGGGTCTATGGGTTTCAAA	GGATCCTGACTGGCGATCAGAGATAGCT	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
7	Aave_2801	CTACAAGCTTATGCTGGAGCGCGCCTCGCCGAA	CTACGGATCCTCAGTCCGGGCCGAGTCTCTGCGG	This study
8	Aave_2802	ATGACCTTCCCTGCAATTTCCCG	TCACACCGGGCGGAATGGC	This study
9	Aave_2876	CACCGAATTCGTGAACGTCCATCTGCATGCCA	GGATCCGTCGTTCCGGTAACCTGAAATAAT	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
10	Aave_3062	GAATTCATGACAGACAGACTCAGCCG	GGATCCAGTCAGTGAACACTATGGGGCGG	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
11	Aave_3237	CACCGAATTCATGCAACGAAAGAAACACGACGA	GGATCCGGGGCGCCTGCAGTCGCTGCAGCA	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
12	Aave_3452	CACCGAATTCATGGCAACTTTTCATCATCTCGTCCAT	GGATCCGGGACGTTCTCCGGGGAGCCGGCA	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
13	Aave_3462	CACCGAATTCATGCCCGTTCCGTCACATCCT	GGATCCGTGCCGATACCAATCCGCGCCA	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)
14	Aave_3501	CTACAAGCTTATGGGATGCCAGGATCCAAATCG	CTACGGATCCTCAGGACAGGTCAGGCAAAATGCAT	This study
15	Aave_3502	ATGCCGCACGTTTATTGC	CTATGAGCAGTCGATGGGAGACAC	This study
16	Aave_4606	CTACAAGCTTATGGCCCGCCGGGGGCGCCCGCC	CTACGGATCCTCAATACAGGGGGGGCGCTGGGC	This study
17	Aave_4728	CACCGAATTCATGTCTGCGATCAACAGTTCT	GGATCCGGGGGCCACGGGCGCTGGCGCGGAA	Eckshain-Levi et al. (2014)



Supplementary Fig. 1. The representative photos for each disease severity index in watermelon after inoculation of *A. citrulli* into seedlings (A) and leaves (B). The numbers indicate each disease index, as described in Materials and Methods.

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Supplementary Fig. 2. Virulence of *A. citrulli* isolates infiltrated by vacuum. (A) Symptoms in watermelon leaves. Three-weeks-old watermelon plants were vacuum-infiltrated with 10^4 cfu/ml (+0.02% silwet) of bacterial isolates for 3 minutes. The photos were taken at 6 days after infiltration. (B) Bacterial growth in the watermelon leaves. Y-axis indicate the average of $\text{Log}_{10}\text{cfu}/\text{cm}^2$ in the infected watermelon leaves. Bars represent the standard error ($n = 9$; 9 leaf discs/treatment) and the letters on top of error bars show results from Duncan's multiple range test ($P < 0.05$).