

Characterizing the diversity of grain phytic acid content in Indian rice landraces by multivariate genetic analyses

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Abstract

Phytic acid (PA) acts as chelator of cationic mineral elements iron (Fe) and zinc (Zn) and obstructs their absorption in the human gut. We have evaluated a set of 162 traditional rice landraces for phytic acid phosphorus (PA-P), inorganic phosphorus (Pi) and total phosphorus (TP). Wide variability was observed for PA-P, Pi and TP ranging from 1.12 to 3 mg/g, 0.004 to 0.16 mg/g and 1.17 to 3.04 mg/g respectively. The mineral micronutrients, Fe and Zn were not in correlation with PA-P, Pi and TP implicating the possibility of their independent improvement while PA-P showed a significant positive correlation with TP and significant negative correlation with Pi. Principal component analysis (PCA) identified two principal components PC1 and PC2, explaining 50.6 % and 32.1 % of the total variation, respectively. Cluster analysis grouped the accessions into four clusters. The study has also led to the identification of promising donors such as P1490 and Gowri with low PA content to be utilized in rice biofortification programmes.

Key words: Phytic acid, rice, multivariate analysis, PCA, cluster analysis

Introduction

Micronutrients are vital for efficient functioning of all the metabolic activities as well as maintaining good health. In the present scenario, micronutrient deficiency has become a major cause for hidden hunger due to inadequate consumption of diets rich in essential minerals and vitamins (White and Broadley 2009). This situation is grimmer in the developing countries where rice-based diet is the major source of the daily calorific requirement of the human body (Kennedy et al. 2003). Moreover, rice is consumed after polishing which removes the essential vitamins and minerals present in the aleurone layer removed in the process of milling. Almost 90% of the grain iron (Fe) and zinc (Zn) are primarily localized in the aleurone layer and therefore removal of aleurone in milling process leaves the grain with very low minerals and vitamins leading to micronutrient deficiency (Perera et al. 2018).

Fe is important component for the synthesis of haemoglobin and myoglobin proteins essential for the oxygen transportation in the body through blood. It is also an important component of enzymes involved in energy metabolism and maintenance of immune system functions (Roeser 1986; Stoltzfus 2001) while Zn acts as a cofactor of various enzymes and performs various biological functions like cell division, cell development, immunity, reproduction and gene expression (Brown et al. 2004). Fe and Zn are commonly viewed together in human nutrition as they are available through common dietary sources and their absorption as well as inhibition is also affected by the similar factors (Lim et al. 2013). Fe deficiency leads to numerous health disorders like high risk of maternal mortality, anaemia, premature child birth, low birth weight, improper cognitive and motor development (Bouis et al. 2003). Whereas Zn deficiency leads to short stature, skeletal abnormality, immunological dysfunction, anorexia, skin disorder, delayed wound healing and hypogonadism (Prasad 1991). Brown rice consumption can overcome the problem of micronutrient deficiency as it is nutritionally superior to white rice (milled rice) (Saleh et al. 2019). It not only has higher Fe and Zn content but also has other essential mineral elements like calcium (Ca),

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manganese (Mn), magnesium (Mg), phosphorus (P), potassium (K) etc. (Saleh et al. 2019). Nonetheless the major hindrance for consumption of brown rice owes to the presence of an anti-nutritional factor phytic acid (PA) chemically known as myo-inositol 1,2,3,4,5,6hexakisphosphate (Gyani et al. 2020). PA is the major storage form of P in most cereal grains (Basak et al. 2017) and makes up almost 7% of the dry weight or alternatively amounts to 70% of the total stored P in the kernel (Perera et al. 2018). As PA has high negative charge, it chelates multivalent cationic metal ions especially Fe and Zn and makes them insoluble salts which are not absorbed by the gastrointestinal tract, leading to poor bioavailability of these micronutrient metal ions (Graham et al. 2001). Hence it is highly desirable to reduce the seed PA content in order to enhance micro-nutrient bioavailability. Since low PA is genetically governed, identification of sources conferring low seed PA content is essential for crop breeding. However, not many studies are available depicting the PA variability in Indian rice germplasm, particularly aimed at identifying sources for low grain PA content. Hence, in the present study, we have assessed about 162 rice accessions from different parts of India for the PA, inorganic P (Pi), total P (TP), to evaluate the pattern of genetic variability.

Material and methods

A set of 162 genotypes was used in the evaluation. The genotypes are coded as GP1 to GP162 serially as per details given in the Supplementary Table S1.

Table 1.Descriptive statistics for PA-P, Pi, TP, Zn and
Fe contentsbased on 162 rice accessions

Variable	Min.	Max.	Mean	SD	CV %
PA-P	1.12	3.00	2.80	0.26	9.23
Pi	0.00	0.16	0.04	0.02	57.09
TP	1.17	3.04	2.84	0.25	8.70
Fe	6.50	23.10	12.65	3.16	24.96
Zn	13.60	38.20	22.61	5.02	22.19

PA-P = Phytic acid phosphorous in mg/g; Pi = Inorganic phosphorous in mg/g; TP = Total phosphorous in mg/g; Fe-BR = Fe content of brown rice in μ g/g; Zn-BR = Zn content of brown rice in μ g/g; SD = Standard deviation; CV = Coefficient of variation in %

The germplasm included local landraces collected from various places across the country, which are being maintained in the Division of Genetics, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI), New Delhi.

All the genotypes were evaluated at ICAR-IARI farm in *Kharif* season of 2018. The seeds of the germplasm were sown on a raised seedbed nursery and 28 days old seedlings were transplanted to the main field, where each genotype was sown in 2 rows of 3 m with a row to row and plant to plant spacing of 20 cm and 15 cm respectively. Recommended agronomic package of practices were followed to raise the seedlings till maturity. Seeds were harvested at maturity, threshed, dried and stored in zip lock bags at room temperature until analysis.

Estimation of Pi, PA-P, and TP

For estimation of phytate and Pi content in seeds, the colorimetric assay given by Lorenz et al. 2007 was used. Ground brown rice seed samples of each genotype weighing 100 mg were put in 2 ml eppendorf tube and 2 ml of 0.65 M HCl was added to each tube. The sample tubes were shaken overnight in a shaker at 120 rpm and were centrifuged at 12000 rpm for 5 minutes.

To estimate PA and Pi, 500 μ l of supernatant was transferred to both, a fresh 2 ml eppendorf tube and a 15 ml tube. Phytic acid dodeca-sodium salt was used as PA standard, whereas, KH₂PO₄ was used as Pi standard. Both the standards were used in equal volume for estimation. The Pi reagent was freshly prepared by mixing distilled water, ammonium molybdate, ascorbic acid and sulphuric acid in the ratio 2:1:1:1. Inorganic phosphorous was estimated by adding Pi reagent and distilled water in 1:1 ratio. The reaction was left at room temperature for 15 to 20 minutes to develop a blue color and subsequently its optical density was measured at 820 nm using spectrophotometer.

For PA estimation, 1.25 ml of Wade reagent was added to each tube and was left at room temperature for 15 to 20 minutes to develop brown color and subsequently their optical densities were measured at 420 nm using spectrophotometer. Wade reagent was prepared by mixing 0.03 g of ferric chloride, 0.3 g sulfosalicylic acid and 80 ml of distilled water and its pH was adjusted to 3.05 using NaOH on the following day. Finally, the volume was made up to 100 ml by adding distilled water. Phytate P was calculated by multiplying the estimated value of phytate by conversion factor 0.282, as the amount of PA-P present in PA is only 28.2% of PA (Raboy and Dickinson 1984). Whereas, total phosphorus was calculated by adding estimated values of PA-P and Pi.

Statistical analyses were performed using the software packages STAR 2.0.1 (IRRI 2014), R Studio v.1.1.453 and Microsoft Excel.

Estimation of genetic diversity

Principal component analysis (PCA) was performed to obtain principal components (PC) encompassing total variation for PA-P, Pi, TP, Fe and Zn. The data for Fe and Zn was adopted from Bollinedi et al. 2020b. The correlation structure of the component traits was decomposed to components, which accounted for maximum variation progressively on a reducing scale. The components having eigenvalues exceeding one were identified as significant PCs. The factor coordinates of the genotypes were computed for the derived PCs. The factor-variable correlations (factor loadings) were used to compute the contribution of variables to individual PCs. The most influential traits were identified from their relative contribution to the first PC followed by second PC and so on. The contributions of genotypes to PCs were used to scatter them for identifying the genotypes associated with those variables determining the total variability in the data.

The factor coordinates for the genotypes were used for cluster analysis. Only PCs accounting up to 99% of the cumulative variation were used for the clustering process. Clustering was done using K means clustering procedure, an unsupervised algorithm using a set of apriory K values and Euclidean distances. The optimum number of clusters was determined based on elbow method by plotting the inter-cluster deviation against the k-value and determining the lowest k value at which the inter-cluster deviation is minimized. For the K sets, the mean intracluster distance, D(k) of the genotypes from the respective cluster centroid was worked out. D(k) will drop to zero as the number of clusters equals to the number of genotypes. By plotting the deviations of D(k) between adjacent K [D'(k)], the K at which D'(k) showed the flattening trend (the elbow) was taken as the optimal K. Cluster statistics of the clusters identified, were worked out.

Results

Descriptive statistics and association among the traits

The grain PA-P, Pi and TP contents exhibited significant variation in rice germplasm collection (Table 1). Pi concentration varied from 0.00 (GP357) to 0.16

(GP262) mg/g with a mean of 0.04 \pm 0.00 mg/g. PA-P content in BR varied from 1.12 mg/g (GP256) to 3 mg/g (GP237) with a mean of 2.8 \pm 0.02 mg/g. Whereas, TP content ranged from 1.17 mg/g (GP256) to 3.04 mg/g (GP237) with a mean value of 2.84 \pm 0.02 mg/g. The direction and magnitude of correlation among the traits studied is depicted in Fig. 1. Among the

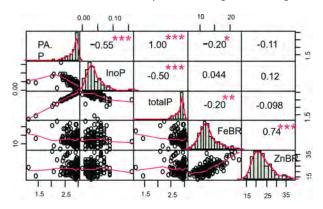


Fig. 1. Correlogram of PA.P, Pi, TP, Fe and Zn from the rice germplasm set used in the study. The upper diagonal shows the correlation coefficients. The diagonal cells show the histogram of the traits. The nutritional parameters are Phytic acid phosphorous in μ g/g (PA.P), inorganic phosphorous in mg/g (Pi), total phosphorous (TP), Fe content of brown rice in μ g/g (Fe-BR); Zn content of brown rice in μ g/g (Zn-BR). *, **, ****, correlation coefficients are significant at p<0.05, 0.01 and 0.001 respectively

various parameters, PA-P showed a significant positive correlation with TP (r = 1.00; p < 0.01) and significant negative correlation with Pi (r = -0.55; p < 0.01). We observed absence of correlation between the mineral micronutrients, Fe and Zn with those of PA-P, Pi and TP.

Principal component analysis

Principal component analysis was used to understand how PA-P, Pi, TP, Fe and Zn contributed to the total variability for these traits amongst the 162 rice accessions. The proportion of total variance explained by each PC, arranged in decreasing order of importance is presented in Table 2. The first PCs explained 82.7% of the total phenotypic variation among the accessions. The first PC explained 50.6% of phenotypic variance while the second PC explained 32.1%. Partitioning of eigenvalues of the significant PCs, the factor-variable correlations (factor loadings) indicated that PA-P and TP had positive influence on PC1, while Pi, Fe and Zn had negative influence on it. Whereas, all traits except Pi showed positive influence on PC2.

Parameters	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4	PC5	
Nutritional quality traits						
Standard Deviation	1.59	1.21	0.79	0.48	0.01	
Proportion of variance	0.51	0.32	0.13	0.05	0.00	
Cumulative proportion (%)	0.51	0.83	0.95	1.00	1.00	
Eigenvalue	2.53	1.61	0.63	0.24	0.00	
Factor loadings						
PA-P	0.93	0.29	0.22	0.04	0.01	
Pi	-0.68	-0.26	0.68	0.10	0.00	
ТР	0.91	0.28	0.29	0.06	-0.01	
Fe	-0.46	0.81	-0.12	0.34	0.00	
Zn	-0.40	0.84	0.16	-0.33	0.00	

 Table 2.
 Principal components (PCs) extracted for the grain quality traits based on the correlation structure and the factor-variable correlations (factor loadings)

PA-P = Phytic acid phosphorous in mg/g; Pi = inorganic phosphorous in mg/g; TP = total phosphorous; Fe = Fe content of brown rice in μ g/g; Zn = Zn content of brown rice in μ g/g; Eigenvalues in boldface indicate most significant principal components

Eigenvectors, the coefficient of orthogonal transformation and the degree of influence of the variables towards the factors are given in Table 3. Vectors of variable contributions towards major PCs are given in Fig. 2. The contributions are the squared

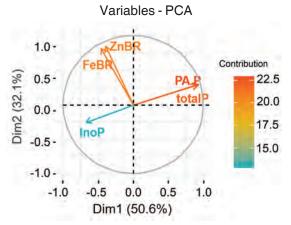


Fig. 2. Vectors of variable contributions towards major principal components (PCs). The directions of the variable coordinates show the direction of their influence on PCs

eigenvectors scaled 100 times to bring into % scale. Variable contributions for nutritional traits show high influence of PA-P, TP and Pi towards PC1 with values of 34.22 %, 33.03 % and 18.24 % respectively. Zn was the most contributing trait in PC2 explaining as high as 44.15 % of the variation encompassed by the

Table 3.	Eigenvectors of the quality variables and their
	contributions towards the significant principal
	components

Particulars	Eigen vectors		Contribu	ontribution (%)		
	PC1	PC2	PC1	PC2		
PA-P	0.59	0.23	34.22	5.23		
Pi	-0.43	-0.21	18.24	4.36		
TP	0.57	0.22	33.03	4.94		
Fe	-0.29	0.64	8.25	41.31		
Zn	-0.25	0.66	6.26	44.15		

PA-P = Phytic acid phosphorous in mg/g; Pi = inorganic phosphorous in mg/g; TP = total phosphorous in mg/g; Fe = Fe content of brown rice in μ g/g; Zn = Zn content of brown rice in μ g/g; Contribution % = Eigenvector² x 100

PC2, while Fe contributed towards 41.31% of variation to the PC2. Similarly, the influence of genotypes on the PCs was determined from their PC scores, which was used to disperse them (Fig. 3). Here, P1490-03 (GP256) showed maximum influence on PC1, while Mehvan green (GP759) showed greater influence on PC2.

Cluster analysis and diversity

Cluster statistics and diversity parameters obtained are given is Table 4. The elbow points based on the inter-cluster deviation grouped 162 genotypes into 4 clusters on the basis of these five traits (Fig. 4). Cluster 4 was the largest with 66 genotypes (40.74%) followed

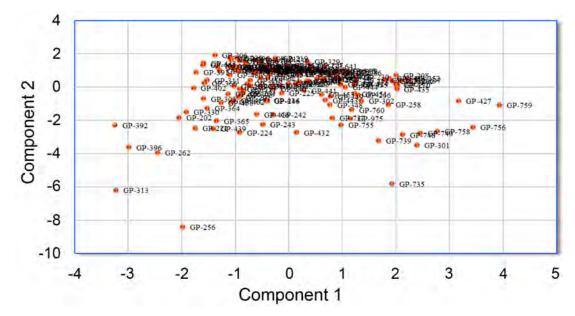


Fig. 3. Dispersion of genotypes based on their contribution towards major principal components (PCs) for PA.P, Pi, TP, Fe and Zn content. The most divergent genotypes had extreme phenotypes for the most contributing traits towards the respective PCs

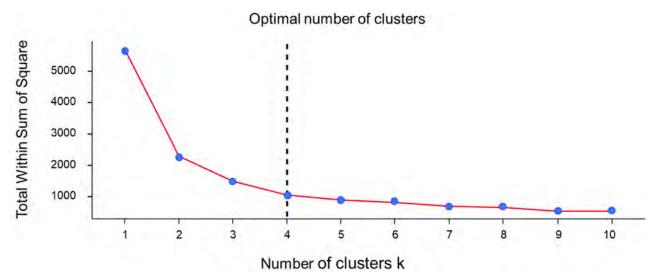


Fig. 4. Determination of optimum clusters by K-means clustering using the elbow method

by cluster 1 with 56 genotypes (34.57%), cluster 3 with 30 genotypes and cluster 2 with 10 genotypes (6.17%). Cluster 4 exhibited the highest average intercluster distance from cluster 1 (19.48). Comparing the cluster means, Cluster 4 exhibited the highest mean for Zn (34.88) followed by Fe (19.86) and PA-P (18.42) while the highest mean value for PA-P was observed in cluster 3 (2.85). The distribution of Pi to all the three clusters was almost similar. Cluster1 showed lowest mean for PA-P (2.55) while highest mean for Fe (19.86) and Zn (34.88).

Patterning of diversity of germplasm set for the traits, the distribution of diverse genotypes in the clusters was at a level of 0.88 evenness for these traits. However, Shannon-Weiner diversity index of these traits was 1.22.

Discussion

The exploration of genetic variation present in germplasm is prerequisite before their utilization in the improvement of desirable traits during a breeding program. The rice accessions showed large genetic

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Particulars	Nutritional traits								
	Cluster1	Cluster2	Cluster3	Cluster4					
No. of genotypes	56	10	30	66					
Proportion%	34.57	6.17	18.52	40.74					
Dissimilarity	d ₍₁₋₂₎ =8.40	d ₍₂₋₃₎ =7.51	d ₍₃₋₄₎ =7.68						
	d ₍₁₋₃₎ =14.62	d ₍₂₋₄₎ =11.81							
	d ₍₁₋₄₎ =19.48								
Evenness	0.88								
Shannon-Weiner DI	1.22								
PA.P	2.55	2.79	2.86	2.79					
noP	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.04					
otalP	2.61	2.83	2.89	2.83					
FeBR	19.86	15.36	12.40	10.53					
ZnBR	34.88	27.80	22.84	18.20					

Table 4. Cluster statistics and diversity indices for grain quality traits based on principal component scores of genotypes

PA-P = Phytic acid phosphorous in mg/g; Pi = inorganic phosphorous in mg/g; TP = total phosphorous in mg/g; Fe = Fe content of brown rice in μ g/g; Zn = Zn content of brown rice in μ g/g; DI = diversity index

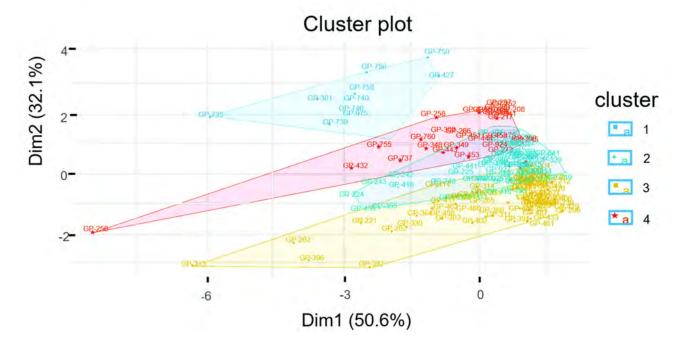


Fig. 5. Cluster-wise distribution of genotypes for PA.P, Pi, TP, Fe and Zn content based on principal component analysis

variation for PA-P, Pi, TP, Fe and Zn content pertaining to their wide geographic distribution and genotypic variation (Bollinedi et al. 2020). Significant variation for these traits was also observed in previous studies (Welch and Graham 2004). The genotypes showing high Fe and Zn content as well as low PA content such as GP 256 which could directly be used as parent in breeding program for transferring these traits into elite breeding lines.

Until now, there are only few reports on assessing the natural variation for low PA trait in rice (Liu et al.

2007; Wang et al. 2011; Lee et al. 2014). Effective and efficient utilization of the natural variation in rice germplasm using conventional and marker aided breeding will complement development of rice varieties with high bioavailability of Fe and Zn. In one study, phytic acid content in grains of 72 japonica rice cultivars ranged from 6.85 mg/g for Xiu 217 to 10.3 mg/g 103% for Huai 9746, with a mean of 8.3 mg/g (Liu et al. 2004). In another study, brown rice (BR) of 68 Chinese japonica cultivars were analyzed for PA by colorimetric method, whereas Fe and Zn content by the atomic absorption spectrophotometer, which could estimate PA content to the level of 12.6 mg/g while Fe and Zn having an average content of 7.4 ug/ g and 19.1 ug/g respectively (Lee et al. 1997). Further, variation in 30 boro rice cultivars was observed for PA content ranging from 18.2 to 32.36 mg/g with a mean of 24.21 mg/g (Lee et al. 2014). In yet another study, Liang et al. 2007 found variation in Chinese rice cultivars ranging from 7.2 to 11.9 g/kg with a mean of 9.6 g/kg. The finding was comparable to Chinese japonica rice (6.9 to 10.3 g/kg; mean of 8.7 g/kg) and Korean rice (8.6 to 17.6 g/kg; mean of 12.6 g/kg) (Lee et al. 1997; Liu et al. 2005; Liang et al. 2007). However, in six japonica rice genotypes showed variation for PA in BR ranging from 3.68 to 5.07 mg/g (Su et al. 2014), whereas, three indica rice cultivars showed PA content from 3.99 mg/g to 7.34 mg/g (Wang et al. 2011). More recently, variation in the PA contents of 69 WRC (World Rice Core collection) accessions found to be in the range of 8.24-17.41 mg/g (Perera et al. 2019). In the present study a high variation for PA and TP was found ranging from 3.98 to 10.65 mg/g. the study has identified the genotypes. P1490-03 (GP 256), Gouri (GP 313), with low PA that can be effectively utilized as donors in biofortification programmes for enhancing the mineral bio-availability 3.98 to 4.97 mg/g.

The study depicted wide variation for PA and TP content which is a reflection on the effect of various allelic combinations of the genes governing PA content in rice. Though previous studies reported few QTLs affecting PA in rice grain, a comprehensive molecular mechanism underlying PA content still remains elusive. The variations in PA and TP content observed in the accessions used in the study indicated that this germplasm set constituted a valuable genetic resources for allele mining studies to identify various allelic variants at different loci. It is pertinent here to emphasize that the genotypic constituents in the present assembly included several landraces those are seldom cultivated on commercial scale.

Correlation analysis among the phenotypic traits is useful for understanding their relationships. Studies showing high positive correlation of Zn with PA-P content (r = 0.5; <0.01) (Liang el al. 2007) to no correlation between PA and mineral elements (Su et al. 2014; Perera et al. 2019) have been reported earlier. The present study also revealed absence of significant correlation between the mineral micronutrients (Fe and Zn) and PA which is an indication that reduction of PA as well as increase in the Fe and Zn can be done simultaneously in breeding programs.

Principal component analysis reflects the importance of largest contributor to the total variation at each axis of differentiation. Here 82.7 % of the variation is explained by two axes of variation *i.e.* PC1and PC2, the two canonical vectors representing primary and secondary axes of differentiation respectively. In PC1, PA-P and TP were major contributors of variation, therefore, these traits can be used for selection to obtain desirable genotypes with low PA content. Dispersion of genotypes based on their contribution towards PC1 and PC2 for PA-P, Pi, TP, Fe and Zn content showed that the most divergent genotypes P1490-03 (GP 256), Gouri (GP 313) to have low PA content. These accessions can be utilized as donors in rice biofortification programs for enhancing the micronutrient status of rice endosperm. The landrace Mehvan (green), Kew and PRR 109 was grouped in cluster 1 with the highest concentration of grain Fe and Zn. Such varieties can be crossed with the genotypes from cluster 1 (GP 256) and cluster 3 (GP 313) to combine low PA trait. Transgressive segregants from these crosses having low PA, high Fe and Zn can be identified and forwarded for varietal development. Mapping populations can be developed using these crosses to map the genomic regions governing low PA and high Fe and Zn.

In conclusion, the study analyzed the extent of genetic variability and diversity for PA-P, Pi, TP, Fe and Zn in the primary gene pool of rice and identified promising donors for enhancing the nutritional status of rice grain.

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1	GP-201	CR 2461-9	42	GP-273	BJ-1	83	GP-360	Pant dhan 15	124	GP-441	DHMAS-70G-164-29
2	GP-202	UPRI-2003-45	43	GP-282	VL-88-97-1-7	84	GP-361	JGL_11727	125	GP-443	Ranbir Basmati
3	GP-203	PNR381	44	GP-284	Kamlesh	85	GP-362	Mahanadi	126	GP-444	T23
4	GP-204	Punjab Mehak1	45	GP-286	IR-78908	86	GP-364	Pant Sugandh Dhan15	127	GP-447	ASD 19
5	GP-205	PNR 381	46	GP-292	B6144-MR-6-0-0	87	GP-365	Bhuman San	128	GP-450	BPT 5204
6	GP-206	Jayati	47	GP-297	HPR 2104	88	GP-366	JR 75	129	GP-451	IC-2127
7	GP-208	CT 10006-7-2M-5-1 P3-M	48	GP-301	SahPasand	89	GP-370	CO-37	130	GP-452	VOH-PCR-3113
3	GP-210	Chandrahasini	49	GP-302	Chimbalate Basmati	90	GP-371	Sumati	131	GP-453	TYPE-3
9	GP-211	HPR 2143	50	GP-303	PMK-1	91	GP-372	SAF-1221-83	132	GP-454	Nagina 12
10	GP-212	MAS 946-1	51	GP-311	SitwaDhan	92	GP-373	P 1447	133	GP-455	Sonasal(small Grain
11	GP-217	PRR 126 (NPP- 27/ KH-2010)	52	GP-313	Gouri	93	GP-374	P1447-00-5-1(P1324x AJAY)	134	GP-458	KharaMunga
12	GP-219	Ajay	53	GP-314	Ananga	94	GP-385	HUR 105	135	GP-460	ADT 39
13	GP-221	RNRM 7	54	GP-315	Pant dhan 4	95	GP-387	Manaswini	136	GP-461	Haldimuri
14	GP-224	Phalguna	55	GP-321	OYR 69	96	GP-389	RR 8585	137	GP-462	MTU 7029
15	GP-225	VLT-6	56	GP-323	CR 2499	97	GP-391	Kudrat-3	138	GP-464	PDKV- Chinoor-2
16	GP-227	RIL-10	57	GP-324	Pusa 1460	98	GP-392	RAU 3061	139	GP-468	Swarna Sub 1
17	GP-228	Pant dhan 19	58	GP-326	UPRI-2003-24	99	GP-396	NDR 625	140	GP-475	Pusa-33
18	GP-229	NDR- 8015-1	59	GP-327	Poornima	100	GP-398	JGL-3828	141	GP-479	Pratikshya
19	GP-230	Pusa Sugandh 3	60	GP-328	UPRI-2003-18	101	GP-400	Muskan	142	GP-480	Jhulhat
20	GP-232	Pant sankar dhan-3	61	GP-329	Narendra UsarDhan III	102	GP-402	MR-219	143	GP-483	MTU 1001(Vijetha)
21	GP-233	Samanta	62	GP-330	NDR 359	103	GP-403	UPRI-2003-15	144	GP-487	Bameshwari
22	GP-234	Tapaswani	63	GP-331	NDR 97	104	GP-405	Sharbati	145	GP-495	Ramachandi
23	GP-237	HPR 2083	64	GP-333	Bhadrakali	105	GP-406	HKR-200-57-1	146	GP-641	Аро
24	GP-239	Birupa	65	GP-334	Shiva	106	GP-407	WGL-23985	147	GP-735	Begum
25	GP-242	Bhubana	66	GP-975	Chittimutyalu	107	GP-411	Raja Vaellu	148	GP-737	Buta Baber
26	GP-243	Pant dhan 10	67	GP-338	IR 77384-12-35-3- 6-7-2-B	108	GP-412	CR-246-16	149	GP-739	Baber

Supplementary Table S1. List of germplasm used in the study with their genotype codes

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Supplementary Table S1. Contd.

No.	Code	Genotype	No.	Code	Genotype	No.	Code	Genotype	No.	Code	Genotype
27	GP-246	OYR 128	68	GP-339	Narendra Usar Dhan II	109	GP-413	Phunchi	150	GP-740	Baber Safed
28	GP-249	OYC 183	69	GP-340	SKAU 220	110	GP-414	Pusa Basmati 1121	151	GP-746	Gull Baber
29	GP-252	BJ-1(Red Kl, Purple awns)	70	GP-341	PRR 105 (NPP-Kh- 2010)	111	GP-416	Improved Sabarmati	152	GP-755	Kaw Qudder
30	GP-253	Chandana	71	GP-343	PRR 117 (NPP- 94/ KH-2010)	112	GP-417	TomphaKhau	153	GP-756	Kew
31	GP-254	Urvashi	72	GP-345	PRR 103 (NPP-43/ Kh-2010)	113	GP-418	CN-1268-7	154	GP-758	Mehvan (purple)
32	GP-255	Pant dhan 16	73	GP-347	PRR 123 (NPP-56/ KH-2010)	114	GP-424	Pusa 1301	155	GP-759	Mehvan (green)
33	GP-256	P1490-03-	74	GP-348	PR 114(NPP-15/ kh-2010)	115	GP-425	Kanak	156	GP-760	Mir Zug
34	GP-257	CSR 27	75	GP-349	PRR 120 (NPP-71/ KH-2010)	116	GP-427	PRR 109 (NPP-29/ Kh-2010)	157	GP-923	CO 50
35	GP-258	China 988	76	GP-352	PRR 115 (NPP-85/ kh-2010)	117	GP-428	PRR 110 (NPP-57 /Kh-2010)	158	GP-924	CO 51
36	GP-260	DV 85	77	GP-353	PRR 104 (NPP-75/ Kh-2010)	118	GP-431	PRR 122 (NPP-97/ KH-2010)	159	GP-925	Arupathaam Kuruvai
37	GP-262	IRAT 240(IREM950)	78	GP-355	PRR 121 (NPP- 70/ KH-2010)	119	GP-432	PRR 118 (NPP- 93/ KH-2010)	160	GP-927	Improved Samba Mahsuri
38	GP-264	Selected Sabarmati	79	GP-356	Pant dhan 18	120	GP-433	HUR-36	161	GP-929	SabarSurabhit (RAU 3036)
39	GP-265	MTU 1010	80	GP-357	Indravati	121	GP-435	RR 166-645	162	GP-932	North Andaman 2
40	GP-266	Kataktara	81	GP-358	Pant Sugandh Dhan 17	122	GP-439	Nirri			
41	GP-270	Kasturi	82	GP-359	HUR-200-57-1	123	GP-440	C 22			