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Determining of S-alleles in wild cherry population of Czech Republic

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Wild cherry (*Prunus avium* L.) is a valuable broadleaved tree. Wild cherry is a tolerant tree species allowing the establishment of mixed forest stands and is a relatively fast growing hardwood producing very high quality timber. In addition, a number of cultivars also have been developed for fruit production. For these reasons, the species has been the subject of numerous genetic studies, and much attention was focused on the preservation of its forest genetic resources. The self-incompatibility (S) genotypes of a collection of 50 Czech wild cherry accessions, were determined using polymerase chain reaction (PCR) methods of SRNase and SFB genes. PCR was done using conserved primers and fragments detection was carried out by capillary electrophoresis. The genotypes where the length of amplicon had similarity with other alleles were confirmed with the appropriate allele-specific primers for the known alleles. The incompatibility genotypes of all 50 accessions were determined. Fourteen S haplotypes were detected in all which were assigned to twelve incompatibility groups including group '0' of universal pollinator. Ten new incompatible group varieties were determined in this study and yet to assigned into the group. The wild cherry populations differed significantly with respect to allelic frequencies from sweet cherry cultivars; alleles S₁, S₃ and S₄, which are more frequent in sweet cherry, were less frequent in the wild cherry collections. S-haplotypes S₁₄, S₁₆ and S₂₂ were the most frequent and S₁₈ was less frequent in wild populations of cherry in Czech Republic. The knowledge of the S genotypes will be useful for studying the gene flow within the orchards and these approaches should also be informative in wild populations diversity.

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