Adaptive introgression from wild emmer into bread wheat revealed by sequencing 1000 wheat exomes

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Prior studies provided evidence for gene flow between wild emmer and bread wheat. The scope and impact of gene flow on wheat was not known.



Dvorak et al., 2011. Czech J. Genet. Plant Breed Dvorak et al., 1998. Theor. Appl. Genet Avni et al., 2017, Science

Data collected in this project



of accessions/lines:

- bread wheat = 803 (747 spring wheat)
- \blacktriangleright wild emmer = 34
- domesticated emmer = 40
- ➤ durum = 39
- ➤ spelta = 14
- other relatives and synthetic = 170

Exome captured sequencing:

8 million SNP are discovered based on CS reference genome version 1

Field phenotyping data:

- Grain filling period
- Heading date
- Plant height
- Harvest weight
- Harvest weight stability
- (two year repeats)

Tracing wild emmer introgression using SNP data



G is a wild emmer derived and private allele

Gene flow or incomplete lineage sorting ?



If we observe G in bread wheat but not in domesticated emmer,

=>

either gene flow, or, incomplete lineage sorting.

Use f_d test to compare two allelic pattern in a genomic window



Running f_d test for wild emmer introgression in a population of 800 bread wheat



We estimated gene flow from three wild emmer populations into bread wheat



What is the level of gene flow from different wild emmer populations?

Introgression from different wild emmer source populations differs across wheat genome



Previously detected introgression on 4A originated from the Sea of Galilee



Dvorak et al., 2006 MBE He et a., 2019 Nature Genetics

Distribution of wild emmer introgression across the wheat genome in landraces



What is the role of wild emmer introgression in shaping bread wheat phenotypes?



Those three wild emmer population are adapted to environments which are different to southwestern Capspian Sea. Maybe the wild emmer alleles helped wheat to adapt to new environment?

GWAS provides estimate of genome-wide QTL for traits



Evaluate the impact of introgression using GWAS results

- GFP Grain filling period
- HD Heading date
- PHT Plant height
- HW Harvest weight
- HWS Harvest weight stability



Introgression may contribute allele for agronomical traits

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Introgressed genomic segments explain substantial proportion of phenotypic variance



- Selection against introgression
- Adaptive only in specific but geographically constrained habitats

Interpreting the functional role of introgression through comparative genomics and population genetics

GWAS hits (pv<10⁻⁴)

- Grain filling period
- Heading date
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Introgression: Introgressed Genomic regions

Recombination rate: mean rate in 10Mb window

Deleterious allele: mean load in 10Mb window

Modern breeding: 1Mb window with top1% XPCLR outlier

Environmental adaptation: Windows with at least 4 bayenv top1% outlier SNP



Exome sequencing of a diverse collection of wheat landraces, cultivars and breeding lines



Geographic distribution of the analyzed wheat lines

About 1000 wheat exomes project

Genome-level DNA sequence variation map is required to establish links between causal variants and phenotypes as well as to understand the role of environmental, demographic and human-driven factors in shaping the genomic diversity of modern wheat. Here, we used a reference wheat genome IWGSC RefSeq v1.0 to generate a haplotype map based on the targeted re-sequencing of more than 1,000 diverse wheat landraces and cultivars, and tetraploid wild and domesticated relatives.

http://wheatgenomics.plantpath.ksu.edu/1000EC/

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