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Tetrad analyses of mating types in shiitake (Lentinula edodes)

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Abstract

Shiitake (*Lentinula edodes* (Berk.) Pegler) is a tetrapolic fungus having two mating factors, A mating factor and B mating factor. Four kinds of mating pattern, A_1B_1 , A_1B_2 , A_2B_1 , and A_2B_2 , were caused from a parental strain with a mating factor type of $A_1A_2B_1B_2$. In this study, we isolated 33 tetrads, 132 basidiospores, from the outbred strains, MCR14/MCR15, and then carried out the intra-tetrad mating tests. Fourteen of tetrapolic tetrads and nineteen of dipolic tetrads were detected. The mating tests with the tester strains were performed for the detection of mating types on basidiosporic strains. In two tetrads, MCR14B-121 and MCR14B-130, the strains having new B mating factor were detected. In dipolic tetrads, the tetrads with parental mating types (A_1B_1 or A_2B_2) and non-parental mating types (A_1B_2 or A_2B_1) were occurred, and the ratio was 10:7. The distances of the A mating factor and the B mating factor from each centromere were expected 31.8 units (the A mating factor) and 26.0 units (the B mating factor).

Key words : Lentinula edodes, Shiitake, tetrad analyses, mating type

Introduction

Lentinula edodes (Berk.) Pegler popularly known as shiitake, the black oak mushroom or xiang-gu, is extensively cultivated in Japan, China, Europe and USA. In the wild forest, *L. edodes* distributes widely in Asia and Australiella (Kobayashi and Shimizu, 1951; Kobayashi, 1966; Aoshima and Furukawa, 1980).

L. edodes has two unlinked mating factors (A and B), and is a tetrapolic fungus (Takemaru, 1961; Murakami and Takemaru, 1975). The mating factors are incompatible, and determine the compatibility between two monokaryotic strains from the same sporephorma or others. However, since there are multiallelic mating factors in L. edodes (Tokimoto et al., 1973; Fox et al., 1994), most combinations between strains collected from different sites are compatible.

Tetrad analysis is a procedure of genetic analysis using four daughter cells having the different chromosomes as a result of meiosis from one mother cell (Mather and Beale, 1942). Tetrad analysis has several advantages, e.g. all the genetic information of the parental strain is analyzed avoiding a bias of genes for rate of germination and growing rate after germination. In addition, by using the tetrads a dominant marker such as random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) marker can be used as a co-dominant marker confirming the segregation to 2 : 2 in a tetrad, and on the low reliability genetic markers like RAPD (Miyazaki et al., 2000). Tetrad analysis is useful for detecting of linkage (Perkins, 1949, 1953; Whitehouse, 1949, 1950, 1958). Genes are mapped from chromosome centromere by tetrad analysis using the frequency of tetratypes (Perkins, 1949; Whitehouse, 1949, 1950).

We isolated tetrads for genetic analyses of *L. edodes* without the genes omitted by the random isolating. The sequence characterized amplified region (SCAR) markers tightly linking to mating factors have already been developed by tetrad analyses (Tanaka et al., 2004). In this study, we determined the mating types of tetrads isolated and observed the segregation of the mating type factors inside a basidium during meiosis.

Materials and Methods

Strains

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Parental heterokryons, MCR14 and MCR15, were produced from homokaryons D703PP-9 (mating-type: A_1B_1) obtained from D703, New Zealand strain, and G408PP-4 (A_2B_2) obatained from G408, Japanese wild strain (Miyazaki and Neda, 2004). Two parental strains, MCR14 and MCR15, have the same nuclei, but MCR14 has a mitochondrial genome derived from G408, and MCR15 has a mitochondrial genome derived from D703. In this study, 948 basidiospores isolated from MCR14/ MCR15 were used.

The measurement of matured spore germination rate

Matured spores were collected from the sporephores of dikaryotic strain, MCR14. Basidiospores that fell down onto sterilized aluminum foil were regarded as matured spores. After the aluminum foil was dried in the air, basidiospores were suspended by sterilized distilled water. This suspension was spread on potato dextrose agar (PDA) medium, and then incubated at 25 °C for two days. Basidiospores were observed by the microscope, and the number of germinated and non-germinated spores was counted. Spore germination rate was calculated from No.germinated-spores/No.-counted-spores x 100 (%).

Tetrad isolation

Parental strains, MCR14 and MCR15, were inoculated into sawdust media (water content; 65%) containing beech-sawdust : rice-bran = 4 : 1 (by volume), and then cultured for 2 – 3 months at 25 °C . After removal from its bag, mycelial blocks were transferred to the growing room (humidity; 85%, temperature condition; 10 °C, 5h, to gradient 23 °C , 3h in a day). From fruiting bodies a piece of gill was picked up with tweezers, and used to inoculate the PDA plate by lightly touching it. Four basidiospores close to each other and derived from a single basidium were isolated with a micromanipulator and cultured on PDA media in a 24-well plate (4 x 6 holes) (Coster, USA). The obtained strains were confirmed to be monokaryons from the absence of clamp-connections by microscopy, and maintained on PDA slants.

Mating tests

The pieces of agar from PDA slants of the two monokaryons for the pair-wise test on PDA medium in a Petri dish were allowed to grow until two fronts of the advancing mycelia from the agar pieces met and developed a conspicuous contact zone. From the contact zone on each plate a piece of mycelium was taken and examined under a microscope (x400) for clampconnections. If clamp-connections were observed in the contact zone, mycelia in the outer edges of paired colonies were also examined. When clamp-connections were also seen in the edge of paired colonies, sexual compatibility of the mated pair was scored positive.

Molecular analyses of tetrads showing the irregular mating patterns

In the case of tetrads showing the irregular mating patterns, to check which four spores originated from a basidium, random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) and sequence characterized amplified region (SCAR) analyses were carried out. Condition of RAPD analysis (Miyazaki et al, 2000) and SCAR analysis (Tanaka et al, 2004) were as described methods.

Mapping the mating type factors from centromeres

It was reported that the relationship in the latter case had been shown to be :

$$p = x + y - 3xy/2$$

where p was the proportion of tetrapolic tetrads and xand y were the proportions of second-division segregation at each locus. The segregation data of a SCAR, M17, unlinking A and B mating type factors was used to calculate the distances for A and B mating factors from each centromere (Hisaeda et al., unpublished data).

Results

We isolated 237 sets of four spores on PDA with a micromanipulator (190 sets from MCR14 and 47 sets from MCR15; 948 basidiospores in all). In 33 of the 237 sets, all four spores germinated. Twenty nine sets were isolated from MCR14, and four sets were isolated from MCR15. The success rate for obtaining tetrads of the outbred lines, MCR14 and MCR15, was 13.9% (=33/237 x 100).

We performed mating tests by the paired culture of intra-tetrads. In mating tests using intra-tetrads, both the tetrapolic mating pattern and dipolic mating pattern were observed (Table 1). The number of tetrapolic tetrads was 14, and number of dipolic tetrads was 19.

The matured spore germination rate of MCR14 was 84.5% (=552/653 x 100, on PDA plate, 25° C , 48h).

Table1. Results of mating test on intra-tetrad (a)

	MCR14B-7					
	-1	-2	-3	-4		
MCR14B-7-1	-	+	-	-		
MCR14B-7-2	+	-	-	-		
MCR14B-7-3	-	-	-	+		
MCR14B-7-4	-	-	+	-		
(b)						
	MCR14B-5					

MCK14D-J					
-1	-2	-3	-4		
-	-	+	+		
-	-	+	+		
+	+	-	-		
+	+	-	-		
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"+" and "-" indicate the presence and the absense of clamp-connections.

(a) In case of MCR14B-7 (tetrapolic type).

(b) In case of MCR14B-5 (dipolic type).

A tetrad of MCR14B-30 that showed a tetrapolic pattern was subjected to the mating test versus D703PP-9 (A_1B_1) and G408PP-4 (A_2B_2) , the original monokaryotic strains of parental strains, for use as the tester strains to determine mating types of other meiotic strains. D703PP-9 was compatible in MCR14B-30-3, and G408PP-4 was compatible in MCR14B-30-2. Therefore, a mating type of MCR14B-30-3 was concluded to be A_2B_2 , and it of MCR14B-30-2 was concluded to be A_1B_1 . In pairs of D703PP-9 vs. MCR14B-30-1 and G408PP-4 vs. MCR14B-30-4, 'barrage' phenomena, which were observed in A-different/B-common broke out. Therefore, the mating type of MCR14B-30-1 was concluded to be A_2B_1 , and that of MCR14B-30-4 was concluded to be A_1B_2 . Four strains of MCR14B-30 were adopted as tester strains to determine the mating types of other meiotic strains.

Of the sets in which all four spores germinated, MCR14B-90 and MCR14B-91 showed irregular types in the mating tests within four strains of one set, though they were assumed to be tetrads from successful of germination. Then, we analyzed these strains using molecular markers. In the tests with SCARs, sOPP19-560, and sOPOH09-590 did not show a 2:2 segregation within the four strains of MCR14B-91, and sOPH09-590 did not show a 2:2 segregation within the four strains of MCR14B-90 (data not shown). In addition, several RAPD markers also confirmed to be heterozygous markers did not show a 2:2 segregation, within the four strains of MCR14B-90 and MCR14B-91 (data not shown). We concluded that these sets were not tetrads.

In the mating tests using the tester strains, 31 of 33 tetrads gave results similar results to those obtained using intra-tetrads. In dipolic tetrads, the tetrads with parental mating types $(A_1B_1 \text{ or } A_2B_2)$ and non-parental mating types $(A_1B_2 \text{ or } A_2B_1)$ were occurred (Table 2). The parental to non-parental ratio was 10 : 7. However, two tetrads, MCR14B-121 and MCR14B-130, showed the irregular mating patterns in the tests by the tester strains (Miyazaki et al, unpublished data). Strains of MCR14B-121 and MCR14B-130 were checked by molecular markers also. In case of these sets, all of molecular markers segregated 2:2 (Miyazaki et al, unpublished data), thus MCR14B-121 and MCR14B-130 were concluded as tetrads. Table 3 shows the results of crossing and Table 4 shows the mating types of each meiotic strains.

The ratio of $A_1B_1:A_1B_2:A_2B_1:A_2B_2$ was 32:30:30:32. When we carried out the linkage analysis of two mating factors with the results obtained from tetrad analyses, the linkage between mating factors was not allowed (χ^2 =0.13, n=3, P=0.98).

When the genotype of M17 was treated as M17n(D703 type) or M17p (G408 type), $M17nA_1:M17nA_2:$ $M17pA_1:M17pA_2$ was 30:32:32:30, and $M17nB_1:M17nB_2:$ $M17pB_1:M17pB_2$ was 28:34:34:28. Tetratype frequency on M17 and the *A* mating type factor was 0.484, and tetratype frequency on M17 and the *B* mating type factor was 0.452. The distances of the *A* mating factor and the *B* mating

Table 2. Results of mating pattern of MCR14B-7 (tetrapolic type),MCR14B-5(parental dipolic type) and MCR14B-101(non-parental dipolic type).

	MCR14B-7 MCR14B-5				MCR	MCR14B-101	
-1	-2	-3	-4	-1	-2	-3	-4
-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-
+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
AIBI	AIBI	A2B2	A2B2	A1B2	A2B1	A2B1	A1B2
	- + - A1B1	 + + 	+ + + - AIBI AIBI A2B2	$\begin{array}{cccccc} - & - & + & + \\ + & + & - & - \\ \hline - & - & - & - \\ \hline A1B1 & A1B1 & A2B2 & A2B2 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$

"+" and "-" indicate the presence and the absense of clamp-connections.

factor from each centromere were expected 31.8 units (the *A* mating factor) and 26.0 units (the *B* mating factor).

Discussion

The success rate for obtaining a tetrad expected from the value of spore germination rate (84.5%) is $0.510 \ (=0.845^4)$. However, the actual value obtained in our survey (13.9%) was lower than the expected value. This was considered to be due to the contamination with immature spores torn from basidia when the agar medium was inoculated with a piece of gill. This phenomenon needs to be taken into consideration when isolating tetrads with a micromanipulator.

L. edodes has been already reported as a tetrapolic

fungus (Takemaru, 1961). In this study, tetrapolic, parental dipolic, and non-parental dipolic tetrads, were observed by the intra-tetrad mating analyses and the mating tests with the tester strains. When random basidiospore isolates of *L. edodes* are used, a mixture of these three pattern would be produced.

We concluded by the molecular analyses MCR14B-90 and MCR14B-91 were not tetrads. Contamination of spores from other basidia may have occured during the isolation with a micromanipulator. On the other hand, in the case of MCR14B-121 and MCR14B-130 showing the irregular mating pattern, these sets were concluded as tetrads by the similar molecular analyses. Thus, it is essential to confirm that the four strains isolated are the correct tetrad by mating tests and molecular analyses

Table 3. Results of the mating pattern of tetrads by each mating test.

No.	origin	No. basidium	intra-corossing*	crossing by testers*	types
1	MCR14	B-5	di	di	parental
2	MCR14	B-7	tetra	tetra	-
3	MCR14	B-8	tetra	tetra	-
4	MCR14	B-10	tetra	tetra	-
5	MCR14	B-16	di	di	parental
6	MCR14	B-23	tetra	tetra	-
7	MCR14	B-30	tetra	tetra	-
8	MCR14	B-31	tetra	tetra	-
9	MCR14	B-55	di	di	parental
10	MCR14	B-81	di	di	parental
11	MCR14	B-92	tetra	tetra	-
12	MCR14	B-101	di	di	non-parental
13	MCR14	B-109	tetra	tetra	-
14	MCR14	B-110	tetra	tetra	-
15	MCR14	B-111	di	di	non-parental
16	MCR14	B-121	di	irre.	-
17	MCR14	B-128	di	di	non-parental
18	MCR14	B-130	di	irre.	-
19	MCR14	B-138	di	di	parental
20	MCR14	B-140	di	di	non-parental
21	MCR14	B-142	di	di	non-parental
22	MCR14	B-143	di	di	non-parental
23	MCR14	B-146	di	di	parental
24	MCR14	B-147	tetra	tetra	-
25	MCR14	B-149	tetra	tetra	-
26	MCR14	B-150	di	di	non-parental
27	MCR14	B-154	di	di	parental
28	MCR14	B-180	di	di	parental
29	MCR14	B-182	tetra	tetra	-
30	MCR15	B-4	di	di	parental
31	MCR15	B-6	tetra	tetra	-
32	MCR15	B-33	tetra	tetra	-
33	MCR15	B-47	di	di	parental

di: a dipolic type

tetra: a tetrapolic type irre.: an irregular type before use for the construction of linkage maps. On the MCR14B-121-3, MCR14B-121-4, MCR14B-130-1, and MCR14B-130-4 having new *B* mating type factors, it was expected that crossing over between $B\alpha$ and $B\beta$ was occurred. In this study, the recombination value between

 $B\alpha$ and $B\beta$ of *L. edodes* was 3.03% (= 4/132 x 100). Takemaru (1961) reported that the recombination value between $B\alpha$ and $B\beta$ of *L. edodes* calculated 7.5% (3/40 x 100). Recombenation analysis by larger number of basidiospores was desired to determine the recombination

Table 4. Mating types of the tetrad strains

No	strain	mating type	No	strain	mating type	No	strain	mating type
1	MCR14B-5-1	AIRI	$\frac{110}{49}$	MCR14B-109-1	A2B2	97	MCR14B-149-1	A2B2
2	MCR14B-5-2	AIBI	50	MCR14B-109-2	AIBI	98	MCR14B-149-2	A1B2
3	MCR14B-5-3	A2B2	51	MCR14B-109-3	AIB2	99	MCR14B-149-3	AIBI
4	MCR14B-5-4	A2B2	52	MCR14B-109-4	A2B1	100	MCR14B-149-4	A2B1
5	MCR14B-7-1	AIBI	53	MCR14B-110-1	AIB1	101	MCR14B-150-1	A1B2
6	MCR14B-7-2	A2B2	54	MCR14B-110-2	AIB2	102	MCR14B-150-2	A2B1
7	MCR14B-7-3	A2B1	55	MCR14B-110-3	A2B2	103	MCR14B-150-3	A1B2
8	MCR14B-7-4	A1B2	56	MCR14B-110-4	A2B1	104	MCR14B-150-4	A2B1
9	MCR14B-8-1	AIB2	57	MCR14B-111-1	A2B1	105	MCR14B-154-1	A2B2
10	MCR14B-8-2	AIBI	58	MCR14B-111-2	A2B1	106	MCR14B-154-2	AIBI
11	MCR14B-8-3	A2B2	59	MCR14B-111-3	AIB2	107	MCR14B-154-3	A2B2
12	MCR14B-8-4	A2B1	60	MCR14B-111-4	AIB2	108	MCR14B-154-4	A1B1
13	MCR14B-10-1	A2B2	61	MCR14B-121-1	AIB2	109	MCR14B-180-1	A1B1
14	MCR14B-10-2	A1B1	62	MCR14B-121-2	A2B1	110	MCR14B-180-2	A2B2
15	MCR14B-10-3	A2B1	63	MCR14B-121-3	A2B3	111	MCR14B-180-3	A1B1
16	MCR14B-10-4	A1B2	64	MCR14B-121-4	A1B4	112	MCR14B-180-4	A2B2
17	MCR14B-16-1	A1B1	65	MCR14B-128-1	A1B2	113	MCR14B-182-1	A2B1
18	MCR14B-16-2	A2B2	66	MCR14B-128-2	A2B1	114	MCR14B-182-2	A1B2
19	MCR14B-16-3	A1B1	67	MCR14B-128-3	A1B2	115	MCR14B-182-3	A2B2
20	MCR14B-16-4	A2B2	68	MCR14B-128-4	A2B1	116	MCR14B-182-4	A1B1
21	MCR14B-23-1	A1B1	69	MCR14B-130-1	A2B5	117	MCR15B-4-1	A2B2
22	MCR14B-23-2	A2B1	70	MCR14B-130-2	A1B1	118	MCR15B-4-2	A2B2
23	MCR14B-23-3	A2B2	71	MCR14B-130-3	A2B2	119	MCR15B-4-3	A1B1
24	MCR14B-23-4	A1B2	72	MCR14B-130-4	A1B6	120	MCR15B-4-4	A1B1
25	MCR14B-30-1	A2B1	73	MCR14B-138-1	A1B1	121	MCR15B-6-1	A2B1
26	MCR14B-30-2	A1B1	74	MCR14B-138-2	A2B2	122	MCR15B-6-2	A1B2
27	MCR14B-30-3	A2B2	75	MCR14B-138-3	AIB1	123	MCR15B-6-3	A2B2
28	MCR14B-30-4	A1B2	76	MCR14B-138-4	A2B2	124	MCR15B-6-4	A1B1
29	MCR14B-31-1	A1B1	77	MCR14B-140-1	A2B1	125	MCR15B-33-1	A2B2
30	MCR14B-31-2	A1B2	78	MCR14B-140-2	AIB2	126	MCR15B-33-2	A1B2
31	MCR14B-31-3	A2B1	79	MCR14B-140-3	AIB2	127	MCR15B-33-3	A2B1
32	MCR14B-31-4	A2B2	80	MCR14B-140-4	A2B1	128	MCR15B-33-4	A1B1
33	MCR14B-55-1	A2B2	81	MCR14B-142-1	A1B2	129	MCR15B-47-1	A2B2
34	MCR14B-55-2	A1B1	82	MCR14B-142-2	A2B1	130	MCR15B-47-2	A2B2
35	MCR14B-55-3	A1B1	83	MCR14B-142-3	A2B1	131	MCR15B-47-3	A1B1
36	MCR14B-55-4	A2B2	84	MCR14B-142-4	A1B2	132	MCR15B-47-4	A1B1
37	MCR14B-81-1	A2B1	85	MCR14B-143-1	AIB2			
38	MCR14B-81-2	AIB2	86	MCR14B-143-2	A2B1			
39	MCR14B-81-3	A2B1	87	MCR14B-143-3	A2B1			
40	MCR14B-81-4	A1B2	88	MCR14B-143-4	A1B2			
41	MCR14B-92-1	A1B1	89	MCR14B-146-1	A2B2			
42	MCR14B-92-2	A1B2	90	MCR14B-146-2	A2B2			
43	MCR14B-92-3	A2B2	91	MCR14B-146-3	A1B1			
44	MCR14B-92-4	A2B1	92	MCR14B-146-4	A1B1			
45	MCR14B-101-1	A1B2	93	MCR14B-147-1	A2B1			
46	MCR14B-101-2	A2B1	94	MCR14B-147-2	A2B2			
47	MCR14B-101-3	A2B1	95	MCR14B-147-3	A1B2			
48	MCR14B-101-4	A1B2	96	MCR14B-147-4	AIBI			

value between $B\alpha$ and $B\beta$ of *L. edodes*.

On the linkage maps constructed by Kwan and Xu (2002) and Terashima et al. (2002), two mating factors were divided into different linkage groups. When we carried out the linkage analysis of two mating factors with the results obtained from tetrad analyses, the ratio of A_1B_1 : A_1B_2 : A_2B_1 : $A_2B_2 = 32:30:30:32$ clearly fitted the 1:1:1:1 ratio (χ^2 =0.13, n=3, P=0.98). The results showed that the tetrad strains isolated had no distortion for the division of mating factors. We consider that the tetrads we isolated are appropriate for use in the linkage analyses and the quantitative trait loci (QTL) analyses.

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シイタケ (Lentinula edodes) の交配型のテトラッド分析

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要旨

シイタケ (Lentinula edodes(Berk.)Pegler) は、2つの交配因子 (A 因子およびB 因子)を持つ4極性の菌である。 $A_iA_2B_iB_2$ の交配因子型を持つ親株からは、4種類の交配型 (A_iB_i , A_iB_2 , A_2B_i , および A_2B_2)が生じる。今回の研究で、我々は遠縁交配株 (MCR14 および MCR15)から、合計 33 のテトラッド (四分子)(132 担子胞子菌株)を分離し、テトラッド内の交配試験を実施した。その結果、14の4極性型テトラッドと19の2極性型テトラッドが認められた。次に、担子胞子菌株の交配型決定のためにテスター菌株との交配試験を実施した。2つのテトラッド (MCR14B-121 および MCR14B-130)では、異なる B 交配因子を有する菌株が検出された。2極性型テトラッドでは、親と同型の交配型 (A_iB_i もしくは A_2B_2)をもつテトラッドと、親と異なる交配型 (A_iB_2 もしくは A_2B_i)、 をもつテトラッドが生じ、その比率は10:7だった。また、動原体からA交配因子までの距離は 31.8単位、動原体からB交配因子までの距離は 26.0単位と予想された。最終的に、我々は、33 テトラッドの 132 担子胞子菌株の交配型を決定した。

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