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A breeding system for hybrid wheat with the original aestivum cytoplasm

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Abstract

From the results obtained on the pollen and selfed fertilities of ditelocentrics of Chinese Spring (CS) with each of the Ae. ovata, Ae. speltoides, Ae. variabilis cytoplasms, it is clear that some deduced major and a number of modifier genes located on certain chromosomes arms are controlling the fertility of CS against these alien cytoplasms.

Each of the following chromosome arms carry a major gene(s) for the fertility of CS: chromosome arms 5DS and 1BS against the cytoplasm of Ae. ovata 7BL to that of Ae. speltoides, 1DL to that of Ae. squarrosa. A number of modifier genes for the fertility were also located: five on each of the chromosome arms, 2BS, 3AL, 3BS, 4DS and 7BS, to the cytoplasm of Ae. ovata: six (2AL, 2BS, 4AB, 4DS, 6BL, 7AS) to that of Ae. speltoides, four (1BS, 1BL, 2BS, 4BS) to that of Ae. variabilis.

As shown above, the *Rfol* gene located on chromosome arm 5DS was active to the *Ae. ovata* cytoplasm but ineffective to the original, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. variabilis* cytoplasms whereas the *Rfsl* gene on 7BL acting to the *Ae. speltoides* cytoplasm was not effective to the original, *Ae. squarrosa* and *Ae. variabilis* cytoplasms. Such a nucleo-cytoplasmic interaction on the gene expression for the fertility could be used for hybrid wheat breeding systems by searching an appropriate alien cytoplasm where genetic-male-sterile mutants found in the original cytoplasm would become fertile.

