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# CHAPTER 1 - Literature Review

## The evolution of cultivated wheat

Wheat belongs to the Gramineae (Poaceae) family and consists of two genera, *Triticum* and *Aegilops* (van Slageren 1994). Wheat can be grouped into three groups based on ploidy level, diploid ( $2n = 2x = 14$  chromosomes), tetraploid ( $2n = 4x = 28$ ), and hexaploid ( $2n = 6x = 42$ ), with the diploid and tetraploid groups including wild species. The wild wheat species *T. monococcum* ssp. *aegilopoides* (wild einkorn, diploid), *T. urartu* (diploid), and *T. turgidum* ssp. *dicoccoides* (wild emmer, tetraploid) are involved in domestication. The cultivated diploid is *T. monococcum* ssp. *monococcum* (einkorn). Cultivated tetraploids are divided into two species, *T. timopheevii* and *T. turgidum*. Only the subspecies *timopheevii* within *T. timopheevii* is cultivated. Seven subspecies within *T. turgidum* are cultivated: ssp. *dicoccum* (emmer), ssp. *paleocolchicum* (Georgian), ssp. *durum* (macaroni), ssp. *turgidum* (rivet or cone), ssp. *polonicum* (Polish), ssp. *turanicum* (Khorassan), and ssp. *carthlicum* (Persian). There are two cultivated hexaploids, *T. zhukovskiyii* and *T. aestivum* (known as common, bread or dinkel wheat). Five subspecies within *T. aestivum* are cultivated: ssp. *aestivum* (common or bread), ssp. *spelta* (dinkel or large spelt), ssp. *macha*, ssp. *compactum* (club), and ssp. *sphaerococcum* (shot) (Simons 2005).

The polyploid wheat species constitute two evolutionary lineages. *T. turgidum* ( $2n = 4x = 28$ , AABB genomes) and *T. aestivum* ( $2n = 6x = 42$ , AABBDD genomes) compose one lineage, and *T. timopheevii* (AAGG) and *T. zhukovskiyii* ( $A^m A^m$ AAGG) comprise the other (Faris *et al.* 2002). Cytological data on the meiotic pairing behavior of interspecific hybrids between  $2x/4x$  and  $4x/6x$  wheats showed that *T. monococcum* and *T. turgidum* share one genome and *T. turgidum* and *T. aestivum* share two genomes (Kihara 1924; Sax 1922). It was later discovered that *T. monococcum* was a mixture of two species, *T. monococcum* and *T. urartu* (Johnson and Dhaliwal 1976). The molecular evidence supports that *T. urartu* actually is the A genome donor of both tetraploid and hexaploid wheats (Dvorak *et al.* 1988, 1993). The contributor of the B genome is not clear, but evidence based on karyotype data (Riley *et al.* 1958), C-banding of

chromosomes (Friebe and Gill 1996), cytology (Kerby and Kuspira 1988), the geographical distribution of wheat populations (Witcombe 1983), and molecular genetics (Dvorak and Zhang 1990) support that the S genome of *Ae. speltoides* is the most likely donor of the B genome of bread wheat. However, whether *Ae. speltoides* is the only donor of B genome or B genome resulted from an introgression of several parental species remains uncertain (Zohary and Feldman 1962; Blake *et al.* 1999). The D genome of bread wheat was contributed by goat grass, *Aegilops tauschii* (Kihara 1944; McFadden and Sears 1946).

The Fertile Crescent is considered the birth-place of cultivated wheat about 8,000 to 10,000 years ago. Genetic evidence indicates that einkorn wheat (*T. monococcum*) may have been domesticated from wild einkorn (*T. monococcum* ssp *aegilopoides*) in the region of the Karacadag Mountains in southeast Turkey based on archeological findings dating from 7,500 to 6,200 BC (Heun *et al.* 1997). The remains of cultivated emmer (*T. turgidum* spp. *dicoccum*) have been discovered at several archaeological sites in Syria dating to 7,500 BC (Zohary and Hopf 1993). Bread wheat arose in the region from Armenia in Transcaucasia to the southwest coastal areas of the Caspian Sea in Iran (Dvorak *et al.* 1998). In this region, *Ae. tauschii* var. *strangulata* is predominant and evidently hybridized with cultivated emmer followed by spontaneous chromosome doubling to produce *T. aestivum*. Several independent hybridization events probably occurred during the process of forming *T. aestivum* (Talbert *et al.* 1998). The timeline of wheat evolution was also estimated based on gene sequence comparisons of the *Acc-1* (plastid acetyl-CoA carboxylase) and *Pgk-1* (plastid 3-phosphoglycerate kinase) genes, which indicated that the A genome of tetraploid and hexaploid wheat diverged from *T. urartu* less than half a million years ago, indicating a relatively recent origin of polyploid wheat. The D genome sequences of *T. aestivum* and *Ae. tauschii* are indistinguishable, consistent with the theory that *T. aestivum* arose from hybridization of *T. turgidum* and *Ae. tauschii* only 8,000 years ago (Huang *et al.* 2002).

## **Wheat genetic system**

### *Genetic stocks*

The plasticity of wheat genome allows various forms of aneuploids to be exploited for genetic investigations. Because of the polyploid nature of bread wheat, its genome is highly buffered and can tolerate structural and numerical changes to a much higher extent than diploid.

Several kinds of aneuploid stocks of wheat have been developed. The most widely used aneuploid stocks are those that are missing a single chromosome (monosomics, Sears 1954), a pair of chromosomes from one genome and compensated by additional two copies of a homoeologous chromosome from another genome (nullisomic-tetrasomic, Sears 1966), or a pair of chromosome arms (ditelosomics, Sears and Sears 1978). Using wheat aneuploid stocks, the 21 chromosomes of wheat were grouped into seven homoeologous groups with each consisting of one chromosome each from the A, B, and D genomes (Sears 1966). These aneuploid stocks also provide cytogenetic tools that allow physical mapping of wheat genes or markers to individual chromosome and chromosome arm.

Chromosome deletion lines are another unique genetic stock developed in wheat for genetic investigations (Faris *et al.* 2002). Wheat chromosome deletion lines were developed with the gametocidal (Gc) factors. The Gc factors have been identified in different related *Aegilops* species. Gc chromosomes can be introduced into wheat by interspecific hybridization with the related *Aegilops* species, and then backcrossed to wheat. Plants with monosomic Gc chromosome will produce two types of gametes: those possessing the Gc chromosome are normal and the others without Gc chromosome will undergo structural chromosome aberrations and are malfunctioned in most cases. However, if the aberration is not sufficient to kill the gamete, the gamete may still be functional and be transmitted to the offspring. More than 400 deletion stocks spanning all wheat chromosome regions have been developed with the Gc system (Endo and Gill 1996). These stocks have been used in physical mapping of wheat genes or markers to chromosome bins.

### *Cytogenetic and molecular mapping*

Aneuploids provide useful tools for locating genes that behave qualitatively or quantitatively on particular chromosomes in wheat. One of the cytogenetic mapping methods in wheat involves the substitution of each of the 21 chromosomes from a donor variety for its homologue in a recipient variety. By this means, it is possible to make a series of 21 pure lines in which the genetic effects of individual chromosomes from a donor variety can be assayed in a constant genetic background and compared with the homologue of the recipient. Genetic contribution of each chromosome to a phenotypic trait can then be evaluated (Kuspira and Unrau 1957). After an association has been established between a particular chromosome and a

quantitative trait, the substitution line involving that chromosome can be used in crosses to detect recombination and estimate the number of genes controlling the trait in that chromosome (Law 1966).

Aneuploid and deletion lines have been used as powerful tools for physical mapping of gene into a small chromosome bin. Wheat deletion lines, using C-bands as reference markers, facilitate cytogenetics-based physical mapping (Werner *et al.* 1992; Gill *et al.* 1993). Nullisomic-tetrasomic lines can locate a gene of interest to a specific chromosome, ditelosomic stocks can map the gene on one arm of the corresponding chromosome, and deletion stocks can locate the chromosome bin that harbors the gene (Faris *et al.* 2002).

In the 1990s, molecular mapping in wheat took a leap forward with the application of DNA markers. Restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLPs) were the first DNA marker system to be used to construct the linkage maps of wheat in a recombinant inbred population from a cross of 'Opata' and a synthetic hexaploid, which was formed by crossing the durum cultivar 'Altar84' (AB genomes) with *Ae. tauschii* (accession 219) (D genome) followed by colchicine doubling (Devos *et al.* 1993; Marino *et al.* 1996; Nelson *et al.* 1995a, b, c; Van Deynze *et al.* 1995a). The maps have been supplemented with other kinds of molecular markers such as simple sequence repeats (SSRs) (Röder *et al.* 1998).

The aneuploid and deletion stocks also provide ideal materials for physical mapping of expressed sequence tags (ESTs) and other molecular markers, such as microsatellites, to small chromosomal regions. The chromosome bin map of ESTs is a unique resource for comparative mapping and structural and functional analysis of the wheat genome (Qi *et al.* 2004). The physically mapped ESTs that are linked to a QTL in a deletion bin can be potential candidate genes for the QTL (Sourdille *et al.* 2004).

### *Comparative mapping*

Comparative mapping involves the alignment of chromosomes of related species based on genetic mapping of common DNA markers. The idea behind comparative mapping is that comparing the genomes of two related species can help locate important genes that have been identified in one species but not in another, and can provide clues about how both species evolved from a common ancestor. Synteny denotes the occurrence of two or more genetic loci on the same chromosome. It also describes the preserved similar linear order of genes between related species. The three genomes of common wheat are syntenic at the resolution of current

maps with few exceptions such as the well-documented 4AL-5AL-7BS translocation (Devos *et al.* 1995; Naranjo *et al.* 1987; Nelson *et al.* 1995c). This synteny has been extended to the A and D genome diploid progenitors as well as barley (Kam-Morgan *et al.* 1989; Van Deynze *et al.* 1995b; Dubcovsky *et al.* 1996). Functional genes located in syntenic regions of wheat relatives have emerged, such as the vernalization gene *Vrn-A1* in *T. monococcum* and *T. aestivum* (Dubcovsky *et al.* 1998).

Comparing the genomic relationships among wheat and other members of the Poaceae like rice, barley, rye, oats, and maize has also revealed remarkable similarities in gene content and marker synteny at the chromosome level. The presence of syntenic regions among these related species was demonstrated using a common set of anchor DNA probes that hybridize well to these species. These probes identify sets of orthologous loci that lie at approximately the same positions relative to each other (Van Deynze *et al.* 1998). The synteny with rice can be exploited as a means of providing markers to saturate the homologous regions in wheat. For example, the positions of ESTs of other grass species relative to rice bacterial artificial chromosome (BAC) insert can be used to construct synteny maps by aligning these EST markers. Such synteny maps will facilitate comparative mapping and genomic investigations of a large proportion of ESTs identified in the grasses by leveraging the information from all these species.

Direct use of rice genomic information for gene discovery in wheat may be difficult. The similarity observed at chromosome level among grass genomes led to the hope that information from rice genome could be directly applied to the much larger genome of wheat. However, studies of the degree of microcolinearity between wheat and rice have shown numerous chromosomal rearrangements (Sorrells *et al.* 2003; Liu *et al.* 2006).

### *Positional cloning*

Since an efficient transposon-based tagging system has not yet been developed for wheat, cloning wheat genes mainly uses two methods: cloning based on a gene of similar function (candidate gene approach) and positional cloning (map-based cloning). The candidate gene approach is relatively easy. In this method, the primers based on homologues in other species are used to amplify (by PCR) the gene in wheat. For example, the reduced-height gene, *Rht1*, was cloned based on its homology with dwarfing genes in *Arabidopsis* and rice (Peng *et al.* 1999). Positional cloning typically involves the identification of partially overlapping DNA segments, which harbor the gene of interest, from a genomic library in an attempt to progress along the

chromosome toward the gene. Positional cloning usually is time consuming, but its feasibility has been demonstrated. For example, a QTL controlling tomato fruit weight, *fw2.2* (Frary *et al.* 2000), wheat leaf rust resistance gene *Lr21* (Huang *et al.* 2003), and the major wheat domestication gene *Q* (Faris *et al.* 2005, Simons *et al.* 2006) were isolated by means of positional cloning.

The steps of positional cloning in wheat can be summarized as follows: Initially, physical mapping locates the gene of interest to a specific chromosome bin, and molecular mapping can identify molecular markers tightly linked to the gene by use of a large mapping population. Second step is to develop high-resolution map with all available molecular markers within the chromosome bin and screen large-insert libraries developed from wheat diploid progenitors, such as the BAC library of *T. monococcum* (Lijavetsky *et al.* 1999), to construct a physical contig spanning the locus through the process called chromosome walking in which the closest known linked marker to the gene is used to probe the BAC library for overlapping BAC clones and search for closer linked markers. This process is repeated several times to walk across the chromosome and reach the gene of interest. Third step is to identify the candidate gene by looking for open reading frames (ORFs) in DNA sequence of the BAC clone that harbors the gene and the tightly linked markers. Finally, plant transformation using the cloned putative gene is performed to recover the wild-type phenotype. If transgenic wheat plant recovers the wild-type phenotype after candidate gene is transferred into the mutant, this will validate the function of the gene (Faris *et al.* 2005).

### **Wheat production and utilization**

Conventionally, bread wheat is classified into two types, winter and spring, based on its growth habit. Winter wheat is sown in the fall and the plant needs to experience a certain period of cold temperature (0 to 12°C), or vernalization for the plant to flower. Spring wheat is generally sown in the spring or in the fall without experiencing cold temperature during winter (Flood and Halloran 1986). Consequently, wheat can be grown in various climates all over the world and more of the world's farmland is devoted to wheat production than to any other food crop (Briggle and Curtis 1987). Wheat surpassed rice in the 1970s to become the most consumed food grain in the world. Currently about 240 million hectares are sown, with a total production of around 600 million metric tons annually (FAO 2006 <http://faostat.fao.org/site/395/default.aspx>).

The leading wheat producing countries are China, the United States, India, Russia, Kazakhstan, Canada, Argentina, and Australia (CIMMYT 1996).

Wheats can also be classified into two types based on their grain texture and protein content. The hardness of wheat is determined by expression of the *Hardness (Ha)* gene (Baker 1977; Giroux and Morris 1998). Hard wheat contains higher gluten than soft wheat. The flour of hard wheat is best for bread-making while the flour of soft wheat is suitable for cakes, crackers, cookies, and pastries (Johnson *et al.* 1978). Wheat is used mainly for human food but also for animal feed, and to produce starch, paste, malt, dextrose, gluten, alcohol, and other products.

In the United States, most wheat is grown in the Great Plains from Texas to Minnesota. Wheat is classified in six market classes according to the regions of production and end-use (milling and baking) characteristics. Hard red winter wheat is used to produce bread, rolls, and all-purpose flour. Most wheat of this class is grown in the central and southern Great Plains. Hard red spring wheat contains a high percentage of protein, has superior milling and baking characteristics, and is grown mainly in the northern Great Plains. Soft red winter wheat has relatively low protein and is used for flat breads, cakes, pastries, and crackers and is grown in the regions east of the Mississippi River. Hard white wheat is used mainly for yeast breads, hard rolls, bulgur, tortillas and oriental noodles and grown in the central states of the Great Plains. Soft white wheat is used for bakery products other than bread and grown primarily in the Pacific Northwest. Durum wheat is used to make semolina flour for pasta production and grown primarily in North Dakota. Kansas, North Dakota, and Oklahoma are the leading states for wheat production in the USA (USDA 2006 <http://www.nass.usda.gov:8080/QuickStats>).

## **Fusarium head blight of wheat**

### *Pathogens*

*Fusarium* head blight (FHB) of small grains is one of the most destructive crop diseases worldwide (Bai and Shaner 2004; Miedaner 1997). It was first recognized as a fungal disease in 1884 by W. G. Smith (Parry *et al.*, 1984) and has emerged as a major threat to wheat and barley production in the early 20th century (Dickson and Mains 1929). Several species of the soil- and residue-borne fungus, *Fusarium*, can cause wheat FHB, and the symptoms caused by these different species are almost the same.



*F. graminearum* and *F. culmorum* are the major pathogens responsible for wheat FHB in different countries (Bai and Shaner 1994; Lu *et al.* 2001; Shaner 2003; Schroeder and Christensen 1963; Sutton 1982; Wiese 1987). *F. graminearum* has been the major pathogen in most of the recent outbreaks of FHB in the USA, Canada, and many other countries (Bai and Shaner 2004; Dubin *et al.* 1997; Parry *et al.* 1995). *Gibberella zeae* is the sexual stage of *F. graminearum* and was classified into two groups based on whether they were heterothallic (group 1) or homothallic (group 2). Aoki and O'Donnell (1999a, 1999b) reclassified group 1 (Burgess *et al.* 1981) as a new species called *Gibberella coronicola*. *F. culmorum* was found to be a major pathogen responsible for wheat FHB in some European countries (Mesterházy 2003b; Snijders 1990b; Wiese 1987).

#### *Natural FHB infection and development*

FHB epidemic potential is closely tied to the reproductive strategy of the pathogen. *F. graminearum* can survive in living or dead host tissues as mycelium, ascospores, macroconidia and chlamydospores. Ascospores are the propagules of the sexual stage (Reis 1990). Hyphal fragments, ascospores, macroconidia, and chlamydospores all can serve as inoculum (Zhu and Fan 1989). Ascospores released from crop debris on soil surface are the principal inocula that initiate epidemics because aerial dispersal is necessary for the fungus to reach the infection site (Sutton 1982). In addition, wheat planted after corn or wheat usually has significantly more FHB than wheat planted after other crops (Fig 1.1). Thus, reduced tillage for soil conservation increases the amount of inoculum that can infect wheat (Shaner 2003; Teich and Hamilton 1985; Zhu and Fan 1989).

The abundance of primary inoculum and weather conditions, mainly moisture and temperature, during and after anthesis determine FHB severity. Airborne ascospores are deposited on or inside wheat florets and subsequently germinate and initiate infection. The fungus rapidly infects the extruded anthers and then ramifies throughout the developing caryopsis, floral bracts, and rachis. The fungus may also infect wheat by direct penetration of the glume, palea or rachilla. Soon after infection, dark brown spots appear on the infected florets and later the entire florets become blighted (Bai and Shaner, 1994; Bushnell *et al.* 2003). The fungus spreads internally through vascular bundles of the rachilla and rachis in susceptible wheat. Brownish chlorotic symptoms extend up- and downward and eventually the entire spike becomes blighted. If the weather is favorable, aerial mycelium can also spread externally from the infected

spikelet to nearby spikelets. Infected florets often fail to produce grain, or the kernel is poorly filled (Bushnell *et al.* 2003; Wiese 1987). In nature, wheat head infection can occur any time after the beginning of the flowering but anthesis is the most vulnerable period for infection. Owing to this brief period of vulnerability, the fungus is limited to one infection cycle per season in wheat (Strange and Smith 1987). Primary infection may occur on several florets of a spike in the field and the dark brown symptoms usually extend into the rachis. The clogging of vascular tissues in the rachis can cause the head to ripen prematurely, so that even grains not directly infected will be shriveled owing to a shortage of water and nutrients (Schroeder and Christensen 1963). The optimum temperature for infection and disease development is 25°C, with little or no infection occurring at 15°C. Incidence increases as temperature increases from 20 to 30°C and the moist period required for infection is about 36 to 72 hours (Anderson 1948).

#### *Economic loss from FHB*

FHB significantly reduces wheat grain yield and quality. Yield reduction results from shriveled grains, which may be light enough to be expelled from the combine with the chaff. In addition, the germination of infected seeds is low and causes seedling blight and poor stand (Bai and Shaner 1994). Over \$2.6 billion of direct losses and \$7.7 billion of total losses have been estimated for the cumulative economic impact of FHB to US agriculture during FHB epidemics in the 1990s (Johnson *et al.* 2003; Nganje *et al.* 2004). Moreover, this disease is increasingly becoming a threat to the world's food supply due to recent widespread head blight outbreaks in Asia, Canada, Europe and South America (Dubin *et al.* 1997). It is estimated that in China FHB can affect up to 7 million hectares of wheat and can cause yield losses of more than 1 million tons nationally in severe epidemics (Bai *et al.* 2003; Lu *et al.* 2001). FHB causes additional loss for agriculture because scabby grain is often contaminated with mycotoxins produced by *F. graminearum*, especially deoxynivalenol (DON). DON is also known as vomitoxin because it is responsible for causing feed refusal and vomiting in swine (Tuite *et al.* 1990). Contamination of DON makes the grain unsuitable for food or feed and it may be graded down or rejected entirely in commerce (McMullen *et al.* 1997).

#### *Strategies for control of Fusarium head blight*

Various cultural control measures for reducing FHB damage have been practiced. Appropriate methods of land preparation, good crop husbandry, timely harvest, proper storage

and crop rotation help reduce the disease by reducing primary inoculum but the adoption of minimum tillage for soil conservation reduces the options for the disease-management technique. In addition, adequate control by those methods is not possible because of the wide host range of *F. graminearum* (Bai and Shaner 1994; Reis 1990). Seed treatment and foliar application with fungicide at anthesis might provide some protection but the high cost, the difficulty of determining the optimum time of application, and the lack of registered fungicides that are highly effective make this means of control less attractive to farmers. Even if a fungicide can reduce direct yield loss, it may not reduce mycotoxin contamination to a tolerable level for food or feed (Martin and Johnston 1982; Mesterházy 2003a). Hence, breeding for durable resistance against this disease in wheat is the most economical and effective means of reducing yield loss as well as mycotoxin contamination. Considerable progress in the search for host resistance has been made in China, Japan, and other countries (Bai *et al.* 2003; Ban 2001; Mesterházy 2003b). Improving FHB resistance of wheat cultivar has become a major breeding objective worldwide. The current developments in genomics and biotechnology offer promise for understanding of the genetic mechanisms of FHB resistance and for developing new FHB resistant wheat cultivars.

## **Wheat resistance to Fusarium head blight**

### *Types of resistance*

Mesterházy (1995) proposed five types of FHB resistance: (1) resistance to initial infection, (2) resistance to spread of infection within a spike, (3) resistance to kernel infection, (4) tolerance, and (5) resistance to toxin accumulation. However, only three types are commonly accepted (Schroder and Christensen 1963, Miller *et al.* 1985): resistance to primary infection (type I), to spread of hyphae within a wheat spike (type II) and to mycotoxin accumulation in infected kernels (type III).

Different inoculation methods are used to evaluate these types of resistance in wheat. Type I resistance is estimated by spraying a spore suspension over flowering spikes and counting the diseased spikelets. Type II resistance is estimated by delivering conidia into a single floret of a spike and counting the blighted spikelets after a certain period of infection. Measurement of type III resistance is performed by chemical analysis of grain samples. These procedures are typically done in a greenhouse so that the conditions for FHB infection can be carefully controlled and genotype × environment effects can be minimized. Type II resistance has been

extensively studied in wheat and shown to be more stable and less affected by nongenetic factors than type I resistance (Bai and Shaner 1994). It may be difficult to distinguish type II from type I resistance in the field under conditions favorable for FHB. A genotype with type I resistance but no type II resistance may be highly susceptible because blight symptoms will subsequently spread throughout the spike from one infected spikelet. On the other hand, if a genotype has type II resistance without type I resistance, a high proportion of spikelets can be infected directly under heavy inoculum pressure and favorable environment, and blight symptoms may cover most of the spike regardless of type II resistance (Bai and Shaner 1996). Type III resistance may result from three possible causes: a low level of mycotoxin produced by the fungus, a degradation of mycotoxin by plant enzymes during kernel development, or the failure of mycotoxin to move into kernels during their development (Bai and Shaner 2004). The remaining two types, resistance to kernel infection and tolerance, have not been widely accepted because of some conceptual or operational weaknesses (Shaner 2002).

#### *Mechanisms of resistance*

Resistance mechanisms to FHB in wheat are classified as either active (physiological) or passive (morphological) (Mesterházy 1995; Rudd *et al.* 2001). Active resistance mechanisms include all resistance types mentioned above including inhibition of infection, restriction of colonization after infection, and metabolic degradation of chemicals produced by the pathogen. Currently, breeding efforts throughout the world are focused primarily on type II resistance. Reports have indicated that under epidemic conditions type I resistance is easily overcome, and thereafter type II resistance becomes the most promising type of defense to reduce the losses due to FHB infection (Mesterházy 1995). Passive resistance mechanisms are associated with phenotypic traits such as plant height, presence of awns, spikelet density, and time to flowering. For example, genotypes that flower concurrently with favorable environmental conditions for spore dispersal and infection are more likely to develop severe FHB symptoms. In addition, disease is decreased in genotypes with a shorter flowering period and in those genotypes with anthers barely released (Mesterházy, 1995). Waxy glumes may serve as a barrier to the fungal infection and help to exclude moisture, and tight glumes may limit access of airborne inoculum to wheat flower organs.

The molecular and biochemical mechanisms of wheat resistance to FHB are still unknown. Different expression patterns of several defense-related proteins and enzymes such as

ascorbic acid peroxidase and catalase were observed between resistant and susceptible wheat lines (Bai and Shaner 2004; Hill-Ambroz *et al.* 2006). DON produced by the fungus has been proposed as a virulence factor for FHB. Disruption of the gene encoding trichodiene synthase (*Tri5*) in *F. graminearum* reduced disease severity and restoration of *Tri5* gene resulted in increased FHB severity and DON production (Desjardins *et al.* 1996). This DON-nonproducing fungus could still infect the inoculated spikelets of wheat in both greenhouse and field (Bai *et al.* 2001a). This led to the suggestion that DON may not be essential for initiating infection but may involve in symptom development and spread of the fungus within a spike. Recently, the DON detoxification gene *Tri101* from *F. sporotrichioides* has been transformed into wheat and transgenic plants and transgenic plants were reported to show a significant reduction in FHB severity in greenhouse experiments (Okubara *et al.* 2002). Also, the major QTL for low DON content was mapped to the same location as the major QTL for type II resistance (Lemmens *et al.* 2005). Both studies suggest that DON may play an important role in disease development. Wheat resistance to FHB is a quantitative trait and probably involves a complex and interacting network of signaling pathways. Application of new technologies for large-scale gene analysis may facilitate discovery of critical pathways and key genes in these pathways (Bai and Shaner 2004).

### *Sources of resistance*

Resistance to FHB in wheat and wheat alien species has been identified mainly from four origins: Europe, East Asia, South America, and North America (Table 1.2). Most of these sources have not been extensively evaluated, so their resistance may be uncertain and need further validation. Among the FHB-resistant wheat genotypes, most highly resistant wheat lines have Chinese resistance sources, mainly Sumai 3 or its derivatives, in their pedigrees. Only a few wheat lines appear to have different sources of resistance, without known relationship with Chinese sources, such as Chokwang from Korea (Shaner and Buechley 2001), Fundulea 201R from Romania (Shen *et al.* 2003a), and Ernie and Freedom from the USA (Rudd *et al.* 2001). To date, wheat with complete resistance has not been found (Ban 1997; Bai and Shaner 2004). The best-known resistance sources are spring wheats from China such as Sumai 3, Japan such as Shinchunaga, and Brazil such as Frontana (Bai *et al.* 2003; Ban 2000; Singh *et al.* 1995). In addition, many wheat alien species have been screened to identify FHB resistance genes (Cai *et al.* 2005). Wan *et al.* (1997) reported that 13 grass species in the genera *Roegneria*, *Hystrich*, and

*Psathyrostachys* had better type II resistance than Sumai 3. Of these, *Roegneria tsukushiensis* var. *transiens* and *R. ciliaris* appeared to show complete resistance. These species may serve as alternative sources of resistance to FHB. Unfortunately, the resistance found in alien species usually does not surpass that in wheat cultivars such as Sumai 3 and is associated with many undesirable agricultural traits that are difficult to remove from the progenies of the wide crosses (Bai and Shaner 2004).

#### *Inheritance of resistance*

FHB resistance is quantitatively inherited under polygenic control of quantitative trait loci (QTL). A few major genes plus some minor genes may be responsible for type II FHB resistance with relatively high heritability (Bai *et al.* 1989; Bai and Shaner 1994; Snijders 1990a; Nakagawa 1995; van Ginkel *et al.* 1996). Additive genetic effects play the major role in general, but nonadditive gene effects might also be significant in some cases (Bai *et al.* 2000a). Of the nonadditive components, dominance appears to be the most important (Bai *et al.* 1990; Snijders 1990b), and epistatic effects are also seen (Bai *et al.* 2000a). The number and chromosome locations of FHB resistance QTL vary with the resistant wheat lines and genetic backgrounds used in molecular mapping studies. The inconsistent results in these studies may be due to the polygenic inheritance of FHB resistance, genetic background effects, different types of resistance evaluated, different inoculation methods used, genotype  $\times$  environment interactions, and heterogeneous sources of a resistant parent (Kolb *et al.* 2001).

#### *Durability of resistance*

Durability of resistance is dependent on variation in pathogen virulence, host-pathogen interaction, mechanisms of resistance, and agricultural practices. Since its release 30 years ago, Sumai 3 and its derivatives have passed extensive tests in China, Japan, the United States, and many other countries with isolates of *F. graminearum* collected around the world (Bai *et al.* 2003; Ban 2001; Kolb *et al.* 2001; Mesterházy 2003b). These wheat lines are still the best source of type II resistance available for wheat breeding programs in China and other countries.

Although significant interaction between wheat genotypes and *F. graminearum* isolates has been observed, there is no evidence for stable pathogen races (Bai and Shaner 1996; Mesterházy 2003b; Snijders and van Eeuwijk 1991). Studies of resistant wheat lines all over the world concluded that resistance to certain strains of *F. graminearum* as well as to other species

of *Fusarium* was not strain- or species-specific. *Fusarium* species that cause head blight in wheat can also infect other cereals without showing specialization for any one host (Mesterházy 1981; Mesterházy 2003b; van Eeuwijk *et al.* 1995). For these reasons, FHB resistance is considered to be horizontal and potentially quite durable (Miedaner 1997), and the resistance genes in current resistant sources, such as Sumai 3, are not expected to be overcome by new *Fusarium* species in the near future.

## **Molecular markers**

Molecular markers are DNA fragments that allow the detection of specific DNA sequence differences between two or more individual genotypes. Five properties of molecular markers distinguish them from morphological markers ( Tanksley 1983): (1) genotypes can be determined with a small piece of plant tissue; (2) a relatively large number of naturally occurring alleles exist at many loci; (3) deleterious effects are not usually associated with different alleles; (4) codominant alleles at some loci can distinguish all different genotypes; (5) few epistatic or pleiotropic effects are produced, thus a very large number of segregating markers can be monitored in a single population. There are two major types of molecular markers: protein-based markers, such as isozymes, and DNA markers. DNA markers are superior to protein-based markers because the detection of variation is not limited to coding regions and all categories of mutational events may be detected. DNA markers can be subdivided into two major types: DNA-hybridization-based; and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification-based.

### *RFLP markers*

One of the earliest types of DNA-based molecular markers was restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLPs) (Grodzicker *et al.* 1974). DNA sequence polymorphisms can be caused by base substitution, insertion, or deletion that leads to the loss or gain of restriction sites for a restriction enzyme. Botstein *et al.* (1980) used RFLPs to construct a genome-wide genetic linkage map of human. The RFLP marker system is limited by low frequency of polymorphism, the requirement of relatively large amounts of DNA, time-consuming procedure, and the use of autoradiography, which make this technology relatively slow and expensive. Despite these disadvantages, RFLP has been used in wheat for genome mapping (Chao *et al.* 1989; Kam-Morgan *et al.* 1989), variety identification (Gupta *et al.* 1998) and marker-assisted selection

(Gale *et al.* 1995). RFLPs are still very useful for comparative mapping and gene cloning (Faris *et al.* 2002).

#### *PCR-based markers*

PCR-based markers share a number of general advantages over RFLP technology. The major advantages are the speed with which data are generated and the smaller amounts of genomic DNA template required. These markers can be based on arbitrarily primed reactions, such as random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) markers (Williams *et al.* 1990) and amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP) markers (Vos *et al.* 1995), or on known sequences, such as simple sequence repeats (SSR) or microsatellites (Tautz and Renz 1984), sequence tagged sites (STS) (Weber and May 1989), sequence characterized amplified regions (SCAR) (Paran and Michelmore 1993), and single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP) (Brookes 1999). SSR markers detect variation in the number of short repeat sequences, usually of one to six bases. SSR markers are mainly codominant and dispersed throughout the wheat genome (Röder *et al.* 1998). They are highly polymorphic and are easier to use than AFLPs. Several genetic linkage maps of wheat have been generated using different mapping populations and different molecular marker systems (Devos and Gale 1997; Röder *et al.* 1998; Pestsova *et al.* 2000; Gupta *et al.* 2002). A high-density consensus map of wheat was constructed from four of these maps (Somers *et al.* 2004). The availability of high-density linkage maps of wheat and numerous PCR-based molecular markers has greatly facilitated progress in genetic studies of wheat.

Major applications of molecular markers include identification and fingerprinting of genotypes, assessment of genetic diversity between germplasm and breeding materials, detection of monogenic and quantitative trait loci (QTL), and marker-assisted selection (MAS). In wheat, molecular markers have been linked to about 40 traits of economic importance (Gupta *et al.* 1999). An up-to-date list of the genes/traits that have suitable molecular markers for wheat MAS has been maintained at the wheat Coordinated Agricultural Project website (Wheat CAP, <http://maswheat.ucdavis.edu/>).

#### **Mapping FHB resistance QTL in wheat**



Briefly, every chromosome in wheat has been reported to be associated with FHB resistance (Table 1.1). The major QTL on 3BS has been identified in many Chinese lines and has the largest effect on type II resistance. The QTL on 5AS is another frequently reported QTL in both Chinese and European FHB resistant wheat cultivars. Other FHB resistance QTL were also identified but with smaller effect on FHB resistance and less consistency among reports than the 3BS QTL.

Several types of markers have been used to identify QTL for FHB resistance. Two QTL from Japanese resistant cultivar Fukuhokomugi were identified by means of random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) markers (Ban 1997). Five QTL were detected with restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) markers in a recombinant inbred line (RIL) population derived from Sumai 3  $\times$  Stao (Waldron *et al.* 1999). Two QTL, one on 3BS from Sumai 3 and the other on 2AL from Stoa, had a major effect on FHB resistance, explaining respectively 15.4% and 14.3% of phenotypic variation. In another study, 11 AFLP markers tightly linked to a major QTL for FHB resistance were identified in a RIL population developed from Ning 7840  $\times$  Clark (Bai *et al.* 1999). This QTL could explain up to 53% phenotypic variation of type II resistance and was also associated with low DON accumulation in infected kernels (Bai *et al.* 2000b). Later, this major QTL was mapped to chromosome arm 3BS (Zhou *et al.* 2002).

The major 3BS QTL, *Qfhs.ndsu-3BS* has been identified with SSR markers in Sumai 3 and its derivatives in different mapping populations such as Sumai 3  $\times$  DT 486 (Gilbert *et al.* 2000), Sumai 3  $\times$  Stoa (Waldron *et al.* 1999), Ning 7840  $\times$  Clark (Zhou *et al.* 2002), and CM-82036  $\times$  Remus (Buerstmayr *et al.* 2002; Buerstmayr *et al.* 2003a). This major QTL was also identified in other Chinese resistant sources, such as Wuhan-1 (Somers *et al.* 2003), Huapei 57-2 (Bourdoncle and Ohm 2003a), Wangshuibai (Lin *et al.* 2004; Zhou *et al.* 2004), and W14 (Chen *et al.* 2006).

Other QTL detected in these mapping populations were QTL on 2BL and 2AL in Ning 7840  $\times$  Clark population (Zhou *et al.* 2002); QTL on 5A and 1B in five different breeding populations with resistant parents CM-82036 (Anderson *et al.* 2001; Angerer *et al.* 2003) and Sumai 3 (Bai *et al.* 1999); QTL on 2DL, 4B, and 5A in the cross Wuhan-1  $\times$  Maringa (Somers *et al.* 2003); QTL on 5A in W14 (Chen *et al.* 2006); QTL on 5B, 1B, 6B, 3A, 7A, 3D, 2A, 2D, 4B, and 5A in mapping populations with Wangshuibai as the resistant parent (Lin *et al.* 2004; Lin *et al.* 2006; Mardi *et al.* 2005; Zhang *et al.* 2004; Zhou *et al.* 2004). In a study evaluating Sumai 3

substitution lines for type II resistance and DON accumulation, it was found that QTL on 7A, 3B, 2B, and 6B from Sumai 3 significantly reduced FHB symptoms; QTL on chromosomes 7A and 3B reduced both head blight severity FHB and DON accumulation in infected grains; and QTL on chromosomes 1B, 2D, and 4D appeared to increase DON accumulation (Zhou *et al.* 2002).

Quantitative trait loci from sources other than Chinese origins have also been reported. A QTL on 3A was identified in *T. dicoccoides* with SSR marker *Xgwm2* tightly linked to it (Otto *et al.* 2002). The same QTL was detected on 3A in a recombinant inbred population derived from cross Patterson/Fundulea 201R (Shen *et al.* 2003a). Nine QTL were detected in RILs derived from a resistant European winter wheat cultivar Renan. One QTL on 2B and two on 5A are stable and each explains 6% to 19% of phenotypic variation. QTL on 2A, 3A, and 3B have minor effects (Gervais *et al.* 2003). QTL on 3A and 5A in cultivar Frontana explained 26% of type I resistance (Steiner *et al.* 2004) and a QTL on 2B in cultivar Goldfield explained 29% of the phenotypic variation for FHB incidence (Gilsinger *et al.* 2005).

## **Breeding for FHB resistance in wheat**

### *Conventional breeding strategies*

The cost/gain effective way of controlling FHB disease in wheat is the use of FHB resistance. However, breeding FHB resistant wheat cultivars with desired agronomic traits has been difficult because of the polygenic control of FHB resistance, tight linkage of resistance QTL with undesired agronomic traits in the available resistance sources, laborious inoculation and disease evaluation procedures, and environmental effects on the resistance phenotype. In addition, at least three well-known types of FHB resistance are involved in wheat kernel invasion and DON accumulation. It still remains unknown whether these traits are under the control of common QTL (Bai and Shaner 2004). In last three decades, conventional breeding methods have succeeded in producing many wheat breeding lines with high levels of FHB resistance in wheat breeding programmes of China and Japan, such as Sumai 3, Ning 7840, Tokai 63, and etc. (Bai *et al.* 2003; Ban 2000; Lu *et al.* 2001). Some of these lines have been widely used as resistant parents in wheat breeding programs in the United States, Europe, CIMMYT, and elsewhere (Buerstmayr *et al.* 2002; Mesterházy 2003; Rudd *et al.* 2001; Singh and van Ginkel 1997). However, since type II resistance of Sumai 3 alone may not provide adequate protection against

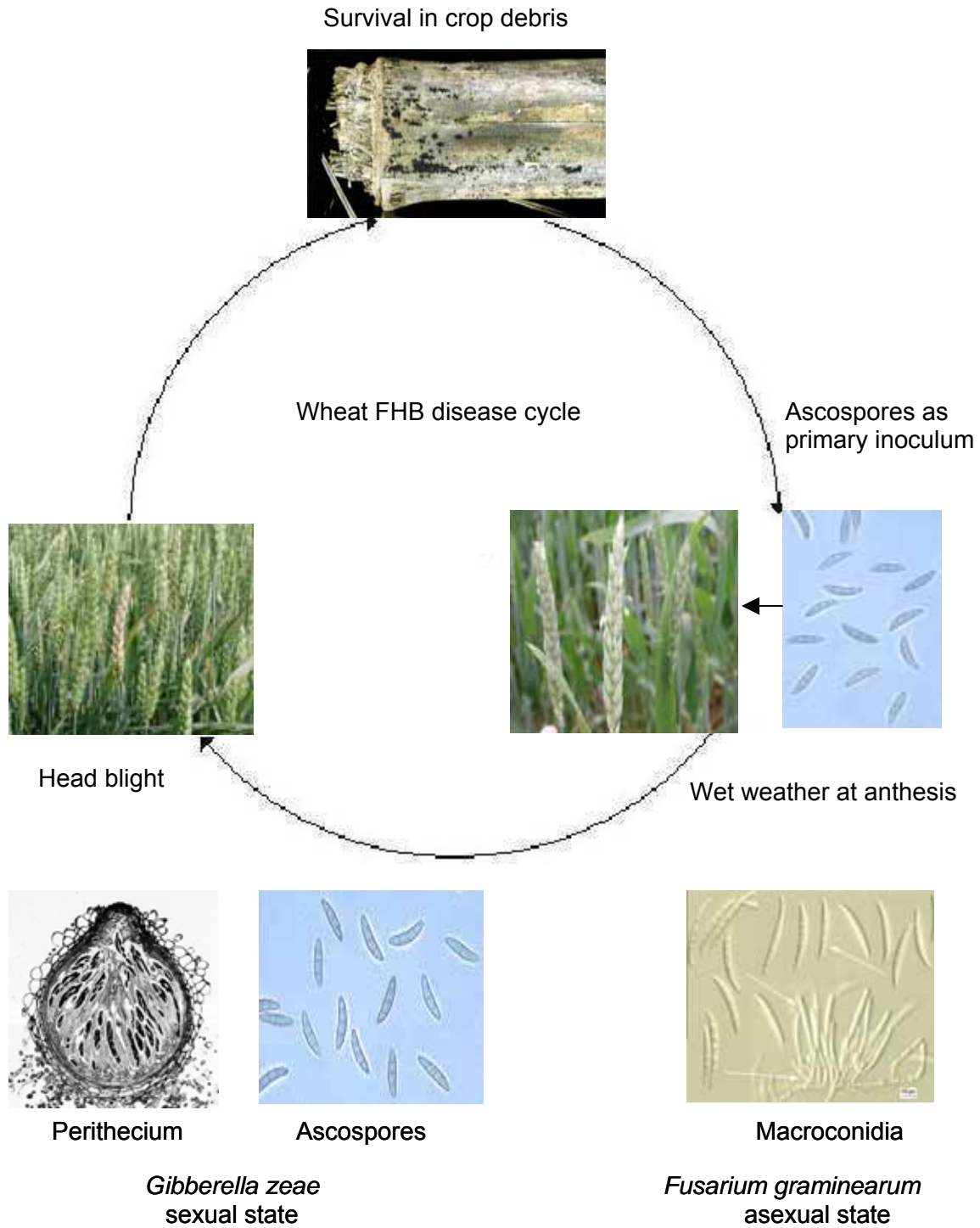
the fungal infection in severe FHB epidemics, most breeding programs now attempt to improve FHB resistance by recombining different sources and types of resistance and simultaneously selecting for resistance and desirable agronomic traits. Recurrent selection was reported to be successful for accumulating resistance genes of different types (Jiang *et al.* 1994).

#### *Marker-assisted breeding*

Breeding FHB-resistant wheat can be greatly facilitated by marker-assisted selection (MAS). Since FHB resistance appears to be controlled by a few major genes plus some minor genes, a nongenetic component of phenotype may make classification of individual plants in segregating generations uncertain (Bai and Shaner 2004). In contrast, once an association between a QTL and molecular markers is established, the QTL can be transferred into different genetic backgrounds through MAS. By use of MAS, selection for specific resistance gene(s) would eliminate susceptible materials earlier in the breeding process in order to combine different FHB resistance genes in a FHB-resistant cultivar.

Improving wheat FHB resistance with MAS is now being used in wheat breeding programs in Australia, Canada, and the USA with the help of the genotyping centers established in these countries. The effectiveness of the three SSR markers, *Xgwm389*, *Xgwm493*, and *Xgwm533*, which tightly linked to *Qfhs.ndsu-3BS*, was evaluated and validated in different populations (Chen *et al.* 2006; Yang *et al.* 2003). Molecular markers for FHB resistance can also be used for marker-assisted evaluation of FHB resistant wheat germplasm (Liu and Anderson 2003). Molecular markers linked to other minor FHB resistance QTL for type I resistance have also been reported (Bourdoncle *et al.* 2003a; Steiner *et al.* 2004), but they have not been widely used in MAS due to low repeatability.

The routine use of MAS in wheat breeding programs for transferring QTL with major effects has not been extended to minor QTL. Because mapping methods remain insufficiently precise and QTL information is difficult to extrapolate from one mapping population to other breeding populations. MAS will remain a specialized breeding tool when the objective is to pyramid different genes or avoid difficult phenotypic screens, until QTL mapping can be extended to estimate breeding values across diverse breeding crosses and subpopulations such as those in typical plant breeding programs (Holland 2004).



Modified from <http://www.apsnet.org/education/LessonsPlantPath/Fusarium/>

**Figure 1.1** Disease cycle of wheat FHB caused by *Fusarium graminearum*/*Gibberella zeae* and the pathogen's reproductive states

**Table 1.1** QTL for FHB resistance in common wheat

QTL chromosome location	Marker / map interval	Resistance source	Reference
1A	<i>XmGTG.pAG225</i> – <i>Xbarc28</i> • <i>XFHBSTS1A-160</i> •	Annong 8455 Ning 7840	Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006b Guo <i>et al.</i> 2006
1B	<i>Xbarc8</i> – <i>Xgwm131</i> • <i>XgluB1</i> • <i>Xbarc312</i> – <i>Xbarc302</i> • <i>Xe38m50_10</i> – <i>Xe32m65_10</i> ▲ <i>XP78M51_237</i> – <i>XS26M23_365</i> • <i>Xs12m25_14</i> – <i>Xs24m17_2</i> ▲ <i>Xgwm268</i> – <i>Xwmc44</i> • <i>XE38M52-378</i> – <i>Xgwm131</i> •	Fundulea 201R CM-82036 Wangshuibai Seri82 Lynx Remus Arina Cansas	Shen <i>et al.</i> 2003a Buerstmayr <i>et al.</i> 2002 Zhou <i>et al.</i> 2004 Mardi <i>et al.</i> 2006 Schmolke <i>et al.</i> 2005 Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Klahr <i>et al.</i> 2006
1D	<i>XS16M22-162</i> – <i>Xwhs2001-1D</i> ▲	Ritmo	Klahr <i>et al.</i> 2006
2A	<i>Xgwm311</i> – <i>Xgwm382</i> • <i>XksuH16</i> •  <i>Xs13m26_4</i> • <i>Xgwm614</i> • <i>Xcfa2086</i> – <i>Xgwm311</i> • <i>Xgwm425-XmCCT.eAAG.2</i> •	Renan Stoa  Remus Ning 7840 Arina Wangshuibai	Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003 Waldron <i>et al.</i> 1999; Anderson <i>et al.</i> 2001 Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004 Zhou <i>et al.</i> 2002 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006
2B	<i>Xgwm374</i> • <i>XP74M53_272-XS25M12_206</i> • <i>Xs13m25_8</i> – <i>Xs24m15_6</i> ▲ <i>Xbarc200</i> – <i>Xgwm210</i> ▲ <i>Xgwm120</i> • <i>Xs1021m</i> • <i>Xgwm276b</i> ■	Renan Dream Frontana Goldfield Ning 7840 Nanda2419 Ernie	Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003 Schmolke <i>et al.</i> 2005 Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004 Gilsinger <i>et al.</i> 2005 Zhou <i>et al.</i> 2002 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2004 Abate and McKendry 2005
2D	<i>Xgwm296</i> – <i>Xgwm261</i> • <i>Xgwm539</i> •  <i>Xgwm539</i> ▲ <i>Xwmc144</i> • <i>Xgwm261</i> ■ <i>Xglk302b</i> – <i>Xgwm539</i> • <i>XmCGTA.pACT236</i> – <i>XmACAG.pACT134</i> • <i>XmCGAC.pTGC102</i> – <i>XmTGC.pTGC70</i> • <i>Xgwm539</i> – <i>Xs15/m24</i> • <i>Xwmc181</i> – <i>Xaf12</i> ▲ <i>Xwmc445-1</i> – <i>Xgwm311-1</i> ▲ <i>Xgwm261</i> – <i>Xgwm484</i> • <i>Xgwm157</i> – <i>Xgwm539</i> •	Alondra Wuhan-1, CASS94  DH181 DH181 Maringa Arina Chinese Spring Chinese Spring Wangshuibai Wangshuibai Wangshuibai Wangshuibai CJ9306	Shen <i>et al.</i> 2003b Somers <i>et al.</i> 2003; Lewis <i>et al.</i> 2004  Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b Somers <i>et al.</i> 2003 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006b Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006b Mardi <i>et al.</i> 2005 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006 Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005 Jiang <i>et al.</i> 2005

▲ QTL for type I resistance; • QTL for type II resistance; ■ QTL for type III resistance

**Table 1.1** Cont.

<b>QTL chromosome location</b>	<b>Marker / map interval</b>	<b>Resistance source</b>	<b>Reference</b>
3A	<p><i>Xbcd941</i> •  <i>Xgwm2</i> •  <i>Xbcd372</i> •  <i>Xgwm5</i> •</p> <p><i>Xgwm674 – Xbarc6</i> •  <i>Xwmc264 – Xgwm155</i> •  <i>Xgwm720 – Xgwm112</i> ▲  <i>Xbcd941</i> •  <i>Xdupw227 – Xgwm720</i> ▲  <i>Xwmc532</i> •  <i>Xgwm369 – Xbarc045</i> •  <i>Xwmc165</i> ▲</p>	<p>ND2603  Ning 7840  Recital  Huapei 57-2</p> <p>Fundulea 201R  Arina  Frontana  ND2603  Frontana  Wangshuibai  Wangshuibai  AC Foremost</p>	<p>Anderson <i>et al.</i> 1998  Gupta <i>et al.</i> 2000  Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003  Bourdoncle and Ohm 2003a</p> <p>Shen <i>et al.</i> 2003a  Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004  Mardi <i>et al.</i> 2006  Anderson <i>et al.</i> 2001  Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004  Lin <i>et al.</i> 2004  Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005  Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b</p>
3B	<p><i>XeagcMcta.1</i> •  <i>Xcdo981</i> •  <i>Xgwm389 – Xgwm533</i> •</p> <p><i>Xgwm389 – Xgwm533</i> •  <i>Xgwm533 – Xgwm493</i> •</p> <p><i>Xgwm533 – Xgwm493</i> ■  <i>Xgwm533 – Xgwm493</i> •  <i>Xbarc147 – Xgwm493</i> ■  <i>Xbarc133</i> •  <i>Xbarc133 – Xgwm493</i> •  <i>Xs23m15_3</i> •  <i>Xbarc147 – Xgwm493</i> •  <i>Xbarc533 – Xgwm493</i> •</p> <p><i>Xgwm533</i> ▲•  <i>Xgwm493-Xgwm533-2</i> •</p> <p><i>E8M4_6</i> ■  <i>Xgwm533</i> •  <i>Xgwm533 – Xgwm493</i> ■■  <i>Xbarc102-Xgwm533-1</i> ■  <i>Xwmc054-1</i> •  <i>Xgwm533-3</i> •</p> <p><i>Xgwm247</i> •  <i>Xwmc612</i> ▲  <i>Xtam61 – Xgwm383</i> •  <i>Xgwm566</i> ▲  <i>Xcfa2134b-Xgwm131b</i> •  <i>Xbarc344</i> •</p> <p><i>Xgwm533-2 – Xwmc054-1</i> ▲  <i>XE35M59-107 – XE38M52-441</i> •</p>	<p>Sumai 3  Sumai 3  Ning 7840</p> <p>W14  Sumai3/ND2603  Chinese Spring</p> <p>Maringa,  CM-82036  CM-82036  Huapei 57-2  Ning 894037  Remus  Ning 7840  Wangshuibai</p> <p>DH181  CJ9306</p> <p>Ernie  Chokwang  W14  Wangshuibai  Wnagshuibai  Wnagshuibai</p> <p>Huapei 57-2  DH181  Renan  Maringa  Arina  Wnagshuibai</p> <p>Nanda2419  Ritmo</p>	<p>Anderson <i>et al.</i> 1998  Waldron <i>et al.</i> 1999  Gupta <i>et al.</i> 2000; Zhou <i>et al.</i> 2000  Chen <i>et al.</i> 2000  Anderson <i>et al.</i> 2001  Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006b</p> <p>Somers <i>et al.</i> 2003  Buerstmayr <i>et al.</i> 2002, 2003a  Lemmens <i>et al.</i> 2005  Bourdoncle and Ohm 2003a  Shen <i>et al.</i> 2003b  Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004  Zhou <i>et al.</i> 2002  Zhou <i>et al.</i> 2004; Mardi <i>et al.</i> 2005, Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006a; Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005  Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b  Jiang <i>et al.</i> 2005</p> <p>Abate and McKendry 2005  Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005a  Chen <i>et al.</i> 2006  Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006a  Lin <i>et al.</i> 2004  Lin <i>et al.</i> 2004</p> <p>Bourdoncle and Ohm 2003a  Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b  Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003  Somers <i>et al.</i> 2003  Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004  Zhou <i>et al.</i> 2004</p> <p>Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006  Klahr <i>et al.</i> 2006</p>

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<b>QTL chromosome location</b>	<b>Marker / map interval</b>	<b>Resistance source</b>	<b>Reference</b>
3D	<i>Xgwm341</i> – <i>Xgdm8</i> • <i>Xbcd907c</i> – <i>Xgwm161</i> • <i>XE33M57-457</i> – <i>Xgwm645</i> •	Patterson Arina Cansas	Shen <i>et al.</i> 2003a Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Klahr <i>et al.</i> 2006
4A	<i>Xcdo545</i> – <i>Xgwm160</i> • <i>Xgbx3480b</i> – <i>Xbcd907g</i> • <i>mGCG.pGTG223-Xwmc617.2</i> • <i>Xwmc501-2</i> – <i>Xwmc161</i> ▲	Arina Arina Annong 8455 Nanda2419	Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006b Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006
4B	<i>Xwmc238</i> ▲ <i>Xwg909</i> •  <i>Xs13m25_9</i> ▲ <i>Xwmc349</i> – <i>Xgwm149</i> ▲ <i>Xgwm513</i> – <i>Xbarc20</i> ▲ <i>Xgwm368</i> – <i>Xgwm149</i> •  <i>Xgwm495</i> ■■ <i>Xbarc1096</i> •	Wuhan-1 Stoa  Frontana Wangshuibai Wangshuibai Wangshuibai  Ernie Chokwang	Somers <i>et al.</i> 2003 Waldron <i>et al.</i> 1999, Anderson <i>et al.</i> 2001 Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006 Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005  Abate and McKendry 2005 Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005a
4D	<i>Xcfd84-Xwmc331</i> • <i>Xwmc331</i> ▲	Chinese Spring DH181	Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006b Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b
5A	<i>Xgwm156</i> • <i>Xgwm293</i> – <i>Xgwm304</i> • <i>Xgwm415</i> – <i>Xgwm304</i> • <i>Xgwm96</i> ■ <i>Xgwm186</i> – <i>XmCCA.eAAG.2</i> •  <i>Xgwm293</i> ▲ <i>Xpsr170a</i> • <i>Xgwm639b</i> • <i>Bl</i> • <i>Xgwm129-Xbarc197</i> • <i>Xs23m20_8</i> • <i>Xgwm291</i> – <i>Xglk348c</i> • <i>Xfbb166a</i> – <i>Xpsr426</i> • <i>XmCCA.eAAG.2</i> – <i>Xgwm156</i> ■ <i>Xgwm304</i> – <i>Xbarc56</i> ▲ <i>Xbarc117</i> – <i>Xbarc186</i> ▲ <i>Xbarc56</i> ■■	Ning 7840 CM-82036 Patterson Maringa Wangshuibai  DH181 Renan Renan Renan Frontana Frontana Arina Arina Wangshuibai Wangshuibai W14 Ernie	Gupta <i>et al.</i> 2000 Buerstmayr <i>et al.</i> 2002, 2003a Shen <i>et al.</i> 2003a Somers <i>et al.</i> 2003 Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006a  Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003 Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003 Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003 Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004 Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006a Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006 Chen <i>et al.</i> 2006 Abate and McKendry 2005
5B	<i>Xbarc59</i> • <i>Xgwm371</i> – <i>Xpsr120a</i> • <i>Xpsr1201</i> – <i>Xgwm371</i> • <i>Xgwm1246</i> – <i>Xpsr145a</i> • <i>Xgwm408</i> – <i>Xbarc140</i> ▲ <i>Xgwm335</i> – <i>Xgwm371</i> • <i>XE35M52-331</i> – <i>XS25M20-245</i> • <i>Xbarc74-Xbarc408</i> •	Patterson Forno Forno Forno Wangshuibai Wangshuibai Cansas CJ9306	Bourdoncle and Ohm 2003a Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006 Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005 Klahr <i>et al.</i> 2006 Jiang <i>et al.</i> 2005

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<b>QTL chromosome location</b>	<b>Marker / map interval</b>	<b>Resistance source</b>	<b>Reference</b>
5D	<i>Xcfd29</i> • <i>Xgwm190</i> – <i>Xgwm358</i> • <i>Xbarc 239</i> •	Renan Alondra Chokwang	Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003 Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005 Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005a
6A	<i>XP77M51_430</i> – <i>XS66M55_242</i> • <i>XksuH4</i> • <i>Xgwm169</i> – <i>Xpsr966b</i> • <i>XmCTG.pACTG134</i> – <i>XmCTG.pACT132</i> •	Dream Sumai 3/ND2603 Arina Chinese Spring	Schmolke <i>et al.</i> 2005 Anderson <i>et al.</i> 2001 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Ma <i>et al.</i> 2006b
6B	<i>Xbcd331</i> • <i>Xcdo524</i> • <i>Xgwm88</i> – <i>Xgwm644</i> • <i>Xbarc101</i> – <i>Xbcd1383</i> • <i>Xs23m14_4</i> ▲ <i>Xwmc539</i> • <i>Xgwm133</i> – <i>Xgwm191</i> • <i>Xwmc397</i> ▲•	Sumai 3 Sumai 3 Ning 894037 Sumai 3/ND2603 Frontana Wangshuibai Wangshuibai DH181	Waldron <i>et al.</i> 1999 Waldron <i>et al.</i> 1999 Shen <i>et al.</i> 2003b Anderson <i>et al.</i> 2001 Steiner <i>et al.</i> 2004 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2004 Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005 Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b
6D	<i>Xcfd42</i> • <i>Xgwm469</i> • <i>Xcfd19a</i> – <i>Xcfd47</i> • <i>Xpsr915</i> – <i>Xcfd19a</i> • <i>Xcfd19b</i> – <i>Xgdm14b</i> •	Renan Nanda2419 Arina Arina Arina	Gervais <i>et al.</i> 2003 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004 Paillard <i>et al.</i> 2004
7A	<i>Xwms1083</i> <i>Xe77m47_22</i> – <i>Xgwm233</i> ▲ <i>Xwmc338-2</i> – <i>Xwmc83</i> ▲ <i>Xgwm276</i> – <i>Xgwm282</i> • <i>XS23M21-271</i> – <i>XS18M22-369</i> •	Wangshuibai Frontana Nanda2419 Wangshuibai Ritmo	Zhou <i>et al.</i> 2004 Mardi <i>et al.</i> 2006 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006 Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005 Klahr <i>et al.</i> 2006
7B	<i>XS25M15_187</i> – <i>XS23M21_497</i> • <i>Xbarc126-2</i> – <i>Xwmc476</i> ▲ <i>Xgwm146</i> – <i>Xgwm611</i> • <i>Xwmc526</i> • <i>Xgwm46</i> – <i>XE42M58-394</i> •	Dream Nanda2419 Alondra DH181 Cansas	Schmolke <i>et al.</i> 2005 Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006 Jia <i>et al.</i> 2005 Yang <i>et al.</i> 2005b Klahr <i>et al.</i> 2006
7D	<i>Xgwm437</i> – <i>Xwmc488</i> ▲	Nanda2419	Lin <i>et al.</i> 2006



**Table 1.2** FHB resistance sources in common wheat and other *Triticeae* species

Species	Origin	Genotype	Reference
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	East Asia	AT2, Baihuamai, Baisanyuehuang, Caizihuang, Canlaomai, DaBaiPao, Dafaliuzhu, Dahongpao, Dataibo, Emai 14, Emai 6, F 5114, F 5125, F 60096, Fanshanxiaomai, FSW, Fumai 3, Fusuihuang, Haiyanzhong, Heshangmai, Hongheshang, Hongjianzi, Hongmai Hongxumai, Huangcandou, Huangfanzhu, Huapei 32-2, Huoshaobairimai, Huoshaomai, JC-3, JC-6, JG 1, Jiangzhou 1, Jianzimai, Lunhui 201, MaZhaMai, Mianyang 96-12, N894013, N894037, N962424, N983222, N991069, N991119, N991126, N991130, Nanda 2419, Ning 7840, Ning 7849, Ning 8026, Ning 8102, Ning 8331, Ning 8343, Ning 894013, Ning 894037, Ning 920292, Ning 962424, Ning 983222, Ning 991069, NTDHP, PC-2, Sanjianxiaomai, Sanyuehuang, SH19089, ShanghaiCaiZiHuang, Shanghai 3, Shenmai 2, Sumai 2, Sumai 3, Sumai 49, Taiwan Xiaomai, Wangshuibai, Wannian 2, Wuanmai 38, Wugongmai, Wuhan 1, Wuhan 2-37E, Wuhan 3, WZHHS, Xiangmai 1, Xiangmai 2, Xueliqing, Yangmai 1, Yangmai 4, Yangmai 5, Yangmai 9, Yangmai 158, Youmangmai, Zhen 7495	Liu 1984; Snijders 1990; Lu <i>et al.</i> 2001; Bai <i>et al.</i> 2001, 2003; Liu and Anderson 2003; McCartney <i>et al.</i> 2004; Yu <i>et al.</i> 2006; Yang <i>et al.</i> 2006
		PingHuJianZiMai, HongHuDaTaiBao, ChongYangHongMai, anGangFangZhu	Yu 1991
		Ningmai 7, Longmai 19, Chuanmai 25	Gilchrist <i>et al.</i> 1997
		W14, CJ8806, TFSL037, CJ8805, CJ9047, CJ9049, CJ8809, HuW16, Emai 9	Jiang <i>et al.</i> 1997
		Shaan85-2, Futai 8944, Futai 9002, W14, Shaan 85, Changjiang 8809, Sho Chou	Griffey <i>et al.</i> 1998, 1999; Murphy <i>et al.</i> 1999
		Ning 89401, Ning 894037, Ningmai 9, Mutant AT 1, Mutant AT 2, Shengkang 1, Zhonghua 1, 85004/Mexico 354, SB 107, SB108, SB109, SB110, SB111, SB114, SB115, SB116	McKendry 2000a
		Shu Chou Wheat No. 3, Manchurian	Zhang <i>et al.</i> 2001

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<b>Species</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Genotype</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	East Asia	<p>HC 540, Ning 68331, Wong Ju, H 281</p> <p>Yanzisanyuehuang, Qianxihuanglamai, Jishachangmangmai, Chikeguangtoumai, Pingbaniqiumai, Qingzhendatouhuang, Huangkeguangtoumai, Zaomangmai, Baiyuhua, Shuilizhan, Sanyuehuang, Huoshaotian, Huoshaomai, Jiulan, Changmangmai, Baipuxiaomai, Ning7640, Yibinwuyangmai</p> <p>CJ9306, CJ9403</p> <p>Saikai 165</p> <p>Japon 2, Fujimi Komugi, Norin 43, Gogatsu-Komugi, Chuko, Froment Du Japon, Norin 61</p> <p>Norin 50, Norin 96, Cltr 9506, Cltr 9507, Xin Dong No. 2, Ling Hai Mao Yang Mo, Yang La Zi, Seu Seun 6</p> <p>Abura Komugi, Asakaze Komugi, Aso Zairai, Aso Zairai II, Chile, Chokwang, Itou Komugi, Kagoshima, Kikuchi, Nobeoka Bozu, Nobeokabozu Precoce, Nobeokabozu Komugi, Nyu Bai, Qiaomai Xiaomai, Sanshukomugi, Sapporo H.K.J., Shinchunaga, Shirasaya No1, Shiro Nankin, Shou Komugi II, Soba Komugi IB, Soba Komugi IC, Sotome, Sotome A, Tokai 66, Yanggangfangzhu, Zairai Yuubou</p> <p>Hayakomugi, Soujyukeakage, Norin 59, Norin 52, Norin 36, Norin 20, Norin 61, Tokai 62, Tokai 63, Saikai 95, Asakazekomugi, Saikai 104, Shiroganekomugi</p> <p>Shiro Komugi, Okinawa Zairai Yuubou, Aso Zairai (Mubou), Ooita Komugi, Chikuzen,</p>	<p>Sun <i>et al.</i> 2002</p> <p>Wei <i>et al.</i> 2005</p> <p>Jiang and Ward 2006</p> <p>Ban and Suenaga 2000</p> <p>Zhang <i>et al.</i> 2001</p> <p>McKendry <i>et al.</i> 2002</p> <p>Snijders 1990; Ban 2000; Bai <i>et al.</i> 2001, 2003; Liu and Anderson 2003; McCartney <i>et al.</i> 2004; Yu <i>et al.</i> 2006; Yang <i>et al.</i> 2006</p> <p>Ban 2003</p> <p>Mckendry <i>et al.</i> 2004</p>
	Europe	<p>ErythrospERMum 3086-30M</p> <p>Fundulea 29, F549, F 308, F 574</p>	<p>Schroeder and Christensen 1963</p> <p>Ittu <i>et al.</i> 1994, 1997</p>

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Species	Origin	Genotype	Reference
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Europe	<p>Arina, Praag-8, Kooperatorka, Arminda, Marathon, SVP 72017-17-5-10, Novokrumka 0102 Senta, Sparta, Branka, Sofia U-136.1 VR95B717, VR95B295</p> <p>81-F3-79, Arina, SVP-72017-17-5-10, SVP-C8718-5, UNG-136.1, UNG-226.1</p> <p>Mentana, NS 18-99, Luizia Strampelli, Inallettibile 3 Fundulea 01 R, Fundulea 183 P5, Fundulea 483, Fundulea 143-T3-103, Turda 95, Turda 195, Turda 2317-90, PI 221346, PI 345022, PI 350033, PI 350089, PI362463, PI 362676</p> <p>193C, 69Z108.42, Prodigio Italiano, Chudoskaja, Newthatch Sel., 220, Estanzuela Young, Renacimiento, 274-1-118, III/14-B, Cluj 49-926, Belgrade 4, Academia 48</p> <p>Cologna Veneto, Colorben 4, Quaderna, Trento Academia 48, Artemowska, Belgrade 4, Chudoskaja, Prodigio I., 220, 193C, 69Z108.42, Cluj 49-926, III/14-B, Kooperatorka, Odesskaja 13, Stepnjachka Spartakus, Karat, Poncheau, Perlo, Livus, Extrem, Expert Bizel</p> <p>Kimon, Fundulea 4, Arina, Orestis, F143 T3-103, Bussard, Kontrast, Bold, F-29, F 569U1-1, Ronos, F 92392 G3-3, Atlantis, F 91063 G3-21, Piko, F 508 U3-2, Turda-95, F 249T2-10U, Fundulea 201-R 14-3-C, Kooperatorka, Novokrymka</p> <p>IPG-SW-14, IPG-SW-22, IPG-SW-28 IPG-SW-29, IPG-SW-30, IPG-SW-41, IPG-SW-44, Jasna, Santa, Eta, Henika, Omega, Ismena</p> <p>Hana, Samanta, Blava, Torysa, Regia, Košutka</p>	<p>Snijders 1990; Buerstmayr <i>et al.</i> 1996; Mentewab <i>et al.</i> 2000 Stuchlikova and Sip 1996 Buerstmayr <i>et al.</i> 1999 Griffey <i>et al.</i> 1998, 1999</p> <p>Buerstmayr <i>et al.</i> 1999, 2000</p> <p>Murphy <i>et al.</i> 1999</p> <p>McKendry 2000a, McKendry <i>et al.</i> 2000b</p> <p>Zhang <i>et al.</i> 2000, 2001</p> <p>McKendry <i>et al.</i> 2002</p> <p>Liu and Anderson 2003</p> <p>Bai <i>et al.</i> 2001, 2003</p> <p>Bourdoncle and Ohm 2003b Miedaner <i>et al.</i> 2003b</p> <p>McCartney <i>et al.</i> 2004</p> <p>Wiśniewska <i>et al.</i> 2004</p> <p>Pavlová and Šrobárová 2004</p>

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<b>Species</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Genotype</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Europe	Biscay, Claire, Soissons, Solstice, Wizard, Consort, Deben, Einstein, Buchan	Browne and Cooke 2005
	North America	Ernie Freedom  H821, HC374, H181, H185, H192, IL 95-1549, FHB143  NC96-13374, NC96-14629, NC96-13965  P92823A1-1-4-4-5, Agripro Foster, Coker 9803, IL94-1549, VA93-54-429, Agripro Patton  P93D1-10-2, IL 95-1966, IL 9634-24851, Roane, Bacup, IL 93-2283, IL 95-2066, IL 95-2909, Poncheau, OH569  AW 495, 29AA28, AC Drummond, AW 478, AW 499, QW 628.5 Coker 9474, Truman, Foster, Patton, Roane, Hondo, Heyne, Wesley, Goldfield, McCormick, Tribute, Neuse, INW0304, IL 94-1653, Cecil, INW0411, Bess, NY88046-8138, Coker 9511, WestBred X00-1079, KS04WGRC48  Steele-ND  Roane, McCormick, NC-Neuse, Pat, VA01W476, B980582, B980416, B961378, Allegiance, Rcatl33, Patterson	McKendry <i>et al.</i> 1995 Gooding <i>et al.</i> 1997  Griffey <i>et al.</i> 1998, 1999  Murphy <i>et al.</i> 1999  Chappell <i>et al.</i> 1999  Bai <i>et al.</i> 2001, 2003  Sun <i>et al.</i> 2002 Griffey 2005 Brown-Guedira <i>et al.</i> 2005  Mergoum <i>et al.</i> 2005;  Browne <i>et al.</i> 2005 Abate <i>et al.</i> 2006
		South America	Frontana, Encruzilhada, FT 83-326  16-52-9, 274, Estanzuela Young, Renacimiento, 274-1-118, Tezanos Pintos Precoz, Centenario, Excelsior, Bahiense, Trintecinco, Rio Negro, PF 79782, Colotana 266/51, 16-52-2  113.92, 111.92, 117.92, Cooperacion Cabildo, Vilela-Sol, 38 M.A.

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<b>Species</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Genotype</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	South America	Abura, Citr 17427, Citr 5103, Excelsior, Colotana 266/51, Tezanos P.P., 16-52-9, PF79782  BRS 177, BRS 179, BRS Timbaúva, BRS Louro, BRS Umbu, BRS Camboim, BRS Tarumã	Liu and Anderson 2003  Lima <i>et al.</i> 2004
<i>Triticum aestivum</i> ssp. <i>macha</i>		JIC Acc. 1240001, HsTm4A	Grausgruber <i>et al.</i> 1998 Steed <i>et al.</i> 2005
<i>Aegilops tauschii</i>	Afghanistan		Gagkaeva 2003
<i>Aegilops speltoides</i>			Fedak <i>et al.</i> 2004
<i>Aegilops sharonensis</i>	Israel		Olivera <i>et al.</i> 2003
<i>Triticum karamyshevii</i>	Georgia		Gagkaeva 2003
<i>Triticum monococcum</i>			Fedak <i>et al.</i> 2004
<i>Triticum militinae</i>	Georgia		Gagkaeva 2003
<i>Triticum persicum</i>	Dagestan		Gagkaeva 2003
<i>Triticum spelta</i>	Switzerland		Gagkaeva 2003
<i>Triticum turgidum</i> L. var. <i>dicocoides</i>	USA  Israel	PI 272582, PI 466995, PI 343446, PI 362328  Mt. Gerizim-36, Mt. Hermon-22	Miller <i>et al.</i> 1998; Otto <i>et al.</i> 2002 Ban and Watanabe 2001  Buerstmayr <i>et al.</i> 2003b
<i>Triticum turgidum</i> subsp. <i>carthlicum</i>	USA	PI 283890, PI 94748, PI 352281, PI 94754, PI 286070, PI 61102	Oliver <i>et al.</i> 2005  Chen <i>et al.</i> 2005a
<i>Triticum turgidum</i> subsp. <i>dicocum</i>	USA  Germany	PI 79899, PI 41025, CI 14135, CI 7686	Oliver <i>et al.</i> 2005  Chen <i>et al.</i> 2005 Gagkaeva 2003
<i>Triticum timopheevii</i> subsp. <i>armeniicum</i>	USA  Georgia	TA960	Brown-Guedira <i>et al.</i> 2005 Gagkaeva 2003
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i> L.		Chevron, Gobernadora, CMB 643, Hietpas 5, Fredrickson	de la Peña <i>et al.</i> 1999; Mesfin <i>et al.</i> 2003, Lamb <i>et al.</i> 2001
<i>Agropyron cristatum</i>	Romania	PI297870	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Elymus fibrosa</i>	Russia	PI43999	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Elymus humidus</i>	Japan	AG.91-35	Ban 1997; Fedak 2000 Cai <i>et al.</i> 2005
<i>Elymus racemifer</i>	Japan	AG.91-24	Ban 1997

**Table 1.2** Cont.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Genotype</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<i>Elymus giganteus</i> ( <i>Leymus racemosus</i> )			Mujeeb-Kazi <i>et al.</i> 1983 Chen <i>et al.</i> 1993, 2005 Chen and Liu 2000
<i>Elymus tangutorum</i>	China	NWC15-818-2	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>	Poland	Pr234	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Hystrix duthiei</i>	China		Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Leymus secalinus</i>			Jauhar and Peterson 1998
<i>Leymus angustus</i>			Jauhar and Peterson 1998
<i>Lophopyrum elongatum</i>	USA		Shen <i>et al.</i> 2004
<i>Psathyrostachys juncea</i>	China	Y1603	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Psathyrostachys huashanica</i>	China		Cai <i>et al.</i> 2005
<i>Roegneria ciliaris</i>	China	Pr176, Pr166, Y83008	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Roegneria ciliaris</i> var. <i>japonensis</i>	China	Y83009, H19, Pr229, Pr330	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Roegneria stricta</i>	China	Y0936	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Roegneria tsukushiensis</i> var. <i>transiens</i>	China	Pr208, Pr219, Pr221, Pr237	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997
<i>Roegneria ciliaris</i>	China	Pr247, Pr249	Wan <i>et al.</i> 1997 Chen and Liu 2000
<i>Roegneria kamoji</i>	China		Weng and Liu 1991 Chen and Liu 2000
<i>Thinopyrum intermedium</i>			Cai <i>et al.</i> 2005
<i>Thinopyrum nodosum</i>			Jauhar and Peterson 1998
<i>Thinopyrum junceiforme</i>		PI 414667	Jauhar and Peterson 2001
<i>Thinopyrum ponticum</i>			Cai <i>et al.</i> 2005

## **CHAPTER 2 - Identification of new FHB resistance sources from Asian wheat germplasm**

### **Introduction**

Identifying resistance genes and understanding the complex genetic structure of FHB resistance will greatly enhance wheat breeding for FHB resistance. FHB-resistant cultivars have been identified from different geographic regions (Chapter 1). Type II resistance is the predominant type of resistance in most of the varieties identified so far and a few resistance sources have been extensively used in breeding programs worldwide (Chapter 1), but other types of resistance sources and new type II resistance sources are needed to broaden genetic diversity and improve FHB resistance in wheat cultivars.

The relationship between FHB severity and DON content in harvested grain is uncertain. A negative correlation between FHB resistance and DON contamination was observed in some studies (Lemmens *et al.* 1994; Wang and Miller 1988, Bai *et al.* 2001), but not in others (Mesterházy *et al.* 1999; Wiśniewska *et al.* 2004). The discrepancy among studies may be due to factors such as the stage of plant development during FHB infection, the tissue and assay method used for DON evaluation, threshing method, and the degree of FHB resistance of evaluated genotypes. More studies are needed to reveal the relationships between DON accumulation and FHB severity resistance (type I and II).

In the present study, wheat genotypes with different levels of FHB resistance and origins were evaluated for FHB resistance under favorable FHB epidemic conditions in the greenhouse. The objectives were to identify new germplasm that expresses different types of FHB resistance and to explore the relationships among different types of FHB resistance.

### **Materials and methods**

#### *Plant materials and pathogen inoculum*

Ninety-five landraces, cultivars, and breeding lines were evaluated for three types of resistance in repeated experiments. Among these accessions, 64 Chinese accessions were

provided by Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Nanjing, China and the National Small Grains Facility at Aberdeen, Idaho, USA; 24 Japanese accessions were provided by the Gene Bank of Japan; one Korean cultivar was obtained from Purdue University, Indiana, USA. The remaining six cultivars from the USA and other countries were used as references (Table 2.1). The inoculum was a field isolate of *F. graminearum* (GZ 3639) originating in Kansas. This isolate has been well characterized for its strong virulence and high quantity of DON production (Desjardins *et al.* 1996).

#### *FHB evaluation*

The FHB severity was evaluated in the greenhouse at Kansas State University from 2003 to 2005. To evaluate type II resistance, ~1000 conidiospores of *F. graminearum* were injected with a syringe into a central floret of a spike at anthesis. Each wheat spike was sprayed with 2 ml of liquid culture of *F. graminearum* (~500 conidiospores/ml) to evaluate type I resistance (Fig 2.1). The plants were prepared for inoculation as follows: after vernalization at 4°C in a growth chamber for eight weeks, six seedlings were transplanted into a 5'x 5' Dura-pot (Hummert Int., St. Louis, MO) containing a soil mix (Hummert Int., St. Louis, MO), and grown in a greenhouse with 12-h daylight period. All plants in each pot were inoculated in a single head per plant, and incubated in a moist chamber for three days to initiate infection (Fig 2.1). The inoculated plants were then moved to their original bench positions and grown at 25°C day and 22°C night temperature. Type I resistance was evaluated by counting the infected and total numbers of florets in an inoculated spike on the seventh day after inoculation (7 d.a.i.) and calculating the proportion of infected florets (PIF). For type II resistance, the infected and total numbers of spikelets in an inoculated spike were counted at 21 d.a.i. and the proportion of symptomatic spikelets (PSS) was calculated as final disease severity. Mean values of the disease readings were used in the statistical analysis. Type I resistance was evaluated in two experiments (2004–2005) and type II resistance was evaluated in two experiments carried out in 2003 spring and fall with three replications in each experiment.

#### *DON determination*

For each accession, inoculated heads were carefully collected and threshed manually to save all grains including highly infected, shriveled, and degraded ones. Grains from the three replicates of a genotype in each experiment were combined for toxin analysis. DON content was



determined as the amount of DON (mg/kg, parts per million or ppm) in the wheat kernels harvested from *Fusarium*-inoculated spikes by gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS) (Mirocha *et al.* 1998).

### *Statistical analysis*

Disease scores on percentage of infected florets (PIF), proportion of symptomatic spikelets (PSS), and DON content were analyzed statistically. All analyses were based on plot means. Entry means of FHB severities followed a normal distribution and were used directly for statistical analysis. However, entry means of DON contents deviated from normality and were normalized by logarithmic transformation for further statistical analysis. Simple coefficients of correlation were calculated to estimate the relationships among PIF, PSS, and DON content. All statistical analysis was conducted with SAS software (SAS Institute, Inc., Cary, NC).

## **Results**

### *Variation in three types of resistance among the wheat germplasm*

All inoculated wheat landrace/cultivars showed FHB symptoms after single-point or spray inoculation. Significant differences among the wheat lines in PIF, PSS, and DON contents were observed among the accessions with mean PIF ranging from 9.1% (Nanda 2419) to 46.5% (ChanjiBaiDongMai), mean PSS ranging from 6.6% (Ning 7840) to 92.2% (Sanyuehuang), and mean DON contents ranging from 0.7 (Ning 7840) to 77.9 ppm (ChanjiBaiDongMai) (Table 2.1). Both PIF data and DON measurements showed poor correlation between experiments. Also, the PIF and DON data showed poor correlations between experiments. However, the PSS and DON data showed correlation between the two single-floret inoculation experiments in 2003 ( $r = 0.61$ ,  $P < 0.0001$ ). In addition, the PSS and DON content were correlated in both single floret and spray inoculation experiments with correlation coefficients ranging from 0.27 to 0.71 (Table 2.2).

Based on their type II resistance, the tested wheat accessions could be separated into four categories: resistant (R), moderately resistant (MR), moderately susceptible (MS), and susceptible (S) lines. They accounted for 8.4%, 40%, 23.2%, and 8.4% of the wheat accessions evaluated, respectively (Table 2.3). Most of the accessions (63.2%) were MR or MS. The mean PSS for the four categories were significantly different with 15.6% for R, 37.3% for MR, 62.5%

for MS, and 83.1% for S. DON contents for the accessions in four different categories were 4.0, 8.3, 14.5, and 24.9 ppm, respectively. However, the differences were not significant for type I resistance among the four categories with mean PIF of 24.4%, 27.3%, 28.5%, and 27.7%, respectively (Table 2.3). Under the same conditions, the susceptible control Wheaton had PSS of 89.2%, DON of 84.5 ppm, and PIF of 28.2%, while the resistant control Sumai 3 had PSS of 18.8%, DON of 4.1 ppm, and PIF of 28.1%.

Among the 64 resistant or moderately resistant accessions, all, except the two USA cultivars (Ernie and Freedom), were landraces/cultivars from China or Japan. Seventeen of the 26 resistant accessions, including Ning 7840, F 60096, and Minamikyushu 69, showed lower mean DON accumulation than the control cv. Sumai 3 and nine of the 17 genotypes had less than 2 ppm DON in harvested diseased grains. Among all examined wheat genotypes, only six Chinese and Japanese accessions (Huoshaobairimai, NobeokaBozu, Asozaira III, Huang Fang Zhu, Huoshaomai, and Huangcandou) were found to have very low FHB incidence and severity (PIF < 28% and PSS < 25%) and low DON content (DON < 2 ppm), values superior to those of the resistant control Sumai 3 (Table 2.1). Five of the six highly resistant wheat landraces, Huoshaobairimai, Asozaira III, Huang Fang Zhu, Huoshaomai, and Huangcandou, are new and have not been thoroughly studied.

#### *Association between DON contents and FHB severity*

Wheat genotypes with low DON accumulation often had low PSS (Table 2.1 and 2.3). Positive correlation was observed between PSS and DON accumulation ( $r = 0.50$ ,  $p < 0.0001$ ) (Fig 2.1). Most (14 of 15) genotypes with low DON content had PSS less than 50% and nine of the 15 accessions had a PSS value less than 25%, including the well-known FHB-resistant lines Ning 7840, NobeokaBozu, and Wangshuibai. The average DON content for susceptible wheat accessions was 24.9 ppm and none had less than 2 ppm of DON (Table 2.1 and 2.3).

There was no correlation between PIF and DON accumulation ( $r = 0.02$ ,  $P = 0.85$ ) (Fig 2.1). Fifty-two accessions had lower PIF (< 28%) than both the resistant control (Sumai 3) and the susceptible control (Wheaton). Wheat accessions with low PIF were from all four FHB resistance categories, and even susceptible lines such as Sanyuehuang and TaFangShen showed lower PIF than that of the resistant control Sumai 3.

## Discussion

In this study, most of the resistant wheat accessions were Chinese or Japanese wheat cultivars or landraces, except Ernie from the USA. Nine of the twenty-six accessions had less than 2 ppm DON accumulation and most have no known genetic relationship with Sumai 3 except Ning 7840 and Yangmai 1, suggesting that these wheat lines may have novel FHB resistance and low DON accumulation. It is rare for a wheat accession to be superior in both FHB severity and DON accumulation. Only six wheat accessions in this study showed a high level of resistance for all three types.

Results showed that type II resistance was significantly correlated with DON content. However, no correlation was observed between type I resistance and DON content, which agrees with the result of Lemmens *et al.* (2005) and others (Mesterházy *et al.* 1999; Wiśniewska *et al.* 2004). In general, moderately resistant and moderately susceptible accessions had higher DON content in harvested grain than resistant accessions with only a few exceptions.

Mild visual FHB symptoms on the infected spikes (type II resistance) usually indicates low DON contamination, but visual FHB symptoms may not always correlate with the levels of DON content for wheat lines with moderate FHB type II resistance. Fifteen lines in this study had DON content less than 2 ppm, and six of them were moderately resistant or moderately susceptible, showing PSS values from 26.3% to 71.4%. Wheat landrace KuangTuErhHsiaoMai was moderately susceptible with 71.4% PSS, but showed low DON content of 1.6 ppm. In contrast, Chinese landrace MeiQianWu showed low percentage of infected spikelets (16.1%) but relatively high (9.5 ppm) DON content.

It appears that three types of FHB resistance are present in these wheat lines and assessment of individual resistance components in these sources will facilitate their use in breeding FHB-resistant wheat cultivars. Resistance to FHB is most effective when a wheat line carries all the three types of resistance (Kolb *et al.* 2001). Different resistance sources identified in this study may possess different resistance genes that can be pyramided in improved lines.

## Conclusions

In all ninety-five wheat landraces and cultivars were evaluated for the three types of FHB resistance. Deoxynivalenol content was significantly correlated with type II resistance, but not type I. All accessions could be classified into four categories based on their observed type II resistance. About 69% of the accessions were resistant or moderately resistant. Among them, 26 resistant accessions originated mainly from China and Japan, 15 had a DON content less than 2 ppm, and six Chinese and Japanese lines (Huoshaobairimai, NobeokaBozu, Asozaira III, Huang Fang Zhu, Huoshaomai, and Huangcandou) showed high levels of resistance for all three types of resistance. Since most of these resistant accessions do not have Sumai 3 in their pedigrees, they may carry QTL for FHB resistance and low DON accumulation different from those in Sumai 3.

**Table 2.1** Mean values of visual disease ratings and DON contents for wheat accessions from different origins based on greenhouse-grown plants

Landrace/cultivar	Country	Source	PIF (%)		PSS (%)		DON (ppm)		Rating <sup>†</sup>
			Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	
Ning 7840	China	JAAS	30.1	22.7 - 45.0	6.6	5.3 - 16.3	0.7	0.1 - 1.5	R
Huoshabairimai	China	JAAS	17.8	1.3 - 41.7	22	5.7 - 58.3	1.3	0.3 - 2.6	R
NobeokaBozu	Japan	PI382153	24.5	4.0 - 45.7	24.3	5.7 - 51.1	1.5	0.3 - 2.7	R
Asozaira III	Japan	JIRCAS	23.6	12.7 - 41.9	8.9	5.9 - 14.5	1.5	0.3 - 3.7	R
Huang Fang Zhu	China	JAAS	24.1	11.0 - 42.1	20.2	7.8 - 50	1.6	0.8 - 2.1	R
AsoZairai	Japan	JIRCAS	32.1	2.0 - 43.1	12.7	6.1 - 23.1	1.6	0.3 - 3.0	R
(YuubouKappu)	Japan	JIRCAS	32.1	2.0 - 43.1	12.7	6.1 - 23.1	1.6	0.3 - 3.0	R
Huoshamai	China	JAAS	17.3	8.7 - 25.9	21.4	6.2 - 32.7	1.7	0.2 - 4.8	R
Huangcandou	China	JAAS	12.2	2.1 - 33.0	13.4	6.5 - 20.7	1.7	0.3 - 2.8	R
Fu 5114	China	JAAS	33.2	4.1 - 77.0	7.4	5.4 - 9.4	1.8	0.3 - 4.7	R
Qiaomai Xiaomai	Japan	JIRCAS	40.0	34.0 - 48.0	22.4	5 - 51.6	2.1	0.5 - 4.7	R
Baisanyuehuang	China	JAAS	23.3	4.3 - 44.7	12.5	6.4 - 22.1	2.3	1.3 - 3.3	R
F 60096	China	JAAS	20.9	7.7 - 38.0	6.9	5.8 - 8.8	2.6	0.3 - 5.7	R
Yangmai1	China	JAAS	23.6	4.3 - 34.3	22.5	7.3 - 60.1	2.6	0.1 - 6.9	R
Minamikyushu 69	Japan	PI382152	31.7	20.7 - 48.3	7.4	6.7 - 9.1	2.9	1.7 - 4.7	R
Wangshuibai	China	JAAS	15.7	1.6 - 32.7	8.7	6.6 - 16.4	3.6	0.3 - 9.5	R
MuTanChiang	China	PI70675	25.1	3.0 - 54.3	21.4	16.4 - 26.3	3.7	0.3 - 7.1	R
Haiyanzhong	China	JAAS	20.9	2.0 - 37.8	13.7	7.5 - 25.8	3.8	0.2 - 8.6	R
Fumai 3	China	JAAS	21.3	5.3 - 29.0	18.6	6.8 - 48.9	4.2	0.2 - 10.2	R
LingHaiMaoYangMo	China	PI435124	23.1	7.7 - 36.7	9.3	6.5 - 18.1	4.3	0.3 - 13.7	R
Taiwan Wheat	China	JAAS	23.8	1.3 - 49.3	13	10.4 - 16.6	6.0	0.3 - 21.6	R
Caizhuang	China	JAAS	28.8	18.3 - 37.7	22	6.3 - 34.5	6.6	0.4 - 9.3	R
Chukoku 81	-	-	27.0	3.3 - 45.3	19.5	9.1 - 38.9	8.4	0.2 - 16.9	R
Shirasaya No1	Japan	PI197129	19.8	1.6 - 64.3	22.4	7.3 - 44.5	8.6	1.3 - 19.4	R
Su 49	China	JAAS	20.3	4.0 - 33.3	7.8	6.3 - 10.3	8.6	0.3 - 20.3	R
Ernie	USA	PI592001	24.9	2.6 - 34.7	20.5	7.7 - 44.2	9.4	0.3 - 32.3	R
MeiQianWu	China	PI525071	25.3	12.3 - 38.5	16.1	5.9 - 27	9.5	2.4 - 16.6	R
Tokai 66	Japan	PI382161	25.7	15.7 - 36.2	35.4	5.1 - 66.7	1.0	0.5 - 2.6	MR
Nyubai	Japan	JIRCAS	32.0	4.6 - 48.8	40.2	15.8 - 74.4	1.1	0.2 - 1.6	MR
Shoukomugi II	Japan	JIRCAS	37.9	28.2 - 45.3	26.3	4.8 - 64.8	1.6	0.3 - 3.1	MR
Yangmai 158	China	JAAS	28.6	5.0 - 53.0	30.3	8.3 - 80.7	1.8	0.7 - 4.8	MR
Itoukomugi	Japan	JIRCAS	24.1	4.0 - 48.8	30.1	9.2 - 52.3	1.9	0.5 - 5.2	MR
Sotome	Japan	JIRCAS	24.8	16.0 - 34.3	42.7	22.8 - 70.2	2.2	0.4 - 3.2	MR
Sobakomugi 1B	Japan	JIRCAS	28.0	18.3 - 37.5	32.4	15.3 - 41.7	2.7	0.9 - 6.7	MR
Abura Komugi	Japan	JIRCAS	28.9	19.4 - 43.7	48	19.2 - 66.7	2.7	1.7 - 4.5	MR
Sotome A	Japan	JIRCAS	43.5	23.6 - 83.0	32.5	9.6 - 55	3.1	1.5 - 4.6	MR
Chokwang	Korea	JAAS	24.0	4.8 - 48.6	28.7	7.1 - 83.3	3.1	0.6 - 5.5	MR
NobeokabozuKomugi	Japan	JIRCAS	40.0	29.0 - 44.9	32.3	11.4 - 75.6	3.3	0.7 - 7.3	MR
Wannin 2	China	JAAS	22.7	7.0 - 33.0	44.1	7.5 - 75.2	3.5	0.4 - 6.2	MR
YangLaZi	China	PI502932	31.2	5.3 - 46.3	39.1	25.6 - 70.4	3.5	0.5 - 6.2	MR
Hongjianzi	China	JAAS	17.4	1.7 - 28.3	28.6	7 - 49.9	3.7	0.5 - 8.2	MR

**Table 2.1** Continued

Landrace/cultivar	Country	Source	PIF (%)		PSS (%)		DON (ppm)		Rating
			Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	
Freedom	USA	PI592002	35.2	4.1 - 74.7	27.8	4.3 - 59.3	3.8	0.7 - 8.7	MR
Kagoshima	Japan	JIRCAS	19.5	8.3 - 32.1	31.2	11.6 - 47.8	4.8	0.6 - 14.0	MR
ShuiLiZhan	China	PI502930	20.0	4.0 - 37.5	37.3	9.9 - 75.9	5.0	2.9 - 8.0	MR
Sanshukomugi	Japan	PI197130	12.2	1.0 - 37.5	49	32.6 - 69.9	5.1	1.6 - 10.3	MR
QiangShuiHuang	China	PI502931	26.5	15.3 - 37.3	28.1	6.5 - 53.3	5.1	0.5 - 12.3	MR
Kikuchi	Japan	JIRCAS	21.2	13.3 - 27.7	49.3	28.4 - 90.9	5.3	0.2 - 14.6	MR
FSW	China	JAAS	24.5	11.3 - 49.0	32.2	7.6 - 81.4	5.4	0.3 - 16.1	MR
HuiShanYangMai	China	PI462154	22.8	17.3 - 32.0	37.1	19.9 - 69.6	5.6	0.5 - 12.4	MR
Abura	Japan	PI382140	23.5	9.0 - 34.8	36.4	21 - 49.8	5.7	2.1 - 14.9	MR
Shinchunaga	Japan	PI197128	30.3	22.3 - 41.3	39.6	12.6 - 69.6	5.8	0.6 - 18.7	MR
Xueliqing	China	JAAS	21.1	3.6 - 48.8	47.8	21.3 - 68.8	6.0	0.2 - 12.7	MR
Sobakomugi 1C	Japan	JIRCAS	40.4	32.7 - 47.7	27.1	9.2 - 72.9	6.3	0.5 - 18.7	MR
WZHHS	China	JAAS	16.9	3.7 - 24.0	26.9	17.2 - 51.5	6.6	2.0 - 18.0	MR
Yangmai 4	China	JAAS	26.7	1.0 - 42.3	34.6	9.2 - 81.5	7.6	0.8 - 17.9	MR
Yangmai 5	China	JAAS	28.2	5.0 - 51.3	35	7.2 - 74.1	8.4	1.4 - 19.0	MR
JiangDongMen	China	PI462135	33.2	0.5 - 55.7	36.5	5.9 - 53.5	10.1	1.0 - 20.0	MR
DaHuangPi	China	PI502939	36.8	28.7 - 42.0	45.6	40.4 - 55.8	10.7	1.1 - 30.8	MR
LiangGuangTou	China	PI435109	26.0	19.1 - 34.6	49	45.9 - 53	10.9	0.9 - 29.7	MR
CanLaoMai	China	JAAS	18.4	2.0 - 29.5	39.4	21.6 - 72.2	12.8	3.4 - 20.1	MR
Emai6	China	JAAS	17.7	7.2 - 26.3	29	5.5 - 88.3	14.6	0.3 - 51.6	MR
Dahongpao	China	JAAS	31.5	14.3 - 47.7	43.3	10.7 - 79.2	16.7	0.1 - 38.8	MR
XingHuaBaiYuHua	China	PI462150	16.8	2.5 - 36.5	43.1	16.8 - 75	17.2	5.3 - 29.7	MR
YouBaoMai	China	PI524980	32.8	23.7 - 38.5	41.3	10.9 - 87.5	19.2	0.5 - 55.3	MR
Fusuihuang	China	JAAS	32.5	6.0 - 56.7	49.3	28.2 - 85.9	41.9	0.4 - 152.1	MR
YouZiMai	China	PI435110	42.3	26.4 - 54.3	48.1	7 - 63.7	46.6	0.5 - 158.6	MR
KuangTuErhHsiaoMai	China	PI57347	25.9	2.8 - 36.2	71.4	53.1 - 100	1.6	0.5 - 2.2	MS
SapporoHaruKomugiJugo	Japan	PI81791	21.6	3.4 - 45.7	52.3	23.6 - 68.1	2.1	0.3 - 3.7	MS
Funo	Italy	JAAS	29.5	11.7 - 35.6	51.8	39.5 - 70.6	3.3	0.6 - 9.8	MS
FangTouHongMang	China	PI502938	23.9	0.5 - 49.1	69.5	38.9 - 100	4.1	3.7 - 4.7	MS
PaiMaiTze	China	PI64285	-	-	69.9	53.7 - 100	8.3	8.2 - 8.5	MS
FangTouBaiMang	China	PI502935	-	-	68	48.7 - 100	9.5	3.0 - 21.0	MS
Dafanliuzhu	China	JAAS	27.5	1.0 - 43.6	54.4	16.3 - 88.5	9.6	4.9 - 18.4	MS
NTDHP	China	JAAS	39.7	4.7 - 75.0	66.6	52.3 - 100	9.9	2.0 - 24.3	MS
SanChaHo	China	PI70674	37.0	4.3 - 68.3	56.6	34.1 - 88	10.1	4.1 - 21.9	MS
HongHuaWu	China	PI502949	25.9	3.8 - 45.0	54.9	5.5 - 80	10.5	7.6 - 13.3	MS
ChuShanBao	China	PI524973	32.2	0.5 - 46.7	62.5	29.6 - 100	10.7	0.8 - 31.5	MS
Chile	Chile	JIRCAS	30.4	9.7 - 52.0	57.3	25.5 - 80.4	11.1	4.5 - 18.2	MS
ShanghaiCaiZiHuang	China	PI462140	11.2	4.3 - 26.7	53.5	16.9 - 78.6	11.2	3.3 - 26.7	MS
Heshangmai	China	JAAS	32.7	0.5 - 49.7	66.2	14.1 - 92.6	12.0	0.6 - 37.7	MS
Jingzhou 1	China	JAAS	23.8	2.3 - 43.6	69.1	44.7 - 100	13.6	3.2 - 29.0	MS

**Table 2. 1** Continued

Landrace/cultivar	Country	Source	PIF (%)		PSS (%)		DON (ppm)		Rating
			Mean	Range	Mean	Range	Mean	Range	
Shironankin	Japan	JIRCAS	29.0	2.9 - 44.7	60.5	23.5 - 90.7	15.1	5.7 - 25.2	MS
HongMongBai	China	PI518598	-	-	64.8	7.7 - 100	24.8	0.8 - 48.8	MS
Zhen 7495	China	JAAS	38.4	31.1 - 51.0	54.5	30.2 - 80.4	29.5	3.9 - 72.0	MS
Avrora	Russia	JAAS	26.5	4.8 - 47.4	70.2	18.1 - 100	29.7	13.6 - 43.0	MS
HungGuangTou	China	PI447389	29.3	3.3 - 49.2	66.8	26.7 - 96.3	30.1	3.0 - 62.7	MS
Zairai Yuubou	Japan	JIRCAS	29.2	20.6 - 36.0	61.8	37.5 - 88.6	30.4	1.6 - 96.0	MS
YuLinBai	China	PI591997	-	-	72.3	51.1 - 90	32.5	31.2 - 33.8	MS
HongMangMai	China	PI525072	-	-	76	51.8 - 100	7.0	7.0 - 7.0	S
Nanda 2419	China	JAAS	9.1	2.0 - 14.7	81.5	46.4 - 100	7.7	1.3 - 20.8	S
DaBaiPao	China	PI525074	-	-	78.5	43.8 - 100	13.2	9.6 - 16.9	S
Chinese Spring	China	JAAS	30.9	4.4 - 46.1	76.5	66.1 - 86.7	22.7	3.2 - 79.9	S
Sanyuehuang	China	JAAS	26.1	13.0 - 47.3	92.2	71.9 - 100	24.2	6.5 - 39.0	S
TaFangShen	China	PI70666	25.2	2.7 - 44.6	82.6	82.6 - 82.6	37.8	8.8 - 98.9	S
ChanjiBaiDongMai	China	PI445868	46.5	18.0 - 83.0	-	-	77.9	2.9 - 188.9	S
Sumai 3	China	JAAS	28.1	19.0 - 38.2	18.8	10.6 - 26.2	4.1	0.1 - 10.3	R
Wheaton	USA	-	28.2	23.0 - 31.3	89.2	84.3 - 93.4	84.5	25.8 - 475.3	S

DON is value in ppm; PSS is the proportion of scabbed spikelets in a spike; PIF is the percent of infected florets in a spike.

<sup>†</sup>Wheat type II resistance to infection by *F. graminearum*: R = resistant with PSS ranging from 0-25%, MR = moderately resistant with PSS ranging from 26-50%, MS = moderately susceptible with PSS ranging from 51-75%, and S=susceptible with PSS ranging from 76-100%,

<sup>§</sup> Data missing

<sup>¶</sup>JAAS - Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Science, Nanjing, P.R. China; JIRCAS – Japan International Research Center for Agricultural Sciences

**Table 2.2** Correlations among FHB infection and DON levels for wheat accessions from different origins in greenhouse-evaluation experiments

Trait	2003 spring	2003 spring	2003 fall	2003 fall	2004	2004	2005	2005
	PSS (%)	DON (ppm)	PSS (%)	DON (ppm)	PIF (%)	DON (ppm)	PIF (%)	DON (ppm)
2003 spring PSS	–							
2003 spring DON	0.71***	–						
2003 fall PSS	0.61***	0.48***	–					
2003 fall DON	0.35**	0.28*	0.27*	–				
2004 PIF	0.07	0.19	0.09	0.13	–			
2004 DON	0.53***	0.51***	0.65***	0.16	-0.05	–		
2005 PIF	0.09	0.21	0.05	-0.04	0.14	-0.02	–	
2005 DON	0.35**	0.29*	0.32**	0.36**	0.02	0.2	0.23*	–

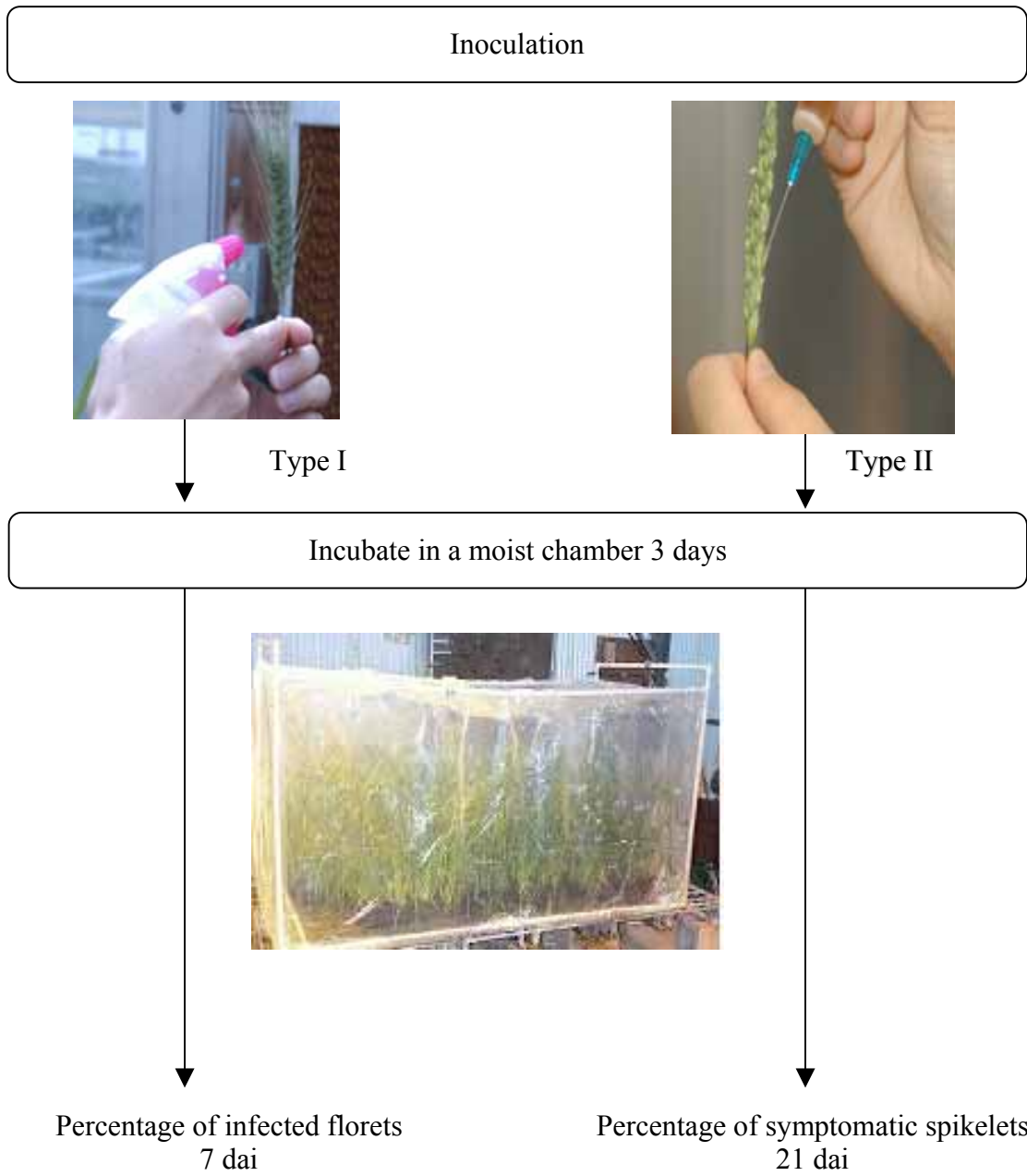
Note: \*, \*\*, and \*\*\* represent significantly different from 0 at  $p < 0.05$ ,  $p < 0.01$ , and  $p < 0.001$ , respectively.



**Table 2.3** Number of accessions and means of PIF, PSS, and DON for wheat accessions in four different FHB resistance categories

Type II Resistance <sup>†</sup>	Number of accessions	Mean of resistance trait		
		PIF (%)	PSS (%)	DON (ppm)
R	26	20.0a	15.5a	4.0a
MR	39	27.3a	37.3b	8.3ab
MS	22	28.5a	62.5c	14.5b
S	7	27.6a	82.5d	27.2c

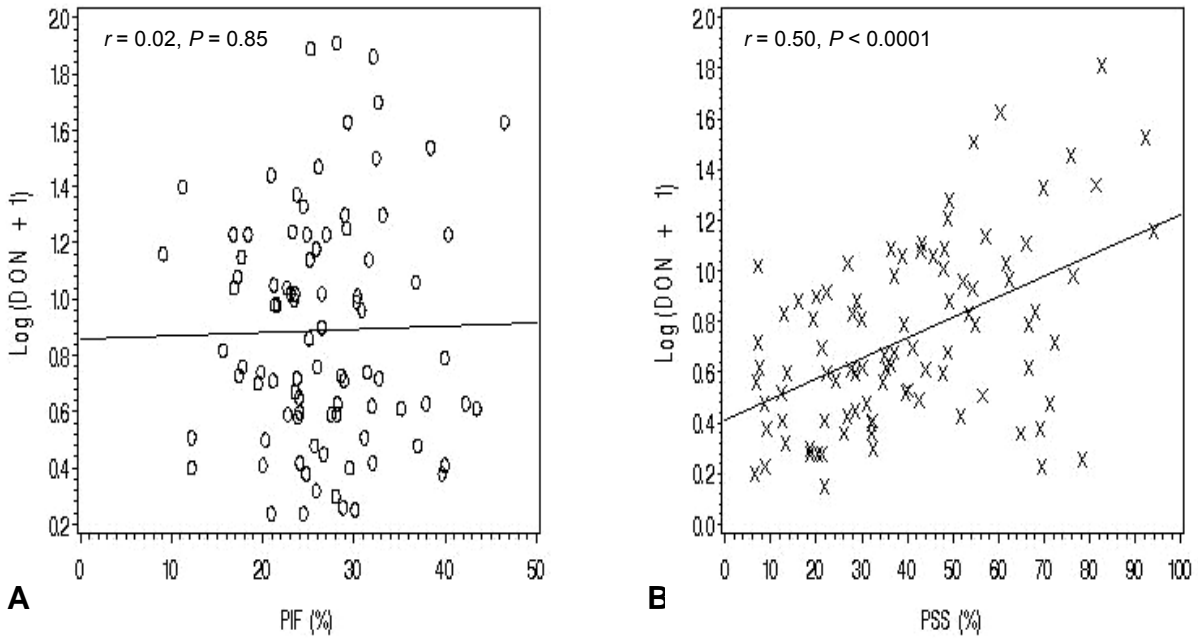
<sup>†</sup>Wheat type II resistance to the infection of *F. graminearum*: R=resistant with PSS ranging from 0–25%, MR=moderately resistant with PSS ranging from 26–50%, MS=moderately susceptible with PSS ranging from 51–75%, and S=susceptible with PSS ranging from 76–100%.



**Figure 2.1** Evaluation of wheat type I and II resistance to FHB in greenhouse



**Figure 2.2** FHB symptoms resulting from artificial infections (left plant, resistant accession; right plant, susceptible accession). **A**, type I resistance evaluated with spray inoculation; **B**, type II resistance evaluated with single-spikelet inoculation. Arrows indicate infection sites.



**Figure 2.3** Association between visual disease ratings and DON contents for **A**, the proportion of infected florets (PIF) and **B**, the proportion of scabbed spikelets (PSS). The line marks the regression.

## **CHAPTER 3 - Marker-assisted characterization of Asian wheat lines for resistance to Fusarium head blight**

### **Introduction**

Haplotyping wheat accessions with SSR markers flanking the 3BS, 5AS, and 6BS FHB resistance QTL of Sumai 3 may provide useful information for predicting novel QTL by comparison of haplotypes of target accessions with known cultivars such as Sumai 3. Haplotype is a combination of alleles (for different markers or genes) which are located closely together on the same chromosome and which tend to be inherited together. The underlying assumption is that if a wheat line has the same allelic pattern for marker loci flanking the QTL as that in the known resistant line, the two lines most likely have the same QTL (Bai *et al.* 2003; Sun *et al.* 2003; McCartney *et al.* 2004); while, if a wheat line has a different allelic pattern from that in the known resistant line, the two lines most likely have different alleles of the QTL or different QTL.

Genetic diversity among wheat cultivars based on molecular markers has been effectively assessed with cluster analysis (CA) and principal component analysis (PCA) (Barrett and Kidwell 1998a, b; Liu and Anderson 2003). Cluster analysis and PCA are two of the most commonly used methods for analysis of genetic diversity irrespective of the types of data (morphological, biochemical, or molecular marker data). Both methods simultaneously analyze multiple measurements on each individual under investigation. CA seeks to identify a set of clusters that both minimize within-cluster variation and maximize between-cluster variation (Johnson and Wichern 1992). Thus, individuals within a cluster will be genetically closer than those in different clusters. One of the predominantly used CA algorithms is unweighted pair-group method using average (UPGMA). It is a distance-based method that represents the distance or dissimilarity between two clusters as the average distance between all inter-cluster pairs. PCA involves a mathematical procedure that transforms a set of correlated variables into a set of uncorrelated variables called principal components. These principal components (PCs) are linear combinations of the original variables. The first step in PCA is to calculate eigenvalues, which define the amount of total variation that is displayed on the PC axes. The first PC summarizes

most of the variability present in the original data relative to all remaining PCs. The second PC explains most of the variability not summarized by the first PC and uncorrelated with the first PC, and so on (Jolliffe 1986). Since PCs are orthogonal and independent of each other, each PC reveals different properties of the original data and needs to be interpreted independently. The first two or three PCs usually summarize most of the total variability of the original data, so they can be utilized to derive a 2- or 3-dimensional scatter plot of individuals. The geometrical distances among individuals in the plot reflect the genetic distances among them. Aggregations of individuals in such a plot reveal sets of genetically similar individuals.

In this study, a panel of FHB-resistant germplasm was systematically characterized on the basis of both FHB phenotypic and molecular marker data. The objectives of this study were to identify new sources of FHB resistance from the Asian wheat gene pool, elucidate the genetic relationship among these accessions by analyzing molecular marker data with CA and PCA methods, and investigate the origin of QTL on 3BS, 5AS, and 6BS of Sumai 3. Information from this study may help breeders to select different sources of resistant materials for enlarging the genetic diversity of FHB resistance in their breeding programs.

## **Materials and methods**

### *Plant materials*

Fifty-nine wheat accessions originated in China (38 accessions), southwestern Japan (20 accessions), and Korea (one accession) (Table 3.1). The majority of the Asian accessions have some degree of FHB resistances based on previous FHB evaluation (Chapter 2). These materials include the well-known FHB resistant cultivars (Sumai 3, Wangshuibai, and Ning 7840) from China and three U.S. cultivars (Ernie, Freedom and Clark) as resistant, moderately resistant and susceptible controls, respectively. Funo from Italy and Avrora from Russia were also included because Funo is a parent of Sumai 3 and Avrora is a parent of Ning 7840. Both of them have been extensively used as parents in Chinese breeding programs from the 1950s to the 1970s (Bai *et al.* 2003).

### *Evaluation of FHB resistance*

All wheat accessions were evaluated for FHB type II resistance in two experiments (2003 spring and fall) with three replications in each experiment in the greenhouse at Kansas State

University. The inoculum of *F. graminearum* and the whole evaluation procedure are described in Chapter 2. Infected and total spikelets in a spike were counted at the 21st day after inoculation, and the proportion of symptomatic spikelets (PSS) was calculated as a measure of disease severity.

#### *Molecular marker analysis*

DNA was isolated from seedling leaf tissue by the CTAB method (Saghai-Marouf *et al.* 1984). For AFLP analysis, DNA restriction digestion (with *EcoRI* and *MseI*), adapter ligation, and PCR amplification were carried out as described by Bai *et al.* (2003). Pre-amplification was conducted with an *EcoRI* primer (5'-ACTGCGTACCAATTC) and an *MseI* primer (5'-GATGAGTCCTGAGTAA). Selective PCR used 24 primer combinations between six IR-dye-labeled *EcoRI* primers with selective nucleotides of AGT, AAC, ACT, GCTG, CTCG, and CATG and five unlabeled *MseI* primers with selective nucleotides of CAC, CAT, CAGT, TGC, and AGTG.

Twenty-five SSR markers (Table 3.2) associated with FHB-resistance QTL on 3BS (Anderson *et al.* 2001; Buerstmayr *et al.* 2002; Zhou *et al.* 2002), 3BSc (Somers *et al.* 2003), 5AS (Buerstmayr *et al.* 2002), 6BS (Anderson *et al.* 2001; Yang *et al.* 2003), 4B, and 2DL (Somers *et al.* 2003) were screened for polymorphisms among these accessions. The QTL on 4B and 2DL were originally detected from Wuhan-1, a Chinese breeding line with unknown pedigree (Somers *et al.* 2003), and five SSR markers linked to the two QTL (McCartney *et al.* 2004) were included in this study (Table 2). The SSR markers were amplified according to the protocol described by Bai *et al.* (2003). For PCR detection, an M13 tail sequence was added to the 5' of the forward SSR primers (5'-ACGACGTTGTAACGAC). A PCR with 10- $\mu$ L reaction volume consisted of ~50 ng DNA, 1X PCR buffer, 0.2 mM dNTPs, 2 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 1 pmol each of tailed forward and reverse primers, and IR-dye-labeled M13 primer (Li-Cor, Inc. Lincoln, NE, U.S.A.). The SSR markers on 3BS were directly labeled with IR-dye on 5' ends without adding the M13 primer in PCR reaction mixture. To amplify SSR, a touchdown PCR profile started at 95°C for 5 min, followed by 5 cycles of 45 seconds at 95°C, 5 min at 68°C, and 1 min at 72°C; the annealing temperature was lowered by 2°C in each following cycle. Then 5 more cycles in which the annealing time was 2 min and the temperature was lowered 2°C in each following cycle. For the last 25 additional cycles, the annealing temperature was held constant at

50°C, with 5 min at 72°C for a final extension. AFLP and SSR fragments were analyzed in a Li-Cor 4200 DNA Sequencer and scored with Saga<sup>GT</sup> software (Li-Cor, Inc. Lincoln, NE)..

### *Data analysis*

The molecular marker data used in this study are binary data. Thus, polymorphic DNA fragments are scored as either present (1) or absent (0) for each marker locus. The SAS software package was used for basic statistical analysis (SAS Institute Inc., Cary, NC, U.S.A.). Cluster analysis was performed using NTSYS-pc version 2.11a (Rohlf 1998). The genetic diversity among accessions, on the basis of the AFLP and SSR data, was estimated according to Jaccard's similarity coefficient and was calculated as  $1 - a/(n - d)$ , where  $a$  is the number of bands in common between two wheat accessions,  $n$  is the number of bands in the matrix, and  $d$  is the number of bands absent in both wheat accessions. The SIMQUAL routine of NTSYS-pc was used to generate the Jaccard's similarity coefficient matrix. The unweighted pair-group method with arithmetic mean (UPGMA) and SHAN routines of NTSYS-pc program were used to construct a dendrogram. Bootstrapping (500 iterations) was performed to evaluate the robustness of the branching points using Phyltools (Buntjer, 2001). The neighboring and consensus modules from the PHYLIP program (Felsenstein, 2005) were used to construct the consensus tree. Bootstrap values were percentages of number of runs showing a specific branch point in the consensus tree when the data were randomly resampled for 500 times. DCENTER and EIGEN modules of the same program were used for principal component analysis (PCA). Haplotypes of the 64 wheat cultivars were determined on the basis of the allelic distribution pattern of SSR markers linked to 3BS, 5AS, 4B, and 6BS QTL in Sumai 3. Polymorphism information content (PIC) refers to the ability of a given marker to detect polymorphism within a population (Anderson *et al.* 1993). The PIC depends on the number of detectable alleles and their frequency. In this study, the simplified version (Lagercrantz *et al.* 1993) is used, which assumes that the wheat accessions are all homozygous:  $PIC_i = 1 - \sum_{j=1}^n p_{ij}^2$  where  $p_{ij}$  is the proportion of the  $j$ th allele for marker  $i$ , and  $n$  is the total number of alleles.



## Results

### *Type II FHB resistance of Asian wheat accessions*

Asian wheat accessions differed in FHB severity, as reflected by their PSS (Table 3.1). The correlation coefficient for PSS between the two experiments was highly significant ( $r = 0.66, p < 0.0001$ ). Wheat responses to FHB infection ranged from highly resistant (PSS < 10%, F 60096 and Fu 5114) to highly susceptible (PSS > 85%, Sanyuehuang). Approximately 67% of the Asian wheat accessions tested showed a high or moderate level of FHB resistance, with a mean PSS of less than 50% under the favorable epidemic conditions. More than half of the highly resistant accessions originated from China. Ernie from the U.S.A. also showed a high level of FHB resistance. The remaining highly resistant lines originated in Japan, including Aso Zairai II, Aso Zairai (Yuubou Kappu), Itou Komugi, and Shirasaya No 1. Taiwan Xiaomai, one of the parents of Sumai 3, had a PSS of less than 15%, which was similar to Sumai 3. Another parent of Sumai 3, Funo, showed moderate susceptibility to FHB in two experiments.

### *Genetic relationships among the wheat accessions*

The genetic distance between the Chinese and the Japanese landraces was closer than between some of the Chinese landraces. A total of 483 SSR and AFLP polymorphic alleles were scored. Allele variation of the SSR marker *Xwmc397* and the AFLP primer combination mAGTG-eACT are shown as examples (Fig 3.1). The AFLP and SSR data illustrated that the groups resulting from cluster analysis of these accessions agreed with their geographic distribution and/or available pedigrees, with only a few exceptions (Fig. 3.2). In general, the cluster analysis roughly separated the 64 accessions into three major clusters, a Chinese/Japanese landrace cluster, an Avrora-related cluster, and a Funo-related cluster. Avrora- and Funo-related clusters consisted of all improved cultivars from China, with Avrora and Funo, respectively, as one parent. Most of the southwestern Japanese landraces (17 of 19) formed a closely related subgroup within the Chinese/Japanese landrace cluster (Fig. 3.2, Fig. 3.3). The Japanese subgroup was separated from the Chinese landraces at a similarity coefficient of about 0.82, whereas the most distant Chinese landrace, Chinese Spring, was separated from the other Chinese landraces at a similarity coefficient of about 0.77. It was interesting that Japanese landraces Shironankin and Shinchunaga were closer to Chinese accessions than to Japanese landraces.

The information on relationships among the 64 genotypes from PCA cluster analysis corresponded very well to those from Figure 3.3. The first principal component (PC1) clearly separated Funo-related accessions and Avrora-related accessions from Chinese/Japanese landraces; the second principal component (PC2) clearly separated Funo-related accessions from Avrora-related groups; and third principal component (PC3) corresponded to genetic relationships among accessions within each of the three groups (Fig. 3.3). The PCA results for most accessions were also consistent with their pedigrees. For example, Sumai 3 (accession 55) was located between Funo (accession 6) and Taiwan Xiaomai (accession 51), whereas Ning7840 (accession 43) was located between Sumai 3 and Avrora (accession 16) (Fig. 3.3).

The closest accessions in this study were Japanese accessions Nyubai, Nobeokabouzu and Nobeokabouzu Komugi, separated at a similarity coefficient of about 0.99. Two Chinese landraces, Huoshaobairimai and Huacandou, were also very close, at a similarity coefficient of about 0.96. The Avrora-related cluster and the Funo-related cluster were separated from the Chinese/Japanese landrace cluster at similarity coefficients of 0.71 and 0.73. No Japanese landraces were classified into the Avrora-related cluster or the Funo-related cluster. The Avrora-related cluster (6 lines) and the Funo-related cluster (11 lines) agreed well with the pedigrees of their accessions. As for FHB resistant sources, the genetic diversity within the Chinese landraces was broader than that of the Japanese landraces (Fig. 3.2, Fig. 3.3).

#### *Allelic variation in SSR marker loci linked to QTL for FHB resistance*

Twenty-five SSR markers linked to six putative QTL on five chromosome arms of wheat were highly polymorphic among the wheat accessions evaluated (Table 3.2). The PIC values for these SSRs ranged from 0.23 (*Xgwm113*) to 0.92 (*Xwmc612*). Two (*Xbarc75* and *Xgwm508*) to 18 (*Xwmc612*) alleles per SSR locus were detected across all 64 accessions (Table 3.2). Haplotypes based on Sumai 3/non-Sumai 3 alleles were identified from 4 on 3BSc to 24 on 5AS (Table 3.2).

The overall results indicated a trend in which the more putative Sumai 3 marker alleles for 3BS QTL an accession carried, the more likely the accession showed a lower average PSS (Table 3.4). However, 15 accessions did not follow the trend, which suggested that the resistance in these accessions may be controlled by different QTL or alleles from that on 3BS of Sumai 3. Twenty-one haplotypes were identified for the five SSR markers linked to the major QTL on

3BS among the 64 accessions when the marker alleles were analyzed as Sumai 3 and non-Sumai 3 alleles. Only two accessions, Ning 7840 and Taiwan Xiaomai, shared the haplotype of Sumai 3 (Table 3.2, Table 3.3). Two Japanese accessions (Sanshukomugi and Shinchunaga) and one Chinese accession (FSW) carried four of the five Sumai 3 SSR alleles; 34 accessions carried 2 to 3 Sumai 3 SSR alleles; 11 accessions carried only one Sumai 3 SSR allele; and the remaining 12 lines, including Funo (another parent of Sumai 3) and Avrora (one of Ning 7840's parents), carried none of any of the five Sumai 3 SSR alleles for the major QTL on 3BS (Table 3.2). Among those 23 accessions with none or only one Sumai 3 allele, 7 lines expressed a level of FHB resistance similar to that of Sumai 3, and another 8 accessions showed moderate FHB resistance, with less than 50% PSS under high disease pressure. The 15 wheat lines are unlikely to carry the major QTL for FHB resistance.

## **Discussion**

### *Genetic relationships among Asian FHB resistant germplasm*

Cluster analysis and principal component analysis uncovered the relatively limited genetic diversity among the accessions in this collection. This result was not surprising because most of FHB resistant wheat landraces originated in southeast China and in the Kyushu area of southwestern Japan, where FHB epidemics have been frequent and severe, and the improved cultivars were mainly related to Avrora from Russia, Mentana, and its relative Funo from Italy. The results on genetic similarities of Chinese/Japanese FHB resistance accessions from this study agreed with a previous study (Bai *et al.* 2003).

The genetic relationships based on cluster analysis matched well with their pedigree information and their geographic origins. The dendrogram clearly separated the Funo-related accessions and the Avrora-related accessions from the Chinese/Japanese landraces. This may be because the Russian cultivar Avrora and Italian cultivar Funo and Mentana were far from Asian landraces and were extensively used in early wheat breeding programs in China. Introduction of cultivars Funo and Avrora from Europe broadened the genetic diversity of Chinese wheat. The Chinese landrace Taiwan Xiaomai and the Italian cultivar Funo are two parents of Sumai 3, and Sumai 3 falls between the Funo and Taiwan Xiaomai, although it is closer to Taiwan Xiaomai in the Chinese/Japanese landrace cluster. Sumai 3 and Avrora are the parents of Ning 7840, and Ning 7840 is closer to Avrora than to Sumai 3 (Fig. 3.1, Fig. 3.2). The Funo cluster is further

separated into three subgroups. Cultivars Nanda 2419, Emai 6, Jingzhou 1, and Wannian 2 form a subgroup, which share a common Italian ancestor Mentana (Fig. 3.1). Yangmai 1, Yangmai 4, Fumai 3, and Yangmai 158 form another subgroup in which Funo serves as a common ancestor. Fusuihuang and Zhen 7495 form the third subgroup because Zhen7495 was derived from a cross between Fusuihuang and Youyimai, a derivative of Funo. These results clearly confirmed the pedigree relationships within each of the three subgroups.

Results for the Avrora-related cluster were similar. In this cluster, Ning 7840, Sumai 49, and Fu 5114 shared the common ancestor Avrora. But the two Chinese landraces FSW and WZHHS were close to Ning 7840, and their pedigree information was not available to verify this relationship.

It was unexpected that the three accessions from the U.S.A., Freedom, Ernie, and Clark, did not form a separate group in the dendrogram. These three cultivars were in a completely different cluster from the Chinese landraces and cultivars in a previous study when more cultivars from the U.S.A. were used (Bai *et al.* 2003). This could be because the small number of accessions with diverse genetic backgrounds from the U.S.A. could not provide sufficient genetic information to form their own group. This result suggests that interpretation of genetic relationships between Asian landraces and the cultivars from the U.S.A. should be cautious.

The Japanese landraces form a sub-cluster within Chinese landrace cluster, indicating that the genetic bases of FHB resistant landraces from southwestern Japan is narrower than that of the Chinese landraces. It is interesting that the Japanese landraces Shinchunaga and Shironankin are closer to Sumai 3 and Caizihuang, respectively, than to the other Japanese landraces (Fig. 3.1). Shironankin may originate in China, because Shironankin means ‘White Nanjing’ in Japanese and Nanjing is a Chinese city where many FHB resistant Ning lines were developed. The same might also be true for Shinchunaga, which has been a major source of FHB resistance widely used in Japanese breeding programs for decades (Ban 2000). Shinchunaga had similar banding patterns to those in Sumai 3 at most SSR marker loci in the three QTL regions of Sumai 3 (Table 3.2). The results suggest that some of the FHB resistance QTL in Japanese germplasm might originate from Chinese landraces.

It is possible that Nobeokabouzu Komugi, Nobeokabouzu, and Nyubai are the same landrace with different identifications. Japanese landrace Nobeokabouzu Komugi was reported to have the best resistance in Japanese germplasm (Ban 2000). In our study, two other

accessions, Nyubai and Nobeokabouzu are very close to Nobeokabouzu Komugi, with 99% identity according to AFLP marker data and 100% identity according to the 25 SSR marker alleles scored in this study. In our collection, Nyubai and Nobeokabouzu Komugi were originally from the Gene Bank of Japan, and Nobeokabouzu was obtained from China. Komugi means ‘wheat’ in Japanese and can be omitted from the name. Thus, any one of the three should be able to represent the same accession in breeding programs.

#### *Origin of QTL for FHB resistance from Sumai 3*

Taiwan Xiaomai was likely the donor of the QTL on 3BS, 5AS and 6BS in Sumai 3. The major FHB resistance in Sumai 3 was once assumed to be from Funo, or from transgressive segregation of resistance genes from both parents (Liu and Wang 1990). More recent studies suggested that Taiwan Xiaomai might be the donor of the 3BS major QTL from Sumai 3 on the basis of haplotypes of 3BS markers from Sumai 3 and Funo (Bai *et al.* 2003; Liu and Anderson 2003). But marker data for other QTL and phenotypic data from Taiwan Xiaomai were not available in those studies. The FHB and SSR marker data from this study provided more solid evidence to support the proposed relationship. Taiwan Xiaomai showed the same high level of FHB resistance as Sumai 3, whereas Funo, the other parent of Sumai 3, was moderately susceptible to FHB. The five SSR marker alleles closely linked to the 3BS FHB resistant QTL in Taiwan Xiaomai were the same as those of Sumai 3, whereas those from Funo were all different. In addition, Taiwan Xiaomai had most of the Sumai 3 SSR alleles at 5AS and 6BS loci, whereas Funo has only a few Sumai 3 SSR alleles in the two QTL regions.

#### *Haplotype pattern and FHB resistance*

The more the markers in the haplotype pattern information, the more accurate the prediction of the FHB-resistance performance of an accession. The haplotypes of SSR markers that flank QTL can help to predict whether an accession carries known or different QTL. The results from this study show that the more the putative Sumai 3 marker alleles an accession has for QTL on 3BS, 5AS and 6BS, the more likely the accession has lower average PSS, suggesting that QTL on 3BS, 5AS and 6BS are important in most of the resistant accessions. For example, accessions with fewer than six Sumai 3 SSR alleles for the three QTL had an average PSS of 43%, whereas those with more than 10 Sumai 3 alleles had an average PSS of 17%. Haplotype information can only roughly predict whether an accession have one or more of the putative

QTL(s) and predicts its FHB-resistance performance in general. For instance, Fu 5114, a descendant of Sumai 3, carried three Sumai 3 SSR alleles at 3BS, three Sumai 3 SSR alleles at 5AS, and one Sumai 3 SSR allele at 6BS. The haplotyping data suggested that Fu 5114 might inherit both the 3BS and the 5AS QTL (Table 3.2). Thus its good FHB resistance was consistent with prediction based on its haplotype information.

If an accession is not genetically related to the QTL donor, haplotype information may not provide a reliable prediction for the presence of target QTL in the accession and its FHB-resistance performance. Several factors may affect the accuracy of QTL predictions, including the genetic relationship between a target line and the line with known QTL, the phenotypic effect of the target QTL, imprecise locations of QTL, and the genetic distance between the QTL and the markers used for the prediction. For example, the Chinese landrace Sanyuehuang carries two Sumai 3 3BS alleles, including *Xgwm533*, the SSR marker most closely linked to the 3BS QTL in Sumai 3, and four Sumai 3 5AS alleles, but it showed high susceptibility to FHB. In contrast, Huoshaomai, which carries one 3BS marker allele (*Xgwm389*) of Sumai 3 and four 5AS marker alleles of Sumai 3, showed high FHB resistance. Although both had similar haplotypes and were not related to Taiwan Xiaomai or Sumai 3, their reactions to FHB were completely different.

#### *Potential new QTL for FHB resistance*

Novel FHB-resistance QTL may contribute to the high level of FHB resistance in Fumai 3, Yangmai 1, Haiyanzhong, Huoshaomai, Ernie, and Huangcandou. These six accessions carried no or only one Sumai 3 SSR allele at 3BS and 6BS, and no more than four Sumai 3 alleles at 5AS. Thus these lines may not have the 3BS and 6BS QTL and may have the 5AS QTL in some of them. 5AS QTL only had a minor effect on Type II resistance (Somers *et al.* 2003), so new FHB resistance QTL may be responsible for their high level of FHB resistance. In addition, Huoshaomai and Huangcandou showed a high level of all three types of FHB resistance (Chapter 1). These accessions can be used to enlarge the wheat FHB resistance gene pool and enhance genetic diversity by incorporating different types of resistance in FHB resistant cultivars.

## Conclusions

Fifty-nine Asian wheat landraces and cultivars differing in the levels of FHB resistance were evaluated for FHB type II resistance and for genetic diversity on the basis of AFLPs and SSRs. Genetic relationships among these wheat accessions estimated by cluster analysis of molecular marker data were consistent with their geographic distribution and pedigrees. Chinese resistant landraces had broader genetic diversity than that of accessions from southwestern Japan. The haplotype pattern of the SSR markers linked to FHB resistance quantitative trait loci (QTL) on chromosomes 3BS, 5AS and 6BS of Sumai 3 suggested that only a few lines derived from Sumai 3 may carry all the putative QTL from Sumai 3. About half of the accessions may have one or two FHB resistance QTL from Sumai 3. Some accessions with a high level of resistance may carry different FHB resistance loci or alleles from those in Sumai 3, and invite further investigation. SSR data also clearly suggested that FHB resistance QTL on 3BS, 5AS, and 6BS of Sumai 3 were derived from Chinese landrace Taiwan Xiaomai.

**Table 3.1** Origin, pedigree, and FHB severity scores of 64 wheat accessions

ID	Name	Origin	<sup>a</sup> Source	Pedigree	<sup>b</sup> PSS	<sup>c</sup> FHB reaction
1	DaBaiPao	China	PI 462150	Landrace	78.5 ± 24.4	S
2	Nanda 2419	China	JAAS	Selection of Mentana	81.5 ± 21.0	S
3	Sanyuehuang	China	JAAS	Landrace	92.2 ± 12.3	S
4	Clark	USA	PI 512337	Beau//65256A1-8-1/67137B5-16/Sullivan/Beau//5517B8-5-3-3/Logan	94.1 ± 9.0	S
5	MaZ <sup>h</sup> aMai	China	PI382153	Landrace	- <sup>d</sup>	-
6	Funo	Italy	JAAS	Duecentodieci/Demiano	51.8 ± 11.6	MS
7	ShanghaiCaiZiHuang	China	PI 435110	Landrace	53.5 ± 26.3	MS
8	Dafanliuzhu	China	PI 447402	Landrace	54.4 ± 28.0	MS
9	Zhen 7495	China	JAAS	Youyimai/ Fusuihuang	54.5 ± 23.9	MS
10	Chile	Japan	ACC.26869	Chili	57.3 ± 24.6	MS
11	Shironankin	Japan	ACC.23277	Landrace	60.5 ± 27.4	MS
12	Zairai Yuubou	Japan	ACC.22130	Landrace	61.8 ± 27.9	MS
13	Heshangmai	China	JAAS	Landrace	66.2 ± 28.6	MS
14	NTDHP	China	JAAS	Landrace	66.6 ± 19.8	MS
15	Jingzhou 1	China	JAAS	Nanda 2419/Sereal	69.1 ± 18.0	MS
16	Avrora	Russia	JAAS	Neuzucht/Bezostaja 4//Bezostaja 1	70.2 ± 35.9	MS
17	ChineseSpring	China	Cltr 14108	Landrace	76.5 ± 10.0	MS
18	Shou Komugi II	Japan	ACC.23653	Landrace	26.3 ± 21.7	MR
19	WZHHS	China	JAAS	Landrace from China	26.9 ± 14.0	MR
20	Freedom	USA	PI 562382	GR876/OH217	27.8 ± 22.7	MR
21	Hongjianzi	China		Landrace	28.6 ± 17.5	MR
22	Chokwang	Korea	JAAS	unknown	28.7 ± 30.2	MR
23	Emai 6	China	JAAS	Selection from radiated Nanda 2419	29.0 ± 33.5	MR
24	Itou Komugi	Japan	ACC.23647	Landrace	30.1 ± 35.3	MR
25	Yangmai 158	China	JAAS	St1472/506//Yangmai4	30.3 ± 27.6	MR
26	Kagoshima	Japan	ACC.23542	Landrace	31.2 ± 15.0	MR
27	FSW	China	JAAS	Landrace from China	32.2 ± 25.5	MR
28	Nobeokabouzu Komugi	Japan	PI 382153	Landrace	32.3 ± 24.1	MR
2 <sup>9</sup>	Soba Komugi 1B	Japan	ACC.23662*	Landrace	32.4 ± 9.1	MR
30	Sotome A	Japan	ACC.23660	Landrace	32.5 ± 34.5	MR
31	Yangmai 4	China	JAAS	(Nanda2419/Triumph)F5/Funo	34.6 ± 29.5	MR
32	CanLaoMai	China	JAAS	Landrace	39.4 ± 28.5	MR
33	Shinchunaga	Japan	PI 197130	Selection from landrace Nakanaga	39.6 ± 18.4	MR
34	Nyubai	Japan	ACC. 22957	Landrace	40.2 ± 36.1	MR
35	Sotome	Japan	ACC.23595	Landrace	42.7 ± 32.8	MR
36	Dahongpao	China	JAAS	Landrace	43.3 ± 39.0	MR
37	Wangnian 2	China	JAAS	Selection of Mentana	44.1 ± 32.8	MR
38	Xueliqing	China	JAAS	Landrace	47.8 ± 18.5	MR
39	Abura Komugi	Japan	ACC.23516	Landrace	48.0 ± 18.5	MR
40	Sanshukomugi	Japan	PI 592001	Landrace	49.0 ± 13.8	MR
41	Fusuihuang	China	PI 213833	Landrace	49.3 ± 23.2	MR
42	Kikuchi	Japan	ACC.22952	Landrace	49.3 ± 21.5	MR
43	Ning 7840	China	JAAS	Avrova/Anhui 11/Sumai 3	6.6 ± 1.4	R



**Table 3.1** Continued

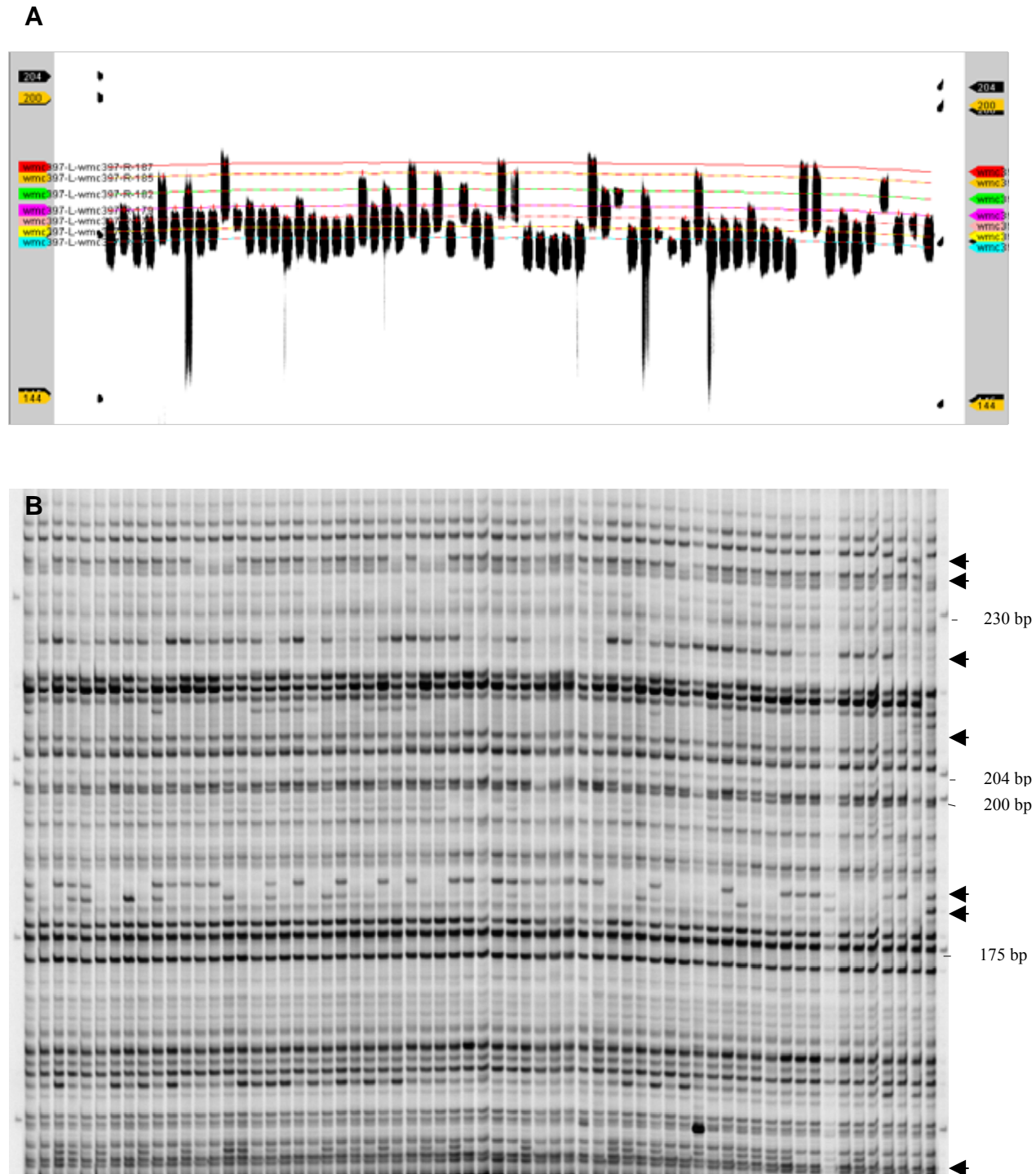
ID	Name	Origin	<sup>a</sup> Source	Pdigree	<sup>b</sup> PSS	<sup>c</sup> FHB reaction
44	F 60096	China	JAAS	Jingzhou 1/Sumai 2	6.9 ± 1.2	R
45	Fu 5114	China	JAAS	LongXi 18/(Avrora/Anhui 11//Sumai 3)	7.4 ± 1.6	R
46	Sumai 49	China	PI 447405	N7922/(Avrova/Anhui 11/Sumai 3)	7.8 ± 1.5	R
47	Wangshuibai	China	PI 197129	Landrace	8.7 ± 3.8	R
48	Aso Zairai II	Japan	ACC.23524	Landrace	8.9 ± 3.7	R
49	Baisanyuehuang	China	JAAS	Landrace	12.5 ± 6.9	R
50	Aso Zairai (Yuubou Kappu)	Japan	ACC.23521	Landrace	12.7 ± 7.7	R
51	Taiwan Xiaomai	China	Purdue University	Landrace	13.0 ± 3.2	R
52	Huangcandou	China	JAAS	Landrace	13.4 ± 7.6	R
53	Haiyanzhong	China	JAAS	Landrace	13.7 ± 6.3	R
54	Fumai 3	China	PI 447404	Orofen/Funo	18.6 ± 16.4	R
55	Sumai 3	China	PI 462149	Funo/Taiwan Xiaomai	18.8 ± 11.9	R
56	HuangFangZhu	China	JAAS	Landrace	20.2 ± 17.4	R
57	Ernie	USA	PI 584525	PI584525 PIKE/3/Stoddard/Blueboy// Stoddard/D1707	20.5 ± 13.7	R
58	Huoshomai	China	JAAS	Landrace	21.4 ± 13.7	R
59	Caizihuang	China	JAAS	Landrace	22.0 ± 14.2	R
60	Huoshobairimai	China	JAAS	Landrace	22.0 ± 22.3	R
61	Shirasaya No 1	Japan	PI 197128	Landrace	22.4 ± 14.5	R
62	Qiaomai Xiaomai	Japan	ACC.24142	Landrace	22.4 ± 18.4	R
63	Yangmai 1	China	PI 447403	Selection of Funo	22.5 ± 22.0	R
64	NobeokaBouzu	Japan	JAAS	Landrace	24.3 ± 19.3	R

<sup>a</sup> JAAS – seeds were provided by Jiangsu Academy of Agricultural Science, Nanjing, P.R. China and all these accessions were selected based on their good resistance to FHB in China; PI–seeds were provided by the National Small Grains Research Facility at Aberdeen, ID, U.S.A. and were selected based on their diverse geographic distribution in China without knowledge of their FHB resistance; ACC.-accession number in Gene Bank of MAFF, JAPAN and all these accessions were selected based on FHB resistance tested in Japan

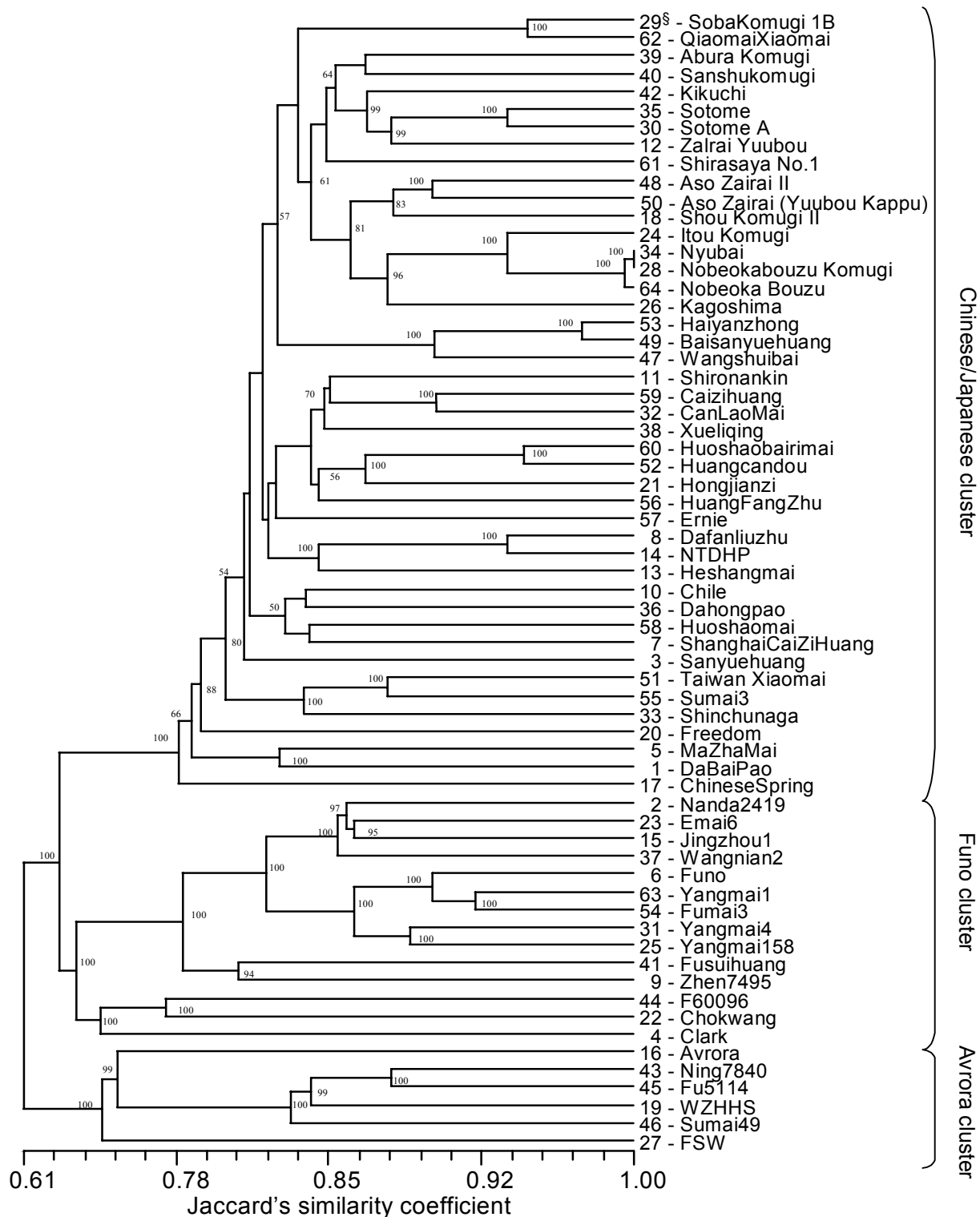
<sup>b</sup> Average of proportion of symptomatic spikelets in a spike (PSS) from replication means of two season greenhouse evaluations in 2003 ± standard deviation

<sup>c</sup> R resistant (PSS < 25%), S susceptible (PSS > 75%), MR moderately resistant (50% > PSS > 25%), MS moderately susceptible (50% < PSS < 75%)

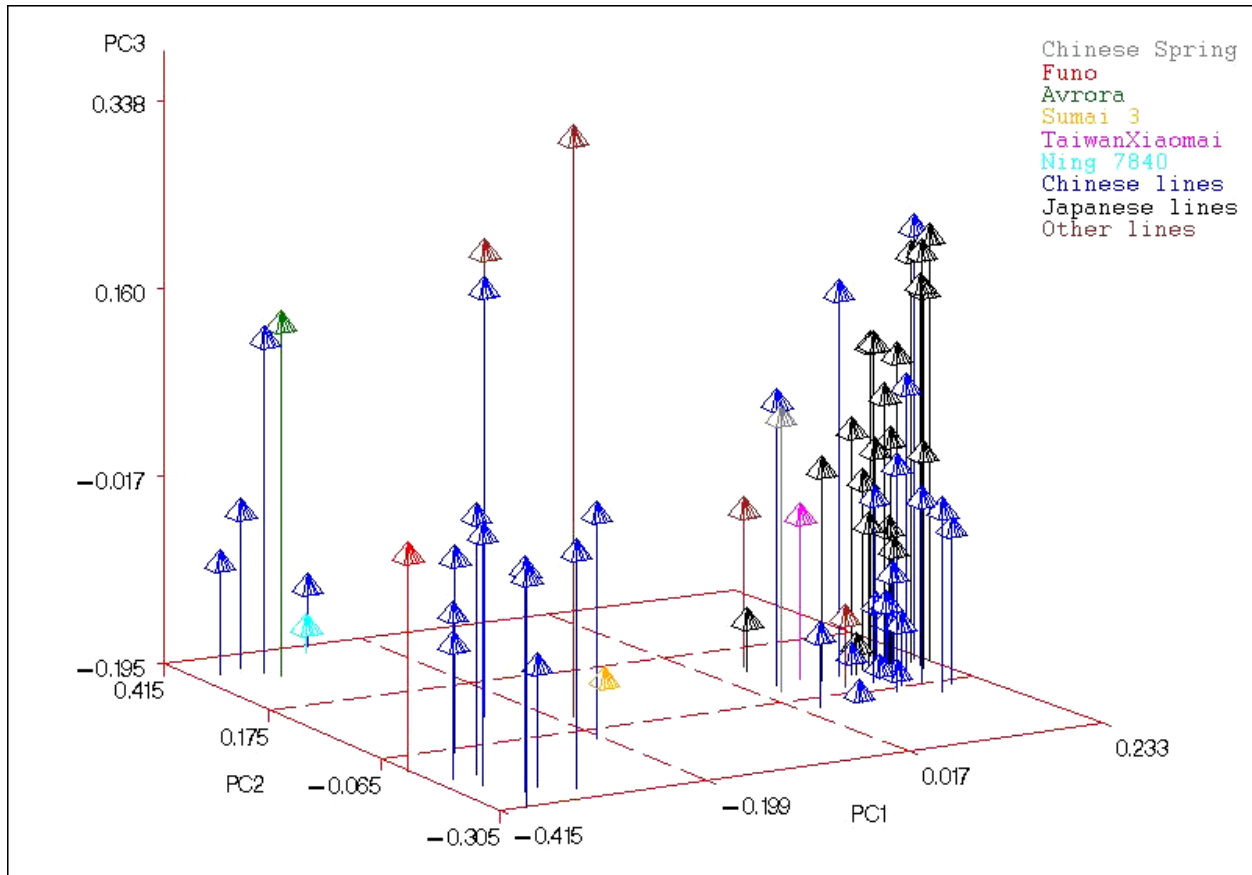
<sup>d</sup> – Data are not available



**Figure 3.1** Banding patterns of SSR and AFLP markers separated on 6.5% denaturing polyacrylamide gel and visualized by Li-Cor DNA sequencer. **A**, The 7 alleles of SSR marker *Xwmc397* scored with Saga software. **B**, AFLP primer combination mAGTG-eACT. Solid arrows indicate polymorphic AFLP fragments.



**Figure 3.2** UPGMA dendrogram based on Jaccard's similarity coefficient from AFLP and SSR marker data showing genetic relationships among the 64 wheat accessions used in this study. Bootstrap values (%) for each branch point are indicated if they are >50%. <sup>§</sup>Accession ID



**Figure 3.3** Genetic relationships among 64 accessions with different levels of FHB resistance revealed by principal component analysis based on AFLP and SSR marker data.

**Table 3.2** Allele sizes of the SSR markers that have been reported to be tightly linked to QTL for FHB resistance in Sumai 3 and Wuhan-1 for 64 wheat accessions.

ID	Accession	2DL		3BSc		4B			5AS					6BS						3BS						
		Xwmc144	Xwmc245	Xwmc777	Xwmc612	Xwmc48	Xgwm113	Xgwm165	Xgwm293	Xgwm415	Xwmc705	Xgwm129	Xbarc117 <sup>6</sup>	Xgwm304	Xgwm518	Xwmc494	Xgwm508	Xwmc398	Xwmc105 <sup>6</sup>	Xwmc397	Xgwm219	Xgwm389	Xbarc75	Xgwm533 <sup>6</sup>	Xbarc133	Xgwm493
1	DaBaiPao	159	165	156	274	216	166	274	218	150	188	241	239	231	185	231	200	159	353	177	208	158	128	156	140	212
2	Nanda 2419	161	166	133	296	209	168	279	214	152	160	239	235	217	201	241	200	159	377	177	206	134	nd	160	142	nd
3	Sanyuehuang	161	166	133	280	218	168	281	218	150	186	247	243	233	178	276	200	175	367	185	199	150	128	160	109	162
4	Clark	159	166	111	302	218	168	276	214	152	158	235	239	235	187	220	N	166	nd	179	199	134	128	132	134	180
5	MaZhaMai	157	165	147	284	216	168	272	218	148	198	249	nd	229	185	226	200	159	349	175	194	150	nd	156	130	212
6	Funo	161	168	108	298	209	168	276	214	150	156	239	243	237	180	231	200	166	353	187	194	nd	nd	134	138	160
7	ShanghaiCaiZiHuang	162	165	150	nd	nd	166	nd	nd	148	184	nd	239	231	209	235	N	nd	343	173	182	150	128	160	145	212
8	Dafanliuzhu	159	166	131	284	216	168	274	216	150	184	244	239	233	209	241	200	168	343	179	192	150	128	160	130	212
9	Zhen 7495	157	166	111	302	218	168	274	218	150	156	239	239	237	183	226	200	166	nd	173	208	134	nd	109	145	nd
10	Chile	159	165	144	268	216	168	264	218	150	184	241	239	233	185	226	200	176	nd	185	192	154	128	156	109	216
11	Shironankin	159	165	131	282	216	168	279	218	150	193	249	239	233	175	272	200	174	353	179	194	154	128	160	152	214
12	Zalrai Yuubou	159	166	133	282	214	168	272	218	150	193	241	239	231	209	233	N	172	343	177	199	152	126	163	140	214
13	Heshangmai	159	166	131	280	216	168	276	216	148	195	244	243	233	187	230	N	168	343	179	199	152	128	162	109	200
14	NTDHP	157	166	133	282	216	168	274	216	150	184	247	239	231	209	239	200	172	343	177	192	150	128	157	130	212
15	Jingzhou 1	159	165	111	302	209	168	276	216	150	156	239	239	235	201	239	N	159	nd	173	204	137	128	157	138	182
16	Avrora	161	166	111	292	216	168	261	214	150	153	237	243	231	185	226	N	159	nd	182	189	nd	nd	132	145	162
17	Chinese Spring	157	165	150	300	214	168	264	216	150	193	241	239	235	181	235	200	176	336	179	194	152	126	171	109	214
18	Shou Komugi II	159	166	150	239	216	168	274	218	150	191	244	239	233	209	237	200	159	343	179	202	154	128	162	140	214
19	WZHHS	159	166	129	280	216	166	276	218	150	191	241	239	237	178	272	200	172	nd	179	199	152	128	160	nd	160
20	Freedom	155	166	144	302	214	168	270	212	152	156	237	239	233	164	223	200	159	nd	185	171	134	126	152	138	162
21	Hongjianzi	161	168	133	287	218	170	274	218	150	195	241	239	231	187	237	N	168	nd	177	209	152	126	157	142	218
22	Chokwang	162	166	163	307	216	168	274	216	150	153	249	243	231	183	230	N	159	353	182	206	150	128	157	140	214
23	Emai6	159	166	131	298	209	168	279	216	150	156	244	239	237	185	229	200	159	377	173	204	134	nd	157	145	nd
24	Itou Komugi	155	166	144	276	209	168	nd	216	150	189	244	239	229	209	239	200	159	339	179	206	152	128	159	140	214
25	Yangmai 158	159	166	111	302	209	168	276	216	150	156	239	239	235	180	231	200	166	349	187	194	nd	nd	132	138	160
26	Kagoshima	155	166	133	282	216	168	270	216	152	191	244	239	233	175	272	200	174	343	182	208	152	128	157	140	210
27	FSW	157	165	153	307	212	168	272	220	150	178	247	239	237	175	272	200	172	341	177	199	152	128	160	140	214
28	Nobeokabouzu Komugi	157	166	147	284	212	168	272	218	150	188	244	239	233	209	239	200	159	341	179	206	150	128	157	140	214
29	SobaKomugi 1B	157	166	133	279	nd	168	281	220	150	195	249	239	235	183	272	N	172	343	177	199	154	128	160	109	210
30	Sotome A	159	166	133	282	216	168	272	207	150	198	241	239	233	178	270	N	172	346	179	204	150	126	157	140	212
31	Yangmai 4	161	168	108	300	209	168	276	216	150	156	239	239	235	178	230	200	159	nd	173	202	nd	nd	132	138	160
32	CanLaoMai	161	166	131	284	216	170	274	218	150	193	244	239	233	183	243	200	175	nd	185	189	154	128	162	140	220
33	Shinchunaga	157	166	131	280	216	168	272	216	150	188	244	239	235	209	231	N	172	343	175	194	152	128	160	138	212
34	Nyubai	157	166	147	284	212	168	272	218	150	188	244	239	233	209	239	200	159	341	179	206	150	128	157	140	214
35	Sotome	159	166	133	282	218	168	274	218	150	195	244	239	233	178	270	N	159	nd	179	204	158	126	109	138	214

Numbers are amplicon sizes (in bp) for the respective marker in wheat lines. Amplicon sizes of the five 3BS SSR marker are sizes from directly labeled primers plus the 18bp M13 tailing primer. N - null allele. nd - no data. PIC - polymorphism information content

**Table 3.2. Continued**

ID	Accession	2DL		3BSc		4B			5AS						6BS						3BS					
		wmc144	wmc245	wmc777	wmc612	wmc48	Xgwm113	Xgwm165	Xgwm293	Xgwm415	wmc705	Xgwm129	Barc117 <sup>b</sup>	Xgwm304	Xgwm518	wmc494	Xgwm508	wmc398	wmc105 <sup>c</sup>	wmc397	Xgwm219	Xgwm389	Barc75	Xgwm533 <sup>d</sup>	Barc133	Xgwm493
36	Dahongpao	159	165	131	279	218	168	276	216	150	193	241	239	231	189	241	200	176	nd	182	202	152	128	159	145	210
37	Wannian 2	159	168	129	298	209	168	276	216	150	156	237	239	237	219	239	N	159	377	173	206	134	nd	160	140	214
38	Xueliqing	159	166	150	279	218	168	272	218	152	184	241	239	233	209	243	200	168	343	179	192	152	126	163	147	210
39	Abura Komugi	157	166	133	289	212	168	276	216	150	189	249	239	233	nd	233	200	168	339	179	199	137	128	159	140	212
40	Sanshukomugi	157	166	129	289	209	168	272	216	150	186	239	239	235	183	235	200	175	349	185	204	152	128	154	140	212
41	Fusuihuang	159	166	133	298	216	168	274	212	152	158	241	235	215	187	237	200	198	349	187	202	134	nd	157	142	nd
42	Kikuchi	157	nd	129	284	214	166	272	218	150	186	241	nd	233	180	266	N	172	339	179	204	154	128	160	140	214
43	Ning 7840	157	166	111	292	218	168	276	218	150	186	239	239	233	209	231	N	172	343	175	194	152	128	160	140	212
44	F 60096	159	166	111	292	209	168	276	218	150	186	241	239	233	209	231	N	174	343	175	194	150	128	159	140	212
45	Fu 5114	157	166	108	287	209	168	276	nd	152	186	249	239	233	178	nd	N	166	nd	179	nd	152	128	160	142	214
46	Sumai49	157	166	111	292	218	168	270	216	150	156	241	239	237	209	231	N	174	341	175	194	137	126	163	nd	212
47	Wangshuibai	157	166	156	311	214	168	274	220	150	176	244	239	235	180	272	200	172	343	175	199	150	128	159	136	212
48	Aso Zairai II	155	166	150	239	212	168	279	216	152	195	249	239	237	209	237	200	159	343	177	204	158	128	159	140	200
49	Baisanyuehuang	159	166	156	274	214	168	276	218	150	178	244	239	231	183	276	200	172	346	175	199	150	128	160	109	214
50	Aso Zairai (Yuubou Kappu)	157	166	150	239	214	168	276	216	150	195	244	239	237	209	237	200	159	343	177	209	154	128	159	140	214
51	Taiwan Xiaomai	157	166	129	282	216	168	274	218	148	186	241	239	233	209	231	N	172	nd	175	194	152	128	160	140	212
52	Huangcandou	161	166	133	287	218	168	274	218	150	184	244	239	233	175	239	200	172	346	177	206	150	128	162	142	214
53	Haiyanzhong	159	166	156	287	216	168	276	218	150	178	247	nd	231	183	276	200	172	346	177	199	150	128	159	109	214
54	Fumai 3	159	168	nd	298	209	168	nd	214	150	156	237	239	235	180	230	200	166	349	187	204	134	nd	132	138	160
55	Sumai 3	157	166	131	282	209	168	276	218	150	186	239	239	233	209	231	N	172	343	175	194	152	128	160	140	212
56	HuangFangZhu	161	166	131	284	216	170	276	216	150	193	241	239	235	209	237	N	168	nd	179	192	152	128	156	109	214
57	Ernie	155	166	147	302	216	168	272	212	152	156	239	239	237	185	229	N	166	349	179	204	134	128	109	142	160
58	Huochaomai	161	168	147	272	218	168	274	218	150	186	244	239	229	175	243	200	159	346	182	192	152	126	157	142	210
59	Caizihuang	159	166	133	284	218	168	276	218	150	186	247	239	231	185	243	200	174	367	182	194	150	128	160	142	220
60	Huochaobairimai	161	168	133	287	216	170	274	218	152	186	244	239	233	175	241	200	174	343	177	206	152	128	159	140	216
61	Shirasaya No.1	157	166	133	282	218	168	274	220	150	184	241	239	233	185	230	200	168	341	175	194	152	128	160	136	162
62	Qiaomai Xiaomai	159	166	133	280	212	168	276	214	150	156	239	239	235	180	231	200	166	349	187	206	150	128	160	109	210
63	Yangmai 1	159	168	113	298	209	168	276	216	150	156	237	239	237	180	231	200	166	349	187	206	nd	nd	132	138	160
64	Nobeoka Bozu	157	166	147	284	212	168	272	218	150	188	244	239	233	209	239	200	159	341	179	206	150	128	157	140	214
PIC		0.70	0.43	0.87	0.92	0.77	0.23	0.77	0.68	0.36	0.88	0.80	0.28	0.75	0.85	0.91	0.45	0.78	0.82	0.82	0.86	0.81	0.56	0.85	0.82	0.84
No. of alleles		5	3	12	18	5	3	8	6	3	14	7	3	7	12	16	2	8	9	7	11	6	2	12	10	11
Haplotypes <sup>§</sup>		nd		4		nd			24						23							21				

<sup>†</sup>Haplotype based on Sumai 3/non-Sumai 3 alleles. <sup>§</sup>Marker closest to the QTL for FHB resistance.

**Table 3.3** Haplotypes of 59 Asian accessions and five cultivars from other countries based on allele variation of five SSR markers tightly linked to the 3BS QTL from Sumai 3.

SSR marker	Haplotypes based on Sumai 3/non-Sumai 3 alleles																					No. of alleles	PIC*
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
<i>Xgwm389</i>	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	□	□	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	■	□	□	□	□	6	0.81
<i>Xbarc75</i>	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	□	■	□	■	■	□	■	□	□	■	□	□	2	0.56
<i>Xgwm533</i>	■	□	■	■	□	■	□	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	■	■	□	□	□	■	□	12	0.85
<i>Xbarc133</i>	■	■	□	■	■	□	■	□	■	■	□	■	□	■	■	□	□	□	□	□	□	10	0.82
<i>Xgwm493</i>	■	■	■	□	□	□	■	■	□	□	□	■	■	□	□	□	□	■	□	□	□	11	0.84
No. of lines	3	1	1	1	3	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	2	8	1	6	4	2	6	1	11		

Darkened boxes represent Sumai 3 alleles and open boxes represent non-Sumai 3 alleles

\* Polymorphism information content

**Table 3.4** Number of accessions with Sumai 3 SSR alleles at 3BS, 5AS and 6BS and their relationship with FHB resistance

Chromosomal region	No. of Sumai 3 allele	No. of accessions*	PSS <sup>†</sup>	No. of accessions and FHB resistance			
				R	R	MS	S
3BS	≤ 1	23	41.9 ± 24.2	8	6	6	3
	2 or 3	34	36.1 ± 21.3	14	10	8	2
	> 3	6	26.5 ± 16.4	3	3	0	0
5AS	≤ 1	8	56.6 ± 27.8	1	1	3	3
	2 or 3	35	34.5 ± 19.4	15	11	8	1
	> 3	20	34.6 ± 21.6	9	7	3	1
6BS	≤ 1	38	40.5 ± 22.6	13	13	7	5
	2 or 3	18	36.5 ± 20.0	7	5	6	0
	> 3	7	22.1 ± 21.0	5	1	1	0
All of 3BS, 5AS and 6BS	≤ 5	25	43.4 ± 23.0	7	6	9	3
	> 5 and ≤10	33	35.8 ± 20.8	14	12	5	2
	> 10	5	17.0 ± 13.6	4	1	0	0

\* Exclude MaZhaMai, which did not have phenotypic data

<sup>†</sup> Mean ± standard deviation of proportion of symptomatic spikelets of the lines



## **CHAPTER 4 - QTL for three types of resistance to Fusarium head blight in a wheat population from Wangshuibai/Wheaton**

### **Introduction**

Various statistical methods have been developed for QTL mapping. The two most commonly used methods for QTL mapping are interval mapping (IM) and composite interval mapping (CIM). Powerful computer software programs are now available to map QTL with IM, CIM, and other statistical methods (Nelson, 1997; Manly *et al.* 2001; Broman *et al.* 2003; Wang *et al.* 2006). These software packages have been commonly used in wheat FHB resistance QTL mapping studies, for example, Lin *et al.* 2004 and Zhou *et al.* 2004. IM uses two observable flanking markers to define an interval within which to search for QTL along the chromosome. A map function, such as Kosambi (Kosambi, 1944), is used to translate the recombination frequency to distance or vice versa. A logarithm of odds ratio (LOD) score is calculated at each increment in the interval. These scores are plotted as a profile along the chromosome. When a peak has exceeded a threshold value, it indicates that a QTL may be at this location (Lander and Botstein 1989). Composite interval mapping method is an extension of IM. CIM is a combination of maximum likelihood-based interval mapping and multiple regression. CIM selects certain markers into the model as cofactors to control the effects of non-target QTL. It fits parameters for a target QTL in one interval while simultaneously fitting partial regression coefficients for background markers to account for variance caused by non-target QTL. In theory, CIM gives more power and accuracy than simple IM because the effects of other QTL are not present as residual variance (Jansen and Stam 1994; Zeng 1994). Both methods were used in present QTL mapping study.

In this study, a Wangshuibai/Wheaton recombinant inbred population was used to validate the FHB resistance QTL detected in other Wangshuibai-derived populations under field conditions. Also, new FHB resistance QTL in Wangshuibai may be detected under different genetic background and under greenhouse conditions. So far, most of Wangshuibai QTL

mapping experiments were conducted under field conditions and mainly used to detect type II resistance QTL (Lin *et al.* 2004; Lin *et al.* 2006; Mardi *et al.* 2005; Zhang *et al.* 2004; Jia *et al.* 2005). Environmental factors in these mapping experiments may have affected the disease evaluation and the detection of QTL with minor effects. In addition, the low DON content type of resistance has been characterized only under field conditions in one previous study (Ma *et al.* 2006a). In the present study, the Wangshuibai/Wheaton population was repeatedly evaluated for all three types of FHB resistance under controlled greenhouse conditions to detect all three types of resistance QTL, especially QTL for low DON content.

## **Materials and methods**

### *Plant materials and pathogen*

A population of 139 F<sub>5,6</sub> recombinant inbred lines (RILs) was developed by single seed descent from a cross between Wangshuibai and Wheaton. Wangshuibai is a highly FHB-resistant Chinese landrace and Wheaton is a hard red spring FHB-susceptible cultivar released from the University of Minnesota, USA. The inoculum of *F. graminearum* was a field isolate (GZ 3639) originating in Kansas. This isolate has been well characterized for its high aggressiveness and DON production (Desjardins *et al.* 1996).

### *Evaluation of FHB and DON content*

All RILs were evaluated for FHB resistance in the greenhouse at Kansas State University from 2003 to 2005. The evaluation procedures were described in Chapter 2. Type I resistance was evaluated in two experiments in 2004 and 2005 with the spray inoculation method and measured as the proportion of infected florets (PIF). Type II resistance was evaluated in three experiments in 2003 (spring and fall) and 2005 (spring) by single-spikelet inoculation and measured as the proportion of symptomatic spikelets (PSS). DON content was determined in parts per million (ppm) by gas chromatography–mass spectrometry (GC–MS) in the wheat kernels harvested from Fusarium-inoculated spikes (Mirocha *et al.* 1998). DON data were collected from two single spikelet inoculation experiments in 2003 and two spray inoculation experiments in 2004–2005.

### *AFLP analysis*

Genomic DNA of each RIL was isolated from leaf tissue by the CTAB method (Saghai Maroof *et al.* 1984). For AFLP analysis, DNA restriction digestion (with *Pst*I and *Mse*I), adapter ligation, and PCR amplification were carried out as described by Bai *et al.* (2003). Pre-amplification was conducted with a *Pst*I primer (5'-ACTGCGTACATGCAG) and an *Mse*I primer (5'-GATGAGTCCTGAGTAA). In total 28 IRD700/800-dye-labeled *Pst*I primers were combined with 30 *Mse*I primers with 2 to 4 selective nucleotides at the 3' ends of both primers for selective amplification. DNA from the parental lines, a bulk of the 10 most resistant RILs, and a bulk of the 10 most susceptible RILs were screened with 110 primer combinations between 15 *Pst*I primers (with selective nucleotides of ACA, ACT, ACTG, AG, AGC, AGG, AGT, CAG, CAT, CATG, CGA, CGT, CTC, GCTG, GTG, and TGC) and 29 *Mse*I primers (with selective nucleotides of ACAG, ACGC, ACGT, ACTG, AGAC, AGC, AGCT, AGGC, AGTG, CAA, CACG, CAG, CAT, CGAT, CGCT, CGTA, CTA, CTCG, CTG, CTGA, CTT, GAC, GCAG, GCAT, GCG, GTG, TCGA, TGC, and TGCG). The polymorphic primers were chosen to screen the population. The IRD-labeled AFLPs were analyzed in a Li-COR 4200 DNA analyzer. After addition of 5 µl of formamide dye, the AFLP product was denatured at 95°C for 5 min and loaded into wells of a 25-cm sequence gel made from 6.5% Gel Matrix (Li-Cor, Inc. Lincoln, NE). The gel was run for 210 min in 1×TBE at constant power of 40 w and voltage of 1500 V. The collected gel images were stored in an attached computer and were scored with Saga software (Li-Cor, Inc. Lincoln, NE).

### *Analysis of simple sequence repeats (SSR)*

About 1200 SSRs from different research groups including WMC (Somers *et al.* 2004), GWM (Röder *et al.*, 1998), BARC (Song *et al.*, 2005), CFA and CFD (Guyomarc'h *et al.* 2002; Sourdille *et al.* 2003), and GDM (Pestsova *et al.* 2000) were screened for polymorphism between the parental lines. A total of 248 polymorphic SSR markers were selected and used for genotyping the mapping population, as described by Bai *et al.* (2003) and as modified in chapter 3. The SSR fragments were determined in a Li-Cor 4200 DNA Analyzer under the same conditions as described for AFLP. The gel images were collected, printed, and scored by visual inspection.

### *Experimental design and data analysis*

All experiments were arranged in a randomized complete block design. The variance analyses of disease severities from each experiment (greenhouse cycle) and across all three experiments were performed using the GLM procedure of the software package SAS (SAS Institute Inc, Cary, NC). Both genotypic and experimental effects were treated as random effects. Broad-sense heritabilities and their 90% confidence intervals for line means were estimated according to Shen *et al.* (2003a) and Knapp *et al.* (1985), respectively.

Linkage maps of AFLP and SSR were constructed with JoinMap 3.0 (van Ooijen and Voorrips, 2001) with the Kosambi mapping function (Kosambi, 1944). The QTL analyses were conducted separately for FHB and DON data. Simple (SIM) and composite interval mapping (CIM) were performed with WinQTLCart 2.5 (Wang *et al.* 2006) on the individual line means from each individual experiment and on the overall line means across all experiments. Five markers and a 10-cM window size were used as a background control in CIM analysis. Permutation tests were performed to estimate appropriate significant threshold for both SIM and CIM (Churchill and Doerge 1994). Based on 1,000 permutations, a LOD threshold of 2.0 was set to declare a significant QTL in both SIM and CIM. A multiple regression model was used to estimate the total phenotypic variation of a trait explained by the additive effects of all detected QTL for that trait. This model included a single marker with the highest determination coefficients ( $r^2$ ) value from each QTL detected in CIM. The statistical analyses were performed with the SAS REG procedure. The regions of chromosome locations corresponding to the detected QTL were determined with the 1-LOD support interval method (Lander and Botstein 1989).

## **Results**

### *FHB infection and DON content in RILs*

The frequency distributions for mean PIF (type I), mean PSS (type II) and DON content were continuous, with broad phenotypic variation among the RILs (Fig. 4.1). Mean PSS ranged from 12.8% to 100% across the three experiments in which single spikelet inoculation was used. Mean PIF ranged from 9.6% to 39.5% over the two experiments in which plants were spray-inoculated. DON content in inoculated spikes varied from 2.72 to 243 ppm among RILs over the

four experiments (Fig. 1). Normality tests using the PROC UNIVARIATE procedure of SAS indicated that DON content deviated from normal distribution whereas type I and type II resistance scores did not (data not shown), so logarithm-transformed DON data were used in further statistical analysis.

Mean DON content in single-floret inoculation experiments (14.2 ppm) was about half of that in spray inoculation experiments (27.9 ppm). The correlation coefficient was 0.23 ( $P < 0.01$ ) for PIF between the two experiments. The correlation coefficients ranged from 0.53 to 0.61 ( $P < 0.0001$ ) for PSS among the three single spikelet inoculation experiments and from 0.34 to 0.52 ( $P < 0.0001$ ) for DON content among these experiments. The variances of experiment, genotype, and experiment by genotype interaction were significant for all traits. The broad-sense heritability calculated from line means was low for type I resistance (0.36), but was high for type II (0.75) and DON accumulation (0.71) resistance (Table 4.1).

#### *QTL for type I resistance*

Type I resistance, as reflected by PIF, was evaluated in two independent experiments. Composite interval mapping of PIF from a single experiment or combined from the two experiments detected five QTL, on chromosome arms 3BS, 4BS, 3AS, 5DL, and 5AS (Fig. 4.2 and Fig. 4.3). Each of the five QTL was significant in only one of the two experiments. The QTL on 3BS and 5DL were also significant when the mean over the two experiments was used (Fig. 4.2, Fig. 4.3, and Table 4.2). The QTL on 3BS and 4BS have relatively larger effects than the others, based on a single year's data, and explained 19.7% and 15.6%, respectively (Table 4.2). Four QTL for type I resistance were from Wangshuibai and one on 4BS was from Wheaton. In addition, a small QTL was observed on 3BS near the centromere region, but it was not significant in either of the two experiments at LOD = 2.

#### *QTL for type II resistance*

Type II resistance was evaluated in three experiments. Composite interval mapping using PSS from a single experiment, or combined PSS from the three experiments, detected seven significant QTL for type II resistance, on chromosome arms 3BS (Fig. 2), 1AS, 5AS, 5DL, 3DL, and 7AL (Fig. 4.3). All of them were from Wangshuibai. The QTL on distal end of 3BS showed the largest effect in all three experiments (Table 4.2). This QTL explained 17.6% to 26.5% of the phenotypic variation in individual experiments and 33.9% of the phenotypic variation when data

were combined from all three experiments. Another QTL significant for all three experiments was on 3DL and explained 5.2% to 9.7% of the phenotypic variation in the three experiments. The other five QTL were significant in only one or two experiments, and showed relatively smaller effects on type II resistance (Table 4.2). The QTL on 5DL was significant in only one experiment and not significant when the mean over three experiments was used, thus this QTL may be the least reliable one for type II resistance. Of the seven putative QTL detected for type II resistance, three QTL (on 3BS, 3BSc, and 5AS) were in the same genomic regions as those for type I resistance and DON accumulation resistance (Table 4.2). In addition, the QTL on 7AL also showed small effects on DON accumulation resistance.

The three markers linked to QTL that affected all three types of resistance on 3BS, 5AS, and 5DL were chosen to evaluate their genotypic effects on type II resistance (Table 4.3). This was done by comparison of phenotypes for type II resistance among RILs carrying the FHB-resistant or -susceptible alleles of the three markers. All phenotype comparisons refer to change in % symptomatic spikelets among specific genotypes. The resistance allele of *Xbarc147* showed the largest effect on FHB resistance among the three markers. The mean PSS of the RILs with one of the three resistance marker alleles was lower than the mean PSS of those lines with none. The mean PSS value of RILs with all three resistance marker alleles (R/R/R) was 28.9%, whereas the mean PSS for the RILs with all three susceptible alleles (S/S/S) was 73.7%.

#### *QTL for low DON content*

Seven QTL were detected, on chromosome arms 3BS (2 QTL), 5AS, 1AS, 5DL, 1BL, and 7AL, for low DON content in four experiments (Table 4.2, Fig. 4.2, and Fig. 4.3). The QTL at the distal end of 3BS showed the largest effect in all the experiments and explained 9.6% to 30.6% of phenotypic variation across four experiments, with an  $R^2$  of 35.6% when means of RILs across four experiments were used. The other six QTL showed smaller effect, with  $R^2$  values ranging from 3.6 to 12.2%. The QTL on 1AS, 1BL, and 7AL were detected once in these experiments. Four QTL (on 3BS, 1AS, 5DL, and 1BL) were significant when average DON content from all four experiments was analyzed. The QTL on 3BS, 3BSc, 5AS, 5DL, and 7AL also showed significant effects on type I and/or type II resistance (Fig. 4.2, Fig. 4.3, and Table 4.2). The location of the QTL on 1A for low DON content was different from that for type II resistance on the same chromosome. The QTL for type II resistance on 1AL was from

Wangshuibai, whereas the QTL for low DON on 1AS was from Wheaton. The other six QTL for low DON content were from Wangshuibai (Table 4.2).

Three QTL-linked marker loci (Table 4.4) were chosen to estimate their effectiveness for marker-assisted selection. Genetic effects of QTL on 3BS, 5AS, and 5DL were estimated in the same way as for type II resistance. All phenotype comparisons refer to change in the mean DON content among RILs carrying specific genotypes. When RILs carried all three resistance alleles (R/R/R), their mean DON content was 6.7 ppm, in contrast to 66.5 ppm for the RILs carrying all three susceptible alleles (S/S/S) (Table 4.4). The allele of *Xbarc147* associated with resistance showed the largest DON-reducing effect.

## Discussions

Type I resistance is unstable while type II and type III resistance are relatively stable and not easily affected by nongenetic factors. The high broad-sense heritabilities for type II and III resistance indicated high reproducibility of data from different experiments. A relatively lower heritability for type I resistance implied that type I resistance was unstable and more vulnerable to nongenetic variation (Bai and Shaner 2004; Kolb *et al.* 2001).

Based on cross-referenced markers, the 3BS and 5AS QTL in Wangshuibai were most likely the same as *Qfhs.ndsu-3BS* and *Qfhs.ndsu-5AS* in Sumai 3. QTL on 3BS and 5AS detected in this study were reported in previous studies as the major FHB resistance QTL in many Chinese wheat lines (Chen *et al.* 2006; Somers *et al.* 2003). These two QTL showed effects on all three types of FHB resistance in this study.

The 3BS QTL in Wangshuibai and Sumai 3 may be different alleles of *Qfhs.ndsu-3BS*. The 3BS QTL in Wangshuibai had a smaller effect in different genetic backgrounds than that of Sumai 3, and the haplotype pattern of the SSR markers linked to the QTL in Wangshuibai was different from that of Sumai 3 (McCartney *et al.* 2004; Yu *et al.* 2006). This QTL showed the largest effect on type II resistance and explained up to 33.9% of the phenotypic variation, which was larger than that generated from field experiments (9.0% to 17.0%) in other Wangshuibai-derived mapping populations (Lin *et al.*, 2004; Ma *et al.* 2006a; Mardi *et al.* 2005). This may be due to larger environmental effects on type II resistance in the field than under greenhouse conditions.

Effects from environmental factors, genetic backgrounds, and the low heritability of type I resistance may be responsible for the difference of detected type I resistance QTL between this study and previous studies. The QTL on 3AS was reported for type I resistance in Frontana (Steiner *et al.* 2004), but the relationship between the 3AS QTL detected in Frontana and Wangshuibai is unknown because of the lack of common markers between the two maps from the two studies. QTL on 4BS originated from Wheaton and showed minor effects only on type I resistance in this study. The QTL on 4B (*Qfhi.nau-4B*) and 5A (*Qfhi.nau-5A*) showed large effects on type I resistance in Wangshuibai/Nanda 2419 population (Lin *et al.* 2006), which is different from the result in this study. The QTL on 5DL identified in this study has not been reported previously. Neither the QTL on 3BS nor that on 5DL for type I resistance was detected in Wangshuibai/ Nanda 2419 (Lin *et al.* 2006).

The type II resistance QTL on 3BSc and 3DL were reported in previous studies, while three QTL with minor effects on type II resistance detected in this study seemed to be new. The 3BSc QTL was detected in Wangshuibai and other cultivars such as Sumai 3, CM-82036, Maringa, and W14 (Buerstmayr *et al.* 2002; Chen *et al.* 2006; Lin *et al.* 2004; Shen *et al.* 2003b; Somers *et al.* 2003; Zhou *et al.* 2004). The QTL on 3DL detected in this study may be the same QTL as *Qfhs.nau-3D* reported in Wangshuibai based on cross-referenced markers (Lin *et al.* 2004). QTL on chromosome arms 7AL, 1AL, and 5DL have not been reported before.

Environmental conditions of FHB resistance evaluation may determine the set of FHB resistance QTL detected. Previous studies indicated that type I and II resistance might be controlled by different QTL under field conditions (Lin *et al.* 2006; Buerstmayr *et al.* 2003a; Steiner *et al.* 2004). In this study, the QTL on 3BS had the largest effect on both type I and type II resistance under greenhouse conditions. This differed from Lin *et al.* (2006) in that 3BS QTL was not significant for type I resistance in their study under field conditions. QTL on 5AS also showed effects on both type I and II resistance in this study and other previous studies (Chen *et al.* 2006; Somers *et al.* 2003). Thus, the major QTL on 3BS and some other minor QTL for type II resistance also have effects on type I resistance. The QTL on 4BS, 3AS, 1A, 3DL, and 7AL were detected for only one type of resistance, indicating that the expression of the two types of resistance may be modified by different QTL. These modifying QTL usually showed minor effects and may be more vulnerable to nongenetic variation. They may differ between the parents in some studies and not in others. For this reason, these minor QTL should be verified in



multiple tests across different genetic backgrounds and in different environments before they can be widely used in marker-assisted breeding.

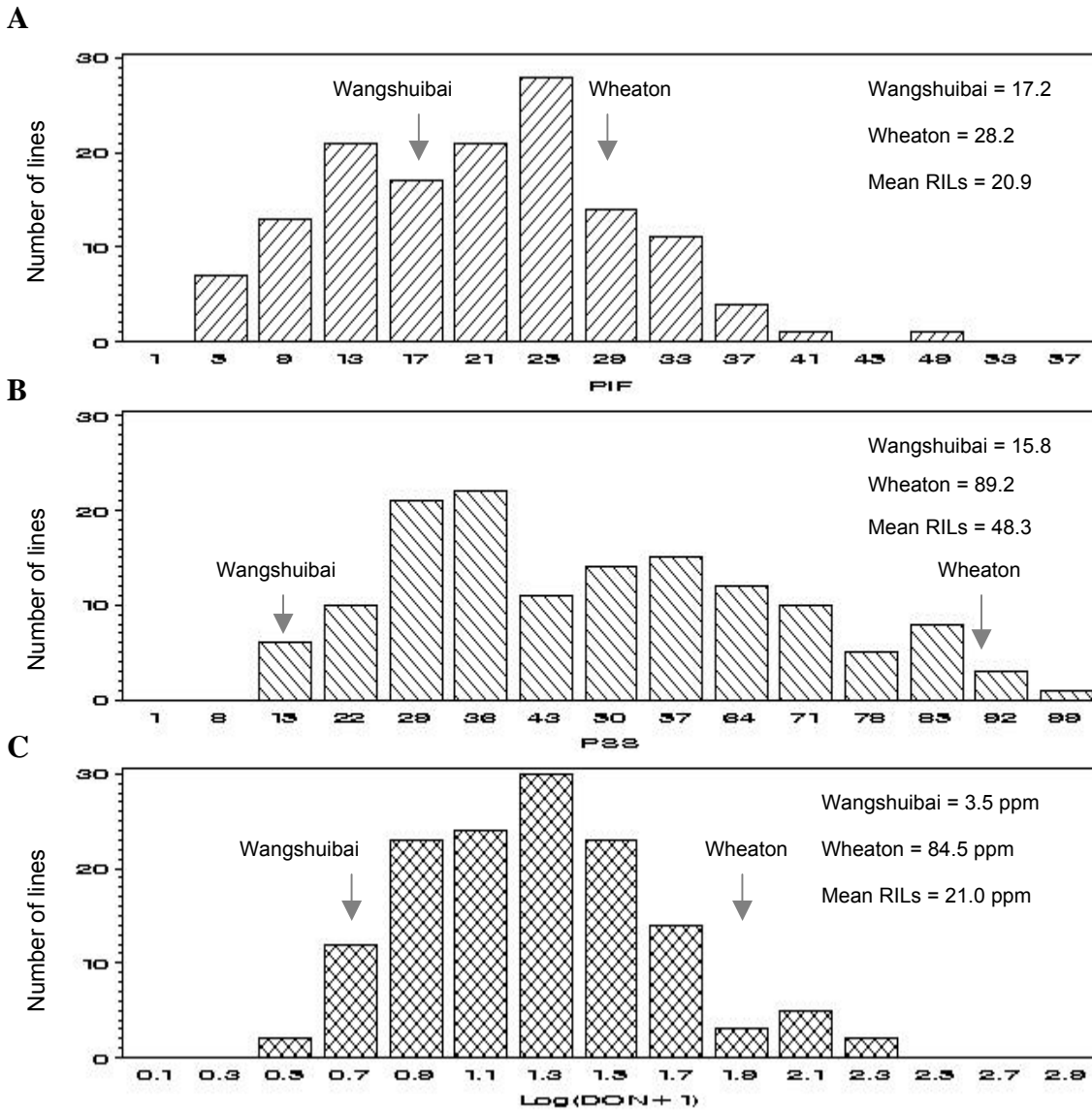
Results in this study suggested that type III resistance may be the consequence of type II and type I resistance. Previous study showed that FHB resistance and DON accumulation might be controlled by independent genetic factors (Somers *et al.*, 2003), whereas other studies suggested that type II resistance might be closely associated with low DON content (Abate and McKendry 2005; Chen *et al.* 2006; Lemmens *et al.* 2005). Most FHB resistance QTL detected in this study showed a pleiotropic effect on both low DON and FHB severity. The 3BS and 5AS QTL in Wangshuibai showed effects on both type II resistance and low DON content in this and a previous studies (Ma *et al.* 2006a). Four of the seven QTL for type III resistance on 3BS (2 QTL), 5AS, and 7AL were coincident with the QTL for type II resistance. The QTL on 3BS, 5AS, and 5DL also showed type I resistance. The 1BL QTL showed only type III resistance in this study but it was determined to have a minor effect on type II resistance (Zhou *et al.* 2004). Only minor QTL on 1AS for low DON content showed no association with FHB severity. Thus, QTL for FHB resistance, especially type II, seemed to play an important role in lowering DON content and low DON in infected grain. Breeding selection for FHB resistance may lead to reduction in DON content in wheat cultivars.

Resistance to FHB of Wangshuibai is complex, as indicated by the five to seven QTL that were identified for each of the three types of FHB resistance in the current study. These QTL jointly explained more than 90% of genetic variation for type I resistance and 80% for type II resistance, suggesting that most of the QTL were identified for both types of resistance in this study. It is possible that more QTL for type II resistance are present in Wangshuibai to account for the unexplained portion of genetic variation; however, those undetected QTL most likely have minor effects and are difficult to detect due to environmental variation. For DON accumulation resistance, all QTL together could explain only about 65% of the genetic variation. This may be because a large portion of nongenetic variation is associated with the trait evaluation. For instance, plant growth stage at inoculation, inoculation method, threshing method, and DON testing technique may all affect the accuracy of the DON measurement in a plant (Bai and Shaner, 2004), as well as QTL identification. For this reason, a better protocol is still needed for accurately measuring DON content for QTL mapping of DON accumulation. Based on results from this study, type II resistance is a more stable type of resistance than type I

and III resistance. Also, type I and III resistance were mainly coincident with type II resistance. Marker-assisted selection for QTL on 3BS could gain about 50% FHB resistance from Wangshuibai, but selection for QTL on 3BS, 5AS, and 5DL may increase all three types of resistance, especially DON accumulation resistance.

## **Conclusions**

QTL for the three types of FHB resistance were detected with the 139-RIL population from Wangshuibai/Wheaton. Five QTL for type I resistance were detected, on chromosome arms 3BS, 4BS, 5DL, 3AS, and 5AS; seven QTL for type II resistance were located, on 3BS, 1AL, 5AS, 5DL, 7AL, and 3DL; and seven QTL for low DON content were detected, on 3BS, 5AS, 1AS, 5DL, 1BL, and 7AL. These QTL jointly explained up to 31.7%, 64%, and 52.8% of the phenotypic variation for the three types of FHB resistance, respectively. The QTL on 5AS, the distal end of 3BS, and 5DL contributed to all three types of FHB resistance. QTL on 7AL, 1A, and the proximal end of 3BS showed effects on both type II and III resistance. The broad-sense heritabilities were low for type I resistance (0.36), but high for type II (0.75), and for type III resistance (0.71). Results also suggested that selection for type II resistance may simultaneously improve type I and DON content (type III) resistance as well. The QTL for FHB resistance identified in Wangshuibai have potential to be used to enhance FHB resistance by pyramiding FHB resistance QTL from different sources.

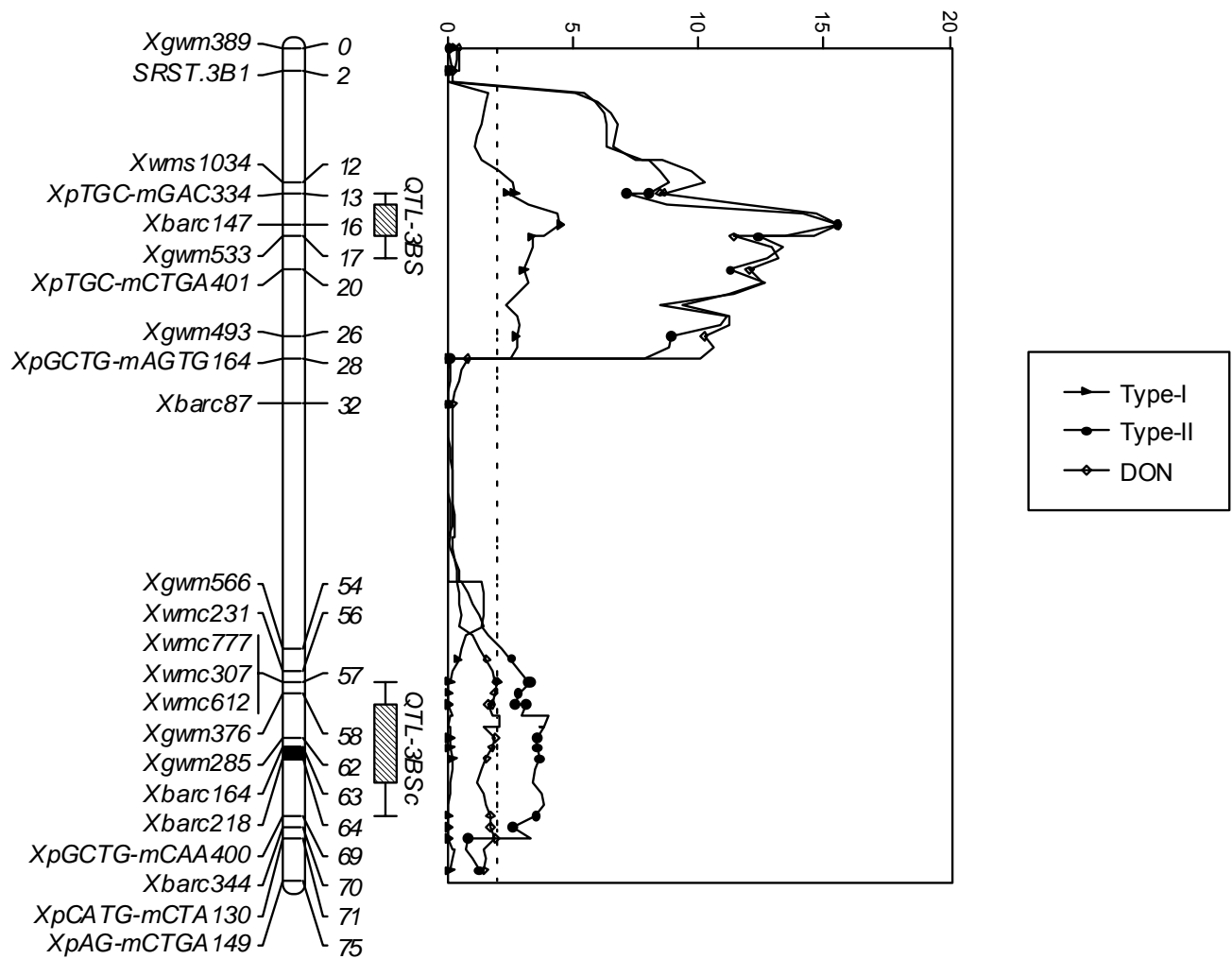


**Figure 4.1** Frequency distribution of mean PIF, PSS, and DON content in 139 RI lines. **A**, PIF over two experiments. **B**, PSS over three experiments. **C**, log(DON+1) over four experiments. Arrows indicate values of the parental lines.

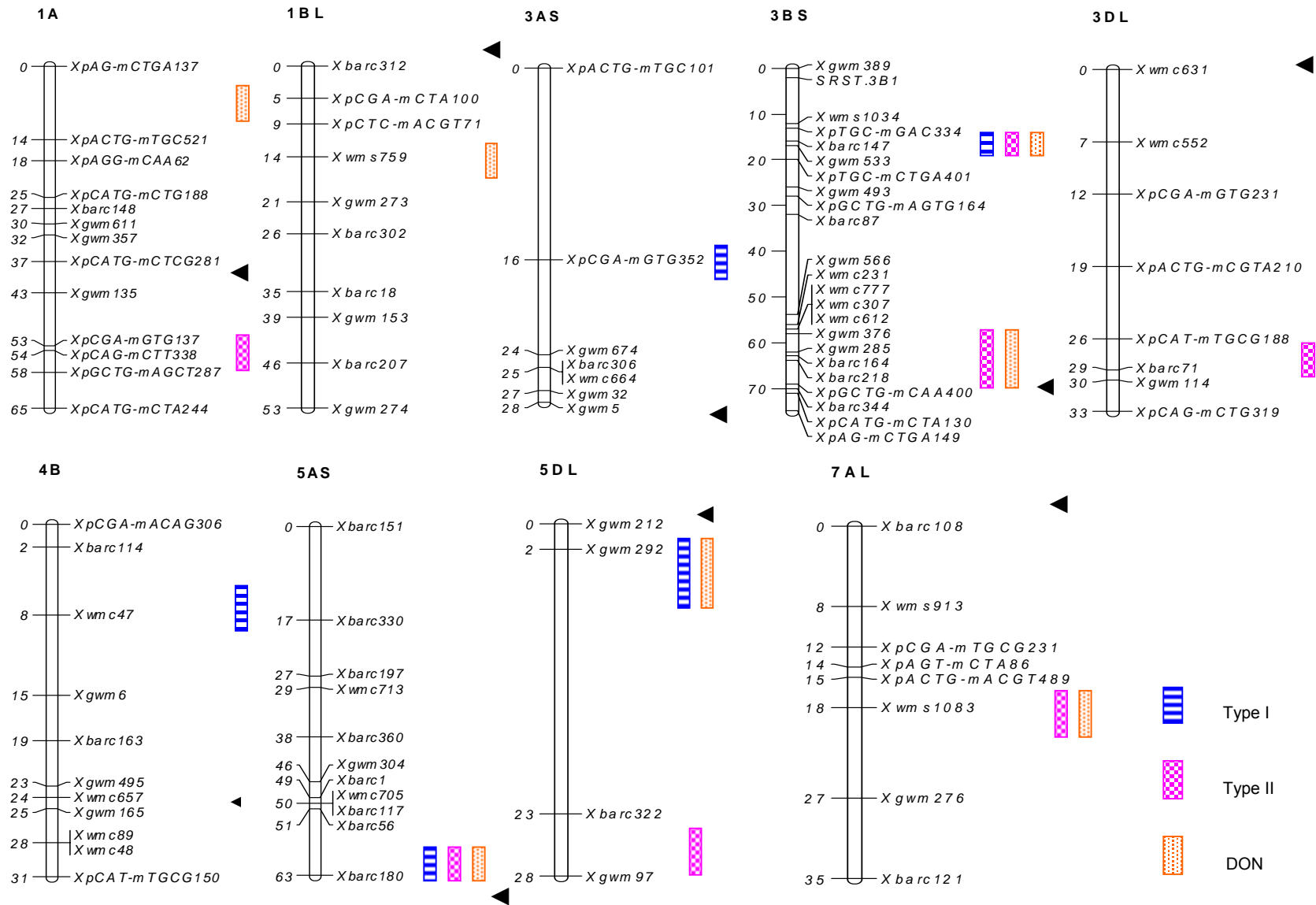
**Table 4.1** Analysis of variance for type I, type II, and DON accumulation resistance and the broad-sense heritabilities of the three traits estimated for 2003 to 2005 experiments.

<b>FHB resistance</b>	<b>Variable</b>	<b>df</b>	<b>Mean square</b>	<b>F-value</b>	<b>P-value</b>	<b>Heritability (90% CI<sup>a</sup>)</b>
Type I						0.36 (0.18 – 0.50)
	Experiments	1	624.7	6.27	< 0.0129	
	RILs	137	283.8	2.85	< 0.0001	
	RILs x experiments	273	182.9	1.84	< 0.0001	
	Error	394	99.6			
Type II						0.75 (0.68 – 0.80)
	Experiments	2	25648.42	72	<.0001	
	RILs	137	2378.19	6.68	<.0001	
	RILs x experiments	267	606.77	1.7	<.0001	
	Error	527	356.24			
DON content						0.71 (0.63 – 0.77)
	Experiments	3	11.582	76.25	<.0001	
	RILs	137	0.8934	5.88	<.0001	
	RILs x experiments	409	0.2635	1.73	0.0001	
	Error	534	0.1519			

<sup>a</sup> Confidence interval



**Figure 4.2** Log likelihood ratio (LOD) contours obtained from composite interval mapping with means across two type I experiments, three type II experiments and four DON experiments that show QTL locations for the three FHB resistance traits on chromosome arm 3BS. The black solid bar indicates the approximate location of the centromere.



**Figure 4.3** FHB resistance QTL detected by composite interval mapping. The bars indicate QTL locations and their lengths represent 1-LOD support interval. The approximate centromere locations are indicated with solid arrows

**Table 4.2** Effects of QTL on FHB resistance in the RIL population from Wangshuibai × Wheaton

Type	Chrom.	Marker	Source <sup>a</sup>	03 Spring		03 Fall		2004		2005		Combined <sup>b</sup>	
				LOD	R <sup>2</sup>	LOD	R <sup>2</sup>	LOD	R <sup>2</sup>	LOD	R <sup>2</sup>	LOD	R <sup>2</sup>
Type I													
	3BS	<i>Xbarc147</i>	WSB	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.9	19.7*	4.5	13.6*
	4B	<i>Xwmc47</i>	WTN	-	-	-	-	5.3	15.6*	-	-	-	-
	3AS	<i>XpCGA-mGTG352</i>	WSB	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	11.4*	2.2	8.1*
	5DL	<i>Xgwm292</i>	WSB	-	-	-	-	3.1	8.5*	-	-	2.5	6.8*
	5AS	<i>Xbarc180</i>	WSB	-	-	-	-	2.1	6.9*	-	-	-	-
Total R <sup>2</sup>								24.8		31.7		30	
Type II													
	3BS	<i>Xbarc147</i>	WSB	11.6	24.6*	11.5	26.5*	-	-	6.1	17.6*	15.6	33.9*
	3BSc	<i>Xgwm376</i>	WSB	4.1	9.0*	6.0	11.8*	-	-	-	-	3.8	8.1*
	7AL	<i>Xwms1083</i>	WSB	2.3	4.1*	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3.2
	3DL	<i>XpCAT-mTGCG188</i>	WSB	5.3	9.7*	2.5	5.5*	-	-	2.3	5.2*	3.8	7.3*
	5DL	<i>Xgwm97</i>	WSB	-	-	2.9	5.5*	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5AS	<i>Xbarc180</i>	WSB	2.6	5.5*	1.8	4.6	-	-	-	-	2	3.5*
	1A	<i>XpAG-mTCGA338</i>	WSB	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	6.6	-	-
Total R <sup>2</sup>				64		45.6				24.8		59.8	
DON content													
	3BS	<i>Xbarc147</i>	WSB	14.7	30.6*	4.5	9.6*	6.5	18.6*	10.2	25.8*	15.6	35.6*
	3BSc	<i>Xbarc376</i>	WSB	1.9	2.9	5.1	12.2*	-	-	-	-	2.1	3.4
	1A	<i>XpACTG-mTGC521</i>	WTN	-	-	4.0	10.1*	1.5	4.2	-	-	3.0	6.5*
	5AS	<i>Xbarc180</i>	WSB	2.9	5.1*	-	-	-	-	1.9	4.0	-	-
	5DL	<i>Xgwm212</i>	WSB	-	-	2.3	7.7*	-	-	4.7	10.0*	2.1	3.6*
	1BL	<i>Xwms759</i>	WSB	3.5	7.8*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	7AL	<i>Xwms1083</i>	WSB	-	-	3.3	7.1*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total R <sup>2</sup>				52.8		46.1		20		41.4		43.8	

<sup>a</sup> WSB, resistance allele from Wangshuibai; WTN, QTL allele from Wheaton

<sup>b</sup> Mean over experiment

\* Significant QTL

**Table 4.3** Individual and combined genotypic effects of marker loci linked to QTL for type II FHB resistance on wheat chromosome arms 3BS, 5AS, and 5DL

Locus	Genotype	2003 Spring	2003 Fall	2005	Mean
<i>Xbarc147</i> (3BS)	A (R) <sup>§</sup>	34.5	26.6	51.7	35.3
	B (S)	66	56.6	71.3	60.4
	dif	31.5	30	19.6	25.1
<i>Xbarc180</i> (5AS)	A (R)	40.5	33.9	58.9	42.2
	B (S)	53.3	43.9	61.8	49.6
	dif	12.8	10	2.9	7.4
<i>Xgwm292</i> (5DL)	A (R)	40.5	33.9	58.9	42.2
	B (S)	53.3	43.9	61.8	49.6
	dif	12.8	10	2.9	7.4
<i>Xbarc147/Xbarc180</i>	A/A (R/R)	29.9 a <sup>¶</sup>	26.3 a	54.2 a	35.1 a
	A/B (R/S)	37.4 a	26.8 a	51.0 a	36.0 a
	B/A (S/R)	62.9 b	48.8 b	70.2 b	56.3 b
	B/B (S/S)	70.0 b	60.3 b	72.9 b	63.4 b
	dif	40.1	34	21.9	28.3
<i>Xbarc147/Xgwm292</i>	A/A (R/R)	28.5 a	24.1 a	49.5 a	32.4 a
	A/B (R/S)	44.5 b	30.8 b	55.5 ab	40.2 ab
	B/A (S/R)	58.8 c	49.1 c	64.4 b	55.2 c
	B/B (S/S)	74.8 d	65.1 d	79.3 c	66.5 d
	dif	46.3	41	29.8	34.1
<i>Xbarc147/Xbarc180/Xgwm292</i>	A/A/A (R/R/R)	24.4 a	19.2 a	46.6 a	28.9 a
	A/A/B (R/R/S)	41.2 abc	23.2 ab	48.1 a	36.0 ab
	A/B/A (R/S/R)	33.4 ab	35.1 abc	54.4 ab	38.1 abc
	A/B/B (R/S/S)	48.1 bcd	38.4 bc	67.6 abc	46.3 bc
	B/A/A (S/R/R)	44.7 bc	28.1 ab	52.9 ab	41.6 abc
	B/A/B (S/R/S)	72.6 ef	61.5 de	79.3 d	64.3 de
	B/B/A (S/S/R)	66.0 de	57.7 d	71.7 bc	61.0 de
	B/B/B (S/S/S)	84.9 f	78.2 e	81.0 d	73.7 e
dif	60.5	59	34.4	44.8	

<sup>§</sup>A = Wangshuibai, B = Wheaton, and dif = phenotypic difference between genotype means.

A and B are resistant (R) and susceptible (S) for the flanking markers.

<sup>¶</sup>Different letter indicates significant difference at  $P < 0.05$



**Table 4.4** Individual and combined genotypic effects of marker loci linked to QTL for low DON content resistance on wheat chromosome arms 3BS, 5AS, and 5DL

Locus	Genotype	03 Spring	03 Fall	2004	2005	Mean
<i>Xbarc147</i> (3BS)	A (R) <sup>§</sup>	5	6.8	20.9	12.3	11.2
	B (S)	25.2	25.7	48.9	36	33.8
	dif	20.2	18.9	28	23.7	22.6
<i>Xbarc180</i> (5AS)	A (R)	6.9	9.7	19.7	18.4	13.7
	B (S)	19.2	17.2	44.5	25.9	26.6
	dif	12.3	7.5	24.8	7.5	12.9
<i>Xgwm212</i> (5DL)	A (R)	10.1	10.4	15.7	15.2	12.7
	B (S)	18.1	19.9	52.3	31.5	30.3
	dif	8	9.5	36.6	16.3	17.6
<i>Xbarc147/Xbarc180</i>	A/A (R/R)	2.6 a <sup>¶</sup>	6.1 a	16.0 a	13.2 a	9.5 a
	A/B (R/S)	7.0 a	8.4 ab	29.1 ab	12.2 a	14.1 a
	B/A (S/R)	14.8 ab	18.0 ab	30.7 ab	29.3 ab	23.2 ab
	B/B (S/S)	32.5 b	26.7 b	63.8 b	40.3 b	40.8 b
	dif	29.9	20.6	47.8	28.1	26.7
<i>Xbarc147/Xgwm212</i>	A/A (R/R)	4.1 a	3.6 a	10.7 a	8.7 a	6.8 a
	A/B (R/S)	6.3 a	11.7 ab	36.9 ab	18.0 a	18.2 a
	B/A (S/R)	18.4 ab	20.8 bc	23.6 ab	24.6 a	21.9 a
	B/B (S/S)	32.8 b	31.1 c	78.6 b	48.8 b	47.3 b
	dif	28.7	27.5	67.9	40.1	40.5
<i>Xbarc147/Xbarc180/Xgwm212</i>	A/A/A (R/R/R)	1.8 a	4.1 a	12.1 a	8.3 a	6.7 a
	A/A/B (R/R/S)	3.5 a	8.7 a	20.9 a	19.4 ab	13.1 a
	A/B/A (R/S/R)	5.2 a	3.8 a	10.4 a	8.9 a	7.0 a
	A/B/B (R/S/S)	9.9 a	15.4 ab	59.8 ab	17.5 ab	25.6 a
	B/A/A (S/R/R)	16.9 ab	24.4 ab	19.7 a	15.6 ab	19.1 a
	B/A/B (S/R/S)	14.1 ab	15.7 ab	35.2 ab	34.2 b	24.6 a
	B/B/A (S/S/R)	20.2 ab	13.3 a	26.9 a	24.4 ab	21.2 a
	B/B/B (S/S/S)	48.7 b	44.1 b	112.0 b	61.2 c	66.5 b
dif	46.9	40	101.6	52.9	59.8	

<sup>§</sup> A = Wangshuibai, B = Wheaton, and dif = phenotypic difference between genotype means  
A and B are resistant (R) and susceptible (S) for the flanking markers.

<sup>¶</sup> Different letter indicates significant difference at  $P < 0.05$

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