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Genetic Analysis of *Prunus yedoensis*, Native and Cultivar, Based on Nucleotide Sequences of *rbcL* and *psbA* in Chloroplast DNA

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Genetic Variation of *Goodyera velutina* (Orchidaceae) Based on Chloroplast DNA Sequences from *trnL-trnF* Region

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To investigate the genetic variation of the *G. velutina*, we carried out the single stranded conformation polymorphism (SSCP), restriction enzyme digestion and comparing the nucleotide sequences of *trnL* (Leu) and *trnF* (Phe) intergenic spacer. The *trnL* (Leu) and *trnF* (Phe) intergenic spacer in chloroplast DNA (cpDNA) were cloned from 10 individuals of the *G. velutina* by polymerase chain reaction (PCR). The total number of bases in the *trnL* (Leu) and *trnF* (Phe) intergenic spacer were 489. SSCP analysis of denatured and amplified products was carried out by polyacrylamide (10%) gel electrophoresis followed by silver staining. PCR products from 10 individuals were digested with 4 restriction enzymes, *Bam*H I, *Eco*R I, *Hinf* I, and *Fok* I. The results of the SSCP and restriction enzyme digestion clearly showed two different types, contained same results as those detected in the SSCP analysis. Comparing of the nucleotide sequences between two different taxa, base substitutions in twelve sites were found. These results show that SSCP, restriction enzyme digestion and DNA sequencing were useful in elucidating the interspecific variation in the *G. velutina* population.

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PCR-RFLP Analysis of Mitochondrial Cytochrome *B* Gene in Cheju Native Horses

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We analyzed mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) cytochrome *B* (*CytB*) gene in Cheju native horses using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) - restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP). *CytB* in mammals flanks in tRNA-Glu and tRNA-Thr in mitochondrial genome and 1140 bases long. To acquire the complete fragment of mtDNA *CytB*, we designed PCR primers in tRNA-Glu (H14158) and in tRNA-Thr (L15368) among *Equus*, *Sus* and *Bos*. The amplified PCR products were digested with 6 restriction endonucleases (*Bam*H I, *Eco*R I, *Rsa* I, *Msp* I, *Hae* III and *Hinf* I). Throughout the electrophoretic patterns, we found two types of fragments digested with *Rsa* I, *Msp* I and *Hae* III in *CytB* gene, respectively. Two kinds of *CytB* in Cheju native horses were found, though the frequency of variant was low. In addition, it is necessary to analyze the nucleotide sequences of *CytB* to develop a useful marker for identifying the maternal lineage and investigating the origin of Cheju native horses and relationships among other populations of east Asian native horses.

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Molecular Genetic Studies on the Structural and the Evolutionary Relationship of the Late Chorion Locus(Hc) from Wild Silkworm, *Bombyx mandarina*.

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