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THE USE OF TEMPERATURE SWITCH PCR FOR SNP GENOTYPING IN BARLEY



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## Pros and cons of SNPs

- ❖ SNPs are highly abundant
- ❖ Best bet for a successful option 1 approach
- ❖ A lot of SNP data already available for many crops
  
- ❖ Requires specialist equipment (sequencers, real-time etc.)

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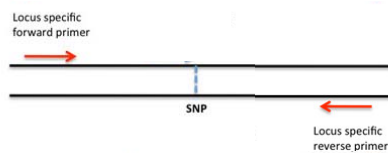
## Temperature Switch PCR (TSP)

- ❖ Tania Tabone, Diane E Mather and Matthew J Hayden (2009) Temperature Switch PCR (TSP): Robust assay design for reliable amplification and genotyping of SNPs. *BMC Genomics*, **10**:580
- ❖ A biphasic PCR system with a universal primer design that permits amplification of the target locus in the first phase of thermal cycling before switching to the detection of the alleles.
- ❖ TSP can simplify assay design for a range of commonly used single-marker SNP genotyping methods, and reduce the requirement for individual assay optimization and operator expertise in the deployment of SNP assays.

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## So how does it work?



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## Application for barley SNP genotyping

- ❖ Matthew J Hayden, Tania Tabone and Diane E Mather (2009) Development and assessment of simple PCR markers for SNP genotyping in barley. *TAG*, **119**:939-951.
- ❖ Here they detail a total of 87 TSP markers which give good coverage of the genome.

Chromosome	# TSP markers
1H	12
2H	17
3H	15
4H	8
5H	13
6H	13
7H	9

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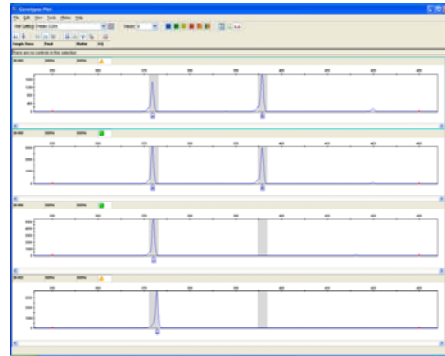
## The SASA adaptation

- ❖ We selected 29 of the 87 markers to trial
- ❖ The universal primer is labelled with FAM
- ❖ Fragments detected on a capillary sequencer
- ❖ Scored as present or absent
- ❖ DNA extracted from 100 grain bulks
- ❖ Initially looking at 12 varieties
- ❖ Also tested individual plants

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## Results

- ❖ Not all markers informative for the varieties tested but most were
- ❖ Can detect differences between individual plants
- ❖ Combined data for all markers differentiates all the varieties
- ❖ Encouraging start!



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## Summary

- ❖ Temperature switch PCR appears to be a good low cost alternative to more conventional genotyping.
- ❖ Equipment set up costs are relatively low (PCR machine, gel tank & power pack and uv transilluminator).
- ❖ Next generation sequencing undertaken by SCRI and collaborators has resulted in a high resolution gene map for barley.
- ❖ Underway is a project to genotype 2400 barley lines with 3000 SNPs.
- ❖ This can only be good news for an option 1 approach.

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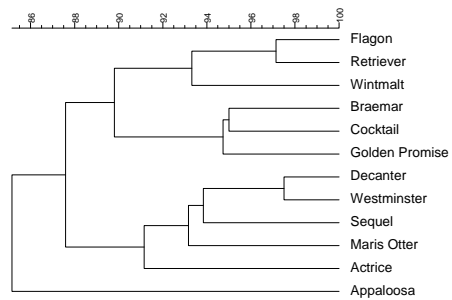
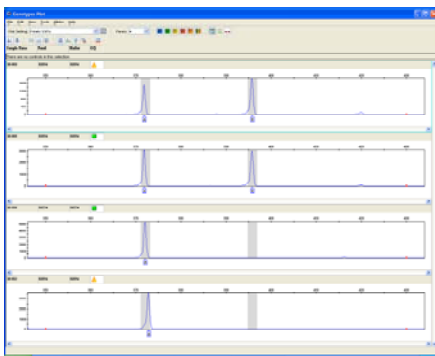
## Future work

- ❖ Expand the number of varieties to include all of the UK National List.
- ❖ Multiplex markers to get more information out of a single run.
- ❖ Look for markers linked to DUS traits.

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## Thank you



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