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ABSTRACT

Due to the importance of the rice crop in Iraq, this study was conducted to determine the origin of the major varieties and understand the evolutionary relationships between Iraqi rice varieties and other Asian rice accessions that could be significant in the improvement of this crop. Phylogenomic analysis has been applied to clarify the relationship among rice species. Five varieties of *Oryza sativa* were obtained from the Agricultural Research Department in Iraq, (Amber33, Dijla, Ghadir, Baraka, and Black rice), and the whole genomic DNA was sequenced utilizing Next Generation Sequencing platforms based on DNA nanoball (DNB) technology. Sequences of 26 rice species were obtained from the NCBI Organelle Genome Resources database. Phylogenetic analysis of chloroplasts showed that they were separated into clades according to their region. Iraqi cultivars have been divided into two groups. The first one contains Amber33 and japonica NC_001320, while the other clade contains the Dijla, Ghadir, Baraka, and Black rice and indica NC_008155.

Keywords: Chloroplast genome, Evolutionary relationships, *Oryza* AA genome, Phylogenetic analysis, Rice (*Oryza sativa*)

Introduction

The rice plant, *Oryza sativa* L. belongs to the *Poaceae* family,^{1,2} and is one of the important grain crops in Iraq.³ It has great nutritional value as a source of energy, protein, and carbohydrates.^{3,4} It comes in second place after the wheat crop in terms of its economic importance and its role in food security in Iraq.^{5,6} Chloroplast has a unique genome structure: mainly a large single copy, small single copy, inverted repeat A, and inverted repeat B this structure makes it difficult to assemble especially with short reads, because it could span multiple regions. The 135Kb chloroplast genome is maternally inherited and more highly conserved, making it a useful tool for evolutionary study and providing useful markers for phylogenetic investigations, the low complexity and high copy number of organelle genomes greatly

facilitate their characterization.^{7,8} With the advantages of next-generation sequencing, chloroplast genome sequences have been increasing dramatically during the last few years.^{9,10} The whole genomic sequences of chloroplast plant breeders can more effectively comprehend the evolutionary links between accessions by knowing diversity patterns.¹¹ Studying the entire chloroplast genome sequence can provide comprehensive insight into the relationship with other *Oryza* species both wild and domesticated, unlike previous studies that focused on specific regions or some genes which did not represent the whole genetic materials.^{12–14} Knowledge of diversity patterns allows plant breeders to better understand the evolutionary relationships among accessions.^{2,15,16} Rice chloroplast genome sequences provided an important tool for estimating genetic distance and determining evolutionary relationships among rice accessions, and

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Fig. 1. Differences in grains length and color of *Oryza sativa* used in this study.

Table 1. The Iraqi varieties used in this research.

| Varieties | Grain characters | Days | Plant length | Production rate |
|------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Amber33 | Aromatic, medium grain type | 145 days | Long (150 cm) | 800 Kg/dunum |
| Black rice | Medium grain type | 135 days | Long (145 cm) | 1350 Kg/dunum |
| Dijla | Medium grain type | 130 days | Medium (100 cm) | 1800 Kg/dunum |
| Ghadir | Long-grain type | 130 days | Medium (93 cm) | 1750 Kg/dunum |
| Baraka | Aromatic, Long-grain type | 135 days | Medium (90 cm) | 1350 Kg/dunum |

Table 2. Chloroplast sequences of 26 *Oryza* species obtained from the NCBI organelle genome resources database.

| Organism Name | Genome type | Size (Mb) | GC% | Chloroplast accession number | CDS | Release date |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| <i>O. alta</i> | CCDD | 0.135175 | 38.9961 | NC_034760 | 87 | 2017-05-24 |
| <i>O. australiensis</i> | EE | 0.135224 | 38.9487 | NC_024608 | 83 | 2014-07-29 |
| <i>O. brachyantha</i> | FF | 0.134604 | 38.981 | NC_030596 | 83 | 2016-07-12 |
| <i>O. eichingeri</i> | CC | 0.134821 | 39.0021 | NC_034759 | 87 | 2017-05-24 |
| <i>O. glumipatula</i> | AA | 0.134583 | 38.9886 | NC_027461 | 83 | 2015-07-14 |
| <i>O. grandiglumis</i> | CCDD | 0.13515 | 38.9937 | NC_034761 | 87 | 2017-05-24 |
| <i>O. latifolia</i> | CCDD | 0.13519 | 38.9933 | NC_034762 | 87 | 2017-05-24 |
| <i>O. longiglumis</i> | – | 0.135641 | 38.93 | NC_034763 | 87 | 2017-05-24 |
| <i>O. longistaminata</i> | AA | 0.134567 | 38.9895 | NC_027462 | 83 | 2015-07-14 |
| <i>O. malampuzhaensis</i> | – | 0.134643 | 38.9682 | NC_053278 | 87 | 2021-03-09 |
| <i>O. meridionalis</i> | AA | 0.134558 | 39.0085 | NC_016927 | 75 | 2012-02-28 |
| <i>O. meyeriana</i> | – | 0.136133 | 38.9443 | NC_034765 | 86 | 2017-05-24 |
| <i>O. minuta</i> | BBCC | 0.135094 | 38.9647 | NC_030298 | 89 | 2016-06-10 |
| <i>O. neocaledonica</i> | – | 0.13595 | 38.9503 | NC_053276 | 87 | 2021-03-09 |
| <i>O. nivara SL10</i> | AA | 0.134494 | 39.0084 | NC_005973 | 119 | 2004-07-12 |
| <i>O. officinalis</i> | CC | 0.134911 | 38.9983 | NC_027463 | 83 | 2015-07-14 |
| <i>O. punctata</i> | BB | 0.134604 | 38.9743 | NC_027676 | 100 | 2015-08-04 |
| <i>O. rhizomatis</i> | CC | 0.134796 | 39.0101 | NC_034758 | 87 | 2017-05-24 |
| <i>O. ridleyi</i> | HHJJ | 0.135731 | 38.9174 | NC_034764 | 87 | 2017-05-24 |
| <i>O. rufipogon</i> | AA | 0.134544 | 39.0029 | NC_017835 | 77 | 2012-05-09 |
| <i>O. schlechteri</i> | HHKK | 0.135278 | 38.9516 | NC_053277 | 86 | 2021-03-09 |
| <i>O. barthii</i> | AA | 0.134674 | 38.9897 | NC_027460 | 82 | 2015-07-14 |
| <i>O. sativa</i> | AA | 0.134502 | 38.9979 | NC_031333 | 100 | 2016-10-05 |
| <i>O. sativa Indica Group</i> | AA | 0.134496 | 38.9989 | NC_008155 | 64 | 2006-06-16 |
| <i>O. sativa Japonica Group</i> | AA | 0.134525 | 43.5525 | NC_001320 | 108 | 2009-04-15 |
| <i>O. glaberrima</i> | AA | 0.132629 | 38.96 | NC_024175 | 83 | 2014-06-09 |

also provided further information on the relationships between the studied varieties.^{9,17} Therefore, this rice chloroplast-based study, aimed to provide more evidence about the domestication origin of Asian rice through the whole chloroplast genome sequences.

Materials and methods

Plant materials

Five *Oryza sativa* varieties were provided by the Office of Agricultural Research, Ministry of Agriculture, Baghdad, IRAQ Fig. 1 and Table 1.

Table 3. Differences in the number of readings and the expected errors before and after trimming.

| Cultivars | Number of read sequences before trimmed | Expected errors before trimmed | Number of read sequences after trimmed | Expected errors after trimmed |
|------------|---|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Amber33 | 67.558.264 | 38.332.906 | 39.589.214 | 1.671.545 |
| Black rice | 69.105.230 | 37.590.940 | 41.104.072 | 1.729.126 |
| Dijla | 69.203.434 | 37.688.941 | 40.918.886 | 1.731.574 |
| Ghadir | 69.553.738 | 43.561.691 | 37.867.516 | 1.626.384 |
| Baraka | 66.955.440 | 34.178.530 | 41.682.530 | 1.735.695 |

Table 4. Number of CDS, GC percentages, start and end of IRA, IRB, LSC, and SSC of local studied varieties.

| Cultivar/ accession number | CDS | GC% | region | from | to | length |
|--------------------------------------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <i>Oryza-sativa</i> -IAN33/ OR002139 | 107 | 39.00% | IRA | 113749 | 134544 | 20795 |
| | | | IRB | 80606 | 101401 | 20795 |
| | | | LSC | 1 | 80606 | 80605 |
| | | | SCC | 101401 | 134544 | 33143 |
| <i>Oryza-sativa</i> -IGA/ OR002143 | 107 | 39.00% | IRA | 113700 | 134495 | 20795 |
| | | | IRB | 80557 | 101352 | 20795 |
| | | | LSC | 1 | 80557 | 80556 |
| | | | SCC | 101352 | 134495 | 33143 |
| <i>Oryza-sativa</i> -IBRQ/ OR002141 | 107 | 39.00% | IRA | 113700 | 134495 | 20795 |
| | | | IRB | 80557 | 101352 | 20795 |
| | | | LSC | 1 | 80557 | 80556 |
| | | | SCC | 101352 | 134495 | 33143 |
| <i>Oryza-sativa</i> -IBL/ OR002140 | 107 | 39.00% | IRA | 113699 | 134494 | 20795 |
| | | | IRB | 80556 | 101351 | 20795 |
| | | | LSC | 1 | 80556 | 80555 |
| | | | SCC | 101351 | 134494 | 33143 |
| <i>Oryza-sativa</i> -IDJ/ OR002142 | 107 | 39.00% | IRA | 113699 | 134494 | 20795 |
| | | | IRB | 80556 | 101351 | 20795 |
| | | | LSC | 1 | 80556 | 80555 |
| | | | SCC | 101351 | 134494 | 33143 |

DNA extraction and library preparation

Total genomic DNA was extracted from the individual seedling using CTAB protocol,¹⁸ sample concentration achieved the quantity and quality requirements of the library. According to the BGI procedure, 1 μ g genomic DNA was randomly fragmented by Covaris using microTUBE-15 to generate fragment sizes between 150–550 bp. The fragmented genomic DNA was selected by the Agencourt AMPure XP-Medium kit. The average size of 200–400 bp has been selected, and 150 paired-end read technique has been used for sequencing.

Data processing

The raw read data of five Iraqi varieties was subjected to quality control (QC) analysis using the Fastqc tool, to verify the quality of the data and determine the appropriate trimming score. The low-quality reads were trimmed to a minimum PHRED score of 30 using the “BB duck” tool.¹⁹

Chloroplast genome assembly and SNP variant call and non-silent SNPs

A chloroplast genome of the Iraqi rice varieties was assembled by map to reference and denovo protocols.²⁰ The trimmed reads were mapped against the reference NC_001320, using a bowtie2²¹ Version 2.3 tool embedded in Geneious prime software. The following settings were used in alignment type: end to end and highly sensitive preset.⁷ Variant call of polymorphism and amino acid alteration has been done utilizing Geneious SNP embedded tool for comparing local varieties to the referencing genome NC_001320.

Phylogenetic analysis

Chloroplast sequences of 26 *Oryza* species have been obtained from the NCBI Organelle Genome Resources database and was used in the Phylogenetic tree to compare with five Iraqi cultivars (Amber33, Black rice, Dijla, Ghadir and Baraka). The consensus

Table 5. Variant call of five chloroplast sequences against reference genome NC_001320, SNPs positions, amino acid alteration and genes names.

| Position | Reference/ variant | Amino acid change | Polymorphism type | Gene | Product | Variant sequences |
|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|---|----------------------------|
| 3098 | C -> T | G -> R | SNP (transition) | matK | maturase K | IAN33 |
| 8622 | T -> C | S -> P | SNP (transition) | – | hypothetical protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 14231 | A -> G | V -> A | SNP (transition) | – | hypothetical protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 27517 | CG -> GC | FE -> LQ | Substitution | rpoC2 | RNA polymerase beta” subunit | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 28019 | G -> T | W -> L | SNP (transversion) | rpoC2 | RNA polymerase beta” subunit | IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 29113 | A -> G | N -> D | SNP (transition) | rpoC2 | RNA polymerase beta” subunit | IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 39772 | GC -> CG | RL -> SV | Substitution | psaA | photosystem I P700 chlorophyll a apoprotein A1 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 40251 | G -> C | R -> G | SNP (transversion) | psaA | photosystem I P700 chlorophyll a apoprotein A1 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 40482 | G -> C | R -> G | SNP (transversion) | psaA | photosystem I P700 chlorophyll a apoprotein A1 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 40684 | A -> T | H -> Q | SNP (transversion) | psaA | photosystem I P700 chlorophyll a apoprotein A1 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 40689 | ACT -> GAA | S -> F | Substitution | psaA | photosystem I P700 chlorophyll a apoprotein A1 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 40839 | A -> T | S -> T | SNP (transversion) | psaA | photosystem I P700 chlorophyll a apoprotein A1 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 41145 | G -> T | L -> I | SNP (transversion) | psaA | photosystem I P700 chlorophyll a apoprotein A1 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 41921 | GC -> CG | G -> A | Substitution | ycf3 | photosystem I assembly protein Ycf3 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 42896 | C -> A | S -> I | SNP (transversion) | ycf3 | photosystem I assembly protein Ycf3 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 49212 | C -> G | R -> T | SNP (transversion) | ndhK | NADH dehydrogenase subunit K | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 53201 | C -> G | R -> P | SNP (transversion) | atpB | ATP synthase CF1 beta subunit | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 64660 | CG -> GC | VV -> VL | Substitution | – | photosystem I subunit IX | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 64689 | CG -> GC | R -> A | Substitution | – | photosystem I subunit IX | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 66104 | C -> A | T -> N | SNP (transversion) | rps18 | ribosomal protein S18 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 66402 | A -> G | S -> P | SNP (transition) | rpl20 | ribosomal protein L20 | IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 67982 | G -> C | P -> A | SNP (transversion) | clpP | ATP-dependent Clp protease proteolytic subunit | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 68008 | G -> A | T -> I | SNP (transition) | clpP | ATP-dependent Clp protease proteolytic subunit | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 68021 | T -> C | N -> D | SNP (transition) | clpP | ATP-dependent Clp protease proteolytic subunit | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 68110 | C -> A | S -> I | SNP (transversion) | clpP | ATP-dependent Clp protease proteolytic subunit | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 69349 | C -> T | A -> V | SNP (transition) | psbB | photosystem II 47 kDa protein | IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 70225 | GC -> CG | A -> R | Substitution | psbB | photosystem II 47 kDa protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 70278 | G -> A | A -> T | SNP (transition) | psbB | photosystem II 47 kDa protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 70281 | A -> T | I -> F | SNP (transversion) | psbB | photosystem II 47 kDa protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 70292 | CGT -> GTC | R -> V | Substitution | psbB | photosystem II 47 kDa protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 70307 | AG -> GA | TG -> TR | Substitution | psbB | photosystem II 47 kDa protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 77794 | CG -> AC | R -> V | Substitution | rpl16 | ribosomal protein L16 | IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 77794 | CG -> GC | R -> A | Substitution | rpl16 | ribosomal protein L16 | IAN33 |
| 84654 | CG -> GC | AE -> AQ | Substitution | – | hypothetical protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 90343 | T -> G | M -> L | SNP (transversion) | – | hypothetical protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 102839 | T -> C | T -> A | SNP (transition) | ndhF | NADH dehydrogenase subunit 5 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 105778 | AAGC -> GCTT | LS -> LL | Substitution | ccsA | cytochrome c biogenesis protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 106801 | G -> A | A -> V | SNP (transition) | ndhD | NADH dehydrogenase subunit 4 | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 110510 | -> ATAAC | -> SY | Insertion | ndhI | NADH dehydrogenase subunit I | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 124775 | A -> C | M -> L | SNP (transversion) | – | hypothetical protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |
| 130465 | CG -> GC | AE -> AQ | Substitution | – | hypothetical protein | IAN33, IBL, IBRQ, IDJ, IGA |

chloroplast sequences of the Iraqi rice and the other domesticated rice accessions were used to perform a phylogenetic analysis using the Geneious software. The multiple alignments were conducted using the plugin MAFFT²² Alignment. All sequences obtained were aligned using MAFFT tools (Auto, 1 PAM/K = 2 scoring matrix, 1.53 open gap penalty, and 0.123 offset value) with default parameters; subsequently, to analyze evolutionary relationships; phylogenetic analysis with two different software packages was used: MrBayes v.3.2.6²³ (GTR, Gamma and 100 bootstrapping). PHYML v.3.3²⁴ (GTR, and 100 bootstrapping) for more accuracy and high confidence in this analysis. Table 2 shows the Chloroplast sequences of 26 *Oryza* species obtained from the NCBI Organelle Genome Resources database.

Chloroplast genome draw

Organelle Genome DRAW (OGDRAW), an online tool was applied to each of the five chloroplast sequences (IBL = Black rice, IDJ = Dijla, IBRQ = Baraka, IGA = Ghadir, IAN33 = Amber33), to draw graphical maps of plastid and mitochondrial genome annotations as well as their display as physical maps.²⁵

Results and discussion

The sequencing of the five Iraqi varieties generated about 85.7 Gb of data containing 342 million 150-bp paired-end reads. The number of reads per sample ranged from 69.1 to 66.9 million paired-end reads. These data can provide an estimated average coverage of 27 to 28X of the whole rice genome, which is more than enough for chloroplast genome assembly. When raw data were trimmed to the quality limit of 30 percent, the number of reads decreased to almost 50% but the quality was raised to approximately 20 times Table 3, although there was a big reduction in the number of reads. It is still enough to assemble a good quality assembly.²⁶

Chloroplast genome assembly

All read sequences have been mapped to the reference, *O. Sativa* NC-001320. Dual pipeline²⁰ with a good amount of reads (coverage) helped and improve the quality of the assembly and reduced the errors especially in the boundary regions of the IRA, IRB and LSC, SSC that contain similar sequences and confuse the assembler. Table 4 summarizes the IRA, IRB, LSC and SSC start and end positions in the local varieties.²⁵

Table 6. Frequency of FNP snps in gene in chloroplast genome.

| NO. | Gene names | Product | Number of FNP snp repetitions |
|-----|------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | psaA | photosystem I P700 chlorophyll an apoprotein A1 | 7 |
| 2 | psbB | photosystem II 47 kDa protein | 6 |
| 3 | clpP | ATP-dependent Clp protease proteolytic subunit | 4 |
| 4 | rpoC2 | RNA polymerase beta" subunit | 3 |
| 5 | rpl16 | ribosomal protein L16 | 2 |
| 6 | ycf3 | photosystem I assembly protein Ycf3 | 2 |
| 7 | rpl20 | ribosomal protein L20 | 1 |
| 8 | rps18 | ribosomal protein S18 | 1 |
| 9 | matK | maturase K | 1 |
| 10 | ndhK | NADH dehydrogenase subunit K | 1 |
| 11 | ndhI | NADH dehydrogenase subunit I | 1 |
| 12 | ndhD | NADH dehydrogenase subunit 4 | 1 |
| 13 | ndhF | NADH dehydrogenase subunit 5 | 1 |
| 14 | ccsA | cytochrome c biogenesis protein | 1 |
| 15 | atpB | ATP synthase CF1 beta subunit | 1 |

Variant call of chloroplast genome

Variant calling has been taken after aligning five cultivar sequences (Amber33, Black rice, Dijla, Ghadir, Baraka) to a reference genome NC_001320 to identify the variation from the reference genome Table 5. It has been found that the total number of total that SNPs for each variety is (Amber33 = 327, Black rice = 503, Dijla = 529, Ghadir = 116, Baraka = 524) and 45 non silent SNPs in all cultivars. The photosynthetic in angiosperms, the gene order, content, and rate of sequence evolution of protein-coding genes of the chloroplast genomes are generally conserved.²⁷ Those facts agree with our assemblies but there were several expected changes, as in Table 5; because of the geographical isolation from the original species and the local breeding programs that have been subjected to these varieties. This polymorphism had an impact on amino acid translation in fifteen genes, as shown in Table 6.

The most common non-silent polymorphisms (FNPs) in chloroplast genes were *psaA*, *psbB*, and *clpP* with 7, 6 and 4 times respectively, in which changing amino acids could impact on these genes expression or splicing or either up or down regulate producing immature proteins that eventually affect the entire chlorophyll metabolism, electron transport and carbon assimilation. Photosystem and energy related genes had the highest number of alterations compared with other genes. It could be probably because of the high exposure to free electrons that are generate from sun radiation (especially UV) captures and transfers the energy. These changes might reflect positively or negatively on plant growth in general

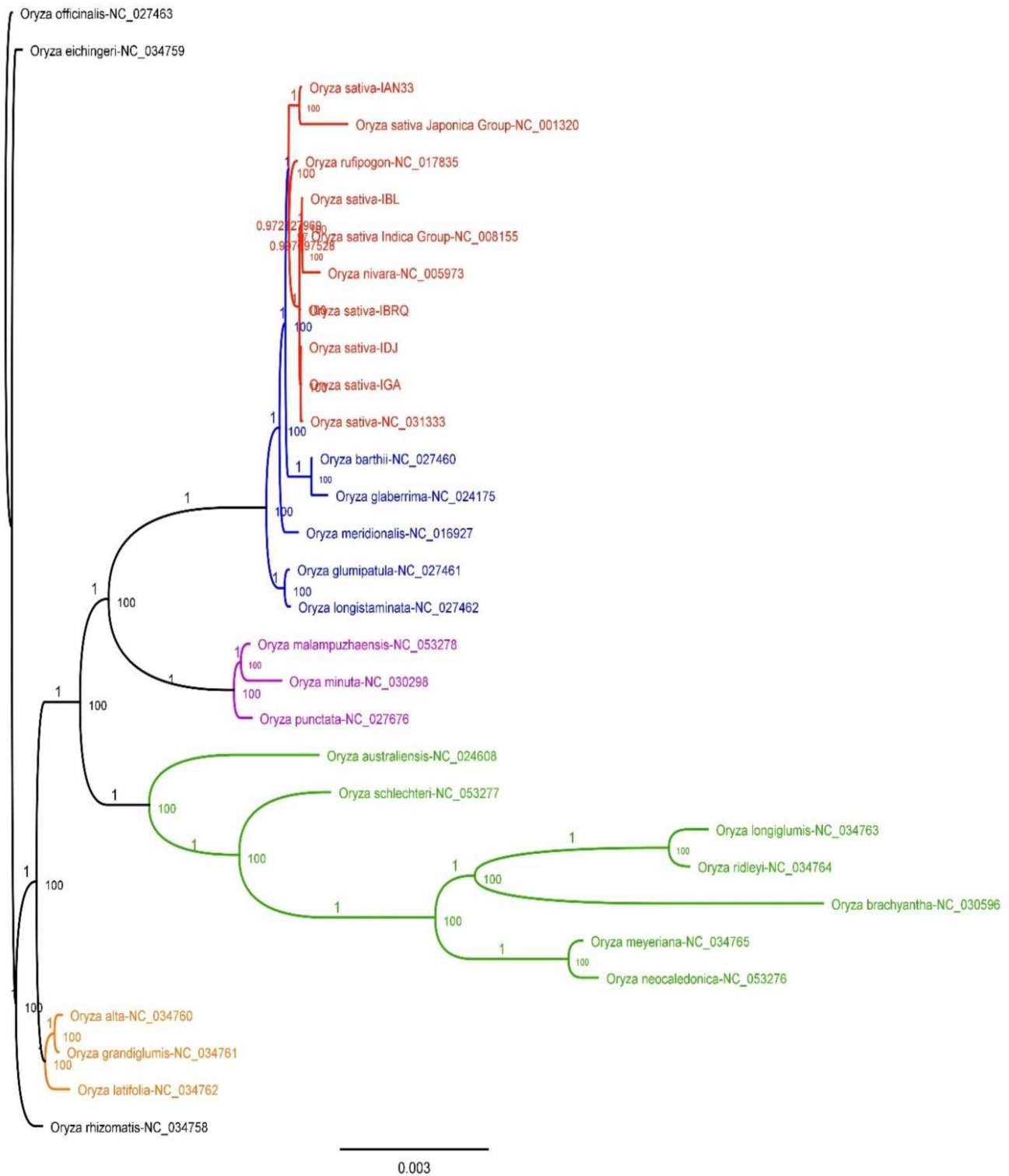
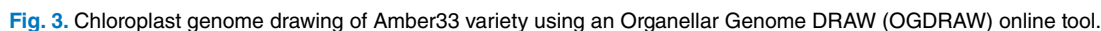


Fig. 2. Chloroplast phylogenomic using PhyML and MrBayes software both have the same topology of 26 *Oryza* species from ncbi with five cultivars. *(IBL = Black rice, IDJ = Dijla, IBRQ = Baraka, IGA = Ghadir, IAN33 = Amber33).



Two phylogenetic approaches, MrBayes and PhyML were used to analyze the 26 chloroplast genomes representing the *Oryza* species and five Iraqi cultivars (IBL = Black rice, IDJ = Dijla, IBRQ = Baraka, IGA = Ghadir, IAN33 = Amber33). Although the results of the two phylogenetic methods showed the same topology, there were minor alterations at the end of some sub-clades.⁷ The phylogenetic analysis showed that all species were grouped according to geographical origin, and the Iraqi cultivars were grouped with domesticated rice species (specifically with Asian rice). However, IAN33 clustered with the japonica cultivars while, the other clustered with indica cultivars, as shown in [Fig. 2](#). This output enhanced our current understanding of the phylogenetic relationships of the AA-genome *Oryza* species from different continents and proved that all local Iraqi varieties were originally purely derived from Asian

The complete chloroplast sequences of five local varieties have been drawn. The genome size is 134,550 bp, which is similar to the already reported cp genome sizes of related *Oryza* species and is within the range of other angiosperms.¹⁷ The chloroplast genome possessed a typical quadripartite structure, which includes a pair of inverted repeats (IRa and IRb) and separate SSC and LSC regions including protein-coding genes, tRNA genes, and rRNA genes **Fig. 3**. Genes drawn inside the circle were transcribed clockwise, and those outside were transcribed counter clockwise. Genes belonging to different functional groups were color coded. The darker gray color in the inner circle corresponded to the GC

content, and the lighter gray color corresponded to the AT content.³¹

Conclusion

It has been concluded that the Chloroplast genomes of *Oryza sativa* Iraqi cultivars were grouped with other Asian domesticated rice and divided into two separate groups. There were 33 FNPs in the chloroplast genome of five Iraqi cultivars in 15 different genes and the *psaA*, *psbB*, *clpP* genes had the highest frequency. There are several variations in the chloroplast genome and genes especially Frequency functional nucleotide polymorphism, altering in amino acids might change the protein function or gene expression. The total SNPs for each cultivar were (Amber33 = 327, Black rice = 503, Dijla = 529, Ghadir = 116, Baraka = 524) in the chloroplast genome.

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دراسة التنوع الوراثي لعدد من اصناف الرز العراقي المستزرع في وسط وجنوب العراق باستخدام تقنية تسلسل الجيل القادم

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الخلاصة

نظراً لأهمية محصول الأرز في العراق ، أجريت هذه الدراسة لتحديد أصول الأصناف الرئيسية وفهم العلاقات التطورية بين أصناف الأرز العراقية وغيرها من انواع الأرز الآسيوية التي يمكن أن تكون ذات أهمية كبيرة في تحسين هذا المحصول. تم الحصول على خمسة أنواع من قسم البحوث الزراعية في العراق. ومن بين هذه الاصناف (العنبر 33، دجلة، غدير، البركة، والأرز الأسود) وقد تم تسلسل الحمض النووي الجيني بأكمله باستخدام منصات تسلسل الجيل التالي القائمة على تقنية (DNA nanoball (DNB, تم الحصول على تسلسل 26 نوعاً من قاعدة بيانات موارد جينوم NCBI. أظهر التحليل التطوري بنائاً على البلاستيدة الخضراء الانواع قسمت الى مجاميع وفقاً الى مواقعهم الجغرافي تم تقسيم الأصناف العراقية إلى مجموعتين المجموعة الاولى تحتوي Amber33 و Japonica NC_001320 بينما تحتوي مجموعة ثانية على Ghadir و Baraka و Black Rice و Indica NC_008155.

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