



DNA Fingerprinting Construction and Genetic Diversity Analysis for Azuki Bean (*Vigna angularis*) and Mung Bean (*Vigna radiata* L.) Germplasm Resources

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ABSTRACT

Background: As a coarse grain variety, azuki beans and mung beans were widely grow in Asia. Due to the lack of management in the long-term cultivation process, leading to the mixed phenomenon among azuki bean and mung bean varieties, which seriously affects the cultivation and breeding of azuki beans and mung beans. The current study aims to construct the genetic map using SSR markers for the genetic classification of beans.

Methods: In 2019, 46 test materials were raised to extract the young leaves. The DNA fingerprinting of 46 cultivated azuki bean and mung bean resources were constructed using 38 pairs of SSR primers and their genetic diversity were analyzed. Azuki bean and mung bean varieties are divided by hierarchical clustering analysis.

Result: Totally 18 primers have shown polymorphism among the 38 primers and 188 polymorphic bands were amplified with average PIC of value 0.8302. According to the K mean cluster analysis method, 23 azuki beans and 23 mung beans resources were grouped into three categories. According to the hierarchical cluster analysis method, azuki beans were divided into four categories and mung beans were divided into six categories. The 46 azuki bean germplasm resources could be distinguished by screening nine pairs of digital fingerprint constructed by core primers.

Key words: Azuki bean, Construction of fingerprints, Genetic diversity, Mung bean, SSR marking.

INTRODUCTION

Azuki beans and mung beans both medical and food plants, were grown mainly in China, South Korea, Japan, Nepal and Bhutan. From the azuki beans, China has abundant azuki bean and mung bean germplasm resources (Xu *et al.*, 2008; Sato *et al.*, 2016; Hou *et al.*, 2019; Kita-Tomihara *et al.*, 2019; Kim *et al.*, 2020; Wu *et al.*, 2021). According to statistics, there are 4053 Chinese azuki bean and mung bean germplasm resources collected in China representing 39% of the updated storage resources in the world, ranking the first (Wang *et al.*, 2001). During long-term cultivation and breeding, the resources collection of wild bean lags behind and the cultivation of bean lacks proper management. This makes the development of Chinese azuki bean market slow. The mixed phenomenon between varieties is obvious, which hinders the cultivation of new varieties of azuki beans (Zhao *et al.*, 2011).

The study of genetic diversity plays a major role in crop breeding. The most direct manifestation of genetic diversity is the genetic structure of the population, which has a great significance not only for germplasms resources evaluation and preservation, but also for their genes to converge into a treasure house of genetic diversity. The in-depth analysis of genetic diversity can be used as a tool and a goal of breeding programs in order to better serve crop breeding and breeding quality traits (Jacob *et al.*, 2017). Genetic diversity studies using molecular markers can get rid of the environment, climate and other constraints as the extent of

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genetic variation is revealed at the genomic level. Therefore, molecular markers technology has gradually become a reliable test method for germplasm resources determination and classification (Qiu *et al.*, 1998).

Azuki beans and mung beans are affected by disease and environmental effects during their growth, too much water and heavy metals have their adverse effects on growth and physiology of plant (Saikia *et al.*, 2021; Saleem *et al.*, 2021). Mung bean V4785 has a dominant inherited disease resistance gene for powdery mildew. The genetic basis of

powdery mildew resistance was studied and the four marker loci were obtained using the ISSR (inter-simple sequence repeat) and ISSR-RGA (ISSR-anchored resistance gene analog) markers (Tantasawat *et al.*, 2021). Bean image in storage and rust, powdery mildew and brown spot in beans have been widely used and SSR markers have been widely used in genetic mapping and identifying species origin. Azuki bean SSR markers have been reported for the first time in 2004 and five azuki bean natural populations have been detected. A total of 49 pairs of polymorphic primers were screened from 50 pairs of SSR specific primers (Wang *et al.*, 2004). Further changes were made and 205 azuki bean SSR markers were published on 11 chain groups (Luo *et al.*, 2013). After the genetic map of Chinese cultivated beans was SSR labeled, the idea of separate division of azuki bean germplasm resources, have emerged based on genetic background and was put forward and widely recognized. Recent researchers began to attach importance to the genetic classification of azuki bean (Wang *et al.*, 2009). Based on SSR marker analysis, it is concluded that cultivated beans originated mainly in China, while wild-type beans may originate in southwest China, Bhutan or southern Japan, which further unravels the mystery of the origin of azuki beans (Zhao *et al.*, 2011). According to 217 pairs of primers (196 pairs of azuki bean primers and 21 pairs of mung bean primers), 145 bean resources were divided into wild type, semi-wild type, local variety and main variety and 77 pairs of SSR primers with polymorphism were selected from them (75 pairs of azuki bean primers and 2 pairs of mung bean primers) (Zeng *et al.*, 2010). A total of 397 mung bean germplasm resources were SSR labeled by 58 pairs of polymorphic mung bean primers at home and abroad and 8 rare allelic variations were detected. The discovery of rare allelic variation provides a new research direction for plant growth and development (Qiao *et al.*, 2015). Fingerprinting of 92 mung bean germplasm resources in Inner Mongolia was constructed using 100 pairs of mung bean SSR primers (Zhao *et al.*, 2017). 40 pairs of primers with high polymorphism and clear bands amplified were screened, using a combination of magnetic bead enrichment and

sequencing to analyze the genetic diversity of 90 mung bean resources from all over the country, a total of 3,275,355 SSR sites were identified, from which 2,742 markers were designed and the primer polymorphism was as high as 57.33 (Ye *et al.*, 2019).

Although some progress has been made in the study of azuki bean, it has been greatly affected by regional or genetic background. Especially, there is no related report on the fingerprint DNA of azuki bean germplasm resources with Jilin Province as the main research background. In this study, the genetic diversity of 46 azuki bean cultivars was analyzed and 38 pairs of SSR primers were used to construct their SSR digital fingerprints, which filled the gap of genetic background of azuki bean in Jilin Province, China. And provides theoretical basis for screening, utilization and genetic improvement of azuki bean germplasm resources.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The 46 germplasms of azuki bean and mung bean (Table 1) were obtained from the Academy of Agricultural Sciences of Baicheng, Jilin Province. They were planted in Jilin Agricultural University teaching experimental (43°88' N, 125°35' E) base during May 15, 2019. The young leaves of the three-leaf stage were collected using tin foil paper, flash frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C.

The leaf genome was extracted using Kangwei plant genome DNA extraction kit (Cat:C W0531M). Determination of DNA concentration and purity were estimated by using NanoDrop 2000C Thermo scientific analyzer and 1.0% agarose gel electrophoresis then stored at -20°C for later use.

The reaction mixture (20 µL) contained 10 µL of Es Taq MasterMix, 0.4 µL of forward primer (20 ng·µL⁻¹), 0.4 µL of reverse primer (20 ng·µL⁻¹), 0.8 µL of template DNA (10 ng·µL⁻¹) and 8.4 µL of ddH₂O.

The amplification conditions included an initial denaturation step of 94°C for 5 min, followed by 30 cycles of denaturation at 98°C for 10 s and annealing extension at 52~58°C for 30 s, elongation at 72°C for 30 s and a final step at 72°C for 1 min. PCR products at 94°C to degenerate

Table 1: The name of azuki bean and mung bean.

Name of mung bean				Name of azuki bean			
1	Bai Lv 925	13	Bai Lv 6	1	Bai Hong 12	13	Li Xiao Dou
2	Bai Lv 985	14	Tong Lv 918	2	Bai Hong 11	14	Pin Hong 2011-18
3	Bai Lv 522	15	Ji Lv 03083	3	Bai Hong 10	15	Ji Hong 9218
4	Bai Lv 935	16	Ji Lv 9	4	Bai Hong 9	16	Ji Hong 352
5	Bai Lv 15	17	Ji Lv 8	5	Bai Hong 8	17	Ji Hong 0015
6	Bai Lv 14	18	Ji Lv 7	6	Bai Hong 7	18	Zhong Hong 5
7	Bai Lv 13	19	Liao Lv 8	7	Bai Hong 6	19	Liao Hong 08721
8	Bai Lv 12	20	Liao Lv 3	8	Bai Hong 5	20	Ji Hong 10
9	Bai Lv 11	21	Zhong Lv 11	9	Bai Hong 4	21	Ji Hong 8
10	Bai Lv 10	22	Zhong Lv 8	10	Bai Hong 3	22	TangHong2010-23
11	Bai Lv 9	23	Zhong Lv 5	11	Bai Hong 2	23	TangHong2010-12
12	Bai Lv 8			12	Bai Xiao Dou		

for 5 min, then quickly cooled on ice and tested with a polyacrylamide gel. The silver staining method was used to display the color and the electrophoresis results were observed on a slide lamp (Gresshoff *et al.*, 1991; Wang *et al.*, 2017).

According to the polyacrylamide electrophoresis results, a band of the same fragment size was recorded as a marker allele and scored as 1 and 0 for a band, no band and a deletion. The direction of reading band was from top to bottom, the results were transformed into a string composed of 1 and 0, the digital fingerprint of 46 varieties was formed. IBM SPSS Statistics V.23 software was used to carry out the K value clustering analysis and the hierarchical clustering analysis on the genetic relationship between different varieties of beans based on pod length averages and pod number averages traits. Finally, the clustering map was constructed.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Detection of genome DNA quality of azuki and mung bean

For qualitative detection of the genomic DNA of azuki and mung bean, 1% agarose gel electrophoresis was used. Part of the results are shown in Fig 1. Genome of azuki and mung bean leaves had good quality DNA with no dispersion. With regard to quantitative detection the A260/A280 ratio of genomic DNA between 1.78 and 1.91, concentrations ranged from 15.9 to 199 ng/ μ L, which meets the conditions of subsequent SSR-PCR gene amplification.

SSR primer polymorphism analysis

In total, 38 primer pairs were designed and screened: 12 pairs of azuki bean SSR primers and 26 pairs of mung bean SSR primers were screened in the laboratory. The results showed that the effective amplification rate of 12 pairs of azuki bean SSR primers was 100% and the polymorphism rate was 50%, on the other hand the effective amplification rate of 26 pairs of mung bean SSR primers was 92.3% and the polymorphism rate was 46.2% (Fig 2).

A total of 18 primers (6 pairs of azuki bean SSR primers, 12 pairs of mung bean SSR primers) was polymorphic and stable SSR primers were selected for genetic diversity analysis of azuki bean germplasm. Use of the polymorphic markers resulted in 45.52% polymorphism rate, 3-25 alleles in each primer, 11 Average polymorphism, 0.6157-0.9501 is the variation range of polymorphic information content (PIC) and 0.8302 is the average PIC value (Table 2).

Cluster analysis of azuki and mung bean germplasm resources

According to the K mean clustering method, the results show that the mung bean and azuki bean resources are both divided into three categories (Table 3). Mung beans are classified as follows: category I (Bai Lv 9, Liao Lv 3, Zhong Lv 11, Zhong Lv 8, Zhong Lv 5), category II (Bai Lv 985, Bai Lv 935, Bai Lv 925, Bai Lv 522, Bai Lv 15, Bai Lv 14, Bai Lv 8, Bai Lv 6, Ji Lv 9, Ji Lv 8, Ji Lv 7) and category III (Tong Lv 918, Bai Lv 13, Bai Lv 12, Bai Lv 11, Bai Lv 10, Ji Lv 03083, Liao Lv 8). Azuki beans are classified as follows: category I (Bai Hong 12, Bai Hong 10, Bai Hong 8, Bai Hong 7, Bai Hong 4, Zhong Hong 5, Liao Hong 08721, Ji Hong 10, Ji Hong 8, Tang Hong 2010-23), category II (Bai Hong 11, Bai Hong 5, Bai Hong 3, Bai Xiaodou, Pin Hong 2011-18, Ji Hong 9218, Ji Hong 352, Ji Hong 0015) and category III (Bai Hong 9, Bai Hong 6, Bai Hong 2, Li Xiaodou, Tang Hong 2010-12). Hierarchical clustering analysis was using centroid clustering method to process data and map trees (Fig 3), euclidean distance (D) of standardized variables is used as a cluster statistics to classify the tested varieties, at D=7.50, the classification limits were intercepted and it can be seen from the cluster map that mung bean varieties can be divided into six categories: category I (Bai Lv 522, Bai Lv 6, Bai Lv 15, Ji Lv 7, Bai Lv 14, Bai Lv 935, Bai Lv 925, Bai Lv 985, Ji Lv 9, Ji Lv 8, Bai Lv 11, Bai Lv 10, Bai Lv 13, Bai Lv 12, Liao Lv 8), category II (Bai Lv 8, Tong Lv 918), category III (Bai Hong 6, Tang Hong 2010-12), category IV (Bai Hong 11, Ji Hong 9218), Category V (Bai Hong 9, Li Xiaodou, Bai Hong 2) and category VI (Bai Hong 3, Ji Hong 352, Bai Hong 5, Bai Xiaodou, Pin Hong 2011-18).

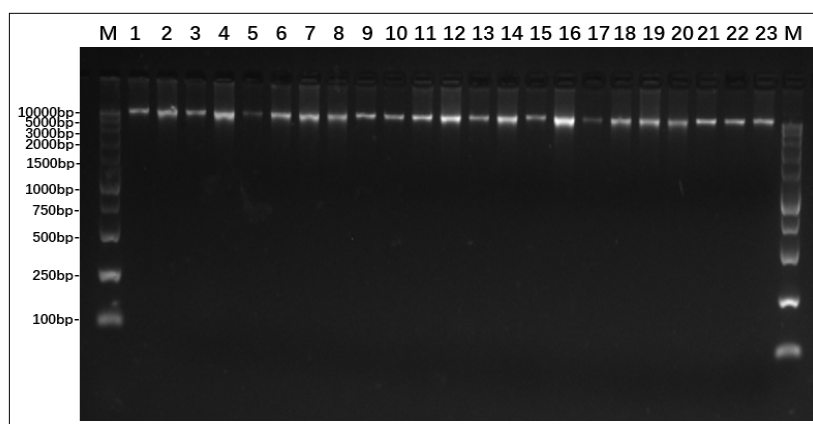


Fig 1: 2% agarose gel electrophoresis for detection of mung bean genome mass.

Note: M: DL10K Plus DNA Marker; 1-23: Mung bean DNA.

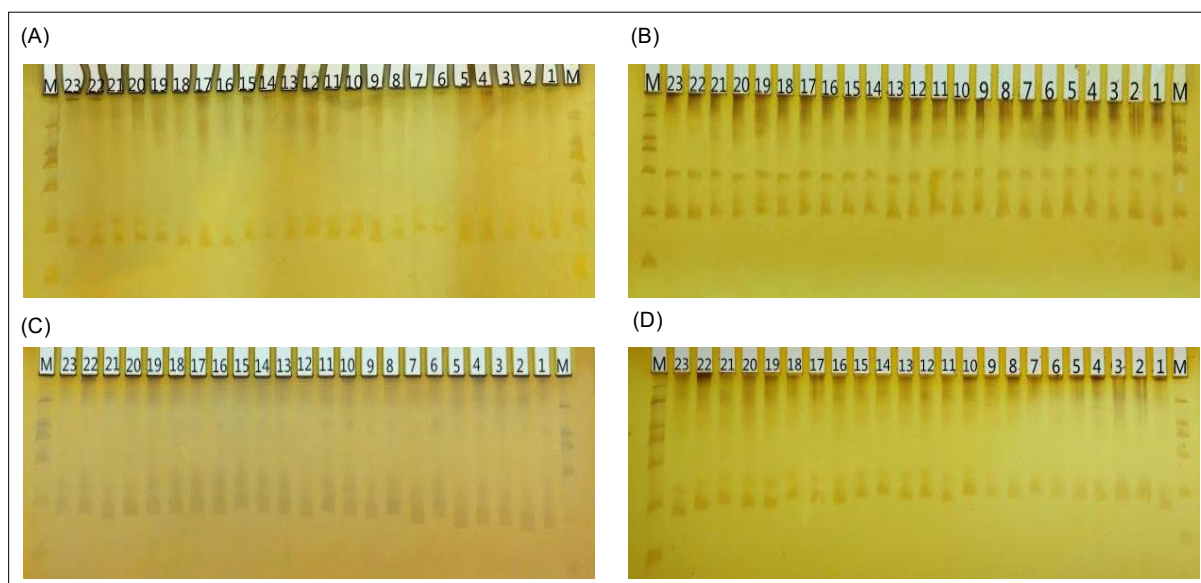


Fig 2: Partial SSR-PCR polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of azuki bean and mung bean.

(A) Mung bean primer DMBSSR024. (B) Mung bean primer DMBSSR059.

(C) Azuki bean primer CEDG048. (D) Azuki bean primer CEDG151.

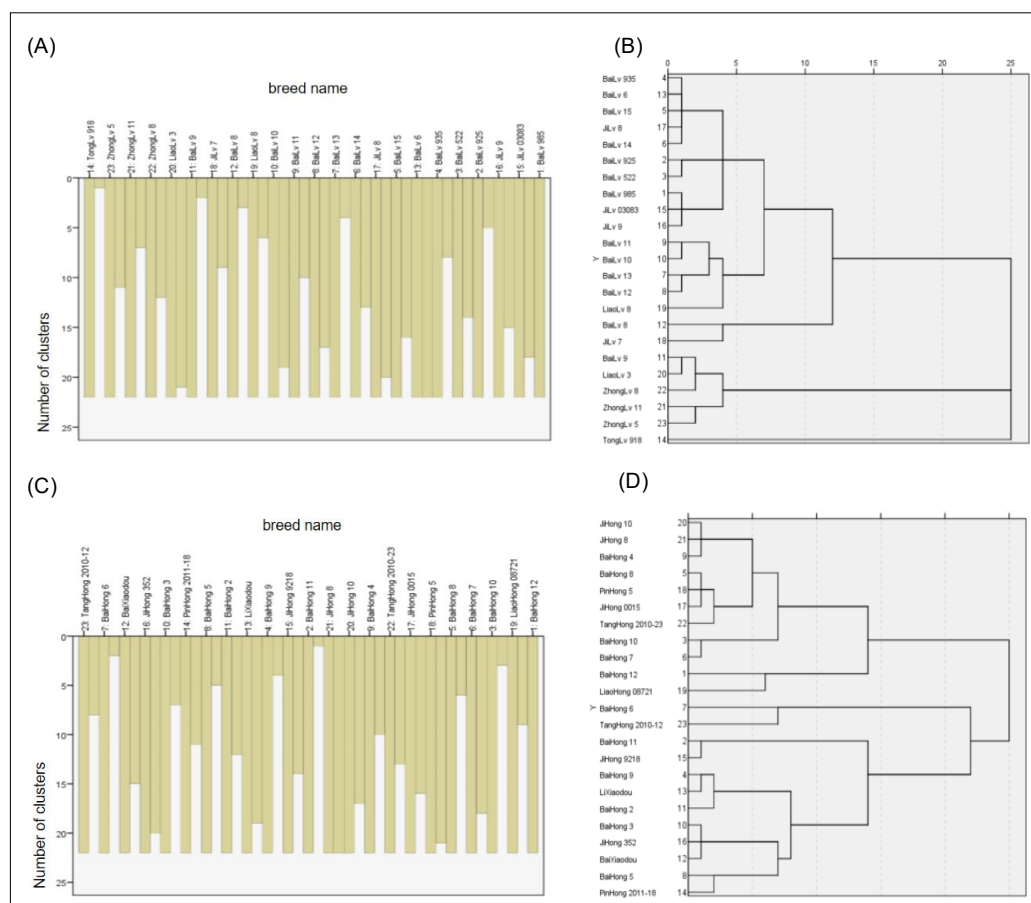


Fig 3: Clustering analysis of mung beans and adzuki beans.

(A) Number of clustering clusters in mung beans. (B) Pedigree of mung beans using centroid junction.

(C) Number of clustering clusters in azuki beans. (D) Pedigree of azuki beans using centroid junction.

Table 2: Characterization of 18 polymorphic primer.

Primer	Annealing temperature/°C	Equivalent	Number of polymorphic loci	Polymorphism rate/%	Polymorphism information content/PIC
CEDG133	54	44	15	34.1	0.9187
CEDG050	53	38	18	47.4	0.9215
CEDG020	53	36	16	44.4	0.8966
CEDG111	56	23	6	26.1	0.7612
CEDG151	52	23	8	34.8	0.8450
CEDG024	55	23	6	26.1	0.7146
DMBSSR001	52	23	3	13.0	0.6157
DMBSSR016	52	23	5	21.7	0.7070
DMBSSR024	55	23	7	30.4	0.7902
DMBSSR043	52	57	25	43.9	0.9501
MBSSR015	55	23	8	34.8	0.8015
MBSSR039	52	46	12	26.1	0.9433
MBSSR041	55	53	12	22.6	0.8622
MBSSR063	52	39	14	35.9	0.8994
MBSSR095	55	45	13	28.9	0.9017
MBSSR136	58	46	13	28.3	0.8866
MBSSR179	52	40	11	27.5	0.9013
MBSSR203	52	23	6	26.1	0.6276
Total	-	628	198	-	14.9442
Average value	-	35	11	-	0.8302

Notes: Polymorphic information (polymorphism information content, PIC).

PIC = $1 - \sum(P_i)^2$, (the ratio of the first allele to the total allele).

Table 3: K-means clustering analysis.

Number	Name	Cluster	Distance	Number	Name	Cluster	Distance
1	Bai Lv 985	2	1.267	24	Bai Hong 12	1	1.295
2	Bai Lv 935	2	0.831	25	Bai Hong 11	2	0.75
3	Bai Lv 925	2	0.763	26	Bai Hong 10	1	0.709
4	Bai Lv 522	2	0.423	27	Bai Hong 9	3	0.639
5	Bai Lv 15	2	0.253	28	Bai Hong 8	1	0.958
6	Bai Lv 14	2	0.522	29	Bai Hong 7	1	0.7
7	Bai Lv 13	3	0.972	30	Bai Hong 6	3	1.451
8	Bai Lv 12	3	0.731	31	Bai Hong 5	2	0.378
9	Bai Lv 11	3	0.620	32	Bai Hong 4	1	0.32
10	Bai Lv 10	3	0.527	33	Bai Hong 3	2	0.627
11	Bai Lv 9	1	0.439	34	Bai Hong 2	3	0.863
12	Bai Lv 8	2	1.381	35	Bai Xiaodou	2	0.643
13	Bai Lv 6	2	0.348	36	Li Xiaodou	3	0.612
14	Ji Lv 03083	3	1.685	37	Pin Hong 2011-18	2	0.666
15	Ji Lv 9	2	1.071	38	Ji Hong 9218	2	1.021
16	Ji Lv 8	2	0.783	39	Ji Hong 352	2	0.643
17	Ji Lv 7	2	0.269	40	Ji Hong 0015	2	1.021
18	Tong Lv 918	2	1.640	41	Zhong Hong 5	1	0.864
19	Liao Lv 8	3	0.504	42	Liao Hong 08721	1	1.227
20	Liao Lv3	1	0.552	43	Ji Hong 10	1	0.313
21	Zhong Lv 11	1	0.662	44	Ji Hong 8	1	0.313
22	Zhong Lv 8	1	0.512	45	Tang Hong 2010-23	1	0.592
23	Zhong Lv 5	1	0.794	46	Tang Hong 2010-12	3	0.705

Map construction of DNA fingerprints of beans

According to the allelic variation, PIC value and repeatability of the amplification of the 18 pairs of primers with best polymorphism will be selected. Nine pairs of core polymorphism primers (CEDG103, CEDG151, CEDG024, DMBSR016, DMBSR024, MBSSR015, MBSSR095, MBSSR136 and MBSSR179) were selected to construct the fingerprint of 46 main varieties of azuki bean and mung bean (Table 4). The difference between the fingerprints of 46 varieties indicates that the digital fingerprints of 46 varieties can be constructed by using these nine pairs of primers (Table 5).

In the process of species selection and evolution, organisms constantly accumulate accidental simple or complex mutations in which this mutation can be inherited

to offspring which leads to different levels of genetic differences and the formation of abundant genetic diversity within or between species (Bai, 2014). Changes in plant phenotypes cannot fully respond to genetic variation so morphological level identification of biodiversity is limited. SSR molecular markers technology can directly detect the changes and differences in molecular structure at genetic level with high sensitivity and convenient operation overcoming the deficiency of the morphological strategies (Nordborg *et al.*, 2000; Zhao *et al.*, 2011). SSR primers were used to analyze the correlation between grain color and 100 grain weight traits of azuki bean varieties from different regions. The tested materials were divided into four groups deploying 73 SSR markers polymorphic sites amplification (Meng *et al.*, 2008). By cluster analysis, some similar data

Table 4: 30 alleles of 9 SSR Loci.

Serial number	Allelic variation locus	Serial number	Allelic variation locus	Serial number	Allelic variation locus
1	CEDG103-114	11	MBSSR095-145	21	MBSSR015-129
2	CEDG103-154	12	MBSSR095-147	22	MBSSR015-185
3	CEDG151-179	13	MBSSR095-150	23	MBSSR095-112
4	CEDG151-275	14	MBSSR095-155	24	MBSSR095-114
5	CEDG024-119	15	MBSSR136-142	25	MBSSR095-142
6	CEDG024-154	16	DMBSSR024-177	26	MBSSR136-194
7	CEDG024-159	17	DMBSSR024-184	27	MBSSR179-117
8	CEDG024-168	18	DMBSSR024-222	28	MBSSR179-177
9	DMBSSR016-149	19	DMBSSR024-225	29	MBSSR179-155
10	DMBSSR016-156	20	DMBSSR024-235	30	MBSSR179-157

Table 5: 23 azuki bean DNA fingerprints.

Name	Digital number	Name	Digital number
Bai Hong 12	101000000000000000100000000000	Bai Lv 925	000000010010000000000010000100
Bai Hong 11	000010000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 985	000000000001000000010000100000
Bai Hong 10	000000000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 522	000000000000000100000001000010
Bai Hong 9	000000000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 935	010001000000000000000000000000
Bai Hong 8	000000000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 15	000000000000000000000001000000
Bai Hong 7	0000000000000000000000000100000	Bai Lv 14	000000000000010000010000100000
Bai Hong 6	000100000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 13	001000000000001000000100000000
Bai Hong 5	000000000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 12	000000000000000100000000000001
Bai Hong 4	000000000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 11	0000000001000000000000000001000
Bai Hong 3	000000000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 10	000000000010000000010000100100
Bai Hong 2	000000001000000000010000100000	Bai Lv 9	000000000001000010000001000010
Bai Xiaodou	010010000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 8	000100000100100000001000000000
Li Xiaodou	000000000000000000000000000000	Bai Lv 6	010001000000100000010010100000
Pin Hong 2011-18	000000010000000000000000000000	Tong Lv 918	000000000100000000000001000010
Ji Hong 9218	000000000000000000000000000000	Ji Lv 03083	010001000000000000000000000000
Ji Hong 352	000001100000000010000000000000	Ji Lv 9	000000000000000000000110000000
Ji Hong 0015	010010000000000000000000000000	Ji Lv 8	000000000011000010010000100100
Zhong Hong 5	000100000000000000000000000000	Ji Lv 7	000100000000000000000000000000
Liao Hong 08721	000000000000000000011000000000	Liao Lv 8	000000000000000001001000000000
Ji Hong 10	000000000000000000010000100000	Liao Lv 3	000000000000000000000000000000
Ji Hong 8	000000000000000000000000000000	Zhong Lv 11	000000001000000000000000000000
Tang Hong 2010-23	000000000000000100000000000000	Zhong Lv 8	010001000100000000000000000000
Tang Hong 2010-12	000000000000000000000000000000	Zhong Lv 5	100000000100000000100001010010

members can be classified centrally to better understand the relationships between the species.

In our present investigation, 18 pairs of specific primers were selected and 628 alleles were amplified in azuki bean and mung bean. Each pair of primers detected 25-37 loci, with an average of 35 alleles and 0.8302 as PIC values, which was higher than that of previous studies (Qiao *et al.*, 2020). The polymorphism ratios of azuki bean and mung bean primers were 50% and 46.2%, respectively. High polymorphism, strong specificity and good reproducibility of primers were beneficial for variety identification. Therefore, they could be used as core primers for genetic analysis and fingerprinting of subsequent bean germplasms resources.

By means of K mean cluster analysis and stratified cluster analysis, the genetic relationship between different varieties of bean was further analyzed. Classification has some convergence in genetic types, the identification of materials from different regions at the same test site may have an impact on the morphological characteristics of certain bean plants. However, it is of biological significance to identify the phenotype and genetic stability of species in different environments (Bai *et al.*, 2014). By means of K mean cluster analysis, they have similar morphological characteristics with bean varieties from the same origin. Based on hierarchical cluster analysis, the mung bean germplasm materials are divided into four groups, among which Ji Lv 03083 is a single group indicating that maybe evolve in different ecological environments or geographical isolation. Interestingly, Bai Hong 10, Bai Hong 12, Bai Hong 6, Bai Hong 11, Bai Hong 9 and Bai Hong 3 came from the same original but were divided into 6 groups, indicating that morphological traits had rich genetic diversity. As a result, comprehensive morphological status and molecular marker technology can better excavate germplasm resource base and shorten breeding process (Chen *et al.*, 2020). In this study, we constructed a 0/1 fingerprint of the alleles detected in 46 azuki bean resources, by using the primer combination method to construct the fingerprint of bean DNA. In the future research process, combining phenotype with genotype analysis will make germplasm resource identification and new variety cultivation more accurate and efficient which continuously improve the identity information of azuki bean resources and provide reliable theoretical basis and reference data for variety protection.

CONCLUSION

The association of the 9 pairs core primer selected by SSR technology can effectively distinguish 46 experimental materials. Therefore, the experimental materials can be divided into different categories according to the cluster analysis. Through K clustering analysis, the varieties with similar origin are often divided into the same category, providing the method for the identification of the relationship between red beans and mung beans.

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