Molecular-genetic analysis of DNA plasmotype of rye-wheat secalotriticum amphidiploids (RRAABB, 2n = 42)

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In order to achieve a balanced expression of the original species genomes and enhancement of the rye genomes expression in triticale, we carried out research on the creation of a new type of triticale with rye-type cytoplasm - hexaploid secalotriticum (RRAABB, 2n = 42), by hybridization of tetraploid rye (RRRR, 2n = 28) with hexaploid triticale (AABBRR, 2n = 42) and a single backcross of rye-triticale F_1 hybrids (pentaploids) on the initial triticale. Restriction analysis of species-specific DNA sequences of chloroplasts (ndhH locus) and mitochondria (8S/5S-repeat) showed that for rye-type cytoplasm (S-cytotype) the absence of restriction was detected by the MspI endonuclease recognition site (fragment of 750 bp) and the presence of restriction by the recognition site of the endonuclease SalI (restriction fragments of about 250 bp in length); for wheat (T-cytotype) – restriction with the MspI endonuclease (restriction fragments 500 and 250 bp long) and the lack of restriction with the SalI endonuclease (500 bp fragment). It has been established that rye-triticale F_1 hybrids (pentaploids, RRABR, 5x = 35), ryewheat amphiploids F_1BC_1 (5–7x = 35–49) and hexaploid amphidiploids of secalotriticum F_{1-15} had a stable inheritance of DNA markers of rye cytoplasmic organelles. However, in contrast to original rye cultivars, the analysis of restriction results of the mitochondrial DNA tMet-18S/5S region by the SalI endonuclease detected the presence of restriction fragments for about 250 bp in length, which is characteristic for rye, and a 500-bp nonrestriction fragment. The presence of this fragment may indicate a partial transfer of the paternal cytoplasm (two-parent inheritance of mitochondria) during the hybridization of rye with triticale. In support of this, a comparative analysis of sequencing the mitochondrial DNA locus tMet-18S/5S of the secalotriticum lines as well as the initial rye and triticale cultivars will be carried out.