

Analysis of the Genetic Diversity and Relationship within *Hypsizygus marmoreus* Based on Sequence - Related Amplification Polymorphism

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Germplasm resources of *Hypsizygus marmoreus* were collected from different parts of China. Sequence-related amplified polymorphism (SRAP) markers were employed to evaluate the genetic diversity and relationship among the 32 collected strains of *H. marmoreus*. Fifty-five SRAP primer combinations were used and 533 polymorphic bands were observed. Phylogenetic analysis by Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean based on similarity matrices indicated three clusters, namely, A, B, and C. The Jaccard's similarity coefficients of genetic similarity among all accessions ranged from 0.40 to 0.73, and averaged 0.50 among these strains collected in China, revealing a medium level of genetic diversity. The results demonstrated that SRAP can be used to evaluate the genetic diversity of *H. marmoreus* in China and to distinguish the different storage and cultivar strains. These applications are helpful for the effective evaluation, management, utilization, and conservation of germplasm resources.

Key words: Germplasm source, evaluate, Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean (UPGMA), China.

Hypsizygus marmoreus (Peck) Bigelow is an edible fungus that was successfully domesticated in Japan, and widely cultivated and commercially available in East Asia¹. In recent years, *H. marmoreus* has become a popular mushroom because of its delicious taste and good nutrition value². *H. marmoreus* has numerous hygiene and medicinal functions such as antioxidant, antitumor, antifungal, and blood pressure-lowering activities, resulting in its increasing popularity, especially in East Asia^{1, 3-7}.

Sequence-related amplified polymorphism (SRAP) was introduced by Li and Guiros⁸. It is based on two primers that amplify open reading frames (ORFs). Compared with inter simple sequence repeat (ISSR), random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD), and amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP), SRAP technology is more concordant with morphological diversity, more reproducible, more stable, and simpler^{9, 10}. It is widely applied in the study of genetic diversity, genetic linkage map construction, species identification, and so on^{8, 11, 12}. SRAP technology is also used to study the genetic diversities of edible fungi such as *Lentinula edodes*¹³, *Auricularia polytricha*¹⁴, and *Ganoderma*¹⁵. RAPD and AFLP markers have been used to study the

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diversity of *H. marmoreus*, and SCAR markers to identify commercial and wild strains¹⁶⁻¹⁸. However, the results of previous studies could not comprehensively reflect the genetic diversity and characteristics of *H. marmoreus* due to the few primers and limited strains used in the tests. To evaluate the genetic diversity of *H. marmoreus* germplasm, 55 primer combinations of SRAP were used to investigate 32 strains collected from different parts of China. Two indexes of SRAP markers were computed to distinguish the strains in this study.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Fungus materials

Thirty-two strains of *H. marmoreus*, including 10 storage and 22 commercial cultivar strains, were collected and further verified. They were obtained from the Agricultural Culture Collection of China (ACCC), from the Provincial Academy of Agricultural Sciences, and from several institutes dealing with edible fungi and mushroom production (Table 1). Mycelia were inoculated in

Table 1. *Hypsizygus marmoreus* strains involved in the study

No.	Strain code	Origin	Strain type
1	ACCC50474	Dalian University of Technology, Dalian, Liaoning, China	storage strain
2	ACCC51149	Xin Yu Edible Fungi Institute, Wuhan, Hubei, China	storage strain
3	ACCC51532	Institute of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China	storage strain
4	ACCC51533	Institute of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China	storage strain
5	ACCC51536	Institute of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China	storage strain
6	ACCC51583	Institute of Agricultural Resources and Regional Planning, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing, China	storage strain
7	ACCC51661	Huan Yu Edible Fungi Institute, Jiayu, Hubei, China	storage strain
8	ACCC51729	Nanjing Agricultural University, Nanjing, Jiangsu, China	storage strain
9	ACCC51800	Shandong Agricultural University, Taian, Shandong, China	storage strain
10	GDGM26168	Shanghai Finc Bio-tech Inc., Shanghai, China	commercial cultivar
11	GDGM26169	Shandong Ronfun Group, Ltd., Dongying, Shandong, China	commercial cultivar
12	GDGM26170	Shanghai Finc Bio-tech Inc., Shanghai, China	commercial cultivar
13	GDGM26171	Shanghai Tianchu Mushroom Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China	commercial cultivar
14	GDGM26172	Yingliang Agricultural Co., Ltd., Beijing, China	commercial cultivar
15	GDGM26713	Starway Bio-technology, Dongguan, Guangdong, China	commercial cultivar
16	FJNK-1	Fujian Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Fuzhou, China	commercial cultivar
17	FJNK-2	Fujian Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Fuzhou, China	commercial cultivar
18	JSGY-1	Gaoyou Institute of Edible Fungi, Gaoyou, Jiangsu, China	commercial cultivar
19	JSGY-2	Gaoyou Institute of Edible Fungi, Gaoyou, Jiangsu, China	commercial cultivar
20	HN-1	Hunan Academy of Agricultural Science, Changsha, Hunan, China	commercial cultivar
21	HN-2	Hunan Academy of Agricultural Science, Changsha, Hunan, China	commercial cultivar
22	HZND-1	Huazhong Agricultural University, Wuhan, Hubei, China	commercial cultivar
23	HYBYC	Yichang Kanghuiyuan Biology Technology Co., Ltd., Yichang, Hubei, China	commercial cultivar
24	JSTD	Jiangsu Jiangdu Tianda Fungi Institute, Jiangdu, Jiangsu, China	commercial cultivar
25	ZJNKYY	Horticulture Institute of Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, Zhejiang, China	commercial cultivar
26	HNNK	Henan Academy of Agricultural Science, Zhengzhou, Henan, China	commercial cultivar
27	CYQH	Liaoning Quanhe Fungi Co., Ltd., Chaoyang, Liaoning, China	commercial cultivar
28	SM-4	Sanming Mycological Institute, Sanming, Fujian, China	commercial cultivar
29	MYSYB	Mianyang Edible Fungi Research Institute of Sichuan, Mianyang, Sichuan, China	commercial cultivar
30	SCNK	Sichuan Academy of Agricultural Science, Chengdu, Sichuan, China	commercial cultivar
31	CBM	Changbaishan Mountain, Jilin, China	storage strain
32	SJZCX	Hebei Shijiazhuang Chuangxin Institute of Edible Fungi, Shijiazhuang, Hebei, China	commercial cultivar

the strains, and then cultured and maintained on potato dextrose agar (PDA) medium at 25 °C before testing.

DNA extraction and polymerase chain reaction (PCR)

Genomic DNA was extracted from fresh mycelium using the Sangon Fungus Genomic DNA Extraction Kit (Sangon Biotech, Shanghai, China). DNA concentration and purity were determined by spectrophotometry (BioSpec-nano, Shimazu, Japan) and electrophoresis in 1.4% agarose gels with known standards. PCR was performed in a final volume of 25 l, containing 30 ng of template DNA, 1.5 ml of 2.5 mM dNTP, 1.5 ml of 25 mM MgCl₂, 2.5 ml of 10 × buffer (0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM KCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH8.0), 1 ml of 10 mM forward and reverse primers, and 0.5 ml of 2.5 U of Taq DNA polymerase (Tiangen Biotech, Beijing, China).

Amplification was performed in a Biometra TProfessional Standard (Biometra, GmbH, Germany). The PCR reaction was as follows: 94 °C for 10 min, 10 cycles of 94 °C for 1 min, 35 °C for 1 min, and 72 °C for 2 min 30 s, next 30 cycles of 94 °C for 1 min, 50 °C for 1 min, and 72 °C for 2 min 30 s, and a final extension step of 10 min at 72 °C, after

which it was stored at 4 °C. Blank control and three negative controls were designed to improve the accuracy and reliability of the SRAP results. Three negative controls were conducted with DNA from *Coprinus comatus*, no primers, and Taq polymerase. Only the specific amplified bands compared with those of *C. comatus* were counted to ensure the specificity of the experiment. Controls with no primers and no Taq polymerase were used to verify and eliminate reagent contamination.

Amplified products were electrophoresed in 2% agarose gel with 0.5 TBE buffer at 140 V for 2.0 h and stained with ethidium bromide (0.5 mg/ml). Gels with amplification fragments were visualized and photographed in ultraviolet (UV) light using GE Image Quant Digital Imaging System (GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences AB, Sweden). 2.3. Selection of primers To select suitable primers for studying the strains, 13 pairs of forward and reverse primers, synthesized by Sagon according to the primers reported by Li⁸, were screened using 7 DNA samples. From the preliminary screening, 55 combinations of SRAP primers (8 pairs of forward and reverse primers) could amplify clear, reproducible, and polymorphic bands under optimal conditions (Table 3).

Table 2. SRAP primers used in the study

FP ^a	Sequence(5' → 3')	RP	sequence (3' → 5')
Me1	TGA GTC CAA ACC GGA TA	Em1	GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT AAT
Me2	TGA GTC CAA ACC GGA GC	Em2	GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT TGC
Me3	TGA GTC CAA ACC GGA AT	Em3	GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT GAC
Me4	TGA GTC CAA ACC GGA CC	Em4	GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT TGA
Me7	TGA GTC CAA ACC GGA CG	Em6	GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT GCA
Me9	TGA GTC CAA ACC GGA GG	Em7	GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT CAA
Me10	TGA GTC CAA ACC GGA AA	Em11	GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT CTA
Me12	TGA GTC CAA ACC GGA GA	Em13	GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT CTG

FR forward primer

RF reverse primer

a [8]

Data analysis

SRAP amplification products were compared with markers and scored in terms of binary code as present (1) or absent (0) using Image-master 1D software (Gel-Pro Analyzer, Media Cybernetics, USA). Only well-separated bands with high intensity were selected as markers. Pairwise comparisons were calculated using

Jaccard's coefficient¹⁹. The similarity values were used to generate a consensus tree using the Unweighted Pair Group Method Arithmetic mean (UPGMA) algorithm of Nei²⁰. Analyses were performed with NTSYS-pc version 2.1²¹. Polymorphic information content (PIC), marker index (MI), qualitative nature of data, and effective marker index were calculated as follows:

Table 3. Primer combinations and partial genetic information generated by SRAP markers

PC ^b	TB	PB	PP	PIC	MI	FRS (bp)
Me1 - Em2	6	6	100.0	0.50	3.00	100 - 1600
Me1 - Em4	15	15	100.0	0.42	6.32	100 - 1800
Me1 - Em6	11	10	90.9	0.45	4.92	100 - 1400
Me1 - Em7	14	13	92.9	0.44	6.22	200 - 1600
Me1 - Em11	9	9	100.0	0.46	4.12	100 - 2200
Me1 - Em13	9	7	77.8	0.46	4.12	100 - 800
Me2 - Em1	11	10	90.9	0.47	5.19	100 - 1800
Me2 - Em2	10	7	70.0	0.50	4.99	100 - 1600
Me2 - Em3	5	3	60.0	0.49	2.47	100 - 1200
Me2 - Em4	15	11	73.3	0.46	6.83	200 - 2200
Me2 - Em6	14	11	78.6	0.50	6.99	100 - 1400
Me2 - Em11	9	8	88.9	0.47	4.19	100 - 1200
Me2 - Em13	9	9	100.0	0.43	3.87	100 - 1600
Me3 - Em1	8	7	87.5	0.44	3.48	200 - 1800
Me3 - Em2	6	6	100.0	0.50	2.98	100 - 1000
Me3 - Em6	9	6	83.3	0.50	4.49	200 - 1000
Me3 - Em7	5	5	100.0	0.42	2.10	100 - 1200
Me3 - Em11	12	12	100.0	0.44	5.23	100 - 2200
Me3 - Em13	9	9	100.0	0.47	4.20	200 - 1600
Me4 - Em1	11	10	90.9	0.43	4.70	100 - 2200
Me4 - Em2	10	5	50.0	0.47	4.70	100 - 1600
Me4 - Em3	8	5	62.5	0.42	3.36	100 - 1400
Me4 - Em4	10	8	80.0	0.48	4.76	100 - 1400
Me4 - Em6	7	5	71.4	0.49	3.44	100 - 1200
Me4 - Em7	9	7	77.8	0.48	4.29	100 - 1600
Me4 - Em11	7	6	85.7	0.44	3.10	100 - 1400
Me4 - Em13	9	7	77.8	0.49	4.39	100 - 1200
Me7 - Em4	9	8	88.9	0.47	4.23	100 - 2200
Me7 - Em6	8	7	87.5	0.45	3.61	100 - 2000
Me7 - Em7	6	6	100.0	0.37	2.93	100 - 2200
Me7 - Em11	7	6	85.7	0.49	3.42	200 - 1400
Me7 - Em13	7	5	71.4	0.50	3.47	200 - 2000
Me9 - Em1	8	5	62.5	0.48	3.86	100 - 1000
Me9 - Em2	10	8	80.0	0.48	4.85	100 - 1200
Me9 - Em3	11	8	72.7	0.48	5.24	200 - 1600
Me9 - Em4	9	7	77.8	0.50	4.49	100 - 1000
Me9 - Em6	13	13	100.0	0.45	5.90	100 - 1200
Me9 - Em7	9	6	66.7	0.50	4.50	100 - 1400
Me9 - Em11	11	10	90.0	0.48	5.31	100 - 1200
Me9 - Em13	11	11	100.0	0.47	5.20	100 - 1400
Me10 - Em1	8	8	100.0	0.44	3.55	200 - 1400
Me10 - Em2	14	13	92.9	0.50	7.00	100 - 1200
Me10 - Em3	10	9	90.0	0.50	4.99	200 - 1000
Me10 - Em4	10	9	90.0	0.48	4.76	200 - 1200
Me10 - Em6	8	6	75.0	0.49	3.95	100 - 800
Me10 - Em11	10	9	90.0	0.41	4.07	100 - 1200
Me10 - Em13	14	13	92.9	0.43	6.02	100 - 1600
Me12 - Em1	5	4	80.0	0.45	2.24	200 - 1000
Me12 - Em2	8	7	87.5	0.45	3.63	200 - 1000
Me12 - Em3	14	13	92.9	0.44	6.22	100 - 1400
Me12 - Em4	11	7	63.6	0.49	5.39	100 - 1200

Table 3. Contd.

Me12 - Em6	17	15	88.2	0.50	8.47	100 - 1000
Me12 - Em7	10	8	80.0	0.50	4.98	200 - 1000
Me12 - Em11	4	3	75.0	0.50	2.00	200 - 1000
Me12 - Em13	14	12	85.7	0.48	6.78	200 - 800
Total	533	453				
Minimum	4	3	50	0.37	2.00	
Maximum	17	15	100	0.50	8.47	
Mean	9.69	8.24	84.67	0.47	4.54	

PC	primer combination	b	[30]
TB	total bands	PB	polymorphism bands
PP	percent of polymorphism	PIC	polymorphism information content
MI	marker index	FRS	fragment range size

$$PIC = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2$$

where p_i is the frequency of the i th allele²². The PIC values measure the informativeness of a given DNA marker. In this study, these values were calculated as follows: $PIC_i = 1 - \sum (P_{ij})^2$, where P_{ij} is the frequency of the i th pattern revealed by the j th primer summed across all patterns revealed by the primers⁹.

The marker index (MI), which is the product of the total number of loci per primer (n), was calculated for each SRAP primer combination as $MI = PIC \times n$, where PIC is the mean PIC value, n is the number of bands, and P is the proportion of polymorphism²³.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Experiments of SRAP and polymorphism

After screening, 8 forward primers, 8 reverse primers, and 55 primer combinations, which could produce clear bands with good polymorphisms and reproducibility, were selected (Tables 2 and 3). The 55 primer combinations generated a total of 535 scorable bands (455 were polymorphic), with an average of 9.73 bands per primer combination. The percentage of polymorphic bands ranged between 50.0% for Me4-Em2 combination and 100% for primers of Me1-EM1, Me1-EM2, and so on, with an average of 84.67% (Table 3). The size of the detected fragments by all the primers studied in *H. marmoreus* was 100 bp to 2200 bp (Table 3 and Figure 1). Table 3 and Figure 1 show the presence of abundant polymorphism among the strains. Table 2 shows

the PIC value and MI. The PIC value for SRAP ranged from 0.37 to 0.50. The mean PIC value for SRAP was 0.47. The MI for SRAP ranged from 2.00 to 8.47. The mean MI for SRAP was 4.54.

To improve the reliability, credibility, and accuracy of the study, various methods were adopted to avoid possible errors in research. The amplified fragments could be classified into weak, clear, smearing, polymorphism, robust, and specific. Only clear, polymorphism, and robust were scored; the smearing and weak bands were rejected. Primer combinations that produced less than three or several fragments were rejected because too many fragments or lesser bands would affect statistics and result accuracy. Those with poor reproducibility in repetitive experiments were not scored. Compared with the standard program (the initial 5 cycles and the next 35 cycles), the SRAP procedures were slightly modified to the initial 10 cycles and the next 30 cycles in this study. Clear amplicons and polymorphic bands were obtained with the modified procedures (Figure 1).

Phylogenetic analyses and principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) based on ISSR data

A phylogenetic tree was constructed by UPGMA cluster analysis using 535 SRAP bands from 32 tested strains (Figure 2). The collected strains of *H. marmoreus* were classified into three groups at a Jaccard's similarity coefficient of 0.49. Group A included eight storage strains: ACCC50474, ACCC51149, ACCC51532, ACCC51533, ACCC51536, ACCC51661, ACCC51583, and ACCC51800. Group B had 21 strains divided into three subgroups, namely, B1, B2, and B3 at a Jaccard's similarity coefficient of 0.54. Group C had three strains: GDGM26168,

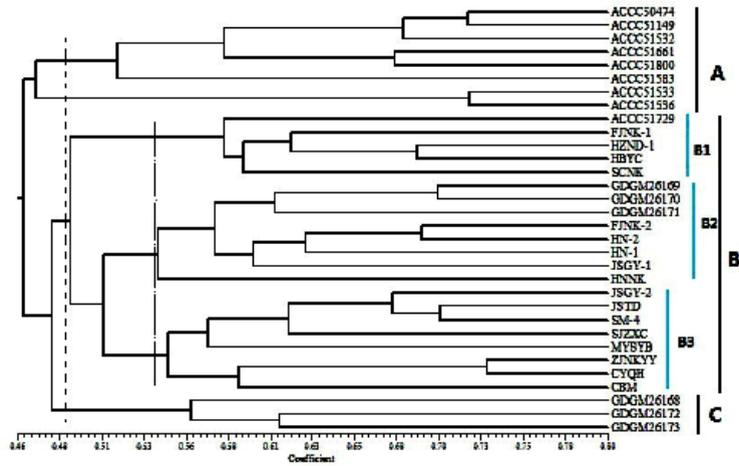


Fig. 2. Phylogenetic tree based on SRAP data. The *H. marmoreus* strains were classified into three subgroups at a Jaccard's similarity coefficient of 0.49. Group A included eight storage strains of ACCC. Group C had three strains: GDGM26168, GDGM26172, and GDGM26173. The remaining strains belong to Group B. The strains in Group B were classified into three subgroups at a Jaccard's similarity coefficient of 0.54

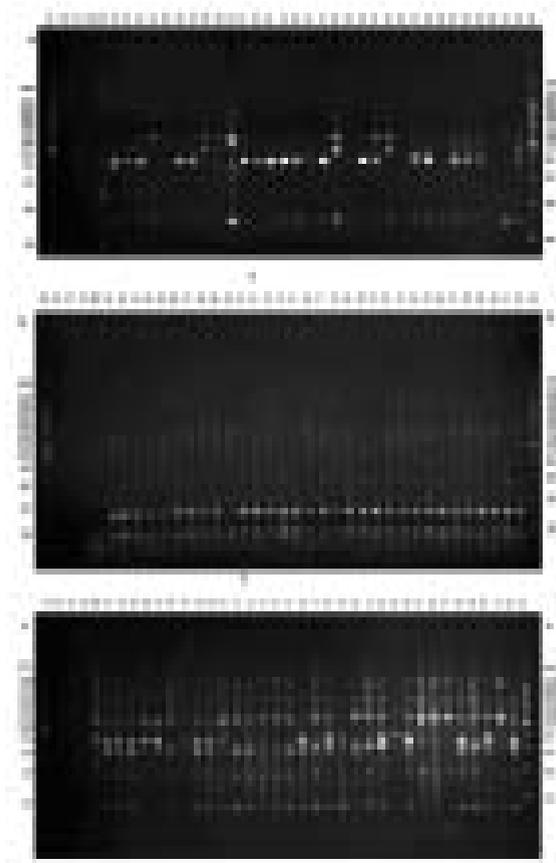


Fig. 1. Band profiles of *H. marmoreus* generated by SRAP primer combinations (a, ME1-EM4; b, ME4-EM7; c, ME7-EM7); The spots in NC, C1, C2, and PC correspond to negative control, no primers, no Taq polymerase, and positive control, respectively. The spots from 1 to 32 correspond to the strains of *H. marmoreus* (Table 1).

GDGM26172, and GDGM26173.

PCoA data based on the genetic similarity matrix are shown in Figure 3. The data revealed similar clusters are those with UPGMA, and could

distinguish the different storage strains and commercial cultivars. The three most informative PCoA components accounted for 29.45 % of the variations observed.

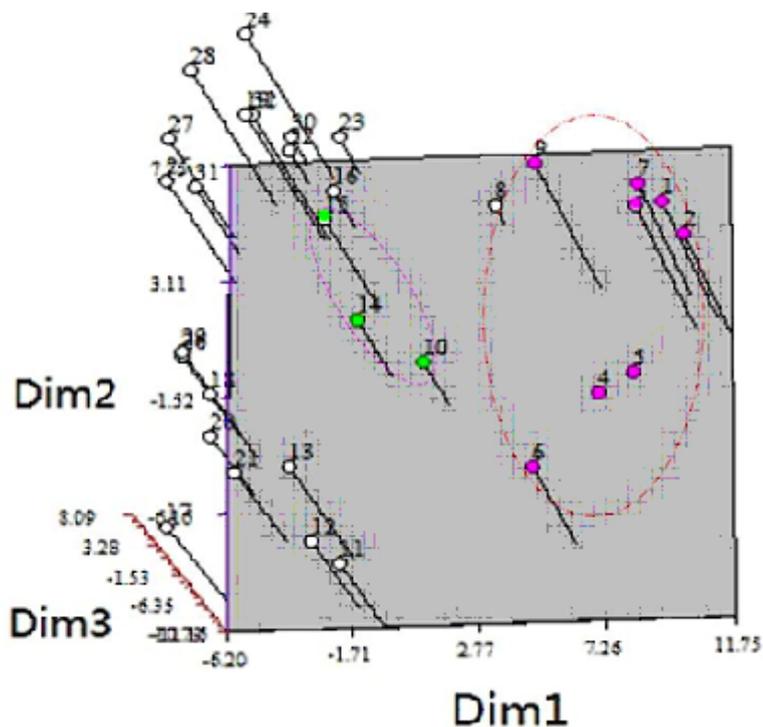


Fig. 3. Three-dimensional graph of the PCoA based on SRAP data. *H. marmoreus* was classified into four subgroups with groupings similar to those of UPGMA

The polymorphism level of *H. marmoreus* was medium because PIC value ranged from 0.37 to 0.5 and the mean PIC value was 0.47. PIC value that ranged from 0 to 0.25 implied that the samples had poor genetic diversity. A value of $0.25 < PIC < 0.5$ indicated a medium level of genetic diversity among the samples. A high level of genetic diversity is present if $PIC > 0.50$ ²³⁻²⁸.

Thirty-two strains were classified into three groups based on Jaccard's data and PCoA data. Group A had eight strains that were storage strains from ACCC, except ACCC51729. The other strains were attributed to Groups B and C, possibly due to the mutation and gene interchange of commercial cultivars, which were much faster and higher than those of storage strains²⁹. The ACCC51729 strain might be from one of the commercial cultivars. The GDGM26168,

GDGM26172, and GDGM26173 strains were clustered into one group, which indicates that they came from the same ancestor or provenance. Among the commercial cultivars, their forebear might be from two provenances. The strains of ZJNKYY, CYQH and CBM may be from the same provenance; the others might come from another.

The main aim of this study was to evaluate the genetic diversity of *H. marmoreus*, which is helpful in the selection of potential strains for breeding. SRAP is a useful method for analyzing the diversity of *H. marmoreus* in this study.

A medium level of genetic diversity and three subgroups were found among *H. marmoreus* in China. This study revealed valuable information on the relationships among different storage strains and cultivars of *H. armoreus*. SRAP markers could provide additional information on genetic study

and breeding than traditional methods. The result of our study revealed that SRAP is a useful tool for selecting potential strains and for predicting hybrid performance in the outbreeding of mushrooms.

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