

Genetic structure and diversity of soybean by SSR markers associated with protein content and biological nitrogen fixation

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Knowing the structure of the population within a germplasm collection is essential to understanding and correctly interpreting the associations between functional and molecular diversity. This study aimed to determine the genetic structure and diversity of soybean cultivated in Brazil, based on SSR loci for protein content and biological nitrogen fixation (BNF). A total of 191 cultivars of soybean, developed and released by public and private institutions, were chosen. The cultivars were genotyped with 22 SSR markers associated with protein content. Genetic diversity and population structure were evaluated with DARwin 5.0 and STRUCTURE software, respectively. A total of 101 alleles were generated, ranging from 2 to 11, with an average of 5.05 alleles per locus. Only two markers revealed no polymorphism among 191 cultivars. The average of effective number of alleles was 4.28, ranging from 1.46 to 10.6. The polymorphism information-content values ranged from 0.2 - 0.8, with an average of 0.48. The mean linkage disequilibrium (LD) value (D') for all statistically significant loci pairs was lower than 0.30. Genetic structure revealed two distinct subpopulations. To date, no investigation focusing protein content in grains and BNF has been done on soybeans cultivated in Brazil. Therefore, the results shown in our study will be useful for breeders for a more efficient conservation of germplasm and for association analyzes of protein content and BNF efficiency.

Biography

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Laser and radiofrequency-induced hyperthermia treatment via gold-coated magnetic nanocomposites

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The current radiofrequency ablation technique requires invasive needle placement. On the other hand, most of the common photo thermal therapeutic methods are limited by lack of accuracy of targeting. Gold and magnetic nanoparticles offer the potential to heat tumor tissue selectively at the cellular level by noninvasive interaction with laser and radiofrequency. Gold nanospheres and gold-coated magnetic nanocomposites were used for inducing hyperthermia to treat subcutaneous Ehrlich carcinoma implanted in female mice. The results revealed that, in mice treated with gold nanospheres, tumors continued to grow but at a slow rate. In contrast, more than 50% of the tumors treated with gold-coated magnetic nanocomposites completely disappeared. So, this simple and noninvasive method shows great promise as a technique for selective magnetic photo thermal treatment.

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