References

25. **G4005.03.02 (3b): Molecular characterisation of pigeonpea (Cajanus cajan) composite collection**
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**Composite Collection**
ICRISAT developed a composite collection of 1000 accessions, which consists of 146 mini core subset accessions (Upadhyaya et al. 2006), another 146 comparator mini core accessions, 236 of the 1290 core collection accessions (Reddy et al. 2005), 389 trait-based accessions (resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses and those with superior morpho-agronomic traits), 20 advanced lines/cultivars, and 63 accessions from seven wild Cajanus species. Geographically, it consists of 73% accessions from Asia, 13% from Africa, 5% from Caribbean, 3% each from America’s and Oceania, and remaining 3% from other regions. This composite collection has been molecularly profiled using 20 SSRs in high throughput assay (ABI3700).

**Genetic structure of composite collection**
The 20 SSR markers data on 952 accessions were analyzed using PowerMarker V3.0 (Liu and Muse 2005) and DARwin 5.0 version (Perrier et al. 2003). This composite collection showed rich allelic diversity (197 alleles, 10 alleles per locus, 82 most common alleles and 115 rare alleles at 1%), group-specific unique alleles, and common alleles sharing between the species and geographical groups.

Unique alleles are those detected in a group of accessions but absent in other groups. Group-specific unique alleles were 60 in wild types and 64 in cultivated types. Accessions from Asia had 48 unique alleles while those from Africa had only two unique alleles. Non-determinate type (NDT) cultivated pigeonpea accessions were represented by 37 unique alleles while determinate types (DT) only one allele. Wild and cultivated

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types shared 73 alleles, DT and NDT 10 alleles, DT and wild types 4 alleles, and NDT and wild types 20 alleles. A tree diagram using DARwin 5.0 revealed wild types as a group genetically more diverse than cultivated types, while NDT were more diverse than DT.

Reference set
A reference set consisting of 300 genetically most diverse accessions have been formed. This reference set captured 187 (95%) of the 197 composite collection alleles, representing diversity from the entire spectrum of composite collection (Figure). The usefulness of this reference set in genomics and breeding of pigeonpea needs to be investigated.

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