

Plasticity of tandem repeats in expressed sequence tags of angiospermic and non-angiospermic species: Insight into cladistic, phenetic, and elementary explorations

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ABSTRACT

Angiospermic and non-angiospermic groups comprise plant species representing short and long range of discrepancies in their morphological, physiological, biochemical, molecular, and developmental processes. Analysis at molecular level plays crucial role to ascertain the heterogeneity within and across the species. The tandem repetitive DNA elements are one of the most important elements which play a significant role in various genetic and genomic applications. Therefore, the plasticity of tandem repetitive DNA element especially simple sequence repeats (SSRs) was analyzed in the expressed sequenced tags (ESTs) of both angiospermic and non-angiospermic species comprising 75 plant species belonging to different evolutionary clades such as algae, fungi, bryophytes, pteridophytes, gymnosperms, dicots, and monocots. Significantly, angiospermic and non-angiospermic species represented distinctiveness at GC content, SSR incidence and SSR motif distributions in their EST sequences. Notably, non-angiosperms revealed more GC-content compared to angiosperms but angiosperms depicted enhanced tandem repetitions (EST-SSRs) compared to non-angiosperms. Among different types of SSRs, mononucleotide SSRs represented widespread distribution followed by trinucleotide SSRs distribution in both angiosperms and non-angiosperms. In general, SSR motifs such as A/T, AG/CT, AAG/CTT, and CCG/CGG were found to be more repeated but highly complex motifs patterns were observed within hexa, penta, and tetranucleotide SSRs, respectively. Thus, a quantity of nexus and diversification were observed within and across the species as well as evolutionary clades. To infer, differential patterns of DNA tandem identified within ESTs can unfold the genetic polymorphism, diversification, conservation, and genome evolution within and across species.

1. INTRODUCTION

Angiospermic and non-angiospermic groups encompass an enormous diversity of plant species which represent homogenous as well as heterogeneous relationships at morphological, physiological, biochemical, and molecular levels. These kinds of relationships among species, allows to strengthen the adaptability, flexibility, and survivability of species or populations against different ecological conditions or environmental fluctuations. Last few decades, a swift in genetic and cytogenetic explorations were observed which provided thorough details of genome organization, genetic diversity, and genome evolution through the analysis of nuclear DNA, organelle DNA, expressed sequence tag (EST) and chromosomal aberration, etc. While, repetitive DNA elements-based studies were found to be more in practice due to their major portion in nuclear genome as well as expressed region of genome (EST) among eukaryotic organisms.

Repetitive DNA elements are present in the form of tandem repeats (microsatellite or simple sequence repeat, minisatellite, etc.) and interspersed repeats (transposons, retrotransposons, etc.). These tandems can repeat massive times and might be responsible for structural and functional participations in the genome. In several studies, DNA element is observed to be very important for its involvement in genome size, genetic diversity, genome organization, conservation, and evolution within and across the species and taxa [1-3].

Especially, expressed sequence tags (EST) are the most important genomic resources owing to their functional role in the genome and can serve as a connection between genomics and molecular ecology [4]. Last few decades, ESTs have gained momentum in extensive and rapid applications for gene discovery, gene annotation, genetic polymorphism, transcriptomics profiling, and proteomic exploration [5,6]. ESTs are randomly selected, unedited, and single pass sequencing of clones from cDNA libraries, ranging from 200 to 800 nucleotide bases. These sequences have gained advantages over whole genome sequencing because of their direct association in the gene function. Besides this, it

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is a rapid approach, less expensive, easy handling, and consuming less time [7]. Astonishing involvement of ESTs has been confirmed in identification of miRNA precursors and targets [8-10], transcriptome analysis using cDNA microarrays [11-13], and gene discovery and gene expression analysis [8,14-17].

Moreover, EST sequences are also very important resource for tandem repetitive DNA elements especially simple sequence repeats (SSRs) which serve as molecular markers and are very useful for variety of genetic or genomic applications. Microsatellites or SSRs are tandemly repeated DNA sequences generally ranging from 1 to 6 nucleotides long which are dispersed randomly and ubiquitously throughout the genomes in both prokaryotic and eukaryotic organisms [18-20]. They are frequently present in both coding and non-coding regions of genome [21]. Thus, EST-SSRs based studies are found to be more implemented in various plant genetic applications, namely, genetic diversity, ecological, evolutionary, phylogeny, taxonomical, and comparative genomic studies [22,23]. All these genetic applications became possible due to the multi-allelic nature, co-dominancy, and high reproducibility of microsatellite (SSRs) [24]. SSRs markers also allow the identification of prototype of gene content, generation of genetic relatedness, and frequency of genetic drift which are very crucial factors in the population for recognizing the conservation units [25]. In addition, the use of publicly available EST libraries has shown an alternative way for EST-SSRs resource which has proved to be a powerful and promising tool for variety of applications, namely, population genetics, biodiversity, genetic drift, high resolution genetic maps, gene mapping, QTL (quantitative trait locus), germplasm

characterization, cultivar identification, paternity analyses, and marker assisted breeding [8,26-32].

The present study provides the information about the distribution dynamic of DNA tandem repeats in the ESTs of angiospermic and non-angiospermic plant species. For the analysis, a total of 75 species were selected under different phylogenetic lineage such as, algae, fungi, bryophytes, pteridophytes, gymnosperms dicots, and monocots. Furthermore, ESTs of selected species were used for the analysis of SSRs distribution within and across different species and imperative of EST-SSRs were discussed according to their origin, distribution, conservation, and evolution.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

2.1. Plant Materials

The 75 different plant species belonging to six distinct evolutionary clades were used for the tandem repetitive DNA elements (EST-SSRs) analysis. Out of 75 species, 30 species were non-angiosperms which included 10 species of algae, 10 species of fungi, 3 species of bryophytes, 2 species of pteridophytes, and 5 species of gymnosperms. Among angiosperms, 34 species were dicots and 11 species were monocots, as shown in Table 1.

2.2. Expressed Sequence Tags Sequences Retrieval

A total of 43,52,515 partial EST transcripts were examined from National Center for Biotechnology Institute (NCBI), a public database which provides easy accessibility and user-friendly platform for the

Table 1: Details of non-angiospermic species and angiospermic species used for tandem repeat analysis.

Non-angiospermic species				
Algae	Fungi	Bryophytes	Pteridophytes	Gymnosperms
<i>Chaetosphaeridium globosum</i>	<i>Albugo candida</i>	<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	<i>Physcomitrella patens</i>	<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	<i>Gnetum gnemon</i>
<i>Chlorella variabilis</i>	<i>Cercospora zaeae-maydis</i>	<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i>		<i>Cycas rumphii</i>
<i>Chlorokybus atmophyticus</i>	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>			<i>Pinus pinaster</i>
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>			<i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i>
<i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i>	<i>Neurospora crassa</i>			
<i>Mesotigma viride</i>	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>			
<i>Nitella hyalina</i>	<i>Puccinia triticina</i>			
<i>Porphyra yezoensis</i>	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>			
<i>Volvox carteri</i>	<i>Ustilago maydis</i>			
Angiospermic species				
Dicots		Monocots		
<i>Cantharanthus roseus</i>	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	<i>Avena barbata</i>	
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	<i>Avena sativa</i>	
<i>Capsicum annum</i>	<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	<i>Malus domestica</i>	<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	<i>Prunus persica</i>	<i>Hordium vulgare</i>	
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	
<i>Daucus carota</i>	<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	<i>Secale cereale</i>	
<i>Panax ginseng</i>	<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	<i>Brassica napus</i>	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	
<i>Artemisia annua</i>	<i>Glycine max</i>	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	<i>Sorghum propinquum</i>	
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	<i>Lotus japonicus</i>	<i>Carica papaya</i>	<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	<i>Zea mays</i>	
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	<i>Musa acuminata</i>	
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>				

analysis. The batch files of EST sequences were retrieved as FASTA format for the selected plant species and range was fixed between the limit: 10 thousand to 100 thousand sequences, according to the availability of sequence information for the selected species at NCBI as well as system competency.

2.3. EST Sequences Assembling and Computational Analysis

For the analysis, all the retrieved EST sequences were subjected to sequence assembling program for minimization of sequences redundancy through CAP3 platform using default parameters. The CAP3 assembly program has a capability to clip 5' and 3' low-quality regions of reads. As well, it uses base quality values in computation of overlaps between reads, construction of multiple sequence alignments of reads, and generation of consensus sequences [33]. Furthermore, some basic computational analyses were performed for all the assembled EST sequences using Perl script from the internet bioinformatics resources.

2.4. Simple Sequence Repeats (SSRs) or Microsatellites Screening

To study the distribution dynamics of SSRs, all the assembled EST sequences of 75 species were subjected to MISA identification tool (MISA) (<http://pgrc.ipk-gatersleben.de/misa/>). It is Perl command line exercise for identifications and characterizations of different types of SSRs. It produces separate output text files with the following information such as sequence name, number of SSRs, type of SSR, types of SSR motif, SSR position, repeat length, and repeat number. Moreover, only mono to hexa nucleotide SSRs were considered and limitation for SSRs detection were 10, 6, 5, 5, and 5 repeat units for mono, di, tri, tetra, penta, and hexa nucleotides repeats, respectively.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1. EST Sequences Characterization

The comparative analysis of EST-SSRs was performed among 75 different plant species belonging to diverse phylogenetic lineage such

as algae, fungi, bryophytes, pteridophytes, gymnosperms, dicots, and monocots. A total of 4352515 (4.35 millions) EST transcripts were examined and 1306939 non-redundant ESTs (NR-ESTs) sequences were obtained after assembling [Figures 1 and 2]. A set of 528211 contigs were obtained with higher N50 value compare to N25 and N75 and N50 value was ranged from 500 bp to 1200 bp with an average of 900bp. Similarly, a total of 778728 singlets were obtained and sequence lengths ranged from 500bp to 1600bp with an average of 800bp in size. The overall average length of NR-ESTs sequence was 717.69 bp long ranging from 513.56 bp to 1033.83 bp long which is quite comparable with previous studies in the different plant species [34,35]. It was observed that there were deviations in the number of reads among contigs and singlets. This variation may be explained by related or distal part of the sequencing and inadequacy of the sequencing data of the species and used parameter in the assembling pipeline. Regarding to mean values of sequence length, non-angiosperms showed high average sequence length as compared to angiosperms. Among phylogenetic clade, bryophytes and pteridophytes revealed high average sequence length coverage and lowest was observed in gymnosperms [Figure 3]. Among species, high average sequence length was reported in *Albugo candida* (1033.83bp) followed by *Selaginella moellendorffii* (991.30bp), and *Chlorokybus atmophyticus* (953.14bp). Similarly, lowest average length was seen as 513.56 bp and 524.43 bp in *Lotus japonicas* and *Theobroma cacao*, respectively [Additional file 1].

3.2 Distribution of GC-content in ESTs

Comparative distribution of GC-content was examined in NR-ESTs belonging to 75 different species. In general, the average GC-content was 46.61%, ranging from 38.61% to 65.16% which is in wake of earlier observations within various plant species [36,37]. Significantly, higher GC-content was found commonly in non-angiosperms compared to angiosperms. Within evolutionary clades, algae showed relatively increased GC-content followed by fungi, bryophytes,

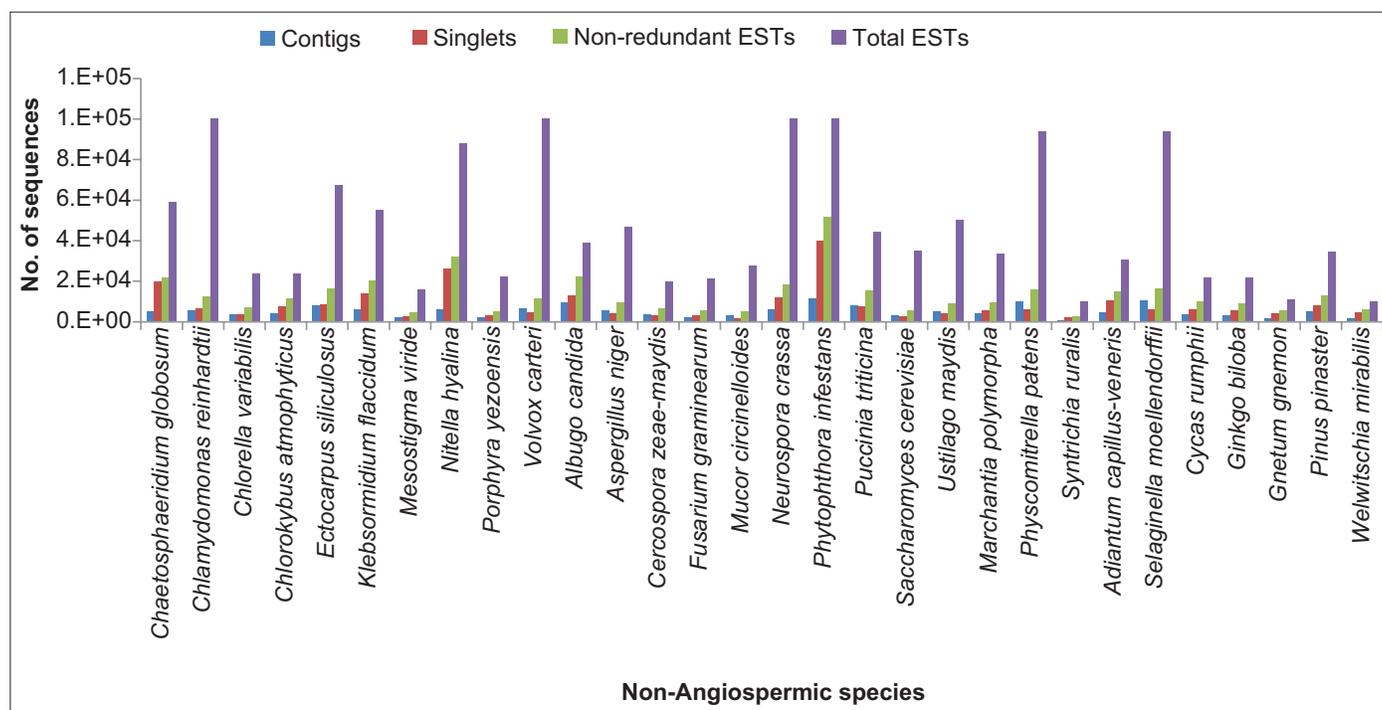


Figure 1: Comparative details of EST characterizations among 30 non-angiospermic species.

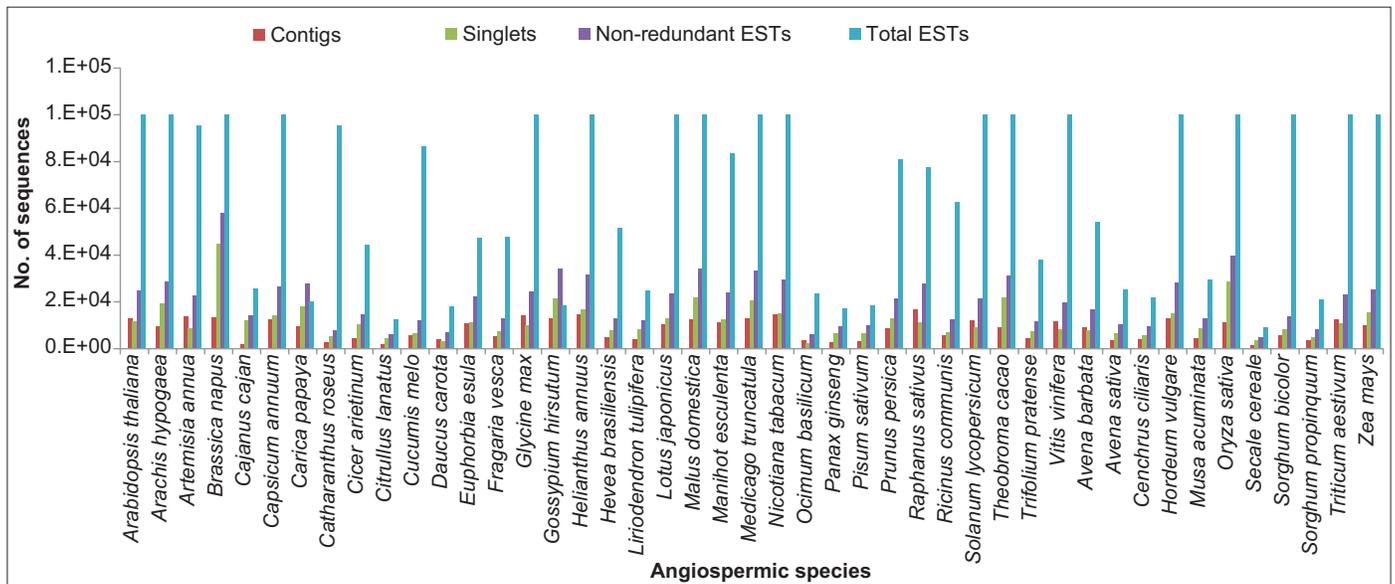


Figure 2: Comparative details of EST characterizations among 45 angiospermic species.

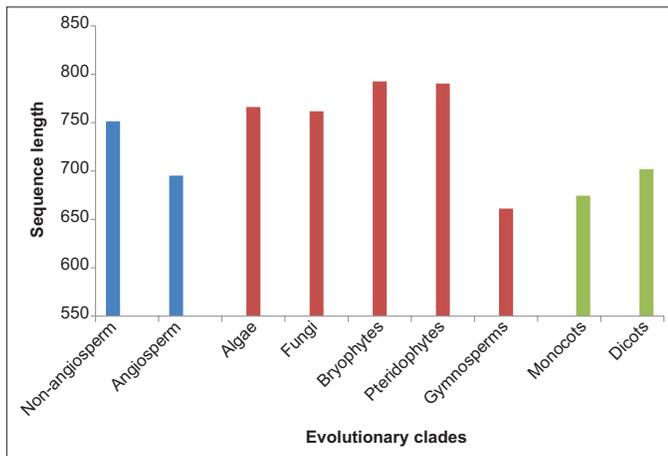


Figure 3: Average sequence length (nucleotides) distribution in non-redundant EST sequences among different evolutionary clades.

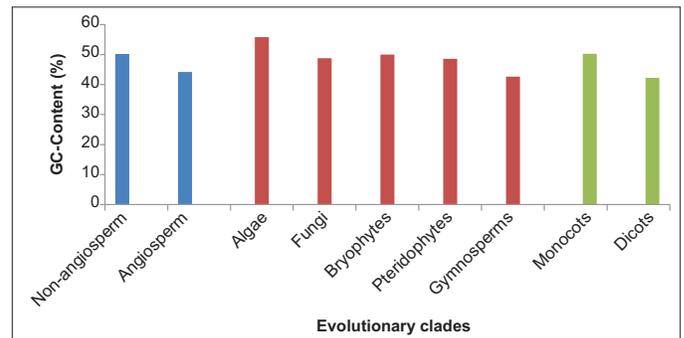


Figure 4: Average GC-content distributions in non-redundant EST sequences among different evolutionary clades.

pteridophytes, and gymnosperms, respectively [Figure 4]. Among non-angiospermic species, significantly increased GC value was observed in algae, *Chlorella variabilis* and *Klebsormidium flaccidum*; in fungi, *Ustilago maydis* and *Cercospora zae-maydis*; in bryophyte, *Syntrichia ruralis*; in pteridophyte, *Selaginella moellendorffii*, and in gymnosperm, *Gnetum gnemon* [Additional file 2]. Among angiosperms, an increased GC-content was identified in monocots compared to dicots which are in agreement with previous study [38]. While, within dicot species, rosid species showed relatively enhanced GC-content related to asteroid plant species but no skewness was observed within asteroid and rosid species. For angiospermic species, the rise of GC value was seen in dicot species namely; *Brassica napus*, *Fragaria vesca*, and *Ocimum basilicum* while *Zea mays* and *Sorghum propinquum* represented high GC value in monocots [Additional file 3]. Notably, GC-content is considered as very important parameter reflecting the information about gene structure (intron size and number), thermostability, gene regulation, and evolution [39,40]. While, more GC-content is indicative of high gene density and their compactness [41,42], display earlier replication

timing [43], influences rates of recombination [44], and determining of physical and physiological properties of DNA [45].

3.3. Frequency Distribution of SSRs in ESTs

The circulation of SSRs was examined among ESTs of selected species and mainly mono to hexanucleotide SSRs were considered. A total of 678260 SSRs were identified and an average frequency distribution was 9.65%, ranged from 1% to 24.81% excluding mononucleotide SSRs. The range of SSR distribution in the present study is found to be exhibit similarity with previous studies reported in various plant species [27,46-50]. Twisting in SSR frequency can be explained by various factors used such as, types of SSR mining tool, parameters used for mining, and wealth of sequences which may develop significant differences in the SSRs frequency distributions. Comparatively increased SSR incidence was observed in angiosperms with 10.50% frequency distribution in comparison to non-angiosperms with 8.42% frequency distribution [Figure 5]. Among non-angiosperms, increased SSRs distribution was identified in pteridophytes and algae while lowest was seen in gymnosperms. For angiosperms, monocots showed more SSRs incidence than dicots and this increased SSR incidence can be explained by highly dynamic nature of angiosperm genomes, large genome size, and their structure [51] as well as rise of polyploidy in higher plants may also be responsible for changing of SSR

incidences. It appears that SSR incidence was inversely proportional to GC-content as angiosperms revealed a reduced GC-content (44.21%) with high SSRs occurrence and non-angiosperms showed high GC-content (50.22%) with low SSRs occurrence. Therefore, the nature of divergence in the SSR incidence, SSR length, motif structure, and GC-content are very important influencing factors for conservation and evolutionary action [52].

Moreover, the randomness in the average value with extremely reduced SSR frequency was observed in alga, *Klebsormidium flaccidum* (1.37%); fungi, *Albugo candida* (1.0%), *Phytophthora infestans* (1.57%); and gymnosperms, *Pinus pinaster* (2.76%) while extremely increased SSR frequency was observed in *Volvox carteri* (20.77%), *Chlorokybus atrophiticus* (20.02%), and *Chlorella variabilis* (17.24%) among non-angiospermic species [Figure 6]. Among angiosperms, *Pisum sativum* (3.48%), *Cajanus cajan* (3.55%), and *Daucus carota* (4.24%) showed decreased SSR frequency distribution from average while, *Oryza sativa*, *Trifolium pratense*, *Ricinus communis*, *Cucumis melo*, and *Raphanus sativus* significantly deviated from the average value with an extremely increased SSR frequency of 24.81, 20.20,

19.19, 17.90, and 17.23, respectively [Figure 7]. Our observation of ascended SSR frequency is in accordance with the earlier reports of comparative genomic analysis by various workers [46,48,49,53-56].

3.4. Frequency Distribution of Different Type of SSRs in ESTs

A comparison in the distribution of different types of SSRs was analyzed within ESTs of selected species belonging to different clades. Overall, the occurrence of mononucleotide repeats was found to be with 80.95% frequency distribution while 19.05% frequency distribution belonged to other types of SSRs (di to hexa nucleotide SSRs). Mononucleotide SSRs were observed to be highly repetitive with uniform distribution and few fluctuations. It has been seen that mononucleotide SSRs might be responsible to play a vital role in filling the gaps in linkage maps and their applications have been successfully established in some populations [47]. Among mononucleotide SSRs distribution, the non-angiosperms (70.67%) showed increased incidence compared to angiosperms (67.67%). Usually among non-angiosperms, algae (53.91%), bryophytes (67.84%), and pteridophytes (69.48%) displayed reduced mononucleotide SSRs incidence while, gymnosperms (84.47%) and fungi (77.63%) showed significantly increased mononucleotide SSRs incidence, respectively. Similarly, for angiosperms, the increased mononucleotide SSRs incidence was observed in dicots (70.96%) as compared to monocots (64.37%).

Excluding mononucleotide SSRs, trinucleotide SSRs were found to be in major (51.28%) repetition, followed by dinucleotide SSRs (39.32%), hexa nucleotide SSRs (3.43%), tetra nucleotide SSRs (3.01%), and penta nucleotide SSRs (2.96%) in general analysis [Figure 8]. The increased trinucleotide SSRs incidence is in agreement with previous genomics studies done in various species [57-59] and relatively high accountability of our tri and hexa nucleotide repeats is also in accordance with previous reports [20,60]. Increased frequency of trinucleotide SSRs has also been reported in coding and noncoding genome of viruses, organelles, plasmids, prokaryotes, fungi, protists, and humans [61,62]. High recurrence of tri and hexa nucleotide SSRs has also been observed more than other types of SSRs in genomic and EST sequences [63,64].

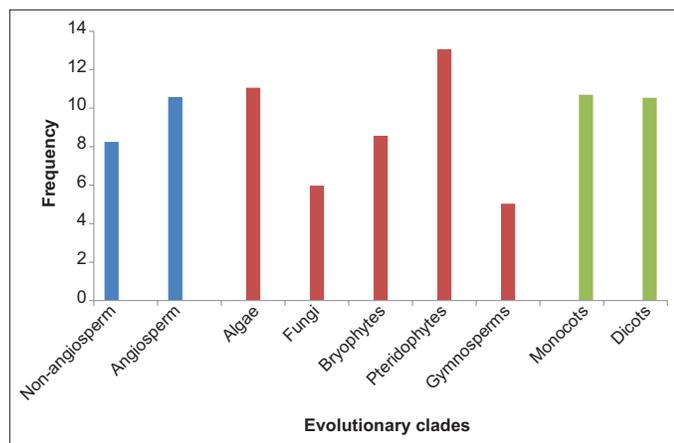


Figure 5: Comparative details of EST-SSRs frequency (%) among different phylogenetic clades.

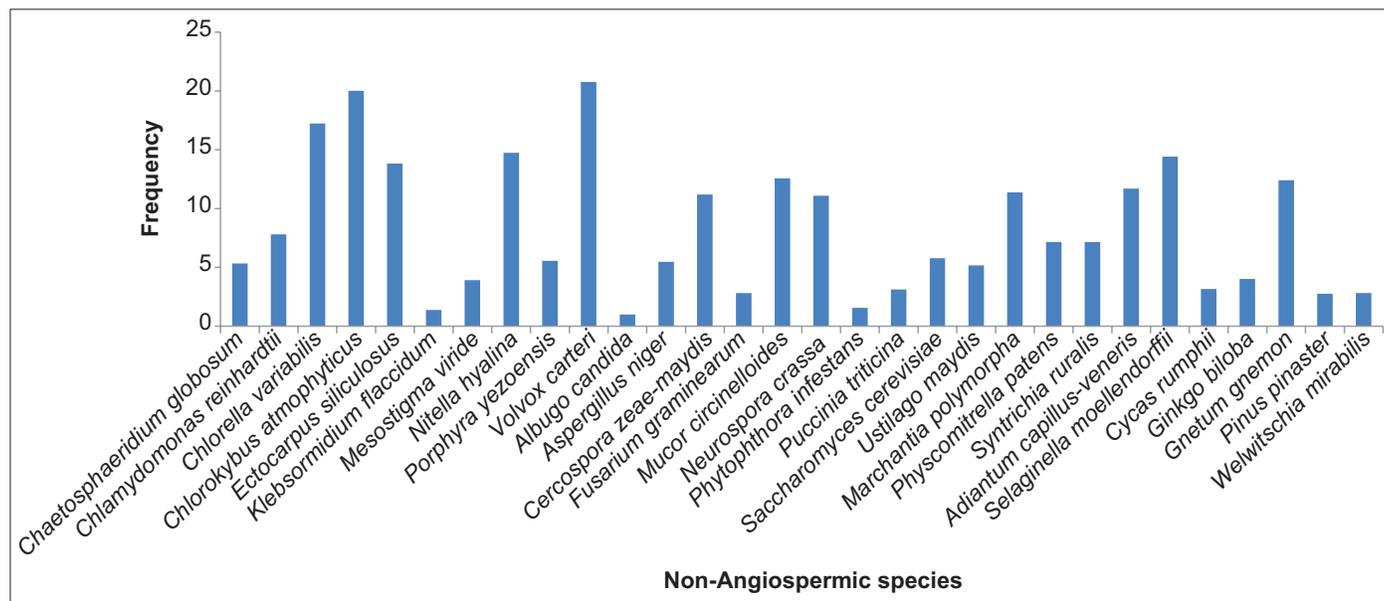


Figure 6: Percentage of SSR incidence within the species belonging to non-angiosperm.

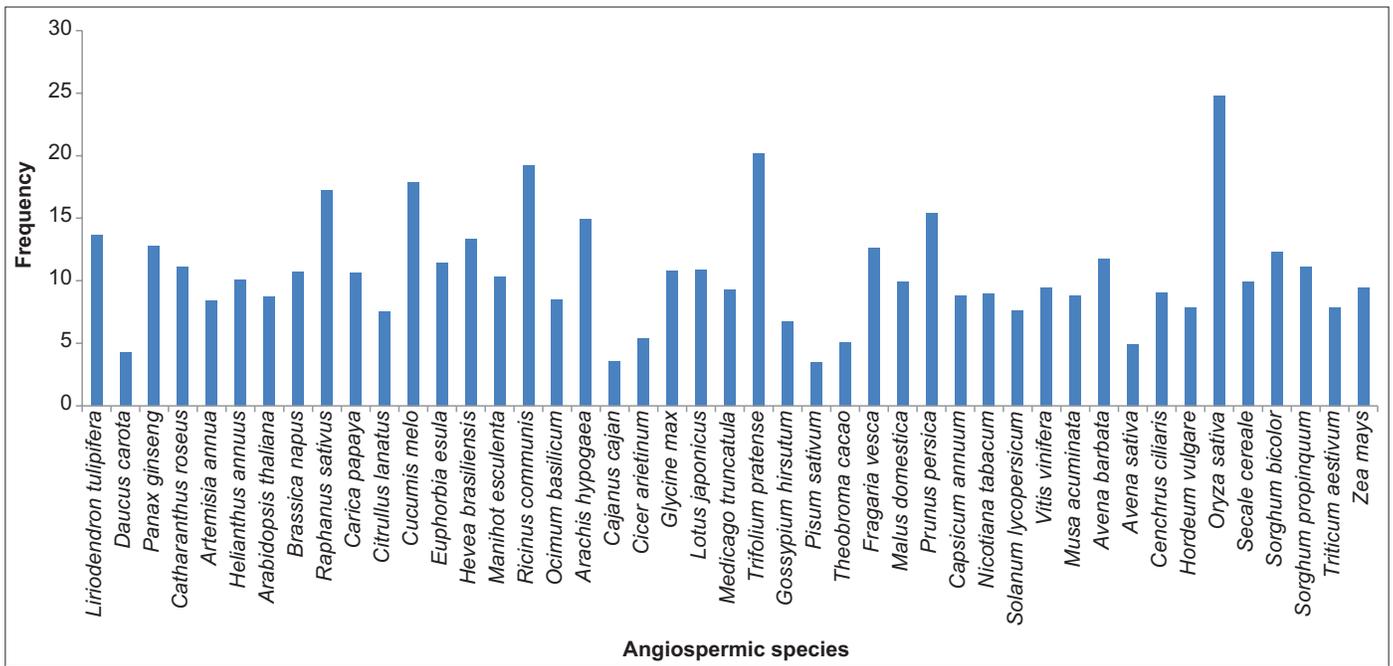


Figure 7: Percent of SSR incidence within the species belonging to angiosperm.

Significantly, the common pattern was observed for different types of SSR in both non-angiosperms and angiosperms but some fluctuations in tetra, penta, and hexa nucleotide SSRs were observed from the general trend among different evolutionary clades [Figure 8]. Significantly, distinguish species revealed a deviation from the average value of SSRs such as, *Adiantum capillus-veneris* (82.00%), *Daucus carota* (66.44%), and *Liriodendron tulipifera* (65.74%) showed deviation in dinucleotide SSR, *Chlorella variabilis* (91.45%), *Chlorokybus atmophyticus* (83.49%), and *Porphyra yezoensis* (79.17%) showed in tri nucleotide SSR, *Mesostigma viride* (38.92%) in tetra nucleotide SSR, *Mesostigma viride* (23.78%) in penta nucleotide SSR, and *Fusarium graminearum* (10.90%) in hexa nucleotide SSR [Additional file 4]. Earlier observations gave similar view of uneven distribution of average frequency among distinct plant species [48,55,56,58,65-67].

Moreover, mono, tri, and dinucleotide SSRs have shown increased distribution in comparison to hexa, tetra, and penta nucleotide SSRs, respectively. However, the existence of different types of SSRs and their complete molecular mechanism, distribution and dominant behavior of SSRs are unstated but it may have possibly risen from selection pressures applied on that specific motif during evolution in the plant genome. While, the replication slippage mechanism is also very important factor that affects a process involving addition or removal of one or more motif repeats and nucleotide substitutions, or duplication events, besides that unequal crossing over have been also seen to influence microsatellite variations [68-70].

3.5. SSRs Motif Length and Categorization

The motif length in different types of SSRs was examined in the ESTs of selected plant species. In total, the average SSRs motif length was found to be 21.12 bp long which is slightly deviated from the earlier reports [67,71]. In general, hexa nucleotide motif (26.60bp) showed high average motif length, followed by tetra nucleotide (22.30 bp), penta nucleotide (22.26 bp), dinucleotide (19.12 bp), mononucleotide (18.51 bp), and trinucleotide motif (17.94 bp). This trend of motif length was found to be common in both non-angiosperms and

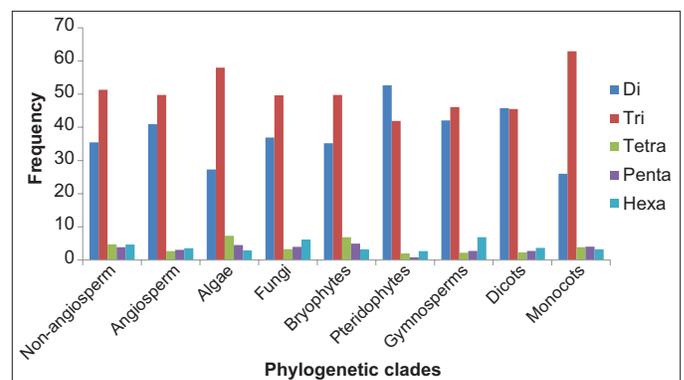


Figure 8: Comparative distribution of different types of SSRs comprising Di to Hexa nucleotide repeats among different phylogenetic clades.

angiosperm but few deviations were seen among non-angiospermic clades. The motif length strengthening or shortening within particular types of SSRs have an influential role on biological complexity which can be correlated with genetic evolution and regulation of evolutionary mechanism while their existence in protein-coding regions can be involved in gain or loss of gene function [69,72-74]. The uniformity in the basic style of SSRs motif length was observed in angiosperms compared to non-angiosperms which represented some divergence [Figure 9]. However, some skewness in motif length was also observed among different evolutionary groups and species [Additional file 5].

On the basis of motif length, microsatellites or SSRs can be categorized into class I and class II perfect microsatellites. A total of 26.43% SSRs were recognized as class I (≥ 20 bp) type perfect microsatellites and rest (73.56%) were belong to class II (12-20bp) type perfect microsatellites, excluding both mono and compound SSRs which is in compliance with earlier report [75]. The class II type of microsatellites was found to be widespread than class I which is in consensus with previous observations [76,77]. Microsatellites which acquire the length between 20 nucleotides or 12 and 19 nucleotides are reported to be highly

mutable [74,78]. The class II type of microsatellites was observed to be more prevalent in angiosperms as compared to non-angiosperms. While, class II type SSRs revealed more regularity in monocots, dicots, and fungi but class I SSRs were widespread in pteridophytes, gymnosperms, and bryophytes [Figure 10]. Consequently, class II type SSR was found to be more frequent than class I types SSR within selected species whether belonging to any evolutionary clade [Additional file 6 and 7].

3.6. Annotation of Most Frequent SSRs Motifs

The enormous diversity in the SSR motifs was obtained within mono to hexa nucleotide SSRs. For example, two motifs (A/T and G/C) with complementarity were identified in mononucleotide SSR followed by four motifs (AC/GT, AG/CT, AT/AT, and CG/CG) in dinucleotide SSR and ten motifs (AAC/GTT, AAG/CTT, AAT/ATT, ACC/GGT, ACG/CGT, ACT/AGT, AGC/CTG, AGG/CCT, ATC/ATG, and CCG/CGG) in trinucleotide SSR. While, the complexed or unfashionable motifs pattern were found onward from tetra to hexa nucleotide SSRs and this nature might be explained by more combinations and permutations of four bases of nucleotides within the motifs. For mononucleotide SSRs, motif A/T was found to be dominant over G/C motif and this rise of A/T motif pattern was almost widespread within and across all species. In general, non-angiosperms represented more A/T motif circulation than angiosperms. Among evolutionary clades, highest A/T incidence was observed in gymnosperms (94.12%) followed by dicots (88.82%) but relatively lower occurrence was seen in algae (68.79%) and monocots (70.17%) with high G/C motif incidence inversely [Figure 11]. The

presence of mononucleotide repeats along with their base composition (A/T and G/C) is known to have vital impact on stability of gene and gene functions due to their highly capricious nature which might be responsible for the frameshift mutation in the coding region [79]. The distribution of mononucleotide motifs was noted to be irregular within number of species, for instance A/T motif was found to be more frequent in *Triticum aestivum* (99.88%), followed by *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (99.82%), *Pisum sativum* (99.76%), and *Raphanus sativus* (99.56%). Similarly, the G/C motif found to be more circulated with 48.51%, 44.43%, 43.52%, 37.18%, and 37.18% in *Ectocarpus siliculosus*, *Volvox carteri*, *Porphyra yezoensis*, *Ustilago maydis*, and *Oryza sativa*, respectively [Additional file 8].

Furthermore, the skewness was observed in the frequency distribution of dinucleotide SSR motifs among species. Commonly, motif AG/CT was identified in major circulations (56.03%) followed by AC/GT (21.22%) and AT/AT (19.41%) but motif CG/CG was in least repetition (3.33%). These patterns of motifs distribution were uniform in phylogenetic clades except algae in which, motif AC/GT was frequent over AG/CT motif and motif CG/CG was dominant over AT/AT motif but motif AT/AT was dominant over AC/GT in gymnosperm. The most frequent AG/CT motif in present study is in compliance with earlier reports followed by either AC/GT or AT/AT and least reported was CG/CG motif in various comparative genomic analysis [52,70]. Accordingly, the abundance of homopurine-homopyrimidine stretches may be explained due to their more commonness in transcribe region and their useful role in the DNA structures modification, regulation of gene expression, and methylation of CpG [69]. Remarkable divergence was seen to emerge from the average value of dimer motifs. For example, motifs AC/GT (45.68%) and CG/CG (15.09%) were found to be common in algae followed by motif AG/CT (65.15%) in bryophytes then motifs AG/CT (63.17%) and AT/AT (5.83%) in pteridophytes while motif AT/AT (36.82%) was in gymnosperms. Similarly, motifs CG/CG (5.81%) and AG/CT (65.66%) were identified to be more reiterated in monocot and dicots, respectively [Figure 11]. Some extreme deviation in the frequency of dimer motifs was also seen in some species, namely, motif AC/GT was frequent in *Volvox carteri* (83.62%) and *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii* (72.97%), followed by AG/CT motif found to be widespread in *Marchantia polymorpha* (89.62%), *Fragaria vesca* (85.85%), and *Malus domestica* (82.28%). Further, motif AT/AT was common in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (87.03%) and *Albugo candida* (72.06%) then motif CG/CG was also frequent in *Klebsormidium flaccidum* (59.79%), *Porphyra yezoensis* (30.61%), and *Mesostigma viride* (21.43%) [Additional file 8].

For trinucleotide SSR motifs, ten distinct motifs were identified in the ESTs of selected plant species. Overall, motif AAG/CTT found to be most dominant, followed by AGC/CTG, CCG/CGG, AGG/CCT, ATC/ATG, ACC/GGT, AAC/GTT, AAT/ATT, ACG/CGT, and ACT/AGT, respectively. Motif AAG/CTT appeared to be widespread among non-angiosperms and angiosperms. Among the non-angiosperm clades, some trinucleotide SSRs motifs showed more repetition such as, motif AGC/CTG was consistently more common within fungi, bryophytes, pteridophytes, and gymnosperms with frequency distribution of 23.91%, 38.51%, 39.69%, and 31.63%, respectively. Motif AAC/GTT (14.09%) was also common in fungi and motifs AAG/CTT (22.04%) and CCG/CGG (12.39%) were common in gymnosperms. Moreover, few motifs seemed to be common in different evolutionary clades such as, motif CCG/CGG in algae, AAC/GTT in fungi, AGG/CCT in bryophytes, ACC/GGT in pteridophytes, and ATC/ATG in gymnosperms [Figure 11]. The commonness of tri nucleotide motifs in the present study is in the wake of accordance with earlier studies [20,46,49,66].

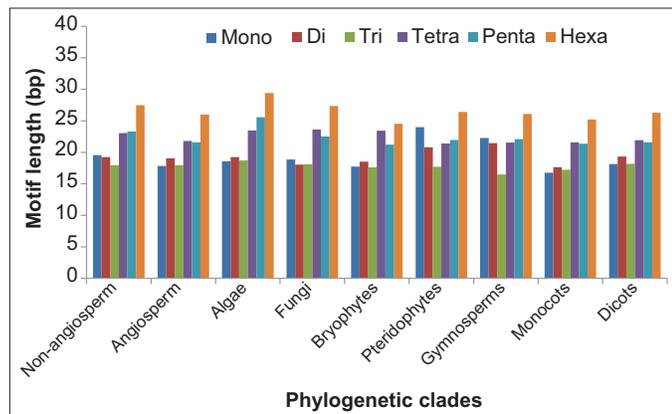


Figure 9: Comparative details of SSR motif length distributions among evolutionary clades.

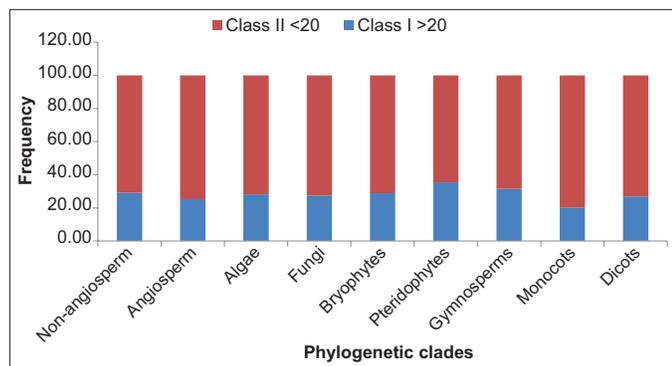


Figure 10: Comparative distribution of Class I and Class II perfect microsatellites among distinct phylogenetic clades.

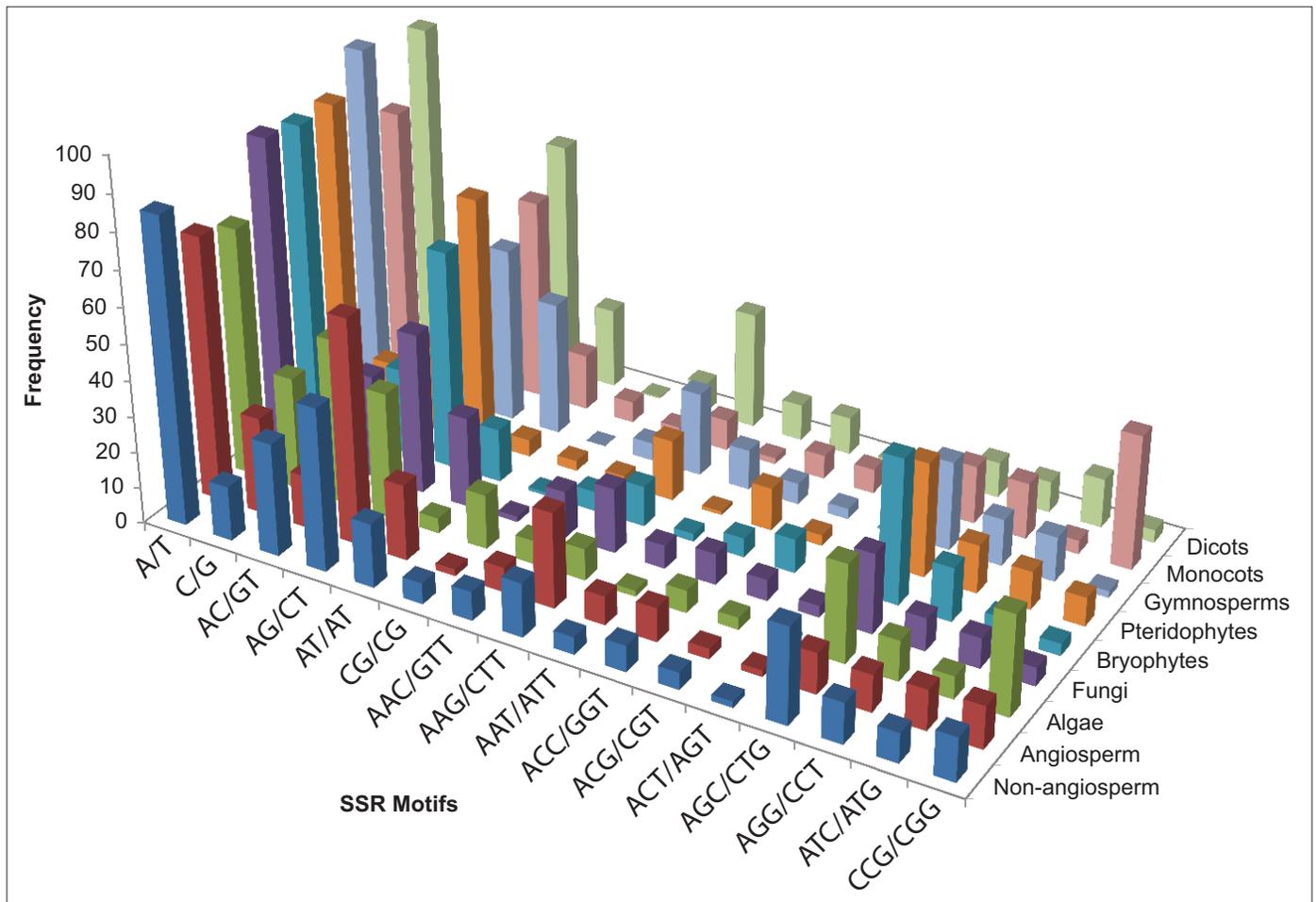


Figure 11: Comparative analysis of different SSR motif distributions amongst mono, di and tri nucleotide repeat motifs amongst phylogenetic clades. Motifs, A/T, AG/CT, AC/GT, AAG CCG/CGG, and AGC/CTG were showed more repetitions.

Among dicots, the trinucleotide motifs such as AAG/CTT, ATC/ATG, and ACC/GGT were identified in more repetition but ACG/CGT, ACT/AGT, and CCG/CGG motifs were seen in least circulation. Analysis revealed that motif AAG/CTT was found to be most dominant in *Cucumis melo* and *Citrullus lanatus* with 61.71% and 40.85%, respectively. This motif also revealed more repetition in few species such as, *Carica papaya*, *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Nicotiana tabacum*, *Euphorbia esula*, and *Arachis hypogaea* and this repetition is in accordance with various earlier studies [57,80-84]. Individually, few motifs also seemed to be highly duplicated among various species such as, motif ATC/ATG was commonly rich in *Daucus carota*, *Artemisia annua*, and *Gossypium hirsutum* followed by motif ACC/GGT which appeared to be widespread in *Trifolium pratense*, *Helianthus annuus*, and *Lotus japonicas*. While motif AAC/GTT was highly repeated in *Pisum sativum*, *Artemisia annua*, and *Capsicum annum*, motif AAT/ATT was common in *Cajanus cajan*, *Cicer arietinum*, and *Hevea brasiliensis* [Additional file 9]. All of these common tri nucleotide motifs which appeared in the present study have been reported in various dicot plant species [47,85-89].

Among monocots, the trinucleotide motif like CCG/CGG was more prevalent and this motif incidence was uniformly followed by AGG/CCT, AGC/CTG, ACG/CGT, and AAG/CTT motifs, respectively [Figure 11]. Significantly, motif CCG/CGG found to be widespread among species of Poaceae family wherein, *Cenchrus ciliaris*, *Oryza*

sativa, *Zea mays*, and *Sorghum propinquum* showed highly repeated nature of this motif except *Musa acuminata*. The predominance of CCG/CGG motif in the present study is in agreement with previous observations in various plant species [26,27,54,58,90]. In the present study, increased repetition of CCG/CGG motif was observed as unique feature for algae and monocots species and this rise of CCG/CGG distribution could be related to increase of GC-content [18,48, 91]. Further, motif AGC/CTG and AGG/CCT were also evenly distributed in grass family except *Oryza sativa* and *Zea mays*. The dominance of different motifs was also detected over average value in certain species, namely, motif AAG/CTT was widespread in *Musa acuminata* and *Avena sativa* then motif ACG/CGT was common in *Sorghum bicolor* and *Secale cereale*. Some motifs, AGC/CTG and AGG/CCT were found to be frequent in monocot species such as *Avena barbata*, *Avena sativa*, *Hordeum vulgare*, and *Triticum aestivum* [Additional file 9]. Distinctive more repeated type of trimer motifs were also observed in the present study which are in resemblance with earlier studies reported in some monocot species [27,46,48,49,53,54,91-93].

At present, the asymmetrical incidence of trinucleotide motifs was observed in monocots and dicots and their distribution was found to be almost inversely proportional to the each other. For example, motif CCG/CGG revealed dominance in monocots compared to dicots whereas in dicot, motifs AAG/CTT seemed to be highly repeated than monocots. However, the common motif AGC/CTG found to be least

distribution in both monocots and dicots. In addition, some motifs namely; CCT/AGG, CCG/GGC, GGA/TTC, and GAA/TTC were also identified which are responsible for making unusual DNA folding structures including hairpin form, bipartite triplex form, and simple loop folding. These motifs may also be responsible for having an impact on gene expression and their regulation mechanism. Moreover, the presence of trinucleotide repeats in the coding region encodes distinct type of amino acid tracts within the peptide or protein which might play an important role in various metabolic activities [48-50,94].

In addition, trinucleotide SSRs motifs are known to have influential role at proteome level because they have direct relation with exons level and can generate amino acids stretch in protein. Therefore, various types of predicted amino acids are identified in the first frame translation for different types of tri nucleotide SSRs motifs. In general, serine (Ser), arginine (Arg), leucine (Leu), alanine (Ala), and proline (Pro) amino acids appeared in huge account in the present analysis. For non-angiosperms, Ala found to be more frequent followed by Ser, Gln, and Leu, whereas, Arg, Ser, Ala, and Leu showed more distribution in angiosperms [Figure 12]. Among non-angiospermic clades, frequent distribution of few amino acids was observed such as, Ala was seen commonly in algae and pteridophytes with frequency 19.08% and 15.34% respectively, followed by Leu (11.73%) in fungi then Ser was more widespread in both bryophytes (14.83%) and gymnosperms (13.95%). Among angiosperms, increased level of Ala and Arg was identified in monocots whereas Ser and Leu were commonly identified in dicots [Figure 13]. This finding is in accordance with earlier genomic studies reported in different species [20,46,49,66]. It is obvious that long stretch of amino acid is responsible for increasing protein size which can create a transition in protein activity. Certain types of single amino acid repetitions have potential to regulate transcriptional activities and contribute in protein-protein interactions. These kinds of amino acids distribution at protein level are involved in the various molecular activities such as ubiquitin activity, structural activity, and receptor activity. While, single amino acid stretch may also provide assistance as spacer elements and also help in distinguishing protein domains [95]. Furthermore, numbers of

amino acids were observed majorly within different species, namely, Ala was found to be frequent in *Chlorella variabilis*, *Ectocarpus siliculosus*, *Chlorokybus atmophyticus*, *Neurospora crassa*, *Marchantia polymorpha*, and *Selaginella moellendorffii*. Then, Ser frequently was identified in *Gnetum gnemon* and *Arachis hypogaea* and Arg was familiar in *Oryza sativa*. It was also observed that some amino acids were in moderate amount but amino acids also such as methionine (Met), tryptophan (Trp), and tyrosine (Tyr) were shown their repetitions in very diminutive amount. The stop codons such as Amber (Am*), Ochre (Oc*), and Opal (Op*) were also detected but among them, Op* was more frequently distributed than Oc and Am. Moreover, dicots, monocots, and algal species showed high frequency of Op* codon in comparison to Am* and Oc*. While, high frequency of the Op stop codon was also seen in *Nitella hyaline*, *Brassica napus*, and *Raphanus sativus* with 7.44%, 3.08%, and 2.83% distribution separately [Additional file 10].

Due to combination and permutation of nucleotides in SSRs motif, an immense diversity was observed in the SSR motifs belonging to tetra, penta, and hexa nucleotide SSRs with lack of relation which was identified in the frequency of motifs and type of motifs within and across species. Therefore, the complexed incidence of different types of motifs was observed in the present study and their distributions were immense. For tetranucleotide SSRs, few numbers of specific SSR motifs were observed comparatively within species, namely, motifs AATC/ATTG, ACAT/ATGT, and AATT/AATT were more duplicated in *Nitella hyaline*, *Volvox carteri*, and *Mesostigma viride*, respectively. Further, motif AGGC/CCTG was found to be highly repeated in *Neurospora crassa*, followed by motif AGGC/CCTG in *Marchantia polymorpha* and motif AGCG/CGCT in *Selaginella moellendorffii*. In monocots, motif ATCC/ATGG was found to be highly repeated in *Oryza sativa* while in dicot, motif AAAT/ATTT was widespread in *Artemisia annua* and *Prunus persica*. Furthermore, motif AAAG/CTTT was more frequent in *Arachis hypogaea*, *Cucumis melo*, *Ricinus communis*, and *Theobroma cacao*. The prevalence of these types of tetramer motifs is in concurrence with earlier observations reported in various species [47,50,52,58,65].

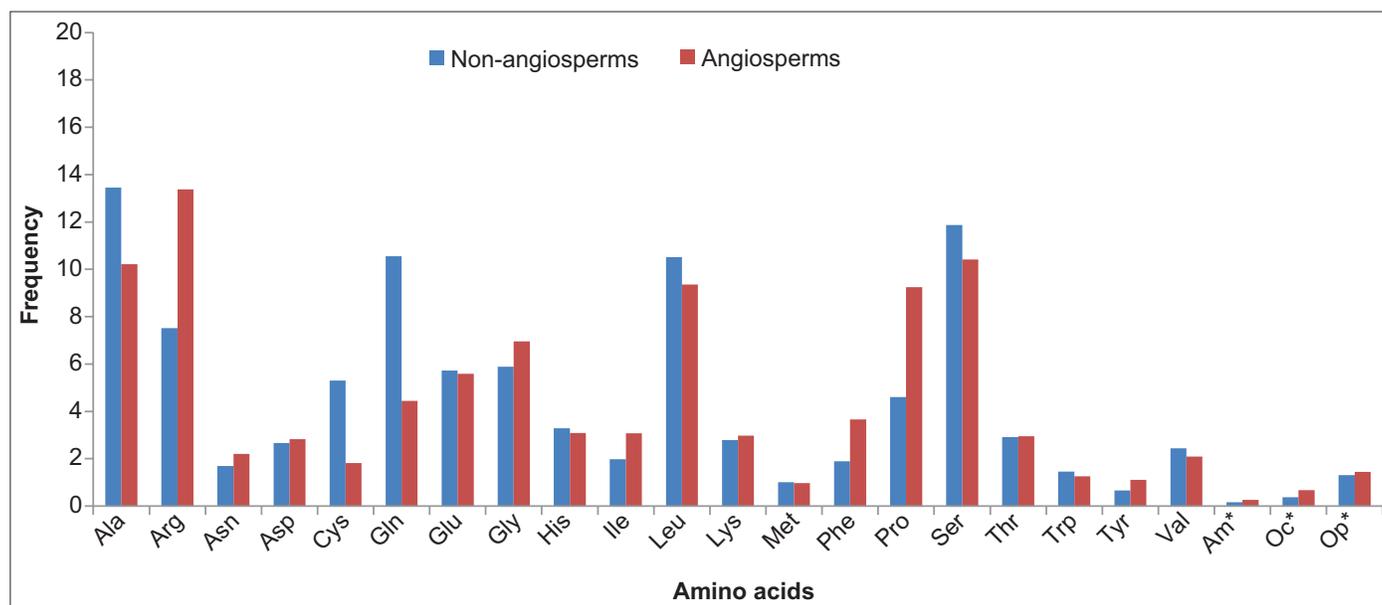


Figure 12: Relative amino acids distribution between non-angiosperms and angiosperms. In general, amino acids, namely, alanine (Ala), arginine (Arg), leucine (Leu), serine (Ser), and proline (Pro) were found to be widespread.

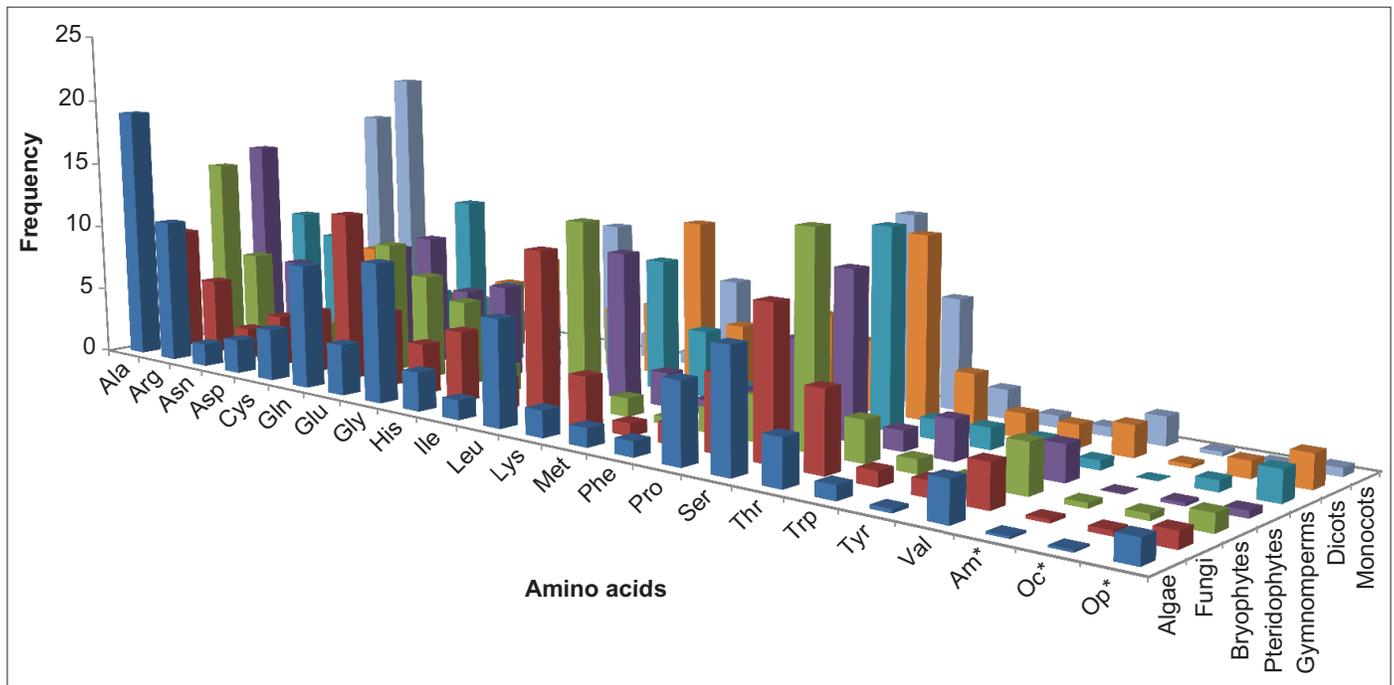


Figure 13: Comparative distribution of predicted amino acids encoded by trinucleotide repeat motifs amongst different evolutionary clades..

Similarly, a complexed trend was identified in pentanucleotide SSRs but few motifs seemed to more common than other within the species such as, motifs AAATT/AATTT, AGCCT/AGGCT, AAAAT/ATTTT, and AGAGG/CCTCT were found to be more frequent in non-angiospermic species especially in *Mesostigma viride*, *Neurospora crassa*, and *Physcomitrella patens*, respectively. In monocot, motifs AGAGG/CCTCT, AAGAG/CTCTT, and AGGGG/CCCCT were common in *Oryza sativa* followed by motifs AGAGG/CCTCT and AGGGG/CCCCT in *Hordeum vulgare* and motifs AGCTC/AGCTG and AGAGG/CCTCT were in *Zea mays*. In dicot species, the reiteration of motif like AAAAG/CTTTT was found to be common in *Manihot esculenta*, *Theobroma cacao*, *Cucumis melo*, and *Arachis hypogaea*. Motif AAAAT/ATTTT was more common among *Artemisia annua*, *Prunus persica*, and *Hevea brasiliensis* and this observation is in agreement with previous studies among different plant species [65,82]. Significantly, the hexanucleotide SSRs seemed to be more dominant over tetramer and penta nucleotide SSRs which is in compliance with earlier analysis in various plant species [57,96]. Surprisingly, massive diversity was identified in hexanucleotide SSRs motif patterns and limitless array of different types of motifs was seen with diminutive repetition. Besides, few hexa nucleotide motifs showed comparatively enhanced repetitions in distinct plant species, namely, motif ATCGCC/ATGGCG was found to be common in *Nitella hyaline* and *Selaginella moellendorffii* followed by motif ACAGAT/ATCTGT in *Neurospora crassa*. Motifs AGGCGG/CCGCT, AGCCTG/AGGCTC, and AACCT/AGGGTT observed in *Oryza sativa*, *Gossypium hirsutum*, and *Artemisia annua*, respectively, are in compliance with previous reports in different species [48,66,97,98].

4. CONCLUSION

The present study aimed to explore the plasticity of tandem repeated DNA elements, especially SSRs analysis in expressed sequence tags (ESTs). In general, mononucleotide to hexa nucleotide SSRs were annotated at large scale ESTs of 75 different species belonging

to diverge evolutionary clades such as algae, fungi, bryophytes, pteridophytes, gymnosperms, dicots, and monocots. Approximately, 4.35 million EST sequences were examined for SSRs exploration which resulted in identification of huge diversity in SSRs distributions in ESTs of selected species. Mononucleotide SSRs were identified as utmost in circulation in the ESTs uniformly followed by trinucleotides, dinucleotides, hexanucleotides, tetra nucleotides, and penta nucleotides SSR, respectively. An immense diversity in the SSR frequencies and their motifs distribution were identified within and across the species belonging to angiosperms and non-angiosperms. According to SSR motifs incidence, mononucleotide to trinucleotide SSR motifs showed remarkable distribution in the ESTs and their categorization was found to be explicit. Conversely, more complex pattern of motifs distribution was identified within hexanucleotide SSRs and pentanucleotide SSRs in comparison to tetranucleotide SSRs which showed slightly less diversity in motifs relatively. Therefore, a number of distinctive attributes were revealed which enhanced our understanding about the SSRs variation, distribution, expansion, and divergence within and across angiospermic and non-angiospermic species or different evolutionary clades.

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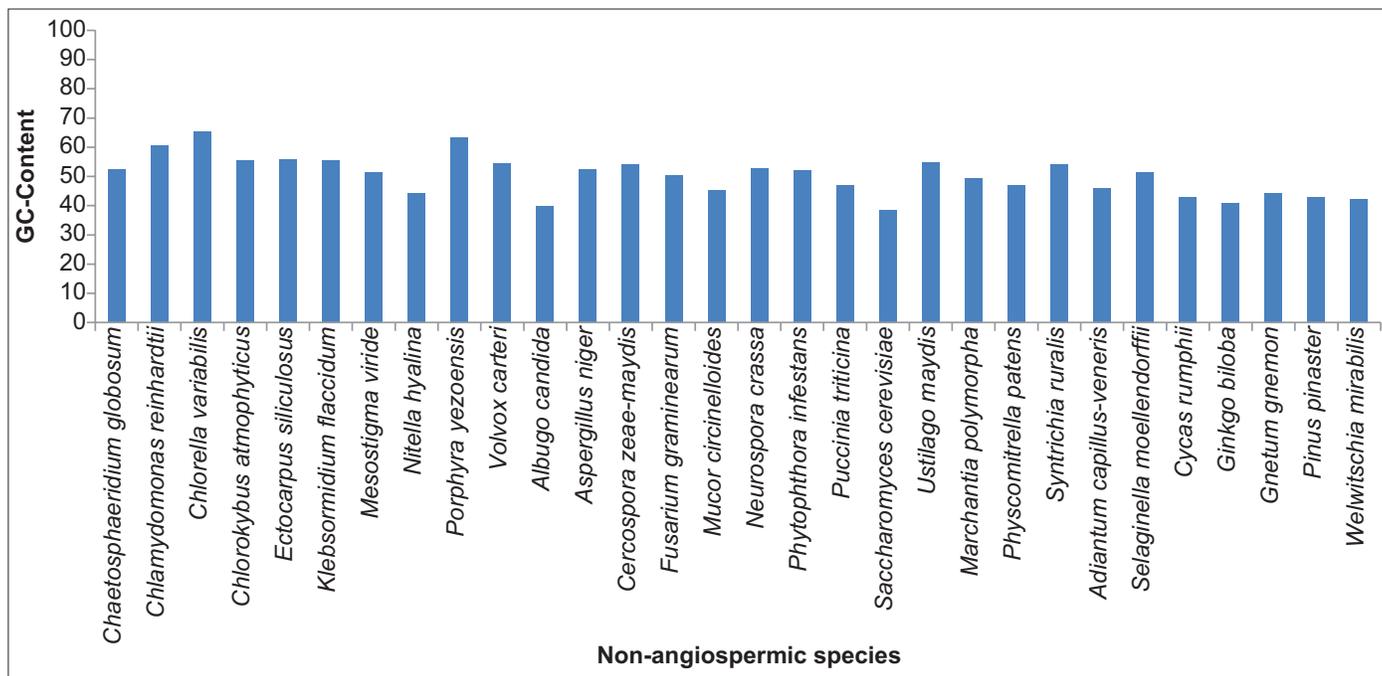
Additional file 1: Details of EST sequence characterizations amongst seventy five different species belonging to distinct evolutionary clades.

Serial no.	Plant Species	Average sequence length (nucleotides)
1	<i>Chaetosphaeridium globosum</i>	692.01
2	<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	683.48
3	<i>Chlorella variabilis</i>	754.86
4	<i>Chlorokybus atmophyticus</i>	953.14
5	<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	735.69
6	<i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i>	947.35
7	<i>Mesostigma viride</i>	702.30
8	<i>Nitella hyalina</i>	730.02
9	<i>Porphyra yezoensis</i>	592.17
10	<i>Volvox carteri</i>	870.89
11	<i>Albugo candida</i>	1033.83
12	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	912.83
13	<i>Cercospora zea-maydis</i>	774.42
14	<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	680.33
15	<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	760.17
16	<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	895.66
17	<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	649.40
18	<i>Puccinia triticina</i>	535.82
19	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	585.32
20	<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	789.02
21	<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	802.07
22	<i>Physcomitrella patens</i>	947.22
23	<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i>	628.52
24	<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	589.69
25	<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	991.30
26	<i>Cycas rumphii</i>	683.22
27	<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	669.07
28	<i>Gnetum gnemon</i>	573.55
29	<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	626.47
30	<i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i>	753.65
31	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	636.13
32	<i>Daucus carota</i>	529.22
33	<i>Panax ginseng</i>	805.12
34	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	569.59
35	<i>Artemisia annua</i>	827.60
36	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	764.56
37	<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	675.70

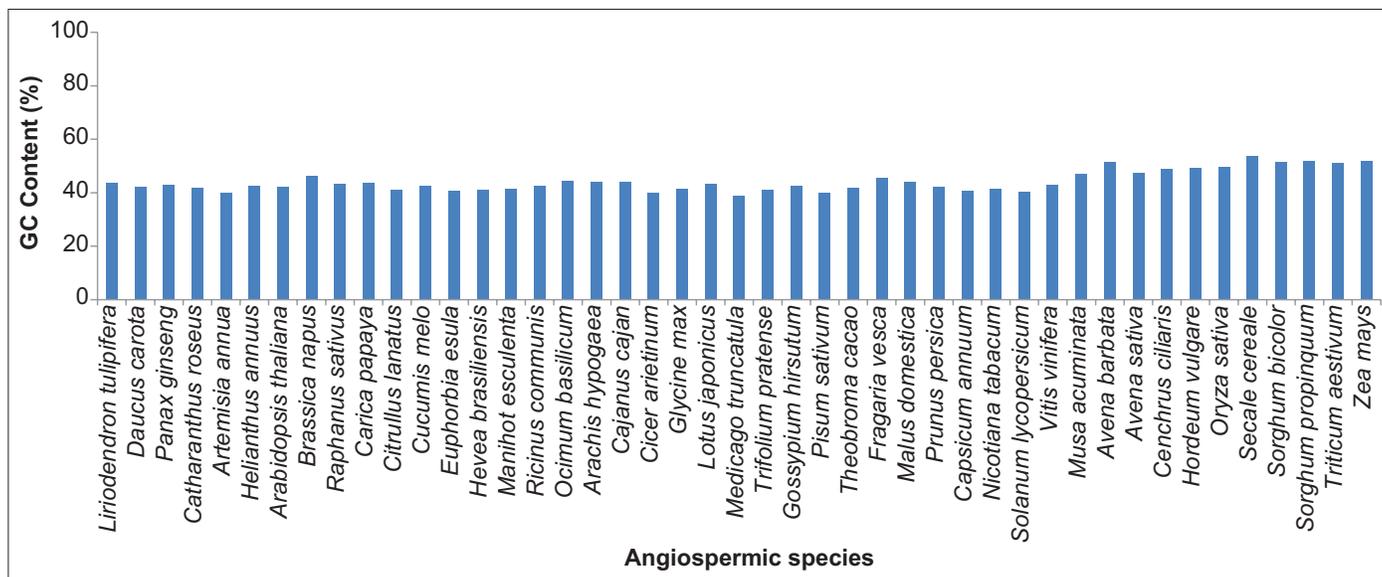
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Serial no.	Plant Species	Average sequence length (nucleotides)
38	<i>Brassica napus</i>	823.45
39	<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	857.84
40	<i>Carica papaya</i>	914.18
41	<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	535.15
42	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	719.85
43	<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	803.22
44	<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	643.11
45	<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	657.09
46	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	848.37
47	<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	799.63
48	<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	566.18
49	<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	580.99
50	<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	591.61
51	<i>Glycine max</i>	796.04
52	<i>Lotus japonicus</i>	513.56
53	<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	750.16
54	<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	673.01
55	<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	890.06
56	<i>Pisum sativum</i>	555.84
57	<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	524.43
58	<i>Musa acuminata</i>	647.10
59	<i>Avena barbata</i>	855.34
60	<i>Avena sativa</i>	634.58
61	<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	803.52
62	<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	641.13
63	<i>Oryza sativa</i>	837.47
64	<i>Secale cereale</i>	530.14
65	<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	673.97
66	<i>Sorghum propinquum</i>	561.64
67	<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	644.58
68	<i>Zea mays</i>	590.59
69	<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	815.68
70	<i>Malus domestica</i>	625.90
71	<i>Prunus persica</i>	803.77
72	<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	726.52
73	<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	654.87
74	<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	654.77
75	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	730.04



Additional file 2: Details of GC-content (%) within 30 species belonging non-angiospermic group.



Additional file 3: Details of GC-content (%) within 45 species belonging to angiospermic group.

Additional file 4: Comparative details of di, tri, tetra, penta and hexa nucleotide SSRs frequency (%) distribution amongst seventy five different species belonging to different phylogenetic groups.

Plant species	Nucleotide Repeat				
	Di	Tri	Tetra	Penta	Hexa
<i>Chaetosphaeridium globosum</i>	62.04	29.05	3.26	1.97	3.68
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	34.05	59.61	1.84	2.04	2.45
<i>Chlorella variabilis</i>	4.11	91.45	1.45	1.37	1.61
<i>Chlorokybus atmophyticus</i>	6.98	83.49	2.25	2.30	4.98
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	27.78	64.74	2.22	2.26	3.00
<i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i>	34.89	53.60	3.24	3.96	4.32
<i>Mesostigma viride</i>	7.57	28.11	38.92	23.78	1.62
<i>Nitella hyalina</i>	46.02	38.72	8.16	4.59	2.50
<i>Porphyra yezoensis</i>	17.01	79.17	0.69	0.35	2.78
<i>Volvox carteri</i>	32.31	51.93	10.92	2.61	2.23
<i>Albugo candida</i>	61.26	26.58	0.45	3.15	8.56
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	31.11	50.38	7.44	5.92	5.15
<i>Cercospora zea-maydis</i>	19.64	66.94	5.12	5.39	2.90
<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	27.56	51.92	1.28	8.33	10.90
<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	32.97	64.99	0.47	0.16	1.41
<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	20.61	60.03	10.20	4.13	5.03
<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	39.51	55.19	1.73	0.74	2.84
<i>Puccinia triticina</i>	59.63	31.47	2.28	4.14	2.48
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	58.73	33.33	1.90	2.22	3.81
<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	18.24	55.58	1.72	5.58	18.88
<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	24.41	57.37	7.98	7.98	2.25
<i>Physcomitrella patens</i>	48.99	38.54	5.36	4.83	2.28
<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i>	32.12	53.37	7.25	2.07	5.18
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	82.00	14.48	0.91	0.34	2.27
<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	23.30	69.31	3.08	1.22	3.08
<i>Cycas rumphii</i>	55.05	37.13	2.61	1.63	3.58
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	59.83	32.76	1.14	1.99	4.27
<i>Gnetum gnemon</i>	15.89	66.38	2.84	3.40	11.49
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	45.18	42.15	1.38	3.86	7.44
<i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i>	34.50	52.05	2.92	2.92	7.60
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	65.74	27.49	1.85	1.72	3.20
<i>Daucus carota</i>	66.44	30.87	0.00	1.01	1.68
<i>Panax ginseng</i>	55.23	31.37	3.02	4.49	5.88
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	49.10	44.24	1.47	2.37	2.82
<i>Artemisia annua</i>	30.88	54.50	5.63	3.73	5.26
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	39.23	50.50	3.43	2.93	3.90

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Additional file 4: (Continued).

Plant species	Nucleotide Repeat				
	Di	Tri	Tetra	Penta	Hexa
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	38.12	59.23	0.70	0.60	1.35
<i>Brassica napus</i>	52.73	44.08	0.76	0.94	1.49
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	43.69	51.99	1.14	1.62	1.56
<i>Carica papaya</i>	58.53	34.35	2.04	1.91	3.17
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	42.17	46.30	4.13	3.48	3.91
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	38.94	50.12	2.75	3.73	4.47
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	22.75	66.25	3.67	4.06	3.27
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	60.96	31.26	1.67	2.71	3.40
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	52.94	36.74	2.44	3.69	4.18
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	39.59	52.11	2.15	2.23	3.93
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	47.61	45.02	2.79	2.39	2.19
<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	38.05	51.17	3.23	3.23	4.31
<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	57.06	31.21	4.97	3.18	3.58
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	42.08	46.51	1.77	4.69	4.94
<i>Glycine max</i>	40.34	50.46	2.10	3.02	4.08
<i>Lotus japonicus</i>	35.00	53.06	1.81	3.30	6.83
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	36.44	51.05	3.26	4.13	5.13
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	24.04	69.51	2.31	1.64	2.52
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	41.06	46.74	3.19	3.10	5.90
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	19.94	69.50	0.88	3.52	6.16
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	51.14	38.19	2.97	4.04	3.66
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	45.77	49.85	0.99	1.30	2.10
<i>Malus domestica</i>	63.44	29.74	1.73	2.14	2.96
<i>Prunus persica</i>	65.21	26.34	2.10	3.72	2.62
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	54.65	39.05	1.97	1.71	2.61
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	54.34	39.18	1.59	1.86	3.03
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	33.97	59.64	1.05	1.92	3.41
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	49.97	39.03	2.75	3.40	4.85
<i>Musa acuminata</i>	47.43	47.43	1.77	1.95	1.42
<i>Avena barbata</i>	22.35	64.56	4.48	3.97	4.63
<i>Avena sativa</i>	31.05	57.23	6.05	2.54	3.13
<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	21.74	69.79	2.17	4.00	2.29
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	27.15	57.87	5.23	5.73	4.01
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	22.72	70.23	1.69	3.05	2.31
<i>Secale cereale</i>	15.38	71.05	6.48	4.25	2.83
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	24.76	63.47	2.88	5.00	3.88
<i>Sorghum propinquum</i>	22.25	64.36	4.00	5.18	4.21
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	21.25	66.25	5.19	4.42	2.89
<i>Zea mays</i>	29.95	59.82	2.31	3.94	3.98

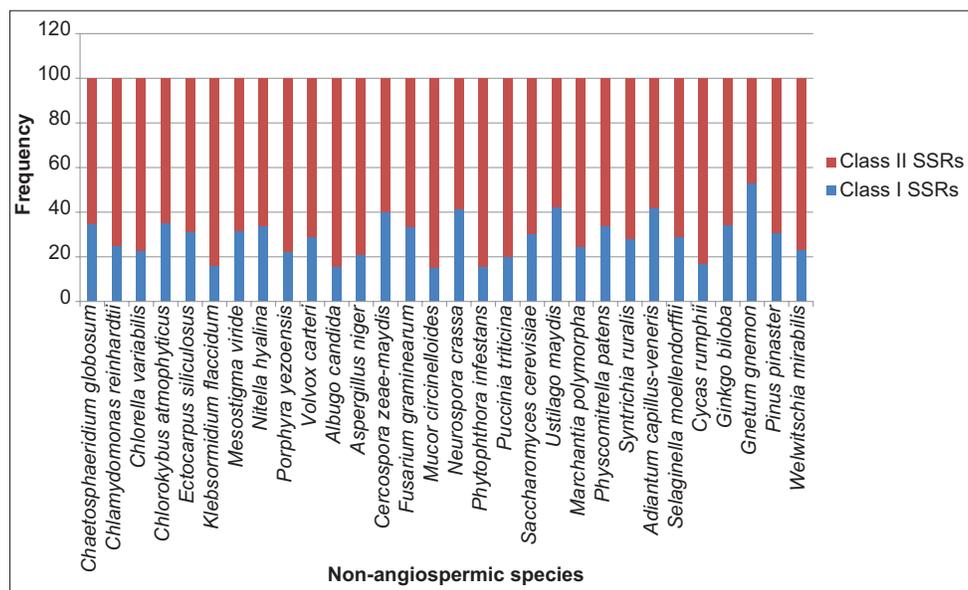
Additional file 5: Details of average SSRs or microsatellites motif length distributions amongst seventy-five different plant species.

Plant species	Motifs length					
	Mono	Di	Tri	Tetra	Penta	Hexa
<i>Chaetosphaeridium globosum</i>	22.8	24.02	18.02	22.75	39.09	26.75
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	17.33	24.26	17.67	23.2	22.22	31
<i>Chlorella variabilis</i>	15.72	14.95	17.61	22.13	25	28
<i>Chlorokybus atmophyticus</i>	18.05	19.56	18.74	22.79	23	27.08
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	12.02	16.6	19.81	23.23	25.2	26.94
<i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i>	13.04	14.7	16.92	24	23.18	33
<i>Mesostigma viride</i>	23.03	16	21.83	33.47	23.88	30
<i>Nitella hyalina</i>	14.37	21.29	19.19	30.49	25.41	26.3
<i>Porphyra yezoensis</i>	15.78	22.9	18.22	0	24	38
<i>Volvox carteri</i>	33.5	18.04	19.06	32.6	24.58	27.2
<i>Albugo candida</i>	19.12	13.64	16.36	20	20	30.66
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	23.23	15.66	17.65	21.87	22.1	25.75
<i>Cercospora zea-maydis</i>	19.1	19.01	20.76	24.53	22.27	29.25
<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	21.85	22.57	17.48	36	23.07	24.42
<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	13.83	15.17	17.02	21.33	20	24.85
<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	17.71	26.05	18.65	24.2	23.87	27.58
<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	26.53	13.97	16.8	20	20	26.66
<i>Puccinia triticina</i>	14.13	19.28	19.5	20	27.33	26
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	12.31	17.5	18.38	22	24.28	26.25
<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	20.65	17.52	18.41	26.28	22.27	31.94
<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	12.12	18.11	17.31	21.79	21.83	24.3
<i>Physcomitrella patens</i>	23.84	20.42	17.75	23.83	21.78	24
<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i>	17.22	17.02	17.8	24.66	20	25.33
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	24.59	24.03	17.24	21.2	22	26.72
<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	23.38	17.6	18.19	21.61	21.94	26.11
<i>Cycas rumphii</i>	22.26	18.58	16.47	20	20	24.75
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	26.12	21.3	16.3	22.66	22	26.3
<i>Gnetum gnemon</i>	20.65	16.53	17.34	21.06	20.58	25.52
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	23.92	30.47	16.06	20	20.41	25.3
<i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i>	18.47	20.47	16.3	24	27.5	28.66
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	19.22	24.78	18.56	21.06	23.57	26.36
<i>Daucus carota</i>	17.35	16.67	16.75	0	21.66	25.5
<i>Panax ginseng</i>	16.23	19.03	18.31	24.88	22.09	27.04
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	20.32	21.71	18.39	21.45	20.76	26.18
<i>Artemisia annua</i>	19.48	16.22	17.09	23.73	22.59	26.15
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	14.6	15.94	17.05	22.97	21.66	26.09
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	21.87	21.17	17.29	21.53	20	27.36
<i>Brassica napus</i>	21.3	17.34	17.07	21.11	20.04	26.59
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	18.32	16.13	17.31	21.18	21.16	28.52
<i>Carica papaya</i>	17.94	18.12	19.02	23.41	22.43	26.67
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	16.07	17.16	19.83	22.9	20.55	26.57
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	13.12	19.71	21.63	26.53	22.53	28.2
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	17.11	21	19.83	23.29	21.23	26.4
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	19.23	32.16	19.68	22.3	21.62	27.44
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	16.49	18.75	18.25	22.84	22.39	26.48
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	18.34	18.96	18.16	23.03	20.87	25.74
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	18.14	19.55	17.97	22.22	20.45	25.8

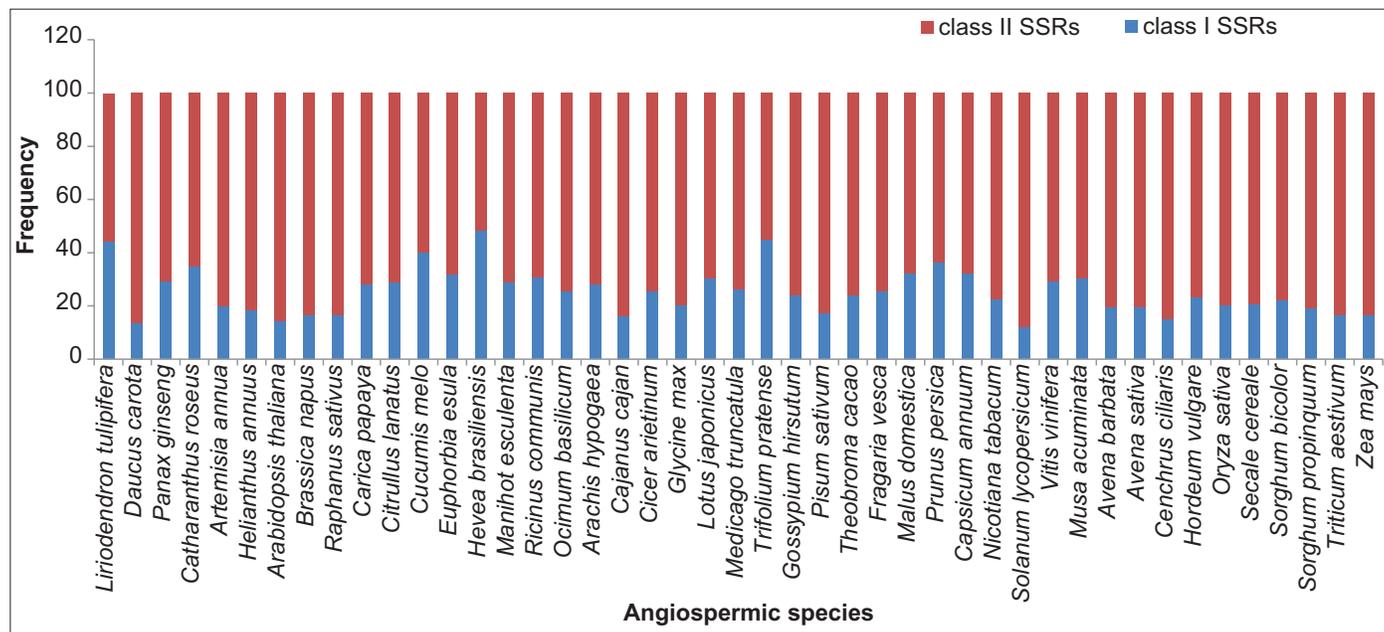
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Additional file 5: (Continued).

Plant species	Motifs length					
	Mono	Di	Tri	Tetra	Penta	Hexa
<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	13.07	19.39	18.05	23.19	21.51	25.73
<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	22.9	14.07	17.66	22.28	21	24.85
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	24.31	18.29	17.62	23.2	28.83	26.06
<i>Glycine max</i>	18.21	15.78	17.48	21.14	20.79	25.09
<i>Lotus japonicus</i>	13.62	19.83	18.07	21.67	21.53	26.1
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	12.36	19.1	17.76	22.02	21.33	25.88
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	12.4	25.19	22.98	22.87	21.29	26.19
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	16.69	15.55	18	22.86	22.11	27.15
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	16.96	14.37	16.88	25.33	20	26.33
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	25.28	16.64	18	22.51	23.37	25.14
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	18.32	20.11	17.37	22.54	20	24.38
<i>Malus domestica</i>	17.47	22.09	17.38	23.17	21.59	26.24
<i>Prunus persica</i>	19.54	22.33	18	21.52	22.04	26.75
<i>Capsicum annum</i>	19.8	30.53	17.22	20.05	22.42	26.72
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	24.55	18	18.36	22.77	20.97	26.24
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	12.87	14.19	16.73	20.3	20.71	25
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	24.08	23.19	18.02	22.4	21.09	26.458
<i>Musa acuminata</i>	16.46	18.97	18.57	21.64	21.5	26.8
<i>Avena barbata</i>	17.61	16.84	16.95	23.02	21.58	26.08
<i>Avena sativa</i>	18	17.83	17.57	21.27	20.45	26
<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	22.42	18.02	16.53	20.57	21.85	24
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	16	18.63	17.31	21.76	21.1	24.52
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	19.5	17.75	17.29	20.91	21.13	24.88
<i>Secale cereale</i>	20.9	17.82	17.15	20.5	21	24
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	11.75	18.11	17.37	23.33	22.15	24.65
<i>Sorghum propinquum</i>	16.6	19.93	16.84	20.72	20.93	24.9
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	10.06	14.02	17.46	21.9	21.89	26.6
<i>Zea mays</i>	15.15	15.97	16.58	21.65	21.5	24.87



Additional file 6: Detail of class I and class II perfect SSRs within 30 species belonging to non-angiospermic group.



Additional file 7: Detail of class I and class II perfect SSRs within 45 species belonging to angiospermic group.

Additional file 8: Frequency distribution (%) of mono and di nucleotide SSR motifs in 75 different species.

Plant Species	A/T	C/G	AC/GT	AG/CT	AT/AT	CG/CG
<i>Chaetosphaeridium globosum</i>	75.31	24.69	34.94	59.81	2.49	2.76
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	76.16	23.84	72.97	15.92	3.60	7.51
<i>Chlorella variabilis</i>	77.30	22.70	58.82	25.49	1.96	13.73
<i>Chlorokybus atmophyticus</i>	91.21	8.79	58.39	31.06	1.86	8.70
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	51.49	48.51	36.68	56.58	3.61	3.13
<i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i>	74.53	25.47	22.68	15.46	2.06	59.79
<i>Mesostigma viride</i>	95.90	4.10	35.71	28.57	14.29	21.43
<i>Nitella hyalina</i>	85.81	14.19	26.47	64.29	7.68	1.55
<i>Porphyra yezoensis</i>	56.48	43.52	26.53	40.82	2.04	30.61
<i>Volvox carteri</i>	55.57	44.43	83.62	11.96	2.73	1.69
<i>Albugo candida</i>	89.79	10.21	10.29	16.91	72.06	0.74
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	89.20	10.80	28.83	57.06	13.50	0.61
<i>Cercospora zeae-maydis</i>	88.36	11.64	44.37	44.37	7.04	4.23
<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	95.59	4.41	30.23	55.81	9.30	4.65
<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	90.76	9.24	41.43	41.43	17.14	0.00
<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	81.59	18.41	27.78	58.94	11.35	1.93
<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	91.53	8.47	28.44	50.00	19.06	2.50
<i>Puccinia triticina</i>	81.04	18.96	21.88	64.58	12.85	0.69
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	99.82	0.18	9.19	3.78	87.03	0.00
<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	62.82	37.18	45.88	51.76	2.35	0.00
<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	99.09	0.91	5.77	89.62	2.31	2.31
<i>Physcomitrella patens</i>	78.61	21.39	24.73	40.68	34.05	0.54
<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i>	93.41	6.59	40.32	51.61	8.06	0.00
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	94.08	5.92	29.78	67.24	0.55	2.42
<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	82.02	17.98	17.21	70.65	8.88	3.26
<i>Cycas rumphii</i>	92.75	7.25	19.53	34.32	46.15	0.00
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	89.85	10.15	13.81	35.71	50.48	0.00
<i>Gnetum gnemon</i>	97.78	2.22	20.54	55.36	24.11	0.00

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Additional file 8: (Continued).

Plant Species	A/T	C/G	AC/GT	AG/CT	AT/AT	CG/CG
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	99.53	0.47	6.71	53.66	39.63	0.00
<i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i>	95.21	4.79	13.56	62.71	23.73	0.00
<i>Daucus carota</i>	99.13	0.87	17.17	78.79	4.04	0.00
<i>Panax ginseng</i>	85.95	14.05	7.10	41.27	51.18	0.44
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	98.75	1.25	3.22	63.22	33.56	0.00
<i>Artemisia annua</i>	87.29	12.71	55.88	22.66	20.78	0.68
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	84.00	16.00	20.22	65.73	14.04	0.00
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	92.42	7.58	10.12	72.20	17.32	0.37
<i>Brassica napus</i>	85.36	14.64	10.07	73.89	15.39	0.64
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	99.56	0.44	10.84	80.17	8.94	0.05
<i>Carica papaya</i>	77.23	22.77	11.17	55.26	32.81	0.76
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	99.35	0.65	8.25	46.91	44.85	0.00
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	92.50	7.50	8.61	69.26	21.89	0.24
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	98.47	1.53	7.11	62.22	30.50	0.17
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	98.71	1.29	3.31	79.28	17.22	0.19
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	97.66	2.34	6.06	73.39	20.55	0.00
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	97.19	2.81	5.74	70.88	23.28	0.10
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	80.06	19.94	21.76	53.14	25.10	0.00
<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	92.11	7.89	8.13	81.95	9.86	0.06
<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	89.27	10.73	21.60	42.86	30.66	4.88
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	91.76	8.24	10.84	58.13	30.42	0.60
<i>Glycine max</i>	98.19	1.81	11.64	72.94	15.33	0.09
<i>Lotus japonicus</i>	92.34	7.66	12.68	76.32	10.77	0.22
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	94.88	5.12	11.24	66.73	21.86	0.18
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	88.89	11.11	9.42	78.18	12.39	0.00
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	76.73	23.27	13.10	40.68	45.58	0.64
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	99.76	0.24	16.18	55.88	27.94	0.00
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	90.05	9.95	5.56	69.88	24.57	0.00
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	90.98	9.02	5.66	85.85	8.36	0.13
<i>Malus domestica</i>	98.72	1.28	6.00	82.28	11.72	0.00
<i>Prunus persica</i>	87.93	12.07	4.82	75.18	19.92	0.09
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	81.99	18.01	10.12	65.41	24.47	0.00
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	92.70	7.30	24.76	61.09	13.81	0.35
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	77.45	22.55	12.41	54.01	33.39	0.18
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	99.31	0.69	4.53	70.23	25.13	0.11
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	99.12	0.88	8.33	86.44	5.05	0.19
<i>Musa acuminata</i>	87.62	12.38	9.16	77.38	13.27	0.19
<i>Avena barbata</i>	89.20	10.80	27.33	44.87	19.13	8.66
<i>Avena sativa</i>	99.07	0.93	29.56	48.43	20.75	1.26
<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	92.21	7.79	16.84	65.26	14.21	3.68
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	83.86	16.14	27.57	51.00	16.45	4.98
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	62.94	37.06	13.95	65.86	12.17	8.02
<i>Secale cereale</i>	98.14	1.86	26.32	48.68	19.74	5.26
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	95.83	4.17	23.04	47.98	20.67	8.31
<i>Sorghum propinquum</i>	97.82	2.18	24.27	49.51	16.50	9.71
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	99.88	0.12	30.59	56.04	6.43	6.94
<i>Zea mays</i>	65.41	34.59	22.27	58.96	11.90	6.86

Additional file 9: Comparative details of different types of tri nucleotide SSRs motifs distribution amongst seventy five distinct species.

Plant species	AAC/GTT	AAG/CTT	AAI/ATT	ACC/GGT	ACG/CGT	ACT/AGT	AGC/CTG	AGG/CCT	ATC/ATG	CCG/CGG
<i>Chaetosphaeridium globosum</i>	6.49	13.86	1.18	10.03	4.72	0.29	29.20	16.22	5.60	12.39
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	1.72	0.51	0.00	6.86	1.03	0.00	40.65	5.49	0.69	43.05
<i>Chlorella variabilis</i>	0.09	1.41	0.18	2.38	0.35	0.00	38.45	8.11	0.44	48.59
<i>Chlorokybus atmophyticus</i>	13.29	1.77	0.10	4.15	8.77	0.42	17.96	10.38	3.12	40.03
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	8.20	2.69	0.13	6.52	3.77	0.27	42.43	8.34	2.35	25.29
<i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i>	2.01	26.17	0.00	2.68	4.70	0.00	21.48	20.81	3.36	18.79
<i>Mesostigma viride</i>	3.85	15.38	9.62	3.85	1.92	1.92	21.15	21.15	9.62	11.54
<i>Nitella hyalina</i>	14.18	21.90	4.40	6.52	3.15	2.23	9.18	8.91	27.50	2.01
<i>Porphyra yezoensis</i>	10.09	2.19	0.00	5.70	3.95	1.75	18.86	3.95	0.44	53.07
<i>Volvox carteri</i>	5.58	1.86	1.05	13.75	1.13	0.89	33.82	8.58	10.03	23.30
<i>Albugo candida</i>	6.78	32.20	30.51	5.08	5.08	1.69	6.78	5.08	3.39	3.39
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	10.23	16.29	3.41	13.26	1.89	9.09	19.70	9.47	9.85	6.82
<i>Cercospora zeae-maydis</i>	12.19	9.50	0.62	14.05	6.82	4.13	23.14	9.09	13.43	7.02
<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	16.05	22.22	0.00	6.17	7.41	2.47	12.35	16.05	9.88	7.41
<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	18.60	6.52	1.21	5.80	2.66	6.04	46.86	6.28	4.11	1.93
<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	18.41	13.27	0.58	11.44	5.14	1.66	16.92	15.26	8.04	9.29
<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	4.92	25.06	8.50	12.30	5.59	0.67	24.16	9.40	3.13	6.26
<i>Puccinia triticina</i>	11.18	23.03	1.32	9.21	4.61	4.61	11.18	15.13	15.13	4.61
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	20.00	22.86	19.05	0.95	4.76	1.90	18.10	1.90	10.48	0.00
<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	10.42	8.88	0.00	8.49	15.06	0.00	42.47	3.86	6.56	4.25
<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	3.44	11.13	0.00	4.58	5.89	1.15	46.15	23.24	4.26	0.16
<i>Physcomitrella patens</i>	10.02	18.68	5.47	9.34	7.74	2.05	25.28	13.90	6.38	1.14
<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i>	2.91	3.88	0.97	1.94	14.56	3.88	49.51	7.77	5.83	8.74
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	3.14	22.35	0.39	10.20	3.14	1.18	20.78	16.47	20.39	1.96
<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	2.13	11.39	1.58	13.52	2.80	0.85	42.63	10.29	0.79	14.01
<i>Cycas rumphii</i>	4.39	22.81	21.05	2.63	3.51	0.00	18.42	16.67	10.53	0.00
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	4.35	21.74	16.52	9.57	4.35	0.00	14.78	12.17	15.65	0.87
<i>Gnetum gnemon</i>	6.62	21.15	3.85	1.71	2.99	0.00	44.44	8.33	9.40	1.50
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	2.61	19.61	9.80	11.76	2.61	1.96	16.99	15.03	15.03	4.58
<i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i>	6.74	30.34	4.49	3.37	1.12	0.00	28.09	12.36	11.24	2.25
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	4.92	41.39	6.71	4.70	2.68	0.45	22.82	2.68	12.53	1.12
<i>Daucus carota</i>	5.43	26.09	1.09	8.70	1.09	2.17	15.22	6.52	25.00	8.70
<i>Panax ginseng</i>	3.13	26.56	11.46	12.50	1.30	2.60	15.36	12.24	11.20	3.65
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	4.59	35.46	12.50	5.36	2.04	1.53	12.24	9.44	13.27	3.57
<i>Artemisia annua</i>	19.40	13.13	15.93	17.08	0.29	1.64	7.72	3.09	20.66	1.06
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	7.92	19.45	12.47	23.50	0.87	1.25	8.42	4.55	19.20	2.37

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Additional file 9: (Continued).

Plant species	AAC/GTT	AAG/CTT	AAT/ATT	ACC/GGT	ACG/CGT	ACT/AGT	AGC/CTG	AGG/CCT	ATC/ATG	CCG/CGG
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	12.56	46.47	1.65	5.97	1.18	1.65	5.02	7.77	16.41	1.33
<i>Brassica napus</i>	9.70	31.48	3.56	8.34	1.91	4.30	6.54	13.89	16.57	3.71
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	11.51	33.36	2.92	7.79	1.72	1.92	6.79	14.74	17.02	2.24
<i>Carica papaya</i>	3.87	50.55	6.74	5.25	1.78	0.69	8.62	8.13	13.18	1.19
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	3.76	40.85	15.02	5.63	1.88	1.41	10.33	5.16	11.27	4.69
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	4.37	61.71	4.55	3.53	1.49	0.28	4.65	9.01	7.06	3.35
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	3.45	40.65	13.51	4.82	0.89	3.33	4.23	11.01	16.19	1.90
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	2.40	38.75	17.16	6.27	1.29	0.74	12.18	9.23	10.89	1.11
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	2.10	37.90	13.26	8.62	0.99	0.55	12.38	7.85	13.59	2.76
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	5.39	31.01	11.50	11.50	1.82	2.06	16.10	6.90	8.88	4.84
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	3.54	13.72	11.95	11.95	2.21	2.21	13.72	15.04	10.62	15.04
<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	8.75	40.86	9.80	8.84	1.51	1.79	5.36	7.47	12.05	3.57
<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	5.10	22.29	26.11	6.37	3.18	2.55	9.55	3.82	17.83	3.18
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	13.62	25.61	19.89	12.26	1.09	2.45	4.90	3.81	14.99	1.36
<i>Glycine max</i>	15.20	29.43	9.98	9.30	3.40	2.50	7.34	6.58	12.56	3.71
<i>Lotus japonicus</i>	12.73	34.27	2.37	18.58	1.70	1.63	5.70	8.14	10.95	3.92
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	12.76	36.13	10.68	7.39	1.83	3.92	5.69	4.93	15.86	0.82
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	12.25	14.54	4.16	32.59	0.06	2.17	3.20	17.44	13.52	0.06
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	7.39	26.38	8.79	13.75	1.96	1.50	11.13	5.43	20.21	3.46
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	19.41	22.36	15.19	11.81	0.42	1.27	5.49	2.11	19.83	2.11
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	6.61	37.19	12.89	7.93	1.16	0.99	9.92	9.26	12.07	1.98
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	7.30	31.44	1.86	10.89	3.59	1.36	9.41	20.05	7.18	6.93
<i>Malus domestica</i>	7.58	24.21	4.13	12.01	4.72	1.38	15.85	16.63	8.07	5.41
<i>Prunus persica</i>	6.37	28.94	8.68	8.56	2.78	0.58	18.75	10.30	12.73	2.31
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	17.45	25.25	13.83	10.43	0.55	3.18	7.90	6.70	10.87	3.84
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	10.83	43.04	8.90	6.87	1.93	3.48	8.12	7.06	5.51	4.26
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	8.52	36.69	11.33	9.15	1.77	2.08	9.25	5.20	10.19	5.82
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	3.31	29.56	11.33	12.57	2.21	0.97	13.81	9.67	12.71	3.87
<i>Musa acuminata</i>	2.06	27.10	2.99	7.29	5.23	0.93	14.39	23.18	7.10	9.72
<i>Avena barbata</i>	3.39	7.18	2.13	7.65	5.44	3.15	18.93	16.88	4.50	30.76
<i>Avena sativa</i>	5.80	10.92	2.05	8.53	3.41	3.41	18.43	17.41	4.10	25.94
<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	1.48	3.61	0.82	5.08	5.74	0.16	16.89	14.26	1.80	50.16
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	3.12	9.35	1.33	6.00	6.39	1.56	17.93	14.19	5.92	34.22
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	1.66	5.97	1.10	5.81	8.09	0.85	8.40	16.49	2.21	49.43
<i>Secale cereale</i>	1.99	6.84	1.71	5.98	9.40	1.14	14.53	14.81	3.99	39.60
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	1.85	6.02	1.48	5.93	11.68	0.93	16.77	12.79	2.69	39.85
<i>Sorghum propanquum</i>	1.85	4.53	2.35	6.21	6.54	1.51	16.28	13.26	2.35	45.13
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	1.65	7.67	1.24	7.91	4.20	1.90	17.56	15.42	4.78	37.68
<i>Zea mays</i>	1.96	4.70	1.61	6.31	8.06	1.26	15.99	11.92	1.82	46.35

Additional file 10: Comparative details of amino acids frequency (%) distribution amongst 75 different species.

Species/Amino acids	Ala	Am*	Arg	Asn	Asp	Cys	Gln	Glu	Gly	His	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Oc*	Op*	Phe	Pro	Ser	Thr	Trp	Tyr	Val
<i>Chaetospharidium globosum</i>	15.93	0.29	12.39	1.18	3.83	4.13	9.14	6.49	6.49	2.95	1.47	6.78	5.90	1.18	0.00	1.18	0.00	8.26	5.60	2.95	2.06	0.00	1.77
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	16.41	0.30	12.77	1.22	3.95	4.26	9.42	3.65	6.69	3.04	1.52	6.99	6.08	1.22	0.00	1.22	0.00	8.51	5.78	3.04	2.13	0.00	1.82
<i>Chlorella variabilis</i>	36.42	0.00	12.96	0.00	0.09	3.00	8.64	2.82	12.79	0.44	0.00	7.94	0.53	0.18	0.00	0.09	0.09	7.94	5.20	0.26	0.53	0.00	0.09
<i>Chlorokybus atmophyticus</i>	17.91	0.16	16.15	1.19	1.66	3.17	10.33	2.86	15.68	1.45	0.10	4.15	0.73	0.21	0.00	0.52	0.21	7.11	6.44	5.19	0.42	0.00	4.36
<i>Ectocarpus siliculosus</i>	24.75	0.00	9.62	0.67	1.68	5.31	12.17	3.56	12.24	1.75	0.13	7.53	1.08	0.27	0.00	0.61	0.00	3.23	9.08	2.08	1.01	0.07	3.16
<i>Klebsormidium flaccidum</i>	10.74	0.00	16.11	0.00	0.67	1.34	6.71	11.41	6.71	0.00	0.00	11.41	12.75	1.34	0.00	1.34	2.68	4.03	8.72	2.01	0.67	0.00	1.34
<i>Mesostigma viride</i>	9.62	0.00	7.69	1.92	0.00	0.00	7.69	17.31	3.85	1.92	3.85	13.46	7.69	0.00	1.92	1.92	1.92	7.69	5.77	1.92	0.00	1.92	1.92
<i>Nitella hyalina</i>	3.26	0.43	5.71	4.13	6.14	2.45	6.90	5.71	2.83	4.84	4.35	10.49	3.91	4.18	0.43	5.27	4.24	2.55	13.42	4.40	0.92	0.87	2.55
<i>porphyra yezoensis</i>	26.32	0.44	15.35	4.39	1.32	0.88	8.33	0.88	17.54	0.44	0.00	4.82	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.70	3.95	3.07	1.75	0.00	3.95
<i>vobax carteri</i>	22.49	0.00	7.44	1.29	1.70	6.55	7.20	2.02	7.36	5.99	2.10	8.25	0.40	1.46	0.24	1.05	0.24	8.09	7.93	3.16	2.02	0.24	2.75
<i>Albugo candida</i>	0.00	0.00	11.86	5.08	0.00	1.69	5.08	6.78	0.00	5.08	11.86	20.34	1.69	0.00	1.69	0.00	5.08	5.08	10.17	5.08	0.00	3.39	0.00
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	8.33	0.38	3.79	2.27	2.65	5.30	7.58	5.30	3.41	6.44	2.27	12.50	4.17	2.27	0.00	1.52	1.14	7.20	8.33	7.95	0.38	3.79	3.03
<i>Cercospora zeae-maydis</i>	9.09	0.21	6.20	2.27	4.75	4.55	8.47	2.69	4.34	7.44	2.27	11.57	1.45	2.07	0.21	1.65	1.45	7.02	9.92	8.47	0.62	0.83	2.48
<i>Fusarium graminearum</i>	7.41	1.23	11.11	4.94	6.17	6.17	4.94	13.58	7.41	4.94	2.47	9.88	4.94	0.00	0.00	1.23	0.00	0.00	7.41	1.23	0.00	0.00	4.94
<i>Mucor circinelloides</i>	9.18	0.72	2.66	1.93	2.17	6.76	29.47	3.62	2.42	2.42	0.97	13.04	2.42	0.48	0.24	0.00	0.00	3.14	8.70	5.07	0.72	1.21	2.66
<i>Neurospora crassa</i>	9.62	0.08	5.56	1.74	3.23	5.39	8.13	5.22	3.57	4.56	1.24	13.85	2.49	0.66	0.17	1.24	1.41	7.21	13.10	5.64	1.58	0.33	3.98
<i>Phytophthora infestans</i>	9.17	0.00	6.71	2.68	2.68	2.68	11.19	7.38	4.70	7.16	3.36	9.17	7.61	0.22	0.89	0.67	3.80	4.03	8.50	2.68	1.12	1.57	2.01
<i>Puccinia triticina</i>	0.66	0.66	9.21	2.63	2.63	3.95	11.84	10.53	6.58	4.61	3.95	7.24	5.92	0.66	0.00	2.63	1.97	3.29	11.84	3.29	1.32	1.32	3.29
<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	5.71	0.00	3.81	6.67	5.71	2.86	20.95	9.52	0.00	0.00	6.67	5.71	7.62	2.86	2.86	0.95	0.00	0.95	6.67	4.76	0.00	3.81	1.90
<i>Ustilago maydis</i>	17.76	0.00	5.02	1.16	9.27	1.93	20.08	4.63	2.32	4.63	0.39	7.34	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.77	0.00	2.70	10.04	6.56	1.16	0.00	1.16
<i>Marchantia polymorpha</i>	18.17	0.33	7.53	0.49	2.62	3.27	12.11	10.64	6.87	1.31	0.33	10.31	1.31	0.49	0.00	0.33	1.15	2.95	15.06	1.64	0.82	0.16	2.13
<i>Physcomitrella patens</i>	7.74	0.23	6.15	0.91	2.73	8.20	5.24	5.24	5.47	2.96	0.91	17.08	1.14	0.23	1.14	2.51	2.96	3.42	14.58	4.56	1.37	0.68	4.56
<i>Syntrichia ruralis</i>	18.45	0.97	9.71	0.00	0.97	1.94	13.59	0.00	4.85	0.97	0.97	14.56	1.94	1.94	0.00	0.97	0.00	3.88	14.56	2.91	0.00	0.97	5.83
<i>Adiantum capillus-veneris</i>	8.63	0.39	7.06	1.18	5.88	1.96	7.45	8.63	3.92	5.49	0.39	7.45	5.10	6.67	0.39	2.35	2.35	3.14	12.55	2.35	3.14	0.00	3.53
<i>Selaginella moellendorffii</i>	16.38	0.00	5.97	0.79	0.79	9.56	9.99	5.54	7.19	2.62	0.55	11.02	2.01	0.12	0.18	0.18	2.19	6.94	11.45	1.28	2.74	0.18	2.31
<i>Cycas rumphii</i>	6.14	0.00	7.02	5.26	4.39	2.63	7.89	12.28	4.39	1.75	10.53	7.89	5.26	0.88	1.75	2.63	0.88	1.75	10.53	0.00	1.75	3.51	0.88
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i>	3.48	0.00	9.57	1.74	5.22	1.74	9.57	4.35	3.48	4.35	9.57	9.57	6.96	3.48	1.74	3.48	0.87	5.22	7.83	0.87	2.61	4.35	0.00
<i>Gnetum gnemon</i>	12.39	0.00	7.26	1.71	1.71	6.84	14.96	3.63	1.07	3.42	3.85	10.90	2.99	0.21	0.64	0.43	3.42	1.50	20.51	1.71	0.00	0.21	0.64
<i>Pinus pinaster</i>	7.19	0.00	6.54	5.88	5.23	1.31	5.88	9.15	6.54	5.88	3.92	7.19	7.84	2.61	0.00	3.92	1.96	3.27	3.92	2.61	5.88	1.96	1.31
<i>Welwitschia mirabilis</i>	8.99	0.00	12.36	4.49	2.25	3.37	15.73	5.62	2.25	2.25	2.25	7.87	5.62	2.25	0.00	5.62	7.87	2.25	8.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	1.49	0.08	8.56	3.06	3.53	3.14	3.45	9.11	3.45	3.53	3.85	14.13	3.92	1.18	0.08	2.59	8.08	2.83	16.64	3.38	0.78	0.63	2.51
<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>	1.83	0.18	6.00	5.36	2.34	1.37	4.99	7.51	3.34	4.49	4.67	13.06	5.22	1.56	1.37	1.92	8.06	5.36	13.93	3.99	0.78	1.42	1.24
<i>Artemisia annua</i>	1.93	0.19	2.32	8.59	4.25	4.05	6.76	3.86	3.09	6.56	8.59	10.91	2.03	2.32	2.03	3.38	2.22	3.96	8.11	4.83	3.38	2.03	4.63
<i>Brassica napus</i>	3.01	0.26	7.60	2.53	3.97	2.50	3.09	7.49	4.59	3.34	3.71	11.94	5.62	1.91	0.66	3.09	4.11	5.03	15.65	3.89	1.80	1.40	2.79
<i>Cajanus cajan</i>	2.55	0.00	9.55	4.46	1.91	3.82	1.91	5.73	0.64	1.91	11.46	10.83	2.55	1.91	1.91	4.46	2.55	3.82	13.38	3.18	1.27	6.37	3.82
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	2.96	0.77	5.71	6.59	1.54	3.07	7.68	6.59	2.52	4.72	5.49	10.76	3.84	1.87	2.41	1.98	5.27	5.16	9.55	5.60	1.76	2.31	1.87
<i>Carica papaya</i>	2.87	0.20	7.04	1.29	3.87	0.59	3.57	9.81	2.78	3.67	6.44	13.48	6.05	0.79	0.89	1.88	10.90	2.08	17.54	0.89	0.89	1.49	0.99

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Additional file 10: (Continued).

Species/Amino acids	Ala	Am*	Arg	Asn	Asp	Cys	Gln	Glu	Gly	His	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Oc*	Op*	Phe	Pro	Ser	Thr	Trp	Tyr	Val
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	5.39	0.00	8.33	4.41	4.17	3.68	8.09	3.19	2.21	5.64	10.05	6.13	4.90	0.98	1.47	2.21	7.35	4.66	10.29	1.72	0.98	1.96	2.21
<i>Cicer arietinum</i>	1.63	0.27	3.00	5.45	3.27	2.72	6.27	5.45	0.54	5.18	8.72	12.53	3.27	1.91	2.18	2.72	7.36	3.81	8.99	4.63	1.91	5.45	2.72
<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	4.69	0.47	3.76	6.10	3.29	1.41	5.63	9.39	4.69	2.35	7.98	15.02	5.16	1.41	1.88	2.35	7.98	3.29	8.92	0.47	0.47	1.88	1.41
<i>Cucumis melo</i>	2.60	0.09	6.88	2.70	2.51	0.93	2.04	7.81	2.51	2.14	3.35	17.75	5.58	0.65	0.56	0.28	15.80	3.53	18.87	1.95	0.56	0.46	0.46
<i>Daucus carota</i>	7.61	0.00	6.52	1.09	7.61	1.09	6.52	8.70	2.17	8.70	4.35	8.70	7.61	2.17	0.00	3.26	0.00	3.26	10.87	6.52	1.09	0.00	2.17
<i>Euphorbia esula</i>	2.14	0.36	6.73	3.10	4.46	0.89	1.96	10.18	3.27	2.44	7.20	13.45	4.76	1.79	2.74	2.56	7.98	3.10	15.30	1.90	0.65	2.20	0.83
<i>Fragaria vesca</i>	4.95	0.12	7.55	1.98	3.22	1.11	6.56	9.03	7.80	4.33	1.86	12.13	4.58	1.11	0.00	1.49	4.70	7.55	13.86	3.34	0.62	0.37	1.73
<i>Glycine max</i>	3.63	0.53	6.73	5.90	4.61	2.57	5.90	6.20	1.51	4.61	5.30	9.61	4.77	1.44	0.98	1.66	6.96	5.45	10.36	5.22	1.66	2.19	2.19
<i>Gossypium hirsutum</i>	4.21	0.19	3.37	3.74	4.86	1.87	6.55	6.17	2.81	6.74	6.17	10.76	3.93	1.59	0.47	4.30	5.71	5.24	11.97	2.71	3.27	1.59	1.78
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	2.68	0.19	3.87	5.36	3.55	1.93	5.17	6.42	5.55	6.48	8.60	7.11	2.93	2.74	1.75	3.62	3.37	7.04	7.61	5.42	3.24	2.18	3.18
<i>Hevea brasiliensis</i>	4.24	0.37	6.27	3.51	3.69	3.14	3.69	7.93	1.66	3.14	7.38	11.99	6.83	0.55	2.03	1.66	6.83	5.35	13.10	1.48	1.29	3.32	0.55
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	8.50	0.00	8.50	1.79	3.58	1.12	11.19	4.70	0.89	3.36	4.70	12.08	10.74	1.79	0.00	1.57	7.83	1.12	10.96	2.46	1.34	0.67	1.12
<i>Lotus japonicus</i>	3.03	0.07	5.85	3.85	2.59	1.33	5.63	6.29	2.89	6.44	3.11	12.81	2.96	0.44	0.15	1.11	7.25	9.10	14.36	7.18	0.74	0.30	2.52
<i>Malus domestica</i>	6.00	0.30	8.07	2.46	3.44	2.76	6.69	7.58	4.43	4.33	3.54	12.60	4.82	0.59	0.30	1.48	3.25	8.37	11.22	4.04	1.38	0.59	1.77
<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	5.41	0.11	6.41	3.43	3.31	0.99	4.53	7.62	3.31	3.09	6.74	14.03	5.08	1.44	1.22	2.54	7.51	4.75	12.82	1.88	0.99	1.22	1.55
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	2.02	0.38	4.49	5.12	3.16	1.52	5.43	7.14	2.27	4.55	5.62	11.37	4.80	2.40	1.83	1.26	10.17	2.84	12.32	4.04	1.20	2.72	3.35
<i>Nicotiana tabacum</i>	3.38	0.48	6.77	3.48	1.64	1.26	5.90	8.70	2.51	1.84	3.58	16.05	5.71	1.16	1.45	1.16	8.22	3.58	12.86	3.38	1.45	2.32	3.09
<i>Ocimum basilicum</i>	11.50	0.44	8.85	1.77	2.65	2.65	3.54	4.42	9.73	2.65	9.29	5.75	2.21	0.88	0.00	1.77	2.21	10.18	9.73	2.65	1.77	2.65	2.65
<i>Panax ginseng</i>	6.51	0.26	9.38	2.34	3.39	2.08	4.95	6.51	3.65	3.65	6.77	10.94	3.91	1.30	0.52	1.82	3.91	7.55	11.20	2.60	1.30	2.60	2.86
<i>Pisum sativum</i>	3.38	0.00	3.38	6.33	4.64	1.69	8.02	8.86	2.53	2.53	7.59	9.28	2.11	3.80	1.27	3.80	3.80	2.53	8.02	5.91	2.11	3.80	4.64
<i>Prunus persica</i>	6.94	0.12	7.64	3.24	3.13	1.97	7.87	5.56	2.31	4.75	3.24	14.58	4.98	1.74	0.69	3.01	4.63	5.44	10.88	3.13	1.50	1.16	1.50
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	3.08	0.28	8.23	3.04	4.67	1.80	4.59	10.19	4.71	3.76	3.96	11.55	4.79	1.60	0.52	2.84	4.04	4.75	13.46	3.92	1.24	0.52	2.48
<i>Ricinus communis</i>	5.47	0.63	4.84	3.49	2.14	2.93	7.38	6.50	4.28	4.28	4.92	13.88	4.44	1.67	2.78	2.06	5.87	4.36	10.86	3.09	1.82	1.59	0.71
<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>	3.64	0.21	7.69	4.37	1.77	1.56	6.55	9.25	3.64	2.18	5.72	9.36	6.86	1.35	1.87	3.33	6.34	3.22	12.06	1.98	3.12	2.18	1.77
<i>Theobroma cacao</i>	2.98	0.17	7.27	5.45	1.82	2.31	3.80	7.93	3.64	2.98	6.28	12.07	5.12	1.32	1.65	1.98	7.27	4.96	14.55	2.81	0.17	1.98	1.49
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	1.21	0.24	3.62	3.74	1.21	2.41	4.47	3.26	11.04	9.54	4.16	6.52	1.51	1.75	0.54	1.69	3.56	7.54	13.70	8.57	5.49	0.91	3.32
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	6.22	0.00	7.60	2.90	3.59	2.21	5.66	7.04	3.87	3.18	4.83	10.77	4.01	1.38	1.24	3.18	5.94	4.97	12.29	3.18	2.07	1.24	2.62
<i>Avena barbata</i>	15.38	0.71	15.77	1.26	2.05	2.13	5.68	3.79	8.60	1.66	1.18	7.81	1.89	0.55	0.32	0.95	0.87	12.78	9.78	2.21	0.95	1.66	2.05
<i>Avena sativa</i>	15.36	0.34	7.51	0.00	2.39	4.10	7.17	5.12	10.92	1.71	1.71	8.19	3.07	0.00	0.34	1.71	3.07	9.56	8.19	2.39	1.71	1.02	4.44
<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>	21.97	0.16	19.51	0.49	1.64	2.62	4.43	2.79	12.30	1.15	0.66	6.89	1.15	0.33	0.00	0.16	0.66	13.44	6.89	1.97	0.66	0.16	0.00
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	16.21	0.39	16.29	0.70	2.65	2.26	5.92	4.29	9.20	2.18	1.40	6.24	2.96	1.01	0.23	1.09	1.25	12.16	8.57	1.71	0.94	0.47	1.87
<i>Musa acuminata</i>	6.17	0.19	12.71	0.56	5.61	1.68	6.36	10.09	6.92	2.62	1.31	14.02	2.24	0.56	0.56	1.12	3.93	7.66	10.28	2.06	1.50	0.75	1.12
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	16.09	0.13	23.89	0.37	1.90	1.04	2.38	3.56	10.36	1.54	0.72	6.86	0.88	0.26	0.06	0.36	0.81	16.16	7.68	2.02	0.68	0.55	1.70
<i>Secale cereale</i>	12.82	0.57	20.23	0.28	3.42	0.85	3.42	5.70	11.11	2.56	0.85	8.55	1.99	0.57	0.85	1.14	0.85	10.54	6.84	2.85	0.85	0.85	2.28
<i>Sorghum bicolor</i>	18.35	0.28	20.30	0.37	3.43	1.48	5.28	2.59	9.73	1.67	0.65	6.39	1.48	0.46	0.28	0.93	1.11	12.51	6.86	2.13	0.65	0.56	2.50
<i>Sorghum propinquum</i>	22.65	0.34	18.96	0.17	3.02	1.34	3.69	3.52	8.72	1.51	1.01	6.04	1.34	0.00	0.17	0.50	1.01	11.74	6.88	1.17	1.68	1.34	3.19
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	16.32	0.66	15.66	0.25	1.57	2.47	3.54	5.52	9.73	2.39	1.48	8.66	1.48	0.33	0.33	0.58	1.15	12.20	9.48	1.81	1.24	0.49	2.64
<i>Zea mays</i>	20.97	0.14	19.78	0.56	2.38	1.82	4.00	2.66	9.75	2.24	0.84	6.73	1.12	0.14	0.14	0.35	0.77	11.43	8.13	2.45	0.63	0.56	2.38