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Introduction

We have tried to discriminate mutant varieties from their original cultivars in some crop species by RAPD analysis. But it was difficult and needed enormous number of primers to discriminate them. Currently, AFLP (amplified fragments length polymorphism) analysis was developed. AFLP was one of the most efficient methods to discriminate cultivars, because of its superior efficiency and reproducibility.

In this study, we tried to identify genetic variation of mutant strawberry plants using fluorescence-aided AFLP analysis. Furthermore, we compared AFLP with RAPD analysis concerning the efficiency.

Materials and Methods

Five strawberry cultivars, 'Nyohou', the mutant varieties of 'Nyohou' ('Kinuama', 'No. 1', 'No. 2') and F1 ('No. 3') crossed 'Nyohou' with the next progeny of 'Nyohou', were used. Genomic DNA of each plant was extracted by CTAB method (Doyle & Doyle, 1987). AFLP analysis was performed according to the supplier's (Life Technologies) protocol. The amplified fragments of 5 strawberry cultivars were separated on 5 % denaturing polyacrylamide gels with 6M urea at 40W constant power using ALF DNA Sequencer II (Pharmacia Biotech). The efficiency of AFLP analysis was examined in comparison with RAPD analysis. RAPD analysis was tested with 204 primers (OPA01 - OPJ20, OPH02 - 20, OPQ07, 20, OPR07, OPU03, Operon Technologies, Alameda, CA, USA). DNA polymorphisms were evaluated between 'Nyohou' and 'Kinuama'.

Results and Discussion

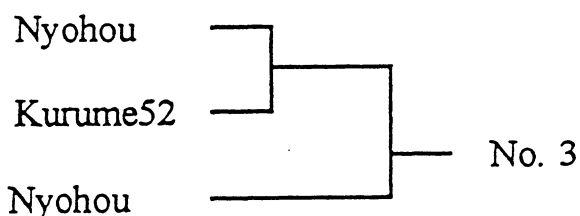
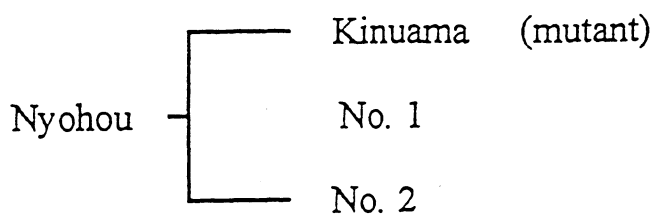
Reproducibility of AFLP fragments was examined by repeating PCR

experiments with the same template DNA and primer combinations. Amplified bands ranging from 60 to 350bp were confirmed to be reproducible. A total of 247 amplified fragments were generated (30.9 bands per primer combination) using 7 combinations of selective primers and 26 bands (10.5%) showed polymorphisms. It was possible to discriminate all cultivars in this study at least 7 AFLPs. The frequency of DNA polymorphism depended on the primer combinations. Twelve polymorphic bands were obtained using primer combination of E-AGT and M-CTC. On the other hand, only one polymorphic band was detected from primer combinations of E-AGT/M-CAT, E-AGT/M-CTG and E-AGT/M-CTT.

In AFLP analysis, fourteen polymorphic bands were obtained between 'Nyohou' and 'Kinuama' from 7 primer combinations. 2.0 AFLPs per one primer combination were shown polymorphisms between mutant 'Kinuama' and its original cultivar. On the contrary, no polymorphic bands were obtained in RAPD analysis.

In conclusion, we could efficiently discriminate mutant varieties from their original cultivar by AFLP analysis. We considered that AFLP could be applicable to the genetic identification in strawberry.

Table 1. Materials



Characteristics	States	cultivaras
Earliness of Flowering	Earlier	No.1
Vigar of plant	Stronger	No.2, No.3

Table 2. Sequences of selective primers

Code	Sequences
*E - NNN	5' - FITC-CTCGTAGACTGCGTACCAATTCNNN - 3'
	1)AGT
M - NNN	5' - GATGAGTCCTGAGTAANNN - 3'
	1)CAC 2)CAG 3)CAT
	4)CTA 5)CTC 6)CTG 7)CTT

Asterisk indicated FITC-labelled primers
 NNN indicated selective nucleotides

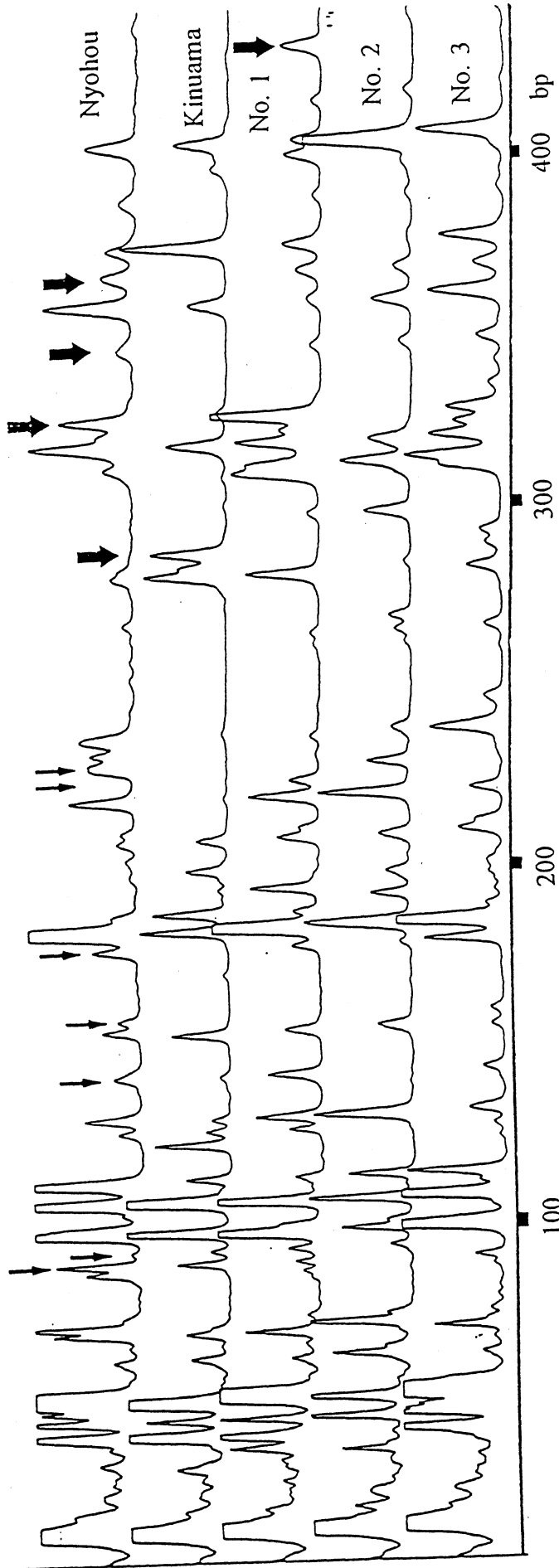


Figure 1. AFLP fingerprints of cultivars in strawberry. Fragments among cultivars were obtained with E-AGT/M-CTCprimers. Arrows indicate polymorphic.

Table 3. AFLPs for 5 cultivars

E- M-	<u>CAC</u>	<u>CAG</u>	<u>CAT</u>	<u>CTA</u>	<u>CTC</u>	<u>CTG</u>	<u>CTT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	a / b	a / b	a / b	a / b	a / b	a / b	a / b	a / b
AGT	3 / 35	3 / 30	1 / 38	5 / 35	12 / 51	1 / 21	1 / 37	26 / 247

a indicates No. of polymorphic bands. b indicates No. of amplified bands.
M - : Mse I primer, E - : Eco R I primer. AFLP reaction was performed with Mse I and FITC-labelled EcoR I primers.

Table 4. DNA fragments of strawberry cultivars
by 4 polymorphic

Fragments	Nyohou	Kinuama	No.1	No.2	No.3
E-AGT/M-CTC-160	+	-	-	-	+
-180	+	-	+	+	+
-220	-	-	+	-	-
-230	+	-	-	+	-

+ : presence, - : absence.

Table 5. Polymorphic bands between each pair

	Nyohou	Kinuama	No.1	No.2	No.3
Nyohou		5.6 %	3.7	4.3	3.8
Kinuama	14		5.4	8.7	5.5
No.1	9	13		4.7	3.3
No.2	10	20	11		5.9
No.3	9	13	8	14	

Above diagonal means % of polymorphic bands.

Below diagonal means No. of polymorphic bands.

Table 6. Comparison two methods

Method of analysis	No. of used primers	No. of amplified bands	No. of polymorphic bands
AFLP	7	238 (34.0)	14 (2.0)
RAPD	204	886 (4.3)	0 (-)

Numbers in parentheses showed No. of bands per primer pair on average.

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