

Identification of grapevine cultivars using microsatellite-based DNA barcodes

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Summary

Microsatellite allele sizes were determined at twelve loci in 115 grape genotypes, including 88 ancient *Vitis vinifera* L. cultivars indigenous to the Carpathian Basin. Pairwise comparison of the microsatellite data led to the identification of ambiguous nomenclature and established differences between two grapevine cultivars, Leányka and Leányszőlő, previously thought of as identical. The data also disproved erroneous assumptions about the parentage of two additional cultivars, one of which was 'Csabagyöngye' ('Pearl of Csaba'), an economically important grapevine and a renowned genetic resource for grape breeding. The results also pointed to several possible parent-progeny relationships which will be subject to further pedigree studies. The DNA typing information was used to construct a barcode system which was incorporated into the Hungarian *Vitis* Microsatellite Database for efficient and unambiguous identification of grape genotypes, thereby increasing the precision with which genetic resources are managed in Hungary.

Key words: *Vitis vinifera*, microsatellite, SSR, genotype, DNA barcode, cultivar, Carpathian Basin.

Introduction

Microsatellite or simple sequence repeat (SSR) loci (THOMAS and SCOTT 1993) serve as the most widely used markers in grape genomics. They facilitate the application of novel approaches, among them, the construction of marker-based genetic linkage maps (DOLIGEZ *et al.* 2006, DI GASPERO *et al.* 2007), the localization of genes of interest (HOFFMANN *et al.* 2008), and marker-assisted selection (EIBACH *et al.* 2007). As most are transferable among grape genotypes, SSR markers can be used to reliably identify cultivars (THIS *et al.* 2004), clarify nomenclature (MALETIC *et al.* 2004), and trace the parentage or origin of economically important cultivars (BOWERS *et al.* 1999, TAPIA *et al.* 2007).

In a previous study, we used six microsatellite loci to characterize 97 ancient *Vitis vinifera* cultivars indigenous to the Carpathian Basin (HALÁSZ *et al.* 2005). As other regions where grapes have been cultivated since antiquity, the Carpathian Basin was the site of gene pool and germ-

plasm blending, resulting from the importation of diverse genotypes and the selection of spontaneous hybrids (HAJDU 2003). Hybridizations between genotypes have only been documented since the end of the 19th century when deliberate crosses were first made. However, parentage information even for breeding-selected cultivars remains often anecdotal (HAJDU 2003). Furthermore, the spread of cultivars within and outside the Carpathian Basin gave rise to a nomenclature which is highly unreliable for genotype identification. For example, the cultivar Furmint, which produces the famed Tokaj wine of Hungary, was known by eleven synonyms in various languages (GOETHE 1887).

Genotyping of indigenous grapevines of the Carpathian Basin is warranted, as many of these cultivars are economically important, while others serve as genetic resources in local or foreign breeding programs. In the present study, we extended our earlier DNA typing work by using twelve SSR loci and including an extensive and diverse assortment of reference genotypes, among them grapevines indigenous to other regions of Europe and Central Asia, as well as several new cultivars from Hungarian breeding programs. The results presented here refuted erroneous assumptions about the parentage of two important cultivars and set the direction for future pedigree studies for others.

Material and Methods

Plant material and DNA extraction: The 115 grapevine accessions used in this study are listed in Tabs 2 and 3. Young leaf samples of these grapevines were collected from the germplasm repository of the Research Institute for Viticulture and Enology at Pécs, Hungary. Genomic DNA extraction, polymerase chain reactions (PCRs) and allele size analysis were carried out as previously described by HALÁSZ *et al.* (2005).

Microsatellite analysis: The twelve SSR markers applied in this study were as follows: Scu08vv, Scu10vv (SCOTT *et al.* 2000), VVMD21, VVMD25, VVMD28, VVMD31, VVMD36 (BOWERS *et al.* 1996, 1999) ssvrZAG47, ssvrZAG62, ssvrZAG79, ssvrZAG83, ssvrZAG112 (SEFC *et al.* 1999). Markers ssvrZAG62, ssvrZAG79, VVMD25, VVMD28 were from among the list of markers recommended by the European GenRes#81 and GrapeGen06 projects (<http://www.montpellier.inra.fr/grapegen06/accueil.php>) for the characterization of regional cultivars of Europe. Allele size determination was

performed using Cy5 dye-labelled forward primers and ALFexpress II DNA Fragment Analyzer (Amersham Biosciences, Little Chalfont, England, UK) as previously described by HALÁSZ *et al.* (2005).

Statistical analysis: Allele frequencies, expected and observed heterozygosity, probable identity, and parentage were calculated using the Identity 1.0 software (WAGNER and SEFC 1999). DNA barcodes were constructed using the Microsoft Excel 2003 software.

Results and Discussion

Microsatellite allele sizes were determined at twelve loci in 115 grape cultivars. The numbers of different alleles at each of the twelve loci are listed in Tab. 1. The highest and lowest variability in allele size were obtained at loci VVMD36 (17 different allele sizes), and Scu08vv loci (4 different allele sizes), respectively. For 11 of the SSR loci, both the expected and the observed heterozygosity values were high, ranging from 0.696 to 0.888 and from 0.678 to 0.913, respectively (Tab. 1). An exception to this was the Scu08vv locus, which had very low heterozygosity values (0.197 to 0.182). The estimated frequency of null alleles was low, ranging from 0.005 to 0.04. The total probability of identity for the twelve loci was 1.94×10^{-10} . Tab. 2 presents allele size data for cultivars indigenous to the Carpathian Basin, while Tab. 3 presents allele size data for cultivars of world-wide economic importance, grapevines indigenous to other regions of Europe and Central Asia, as well as grapevines of known parentage from Hungarian breeding programs. Pairwise comparison of the combined 2,760 SSR data demonstrated that most grape genotypes could be distinguished by allele size at the twelve loci. Most importantly, the data showed that 'Leányka' and 'Leányszőlő' are different genotypes, refuting the commonly held assumption that these cultivar names were synonymous (Tab. 2). Two other cultivars, 'Betyárszőlő' and 'Fodroslevelű', on the other hand, did appear to be syn-

onymous. This synonymy was unexpected, because these grapevines were described as two different cultivars as early as in the 13th century (CSOMA 1994-95). It will require further clarification to determine if the two names indeed denote an identical genotype, or if these results reflect an error in the records of the germplasm repository at Pécs, Hungary.

Other indistinguishable genotypes were the red/white berry colour variant pairs of 'Gohér piros'/'Gohér fehér' and 'Lisztes piros'/'Lisztes fehér' and the red/rouge variant pairs of 'Bakator piros'/'Bakator tündöszinű' and 'Piros muskotály'/'Sárga muskotály' (Tab. 2). The identical sizes of all 12 SSR alleles within the pairs suggest that these berry skin colour variants likely arose as white-to-red bud mutations, similarly to 'Ruby Okuyama' and 'Flame Muscat' which are red-skin sports of 'Italia' and 'Muscat of Alexandria' (KOBAYASHI *et al.* 2005). These eight colour variants from the Carpathian Basin present valuable material for further genetic studies on vegetative mutations in grapevine.

The results also revealed that, in the case of cultivar 'Bakator kék', the name 'Bakator' is a homonym. It was a commonly held assumption that 'Bakator kék' was a berry colour variant of 'Bakator piros' and 'Bakator tündöszinű'. The former, however, did not share the same size SSR alleles as the latter two (Tab. 2). The detection of these nomenclatorial errors demonstrates the usefulness of SSR-based DNA typing in improving the precision of cultivar identification and the quality of grapevine collections.

The DNA typing information also enabled us to search for possible genetic relatedness among the cultivars. Although data for twelve loci provide insufficient information to conclusively demonstrate parent-progeny relationships, we putatively identified 32 combinations that might represent such relatedness (data not shown). These possibilities will need to be confirmed with additional SSR markers in future experiments. We also included in this study three reference genotypes for which the parent-progeny relationships were known either from breeding records

Table 1

Salient features of the 12 microsatellite loci used in the analysis

Locus	Number of alleles (n)	Range of allele sizes (bp)	H _e ^a	H _o ^a	Estimated frequency of null alleles	PE ^a	PI ^a
Scu8vv	4	185-197	0.197	0.182	0.012	0.095	0.685
Scu10vv	6	202-217	0.722	0.791	0.040	0.486	0.210
VrZAG47	9	155-174	0.802	0.852	0.027	0.611	0.124
VrZAG62	8	180-207	0.764	0.773	0.005	0.551	0.162
VrZAG79	11	240-264	0.830	0.852	0.011	0.671	0.086
VrZAG83	6	191-214	0.696	0.730	0.020	0.450	0.238
VrZAG112	9	232-266	0.776	0.800	0.013	0.572	0.145
VVMD21	7	230-267	0.707	0.678	0.017	0.471	0.219
VVMD25	7	241-259	0.750	0.739	0.006	0.509	0.198
VVMD28	11	218-278	0.888	0.913	0.012	0.774	0.043
VVMD31	9	193-221	0.752	0.721	0.017	0.543	0.161
VVMD36	17	244-296	0.838	0.817	0.011	0.683	0.082
Total	104					1.90 x 10 ⁻⁴	2.11 x 10 ⁻¹⁰
Average	8.6		0.726	0.789	0.016		

T a b l e 2
Microsatellite characterization of the varieties indigenous in the Carpathian Basin

Cultivar	Allele size (bp) in microsatellite locus											VVMD36*
	Seu10vv*	Vrzag47	VrZAG62	VrZAG79*	Vrzag83	Vizag112	VVMD21*	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD31	VVMD36*	
Alantermó	185:185	174:174	191:207	254:260	191:197	237:243	250:259	253:259	228:236	209:211	254:276	
Aprófehér	185:185	167:169	191:207	246:254	193:197	237:237	250:250	253:259	248:260	209:209	264:266	
Ágásfark	185:192	161:174	191:199	252:262	191:193	245:245	244:250	243:259	236:248	209:209	254:264	
Bakarka	185:185	165:167	191:207	254:254	193:197	237:241	244:250	243:245	248:260	207:221	264:266	
Bakator kék	185:185	159:174	199:203	252:262	193:197	243:245	250:250	243:259	234:248	209:209	264:264	
Bakator piros	185:185	159:165	191:197	254:254	191:197	237:241	244:257	245:245	234:248	201:209	266:288	
Bakator tudószinü	185:185	159:165	191:197	254:254	191:197	237:241	244:257	245:245	234:248	201:209	266:288	
Bakszem	185:192	161:165	207:207	240:262	193:203	232:239	250:250	243:245	228:278	207:211	252:264	
Balafánt	185:192	159:174	207:207	240:254	191:197	232:243	244:259	245:253	228:248	207:211	276:288	
Bálint	185:192	169:174	191:207	252:254	191:193	241:243	250:259	245:253	228:236	201:207	264:276	
Bánati rizling	185:185	159:161	191:207	254:262	191:203	237:243	250:257	245:253	236:236	209:209	254:288	
Beregi	185:185	161:163	191:197	254:262	191:193	237:243	244:250	243:245	236:268	209:209	254:288	
Betyárszőlő	185:185	159:161	197:203	262:262	191:197	232:237	250:257	245:259	246:260	201:207	264:266	
Bihari	185:185	161:165	191:203	250:262	191:197	237:245	250:250	243:243	248:258	209:209	264:264	
Bogdányi dinka	185:185	161:165	191:199	254:262	191:191	237:237	244:250	243:243	234:260	209:221	264:266	
Böszörszaru	185:185	169:174	191:207	248:252	191:203	237:243	244:257	245:245	228:236	207:211	276:296	
Cukorszőlő	185:185	159:161	191:191	254:262	191:203	237:241	257:257	243:253	228:236	209:209	254:276	
Csiri-csuri	185:185	165:174	191:197	254:260	191:197	232:245	250:250	245:259	234:268	211:213	264:276	
Csókaszőlő	185:185	159:165	207:207	240:254	197:197	237:237	257:257	245:245	234:260	207:207	288:288	
Csomorika	185:185	159:161	191:207	240:262	191:197	237:243	257:257	243:243	234:234	209:211	288:288	
Czeiger	185:185	165:174	203:207	254:254	191:197	237:245	250:250	245:259	248:268	207:209	264:288	
Demjén	185:185	159:161	191:199	254:262	191:193	237:243	244:257	243:253	234:248	207:209	254:288	
Erdel	185:185	165:174	197:207	246:254	191:197	237:243	244:250	245:259	248:258	201:211	264:264	
Ezerjő	185:185	159:165	191:191	240:254	191:203	232:237	244:250	245:253	228:278	209:213	258:276	
Fodroslevelű	185:185	159:161	197:203	262:262	191:197	232:237	250:257	245:259	246:260	201:207	264:266	
Furmint	185:192	159:174	191:207	240:252	191:191	243:245	250:259	243:245	228:248	209:211	254:276	
Fűgészőlő	185:192	159:174	199:207	240:252	191:193	237:243	244:244	243:243	234:268	209:211	264:288	
Fűjzmony	185:192	159:165	203:207	250:254	191:197	237:237	250:257	253:259	244:258	207:209	254:264	
Gergely	185:185	165:174	191:207	240:254	197:203	237:243	244:250	243:259	248:260	207:211	266:276	
Gohér fehér	185:192	161:174	191:207	252:262	193:193	241:243	244:257	243:245	234:248	207:211	254:288	
Gohér piros	185:192	161:174	191:207	252:262	193:193	241:243	244:257	243:245	234:248	207:211	254:288	
Gohér változó	185:192	161:174	191:207	252:262	193:193	241:243	244:257	243:245	234:248	207:211	254:288	
Gorombaszőlő	185:185	165:174	191:197	252:252	191:193	241:245	250:259	243:245	248:260	209:209	254:266	
Halápi	188:188	159:174	189:199	252:258	191:193	237:241	244:267	253:259	236:246	209:213	244:254	
Hamuszőlő	185:185	169:171	191:191	248:254	191:193	237:243	250:250	253:253	234:258	201:209	264:276	
Izsáki	185:185	159:169	191:207	240:246	197:203	237:245	244:250	245:259	236:258	209:211	254:276	
Járdovány	185:185	159:165	199:207	240:254	197:197	245:245	244:250	243:245	228:260	209:209	266:276	
Juhfark	185:185	159:174	199:207	240:252	191:193	243:245	250:257	245:259	248:248	207:209	264:276	
Kadarka	185:185	165:174	191:207	252:252	191:193	237:241	250:250	243:259	228:260	207:209	266:276	
Kékítő piros	185:185	161:161	197:197	252:262	191:191	232:232	244:250	243:245	228:246	201:209	264:270	
Királyleányka	185:185	174:174	197:207	252:254	191:191	232:243	244:250	243:253	228:260	201:209	254:266	
Királyleányka	185:185	163:174	207:207	254:262	193:197	237:241	250:259	245:259	234:260	207:207	266:288	
Kolonjár	185:192	159:174	199:207	252:262	193:203	232:243	244:250	245:253	244:248	209:211	254:264	
Kovácskréger	185:185	159:159	191:191	252:254	191:191	241:245	250:257	243:243	236:248	209:209	254:264	
Kozma	185:185	159:161	191:199	262:262	193:193	232:243	257:267	243:253	236:248	207:209	254:276	
Ködbös	185:185	165:174	197:207	252:252	191:193	241:245	257:259	245:259	228:248	207:209	254:276	
Kövészőlő	185:185	159:174	199:207	240:254	191:197	237:243	250:259	243:245	246:260	207:211	264:266	
Kövídinka	185:185	161:167	191:197	254:262	191:197	237:245	244:250	245:259	234:248	209:221	264:264	
Lányszőlő	185:185	159:174	191:191	252:254	191:191	237:243	250:257	243:253	228:236	209:209	254:276	

Tab. 2 continued

Cultivar	Allele size (bp) in microsatellite locus											VVMD36*
	Scu8vv*	Scu10vv*	Vrzag47	VrZAG62	VrZAG79*	Vizag83	Vizag112	VVMD21*	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD31	
Lágylevelű	185:185	202:214	174:174	191:197	232:254	191:197	237:243	250:250	243:253	236:236	201:209	254:254
Leányka	185:185	202:208	165:174	195:197	240:254	191:197	232:243	250:250	253:259	248:260	201:207	266:276
Lisztes fehér	185:185	208:208	159:161	207:207	240:262	193:197	241:243	250:257	243:245	234:248	207:211	276:288
Lisztes piros	185:185	208:208	159:161	207:207	240:262	193:197	241:243	250:257	243:245	234:248	207:211	276:288
Magyaroka	185:192	208:208	163:174	191:207	248:254	191:191	232:237	244:250	243:259	260:278	207:207	264:288
Mézes fehér	185:192	208:214	161:174	191:207	254:262	197:197	237:243	250:257	245:259	248:260	207:207	266:276
Mustos	185:185	208:214	161:174	207:207	246:252	191:191	232:245	244:250	245:259	248:258	207:211	254:276
Pettyesszőlő	185:185	202:208	169:174	199:207	250:252	191:193	237:241	244:244	253:253	236:248	209:211	254:288
Pécsi dinka	185:185	202:208	163:174	191:199	252:254	191:193	237:241	244:244	245:245	236:236	209:209	254:288
Pécsi szagos	185:185	208:211	159:159	189:191	254:258	191:191	237:237	257:267	243:245	234:268	209:209	264:288
Pintés	185:185	202:205	155:169	191:197	248:250	191:203	237:237	250:250	243:253	236:244	201:207	254:272
Piros gránát	185:185	208:214	159:169	191:199	250:254	191:191	237:241	244:250	253:259	236:268	207:221	254:264
Piros muskotály	185:185	208:217	159:174	189:199	254:258	191:191	237:237	250:267	245:253	246:268	209:213	244:264
Piros tökök	185:185	202:214	163:163	197:207	232:254	191:191	237:243	244:250	243:245	228:268	211:211	276:288
Polyhos	185:185	202:202	163:174	191:199	232:262	191:197	232:243	244:259	243:245	234:248	209:209	254:288
Pozsonyi	185:192	202:214	161:174	207:207	254:254	191:197	237:245	244:259	245:259	268:278	207:211	264:264
Pürcsím	185:185	208:214	159:169	191:197	250:258	191:197	237:243	250:250	253:253	236:258	201:209	254:276
Rakszőlő	185:185	208:214	159:165	199:199	254:254	191:197	237:245	244:244	243:243	236:260	209:221	254:266
Róka farkú	185:185	208:214	159:161	203:207	240:246	191:193	237:241	250:250	243:245	246:248	207:211	264:276
Rózsaszőlő	185:185	208:208	163:169	197:199	246:254	191:197	237:237	244:250	259:259	248:268	211:221	264:264
Sárféher	185:192	202:208	174:174	207:207	232:254	191:193	245:245	244:250	245:259	248:278	207:207	264:264
Sárga muskotály	185:185	208:217	159:174	189:199	254:258	191:191	237:237	250:267	245:253	246:268	209:213	244:264
Sárpiros	185:185	202:208	159:159	191:207	254:260	193:193	237:245	244:244	243:259	268:278	207:209	264:288
Somszőlő	185:185	202:214	161:161	199:203	232:254	193:197	232:243	244:250	243:253	244:258	193:209	252:256
Szagos bajnár	185:185	205:208	161:165	191:207	250:262	197:197	237:241	250:250	243:253	234:258	207:211	264:288
Szelecsárdi	185:192	202:208	169:174	191:207	252:254	191:191	232:245	244:250	245:253	248:278	207:209	264:264
Szeredi	185:185	202:202	163:174	199:199	232:252	191:193	243:245	250:257	243:259	228:236	209:209	254:276
Szerémi	185:185	202:208	159:174	191:207	232:258	191:191	237:243	250:250	243:253	228:258	207:209	276:276
Szökészőlő	185:185	202:208	159:174	191:191	254:260	191:197	239:239	244:250	243:259	244:244	209:213	272:276
Tótka	185:185	202:214	165:174	199:207	232:254	191:193	237:241	250:257	245:259	228:236	207:207	254:276
Tökorszőlő	185:185	208:214	159:159	203:207	240:262	191:193	232:241	257:257	245:245	246:248	207:211	264:276
Tulipiros	185:185	208:208	163:174	191:207	252:254	191:193	237:241	244:244	243:245	234:248	207:209	254:288
Tükorszőlő	185:185	202:214	161:161	199:207	246:262	191:193	243:245	250:250	243:243	236:246	209:211	254:264
Ürömi dinka	185:185	214:214	159:165	191:207	246:254	193:203	237:237	250:250	243:259	258:260	207:209	266:276
Vékonyhajú	185:185	202:208	161:161	191:207	246:262	191:191	237:245	250:250	243:243	228:248	209:211	264:276
Vörösdinka	185:185	208:214	159:161	191:199	254:262	191:193	237:245	244:250	243:245	236:236	209:221	254:264
Zöld dinka	185:185	202:208	159:174	191:207	254:254	191:191	237:245	244:257	243:243	234:234	209:211	264:264

*Allele size data for these markers in italics were published previously by HALÁSZ *et al.* (2005) and are available in the Hungarian Microsatellite Database (<http://mkk.szie.hu/dep/gent/>).

Table 3
Microsatellite characterization of reference grape cultivars

Cultivar	Allele size (bp) in microsatellite locus											
	Seu8vv*	Seu10vv*	VzZAG47	VzZAG62	VzZAG79*	VzZAG83	VzZAG112	VVMD21*	VVMD25	VVMD28	VVMD31	VVMD36*
Cultivars of worldwide significance												
Cardinal	185:192	208:214	159:165	189:189	254:258	191:197	237:245	250:267	259:259	248:268	211:215	252:262
Chardonnay	185:192	205:214	161:169	191:199	246:248	191:203	243:243	250:250	243:259	218:228	211:213	254:276
Chasselas rouge	185:185	205:214	165:169	197:207	254:262	193:203	243:245	250:267	245:259	218:268	209:213	264:296
Grenache	185:192	205:205	159:174	189:189	258:258	191:208	232:232	267:267	245:259	244:260	211:218	262:268
Merlot	185:185	202:217	165:167	197:197	260:260	197:203	232:245	244:248	243:253	228:234	209:213	252:252
Muscat of Alexandria	185:185	208:208	159:174	189:207	250:258	191:191	237:251	257:267	253:253	244:268	213:221	254:264
Muscat Ottonel	185:185	208:214	159:169	191:197	258:262	193:203	237:245	267:267	253:259	258:268	209:213	264:276
Oportó	185:185	202:208	161:174	191:207	252:262	193:197	232:243	250:259	253:253	228:260	201:207	264:276
Pinot noir	185:192	205:217	165:169	191:197	242:248	191:203	243:245	250:250	243:253	218:236	213:213	254:254
Superior Seedless	185:185	208:214	159:161	189:191	258:262	191:197	237:237	244:250	159:259	234:248	209:209	264:276
Regional European cultivars												
Aubin	185:185	202:202	169:174	197:207	252:254	203:214	232:241	244:257	241:247	258:258	213:213	248:262
Bronnerstrabe	185:185	202:214	165:169	197:207	248:254	191:193	243:245	250:250	259:259	218:234	209:213	244:296
Heimisch weiss	185:185	208:214	159:161	199:207	240:246	191:197	243:245	250:250	243:259	228:246	209:211	264:276
Madeleine Angevine	185:185	202:205	161:174	197:207	252:262	193:203	234:243	244:250	245:259	218:244	209:221	264:296
Muscat Lierval	185:185	205:211	159:169	191:207	258:260	193:193	237:243	257:267	245:245	218:258	209:213	276:288
Central Asian cultivars												
Afuz Ali	185:192	208:214	165:165	180:189	246:254	191:197	245:245	257:257	253:259	234:258	201:209	270:270
Dzsandzsál kara**	185:185	202:208	159:174	191:207	250:264	193:193	237:266	250:257	243:243	218:234	209:209	250:250
Icskimar	185:185	208:208	165:174	197:199	252:262	197:208	237:266	244:250	253:259	234:244	207:207	270:270
Izpiszár	185:185	205:208	174:174	191:191	254:260	197:208	237:237	250:257	249:259	244:244	209:209	270:270
Kishmish vatkana	185:192	202:208	159:174	191:207	250:262	191:208	237:266	250:257	243:243	218:234	209:209	250:250
Nimrang	185:185	202:208	165:174	191:199	254:258	191:197	232:237	250:257	253:259	234:244	207:207	268:276
Cultivars from Hungarian breeding programs												
Blanka	185:185	205:208	165:169	197:197	242:264	191:193	232:243	230:250	245:253	218:236	211:213	254:270
Csabagyöngye	185:185	205:214	159:161	189:207	258:262	191:203	243:243	244:267	245:245	218:268	213:221	264:296
Ezerfürtű	185:185	205:208	159:169	191:197	240:248	191:191	232:237	244:250	245:253	234:248	211:213	264:264
Favorit	185:185	205:208	159:165	189:197	242:254	191:193	243:243	267:267	259:259	218:234	209:213	276:296
Irsai Olivér	185:185	205:214	159:161	207:207	254:258	197:203	243:245	244:244	245:259	218:268	211:221	264:296
Kossuth	185:185	205:208	161:161	207:207	262:262	191:203	234:237	244:257	259:259	244:246	209:209	264:288
Mátrai muskotály	185:185	214:214	159:159	191:191	240:258	197:203	237:237	244:267	259:259	258:268	209:209	264:276
Szőlőskertek királynője	185:185	208:214	159:165	189:207	254:258	191:197	243:245	257:267	245:259	234:268	209:213	264:276

* Allele size data for these markers in italics were published previously by HALÁSZ *et al.* (2005) and are available in the Hungarian Microsatellite Database (<http://mkk.szie.hu/dep/gent/>).

** Allele size discrepancy exists between this (Pécs, Hungary) and other Dzsandzsál kara accessions.

('Irsai Olivér', 'Mátrai muskotály') or from previous SSR-based pedigree studies ('Chardonnay'). Our results provided unequivocal confirmation of the 'Muscat Ottonel' x 'Izsáki' parentage of 'Mátrai muskotály' (HAJDU 2003, KISS *et al.* 2005), the 'Pozsonyi fehér' x 'Csabagyöngye' parentage of 'Irsai Olivér' (HAJDU 2003, KISS *et al.* 2005), and the 'Gouais blanc' x 'Pinot noir' parentage of 'Chardonnay' (BOWERS *et al.* 1999) (Tab. 2).

While allele size data at twelve SSR loci are insufficient to conclusively demonstrate parent-progeny relationships, they are adequate to disprove such relationships. Thus, the results presented here enabled us to reject the hypothesis that 'Királyleányka' resulted from a spontaneous cross between 'Kövérzőlő' and 'Leányka'. This corroborated earlier findings by BISZTRAY *et al.* (2005) and JAHNKE *et al.* (2007), who also excluded the possibility of the 'Kövérzőlő' x 'Leányka' parentage for 'Királyleányka'. Further, the data unequivocally disproved the long-held assumption that 'Csabagyöngye' (known in the English-language literature as 'Pearl of Csaba') derives from a 'Bronnerstraupe' x 'Muscat Ottonel' cross (HAJDU 2003). Instead, our results are consistent with the assumption that 'Madeleine Angevine' is one of the parents of 'Csabagyöngye'. This is in agreement with suggestions by BAUER (2002) and HILLEBRAND (1972) who proposed for 'Csabagyöngye' a 'Madeleine Angevine' x 'Muscat Courtillier' and a 'Madeleine Angevine' x 'Muscat Précoce de Saumur' pedigree, respectively.

One of the advantages of the SSR allele size data is that they lend themselves well to digitalization. The resulting numerical data can be then subjected to pair-wise comparison to detect genotypic differences. The SSR data can also be converted to real fingerprints by the construction of barcodes (JEFFREY *et al.* 1985). We converted the SSR results to DNA barcodes by uncoupling the allele size and the corresponding SSR locus information and then sorting the allele size data from lowest to highest. The Figure shows the allele size bars drawn to a linear scale for 31 of the cultivars included in this study. The resulting barcode system is a visual representation of the data, allowing easy detection of genotypic differences. If an overlap occurs in the allele sizes of two or more loci, the bar can be marked by an index showing the number of data points represented by the bar. In our data alleles produced by for example VrZag62-VrZag83 markers are of the same size and the barcodes produced from them overlap in several cases. To indicate that this particular barcode stands for two markers, the number 2 is inserted under the bars in the Figure. Microsatellite allele size values generated in different laboratories are known to differ by 1 to 4 base pairs due to different analytical and rounding methods (THIS *et al.* 2004). As such laboratory-specific deviations tend to be systematic, they will cause a minor shift in the position of the size bars, but leave the overall structure of the barcode unchanged. The integration of such DNA barcodes into internationally coordinated databases, such as the "European Vitis Database" or the "International Vitis Variety Catalogue" could provide useful tools for cultivar identification, intellectual property protection, or resolution of commercial disputes.

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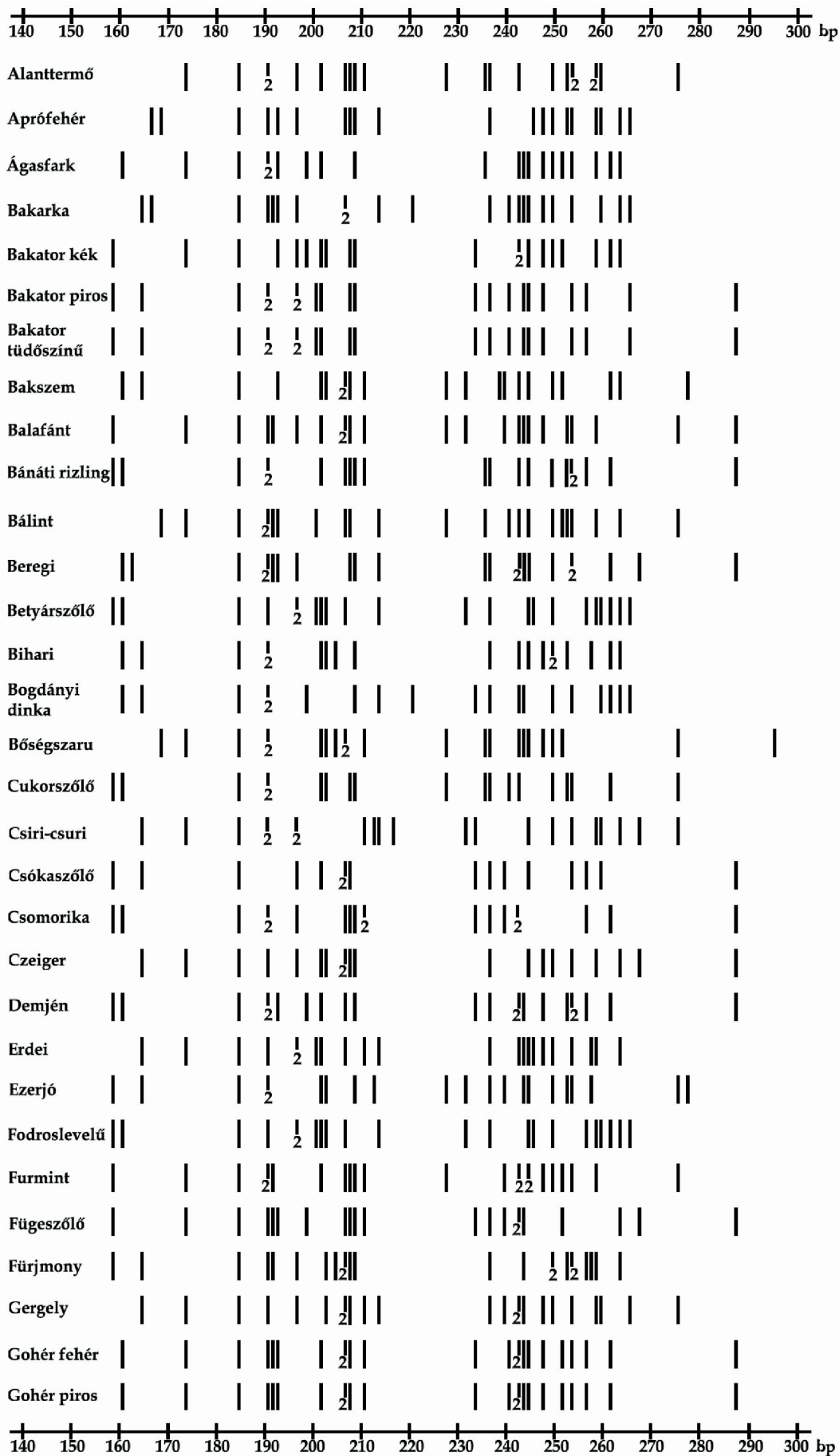


Figure: DNA barcodes of 31 grape cultivars from the Carpathian Basin. Bars marked by the number 2 represent two different markers of identical allele size.

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