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SSR Markers in Brazilian Wheat**

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**Introduction**

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- ▶ Data from molecular markers in wheat are rare in Brazil.
- ▶ Agarose Gels are generally uninformative for wheat
  - Less informative than in soybean or maize.
- ▶ We are using Acrylamide gels and capillary gels to genotype SSR in wheat.

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# Wheat Microsatellite Genotyped in Acrilamide Gels



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Genetic variability in Brazilian wheat cultivars assessed  
by microsatellite markers

## Abstract

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*) is one of the most important food staples in the south of Brazil. Understanding genetic variability among the assortment of Brazilian wheat is important for breeding. The aim of this work was to molecularly characterize the thirty-six wheat cultivars recommended for various regions of Brazil, and to assess mutual genetic distances, through the use of microsatellite markers. Twenty three polymorphic microsatellite markers (PMM) delineated all 36 of the samples, revealing a total of 74 simple sequence repeat (SSR) alleles, *i.e.* an average of 3.2 alleles per locus. Polymorphic information content (PIC value) calculated to assess the informativeness of each marker ranged from 0.20 to 0.79, with a mean of 0.49. Genetic distances among the 36 cultivars ranged from 0.10 (between cultivars Ocepar 18 and BRS 207) to 0.88 (between cultivars CD 101 and Fudancep 46), the mean distance being 0.48. Twelve groups were obtained by using the unweighted pair-group method with arithmetic means analysis (UPGMA), and thirteen through the Tischer method. Both methods produced similar clusters, with one to thirteen cultivars per group. The results indicate that these tools may be used to protect intellectual property and for breeding and selection programs.

**Key words:** *Triticum aestivum*, germplasm, cultivar characterization, cluster analysis, molecular markers.

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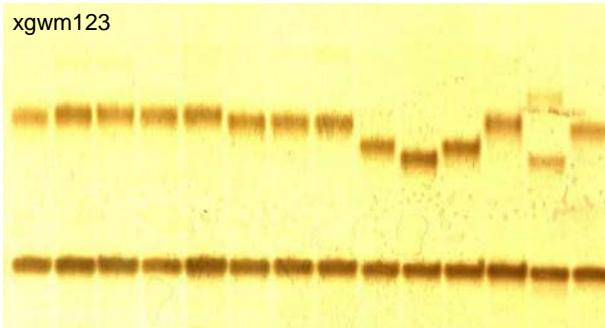


- ▶ 36 Brazilian wheat varieties
- ▶ 43 microsatellite markers
  - 23 polymorphic (54%)

Num Alleles	Num. Markers	%
5	3	13.0%
4	6	26.1%
3	8	34.8%
2	6	26.1%

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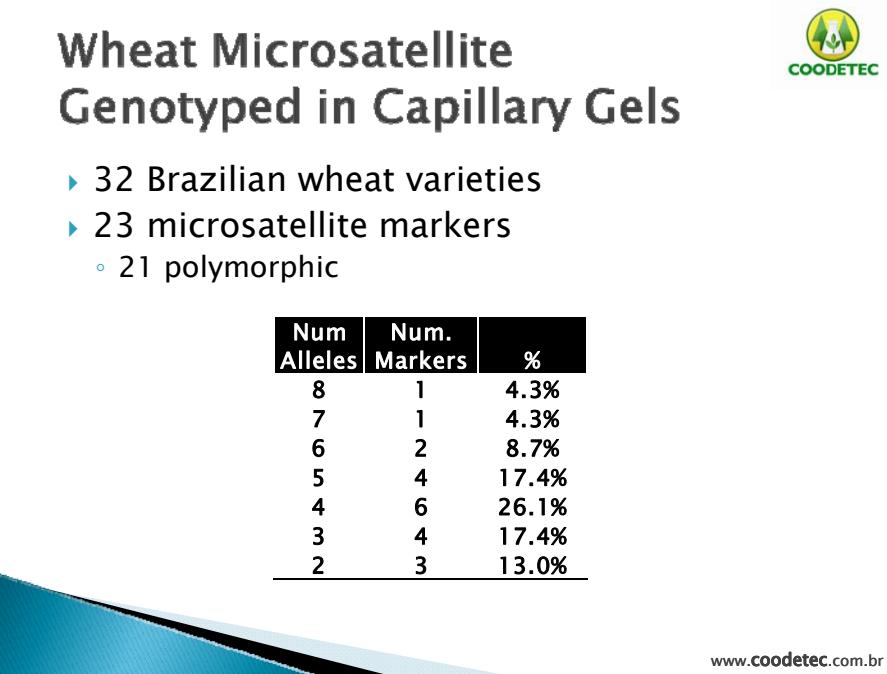
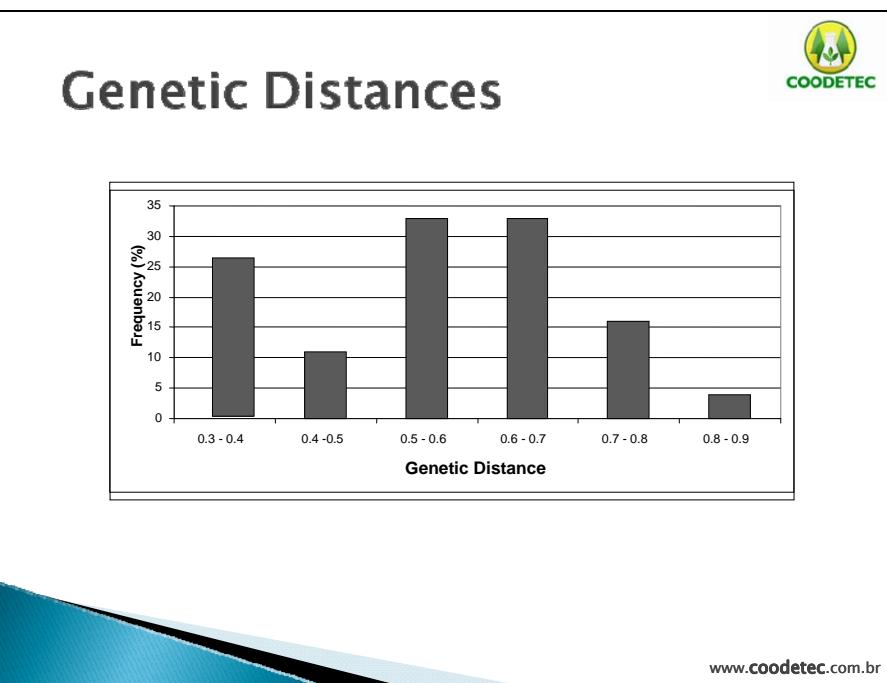
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Table 2 - Microsatellite markers used in assessment of genetic diversity of Brazilian wheat cultivars.

Locus	Chromosome location (cM - GL) <sup>a</sup>	Number of alleles	Frequency of alleles	Representative alleles <sup>b</sup>	PIC
Xgwm 136	3.9-1A	5	0.12; 0.31; 0.26; 0.24; 0.07	CD 115; CD 114; FRONTANA; CD 112; ABALONE	0.76
Xgwm 164	40.5-1A	4	0.22; 0.17; 0.55; 0.06	CD 112; CD 105; CD 104; CD 111	0.61
Xgwm 135	55.2-1A	3	0.18; 0.29; 0.53	CD 113; CD 102; CD 104	0.60
Xgwm 403	64.4-1B	1	1.00	All	-
Xgwm 140	102.1-1B	1	1.00	All	-
Xgwm 337	39.5-1D	4	0.06; 0.10; 0.61; 0.23	BRS 208; CD 114; CD 105; CD 104	0.56
Xgwm 232	130.4-1D	2	0.11; 0.89	CD 102; AVANTE	0.20
Xgwm 359	54.4-2A	1	1.00	All	-
Xgwm 265	112.3-2A	1	1.00	All	-
Xgwm 257	12.3-2B	2	0.20; 0.80	CD 112; CD 104	0.32
Xgwm 261	? - 2D	2	0.39; 0.61	CD 104; IPR 85	0.48
Xgwm 102	36.0-2D	3	0.03; 0.10; 0.87	CD 114; CD 105; CD 103	0.23

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**Wheat Characterization**

Variety	Dupw115	Dupw205 Loc1	Dupw205 Loc2	Xgwm003 Loc1	Xgwm003 Loc2	Xgwm149 Loc1	Xgwm149 Loc2
CD 104	184	157	166	114	194	150	156
CD 105	184	157	166	114	194	150	166
CD 108	187	157	163	114	194	150	F
CD 112	184	157	166	114	194	150	166
CD 114	187	157	163	114	194	150	166
CD 115	187	157	163	114	194	150	166
CD 116	190	157	163	114	194	150	166
CD 117	190	157	166	114	194	150	166
CD 118	184	157	166	114	194	150	166
CD 150	184	190	157	163	114	194	150
Fundacep 50	190		157	166	114	194	150
Fundacep 52	184		157	163	114	194	150
Frontana	190		157	166	114	194	150
Avante	184	190	157	166	114	194	150
Onix	184		157	163	114	194	150
BRS179	184		157	163	114	194	150
IPR85	190		157	163	114	194	150
Vanguarda	184		157	166	114	194	150
BRS210	184	190	157	166	114	194	150
BRS220	190		157	166	114	194	150
Fundacep 46	190		157	166	114	194	150

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**Allele Frequency**

Marker	Nº alleles	Allele	Frequency	PIC
DuPw115	3	184	0.484	
		187	0.156	0.612
		190	0.359	
DuPw205 Loco 1	1	157	1	0
DuPw205 Loco 2	2	163	0.344	0.451
		166	0.656	
Xgwm164	4	118	0.703	
		122	0.172	0.468
		124	0.063	
		126	0.063	
DuPw167	3	230	0.094	
		242	0.656	0.498
		244	0.250	
Xbarc12	5	159	0.281	
		183	0.250	
		189	0.313	0.748
		201	0.063	
		207	0.094	

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Probability or Random Identity

Variety										PRI
	Marker	Xgwm	Dupw	Xgwm1	Xgwm	Xbarc	Xgwm2	Xgwm	Xgwm	
CD 104	Marker	165	167	60	44	12	57	526(2)	304	413
	Allele	187	244	150	177	159	194	130	201	89
	Frequency	0,125	0,25	0,063	0,266	0,281	0,375	0,192	0,344	0,313
CD 108	Marker	Dupw	Xgwm	Xgwm	Xgwm	Xgwm	Xgwm	Xgwm		
	Marker	115	219	161	164	155(2)	247(2)	44		
	Allele	187	180	178	124	151	176	179		<0,0001%
	Frequency	0,156	0,156	0,172	0,063	0,188	0,077	0,109		

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Conclusion

- ▶ A great quantity of variability exist, at molecular level, between Brazilian wheat cultivars.
- ▶ SSR markers can be used to characterize or differentiate wheat cultivars.

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