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Cytogenetic studies of sex chromosomes in *Ginkgo biloba* using fluorescent *in situ* hybridization

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Short title: FISH analyses of sex chromosomes in *Ginkgo biloba*

**Summary** *Ginkgo biloba*, a gymnosperm, is a dioecious plant, but its sex chromosomes are morphologically difficult to distinguish. To cytogenetically clarify the sex chromosomes, fluorescent *in situ* hybridization (FISH) was performed using repetitive sequences. (Basically, Summary does not include details of the experimental conditions (reagent concentration, temperature, number of samples, number of experiments, *etc*.). (Times New Roman, 11 point)

**Keywords** Sex chromosome, Repetitive sequence, Fluorescent *in situ* hybridization, *Ginkgo biloba.*

*Ginkgo biloba* is known as a primitive gymnosperm, and the nut is used as food (Wang and Pan 2007; Sado *et al.* 2019). When ginkgo is used as a roadside tree, it is necessary to plant male ginkgo trees to avoid the bad odor caused by falling fruits. Therefore, the sex determination of ginkgo is an important issue, and a number of DNA markers for sex determination have been identified so far. (Times New Roman, 11 point)

Materials and methods

*Plant materials (Italic)*

The experimental materials were three strains of *Ginkgo biloba.*

*Preparation of chromosome spreads*

The root tips were first treated with 0.3% 8-hydroxyquinoline at 20℃ for 3 h.

Results

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Discussion

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Supplementary information (If not, please omit this section)

Supplementary information including Table S1, Figs S1, S2, and Movie 1 is available online.

Author contributions

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**Table 1. Variation of sex chromosomes in *Ginkgo biloba.***

Ecotype Sex chromosome length (μm) Spreads number

Tokyo 5.8±0.1a 34

Mean values with superscripted letters of each chromosome length are significantly different (*p* < 0.05) based on Tukey’s honestly significant difference comparisons. (Times New Roman, 10 point)



**Fig. 1.** **Fluorescent images of sex chromosomes in *Ginkgo biloba.*** (**A**) Metaphase spreads of mitotic chromosomes. Scale bar = 2 μm. (Times New Roman, 10 point)

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