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Maize Genetic Diversity: Utilization of Molecular Markers in Genetic Diversity

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ABSTRACT

Maize is one of the cereals grown under world wide area. Global ranking of maize is having third rank in among cereals. It's main utilization as a form of food and fodder in all over world. Maize consumed by the human and it has income source of majority overwhelming population. It is also used by the industrial product such as corn starch and other things. Maize having good properties for food calorie 30-60 % and dietary protein, that is very easy digestible for human. cultivated maize is developed from the teosinte maize, teosinte maize having good resitance for biotic and abiotic factor, but new cultivated species has been deteriorate due to modernization of cultivation. So to maintain the genetic diversity in maize, need some necessary work. Genetic diversity is the total variability present in individual or organism/population. Due to continuous use of maize variety in field and enhance the modern technology has deteriorated potential of genetic diversity. So to conserve this diversity in nature, need to study on population or inbreds (Dubreuil and Charcosset 1999). Genetic diversity such as morphological, biochemical and other molecular characterizations are available (Govindaraj *et al.*, 2015). Morphological and biochemical method has been extensively used (Franco *et al.*, 2001), but these methods are highly sensitive to environmental (Smith and Smith 1992; Beyenne *et al.*, 2006). Molecular marker has scattered all over population to know about relationship among variety or genetic diversity. Molecular marker has been only based on DNA technology such as SSR, SNPs, RAPD and AFLP etc.

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Introduction

Maize (*Zea mays* L.) belongs to poaceae family and it is cultivated all over world.

Global ranking of maize has third ranked all over worldwide their own productivity and significance utilization in a form of food and fodder (first and second is rice and wheat

respectively). Maize used by human, and it has also income source of majority overwhelming population (EARO 2000). It used as a form of industrial product such as starch based product, corn starch and other things. Heavy use of maize and maize product, maize demanding has been increased day by day continue in all over world (Wada *et al.*, 2008). Maize having good properties for food calorie about 30-60 % and also having dietary protein, that is very easy digestible for human.

Its grain is produced for several other dishes and consumed by the human (Showemimo *et al.*, 2007). Now days hybrid (*Zea mays* L.) is most widely cultivated spp. all over world due to more high yield compare to other variety of maize and it has economically differ from other maize however other varieties of maize has diversified characters on other variety.

Maize populations grow on several climates such as tropical and sub-tropical climate (Rebourg *et al.*, 2003; Dubreuil *et al.*, 2006). In ancient time landraces was very popular, but now day's farmers variety and other local varieties are existing: landraces are very resistance to biotic and abiotic factor and it has more diversified than others having heterogeneous nature and selected by the farmers for cultivation (Prasanna and Sharma 2005).

But due to low yield, landraces did not cultivated by the farmers for longer time. Cultivated maize is developed from the teosinte maize (*Zea mays purviglumys*) and it is distinguished from teosinte maize their morphology and other characters (Wang *et al.*, 1999; Matsuoka *et al.*, 2002; Doebley, 2004; Vigouroux *et al.*, 2005).

To develop good hybrid variety of maize should be good knowledge all about relationship among in the variety to conserve

germplasm (Melchinger *et al.*, 1991; Bernardo 2002).

Genetic diversity is the total variability present in individual or organism/population. Due to continuous use of maize variety in field and enhance the modern technology has deteriorated potential of genetic diversity. A Loss of genetic diversity in nature due to continue use of homogeneity related variety that is not present in nature, developed by the human effort. So to conserve this diversity in nature, need to study on population or inbreds (Dubreuil and Charcosset 1999).

There are many study has been conducted on analysis of genetic diversity such as morphological, biochemical and other molecular characterizations are available (Govindaraj *et al.*, 2015). Morphological and biochemical method has been extensively used (Franco *et al.*, 2005), but these methods are highly sensitive to environmental effects (Smith and Smith 1992; Beyenne *et al.*, 2006a).

Molecular marker has scattered all over population to know about relationship among variety. Molecular marker has been only based on DNA technology such as SSR, SNPs, RAPD and AFLP etc. (Govindaraj *et al.*, 2015). And expression of molecular marker is not influenced by the environment, and it also avoiding genotypic × environmental effects and reveals the actual level of different population through analysis with the help of molecular marker (Westman and Kresovich 1997).

There are several population has been used for QTL mapping such as mortal and immortal population, in mortal population (can be segregate) such as f_2 population and BC (back cross) population, but immortal population (cannot be segregate) having such as DH (doubled haploid), RIL (Recombinant

inbred lines), F₂ derived lines, NIL (near isogenic lines) and other population extensively has been used for QTL identification (Byrne *et al.*, 1996; Cowen 1988; Edwards *et al.*, 1992, 1987; Knapp 1991; Knapp and Bridges 1990; Tanksley *et al.*, 1982) (Szalma *et al.* 2007).

Genotyping with the help of molecular marker is very crucial role to discriminate desirable Genotype from undesirable ones in many individuals or organism. There are many reliable technology has been participated for better characterization of desirable genotype from breeding material. There are many marker systems has been extensively used to analyze the genetic diversity and molecular marker assisted selection (Elisabetta Frascaroli • Tobias A. Schrag • Albrecht E. Melchinger 2013).

Classification of marker

Marker in plant breeding have been utilized to know, genetic diversity, genome mapping, QTL mapping and for genotyping etc. so marker play indispensable role in plant breeding. To aggregate knowledge of molecular marker is a difficult task, but it is an easy.

SSR or microsatellite

SSR also called the microsatellite marker, it consist of tandem repeat in DNA sequence such as mono, di, tri, tetra and so on. This tandem repeats found in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic genome (Tautz and Renz 1984; Katti *et al.*, 2001). It have another name such as short tandem repeats marker, microsatellites markers and sequence tagged microsatellite (STMS) marker etc. it is hyper variable marker that is available in nature (Jiang 2013). The variation in these markers has been only due to subside the DNA replication, in this, there are many tandem

repeats of nucleotide may be matching due to excision or addition repeats of DNA (Schlotterer and Tautz 1992). Slippage of DNA strand during replication originate more time than the point mutation. Polymorphism can be analyzed with the help of PCR.

In this technique primer used without radioactive labeled or fluoro-labeled or radiolabeled to know diverse group of individual. This unlabeled primer is used to analyze with the help of agarose gel electrophoresis or polyacrylamide gel.

The unlabeled or fluorolabeled primer significantly enhances the research (Wenz *et al.*, 1998). SSR or microsatellite is codominant in nature and distinguished to heterozygous from homozygous and they are also highly reproducible due to locus specific (see table no. 01). These primers mostly used in both eukaryotic and prokaryotic (Khan *et al.*, 2017).

Application of SSR marker

It is used in genetic diversity, characterization of germplasm, development of genetic linkage map and also used to identification of QTL detection (Hiremath *et al.*, 2012). The locus specific study has been conducted in many plant species such as barley (Saghai Maroof *et al.*, 1994), jute (Das *et al.*, 2012), wheat (Mukhtar *et al.*, 2002), chickpea (Nayak *et al.*, 2010), Alfalfa (Li *et al.*, 2009), barley (Saghai Maroof *et al.*, 1994) and also has been study on rice (Wu and Tanksley 1993) etc.

SNP

Single nucleotide variation arises due to single nucleotide in a genome in individuals of a population known as SNPs. These variations found in among species, it varies individual to individuals and they constitute the more sufficient marker in the genome.

Table.1 Schematic representation of marker that has been more used in genetic diversity in maize

S.NO.	MARKER TYPE	TRAIT	GENE/ QTL	MAPPING POPULATION	REFERENCES
01	SSR	Grain yield (gy), plant height, ear height and grain moisture	13	400 F2:3 lines	Sibov <i>et al.</i> , 2003
02	SSR	plant height	13	294 recombinant inbred lines	Ji-hua <i>et al.</i> , 2007
03	SSR	Grain Yield and Plant Traits	16	256, F2:3 families	Lima <i>et al.</i> , 2006
04	SSR	Root aerenchyma formation	04	141 F2 population	Mano <i>et al.</i> , 2007
05	SSR	oil, starch, and protein concentrations in grain	25	298 F2:3 family	Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2007
06	SSR	gray leaf spot	14	37 inbred lines	Danson <i>et al.</i> , 2008
07	SSR	agronomic traits	51	450 maize RILs	Guo <i>et al.</i> , 2008
08	SSR	Root traits	17	94 Ril	Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2008
09	SSR	Northern leaf blight Resistance	36	400 F2:3 progenies	Sabadin <i>et al.</i> , 2008
10	SSR	Fusarium ear rot	16	187 Ril	Ding <i>et al.</i> , 2009
11	SSR	Phosphorus treatments	69	210, F2:3 families	Li <i>et al.</i> , 2019
12	SSR	Kernel row number	13	500, F2 Individuals	Lu <i>et al.</i> , 2010
13	SSR	grain oil and starch	21	265 F2:3 families	Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2010
14	SSR	Test weight	5	225 F2:3 population	Ding <i>et al.</i> , 2011
15	SSR	Resistance To Aflatoxin	40	250, F2:3 families	Warburton <i>et al.</i> , 2011
16	SSR	Root system architecture	36	187 advanced-backcross BC4F3	Cai <i>et al.</i> , 2012
17	SSR	gray leaf spot		161 F2:3 families	Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2012
18	SSR	agronomic traits associated with plant architecture	18	239, RIL	Zheng and Liu 2013
19	SSR	kernel size and weight	55 and 28	270 derived F2:3 families	Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2014
20	SSR	Gray leaf spot resistance	18	478 F2:3 population	Liu <i>et al</i> 2015
21	SSR	Ear Fasciation	65	149 F2:3 families	Moreira <i>et al.</i> , 2015
22	SSR	the protein, oil and starch contents	25, 13, 31 and 15	498 RILs	Zhang <i>et al.</i> , 2015

23	SSR	Grain morphology traits	18, 26, 23, and 19	58, Ril	Raihan <i>et al.</i> , 2016
24	SSR	Grey leaf spot	12	233 f2:3 families	He <i>et al.</i> , 2017
25	SSR	inflorescence architecture	19	202 and 218 F2:3 family	Zhao <i>et al.</i> , 2017
26	SSR	Agronomic traits	15	121 Dh population	Choi <i>et al.</i> , 2018
27	SSR	Maize kernel size And weight	52	150 f7 rils	Lan <i>et al.</i> , 2018
28	SSR	Forage agronomic traits	42, 41, 54, and 45	250-720 Doubled Haploid lines (dhl), and ril population	Leng <i>et al.</i> , 2018
29	SSR	Nitrogen use efficiency (nue),	19	Recombinant inbred lines (181)	Mandolino <i>et al.</i> , 2018
30	SSR	Kernel weight	28	40, F2:3 population	Li <i>et al.</i> , 2019
31	SNP	Northern leaf blight	29	25,Nam, ril	Poland <i>et al.</i> , 2011
32	SNP	SOUTHERN LEAF BLIGHT	32	5000 RIL	Kump, <i>et al.</i> , 2011
33	SNP	plant height and biomass as secondary traits of drought tolerance	23	150 F2:3 line	Lu <i>et al.</i> , 2011
34	SNP	Head smut	18	144, Inbred lines	Wang <i>et al</i> 2012
35	SNP	Kernel Weight Determination	23,59	408 recombinant inbred lines	Prado <i>et al.</i> , 2014
36	SNP	Fusarium ear Rot resistance	15	940 elite inbred lines	Chen <i>et al</i> 2016
37	SNP	leaf morphology	111	215, 223, 208 and 212 RILs	Ku <i>et al.</i> , 2016
38	SNP	ear leaf traits	23, 25, and 17	909 ril	Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2017
39	SNP	Vitamin E	31	213 F2:3	Fenton <i>et al.</i> , 2018
40	SNP	amylose biosynthesis	27	464 inbred maize lines	Li <i>et al.</i> , 2018
41	SNP	Genetic Architecture Of Leaf Angle And Tassel Size	23	213 F2:3 Population	Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2018
42	SNP	Cob resistance, ear Rot resistance	28	258 Maize inbred	Mu <i>et al.</i> , 2018
43	SNP	tassel-related traits	27	266 F2:3 families ril	YI <i>et al.</i> , 2018
44	SNP	Common rust	25	F2:3 population	Zheng <i>et al.</i> , 2018
45	SNP	Leaf morphology traits	19,838	866 maize-teosinte bc2s3 recombinant inbred lines	Fu <i>et al.</i> , 2019
46	SNP	Starch content	9076	283 intermated	Lin <i>et al.</i> , 2019

				recombinant inbred lines (rils)	
47	SNP	Salt tolerance	65	209 doubled Haploid (dh)	Luo <i>et al.</i> , 2019
48	SNP	Southern leaf blight, northern leaf blight, and gray leaf spot	44	F2:3 family populations 12	Martins <i>et al.</i> , 2019
49	SNP	Delayed maize flowering in response to low Phosphate	41	262 Ril population	Ren <i>et al.</i> , 2019
50	SNP	Water deficit-responsive	213	267 Ril population	Virlouvet <i>et al.</i> , 2019
51	SNP	Dynamic plant height	68	Inbred lines (117 temperate lines, 135 tropical lines)	Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2019
52	SNP	Tassel architecture	19	359 inbred lines and an ibm syn 10 population of 273 doubled haploid lines	Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2019
53	SNP	Tassel-related traits	14	148 f2 population	Xie <i>et al.</i> , 2019
54	SNP	Plant architecture	21	301 recombinant inbred lines	Yi <i>et al.</i> , 2019
55	SNP	Disease resistance(southern leaf blight (slb), northern leaf blight (nlb), and gray leaf spot)	17	253 RIL	Zuniga <i>et al.</i> , 2019

In maize 1 SNPs has been found over 60-120 bp (Ching *et al.*, 2002), while in human has been estimated found 1 SNPs over 1000 bp (Sachidanandam *et al.*, 2001). SNPs are more popular in the genome that has non coding regions.

But within the coding sequence that may be changed results in the amino acid sequence either this is the non-synonymous (Sunyaev *et al.*, 1999), or the synonymous may be not altering the amino acid sequence. Synonymous can be changed the amino acid that can be changed the RNA splicing and changed in the modification, resulting the

phenotypic differences. Direct analysis of DNA genetic variation sequence has made been possible due to some changes has been improved in DNA sequencing and available of ESTs sequence in the genome (Buetow *et al.*, 1999; Soleimani *et al.*, 2003).

This majority is based on the two approaches molecular mechanism, hybridization of specific alleles, extension of primer and prolificacy attack and ligation of nucleotide (Sobrinho *et al.*, 2005). This is the high throughput genotyping method, allele specific PCR and extension of primer make possible single nucleotide polymorphism in any

individuals (see table no. 01). This is the most widely accepted by the plant breeders, due to high rapid method and gives appropriate result; this is the biallelic and codominant marker etc (Agarwal *et al.*, 2008)

Maize plays indispensable role that is consumed by human in all over worldwide. So we should be enhancing growth of maize, need some any technology that can be fulfill these criteria. So we need good technology. Genetic diversity is the total gene present in among individuals.

Modern cultivation is continuing decrease the heterogeneity. So we need to maintain the genetic diversity for future use. There are some molecular work such as marker assisted selection with the help of marker can be detect the genetic diversity present in among individuals. There are mainly in this research paper two molecular marker such as SSR and SNPs mostly used by the many plant breeders and researchers.

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