

ISSR analysis on genetic diversity of wild *Agrostis stolonifera* L. Germplasm resources

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Introduction *Agrostis stolonifera* L. is a major cool season turf grass in China. ISSR (Zietkiewicz E, 1994) molecular markers were used to detect the genetic diversity among three populations of wild and one of cultivated *Agrostis stolonifera* L. collected from Guizhou.

Materials and methods

Plant material The plants used in this study were sampled from three natural populations and one cultivated population of *Agrostis stolonifera* L. located in Guizhou. Each populations had several subpopulations with the exception of the cultivated population KROMI. The locations of sampled populations shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Natural and cultivated populations of *Agrostis stolonifera* L. used in this study.

Name of populations		origins	No. of subpopulations
Natural populations	BSE	Southeastern of Biji	6
	BNW	Northwestern of Biji	7
	LPS	Liu Panshui	5
Cultivated population	KROMI	Dushan	1

DNA extraction and ISSR amplification Fifteen individuals were selected from each subpopulation for extraction of mixed DNA. PCR amplifications were then performed in a final volume of 25 μ L containing 50ng DNA templates, 1 μ L (2mmol/L) dNTPs, 2 μ L 10 \times PCR buffer, 2 μ L (25mmol/L) Mg²⁺, 0.4U (2.5U/L) Taq polymerase, 1 μ L Primer (10pmol). Reactions were carried out under the following regime: 94 $^{\circ}$ C for 7 min; Followed by 35 cycles of for 30s, 50 $^{\circ}$ C for 45s, 72 $^{\circ}$ C for 1min, and ended with 72 $^{\circ}$ C for 7min.

Results and discussion

Genetic diversity Nine primer pairs produced 66 polymorphic bands, the average percentage of polymorphic bands was 81.48. At population level, the percentage of polymorphic bands ranged from 43.21 to 59.26, with an average of 50.21. The Nei's gene diversity index was 0.2414 and Shannon diversity index was 0.3719. These results suggested a rich genetic diversity among the natural populations of *Agrostis stolonifera* L.

Amova The genetic differentiation coefficient was 0.492 and the gene flow was 0.5164 among three wild populations, It revealed a significant genetic differentiation.

Genetic relatives The Nei's genetic similarity coefficient of the sub-populations ranged from 0.4074 to 0.9123, with three cluster groups. Moreover, the findings implied a correlation among the populations. A significantly high correlation between geographical and genetic distance was observed ($r=0.494, 0.05 > P > 0.01$). Further analysis on genetic relationship suggested relatively high genetic similarity among populations, ranging from 0.7003 to 0.9409.

Conclusion There was a rich genetic diversity and significant genetic differentiation among the natural populations of *Agrostis stolonifera* L. and the cultivated populations showed a significant genetic difference from natural populations.

Reference

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