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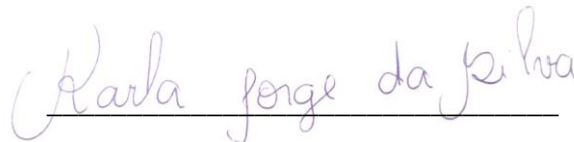
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## RESUMO

SILVA, Karla Jorge da, D.Sc., Universidade Federal de Viçosa, dezembro de 2019. **Diversidade genética e mapeamento associativo para resistência à fumonisinas em milho tropical utilizando marcadores SNPs.** Orientador: Luiz Antonio dos Santos Dias. Coorientador: Lauro José Moreira Guimarães.

O conhecimento da diversidade genética é fundamental para um programa de melhoramento de plantas pois ajuda entender a relação genética entre as linhagens para direcionar cruzamentos. O mapeamento associativo (GWAS) é um dos principais métodos para relacionar genes e alelos às características de interesse, por meio da co-segregação de marcadores genéticos polimórficos com variação fenotípica. Este trabalho teve como objetivo investigar a diversidade genética de linhagens de milho e verificar a relação entre diversidade genética e padrões heteróticos para a produção de grãos dos híbridos. Com outro conjunto de dados, o objetivo foi identificar regiões genômicas associada com à fumonisina no milho, por meio do mapeamento associativo. Para o estudo da diversidade genética, um total de 1.041 linhagens foram genotipadas por sequenciamento, gerando 32.840 SNPs. Além disso, a diversidade genética de linhagens foi correlacionada com a produção de grãos de 591 híbridos, entre as linhagens genotipadas. No entanto, apenas essas distâncias genéticas entre linhagens não foram suficientes para prever o desempenho híbrido, uma vez que foi obtida uma correlação de Pearson baixa, embora significativa (0,22,  $p < 0,01$ ) entre distâncias genéticas dos parentais e a produção de grãos dos híbridos. O estudo de mapeamento associativo foi conduzido usando dados fenotípicos de 205 linhagens do painel de milho avaliadas em três ensaios de campo realizados em Sergipe, e um conjunto de 385.654 SNPs. O GWAS foi possível encontrar 45 SNPs significativamente associados à resistência à fumonisinas, agrupados em 19 QTLs. Os QTLs nos bins 2.05, 2.06, 2.08, 2.09, 3.06, 4.05, 5.01 e 10.03 possuem genes candidatos. Com funções preditas implicadas na resistência a patógenos. Os QTLs serão úteis para a seleção assistida por marcadores e para uma melhor compreensão da resistência à fumonisina em milho.

Palavras-chave: Genes. Marcadores moleculares. Melhoramento genético. *Zea mays*.

## ABSTRACT

SILVA, Karla Jorge da, D.Sc., Universidade Federal de Viçosa, December, 2019. **Genetic diversity and genome-wide association study for fumonisin resistance in tropical maize with SNPs markers.** Adviser: Luiz Antonio dos Santos Dias. Co-adviser: Lauro José Moreira Guimarães.

The knowledge of genetic diversity is critical for a successful breeding program, helping to dissect the genetic relationship among lines and to identify superior parents. Genome-Wide Association (GWAS) is one of the main methods for relating genes and alleles to the traits of interest, through the co-segregation of polymorphic genetic markers with the genes involved in the variation of the traits. We investigate the genetic diversity of maize inbred lines and verify the relationship between genetic diversity and heterotic patterns based on hybrid grain yield. Subsequently, with another data set, we aimed to genomic regions for fumonisin resistance in maize. For the genetic diversity study, a total of 1,041 maize inbred lines were genotyped-by-sequencing (GBS), generating 32,840 SNPs. Additionally, the genetic diversity of lines was correlated with grain yield of 591 single-cross hybrids. However, solely these genetic distances among inbred lines were not good predictors of the hybrid performance, once a low but significant Pearson's correlation (0.22,  $p \leq 0.01$ ) was obtained between parental genetic distances and hybrids performance. GWAS was conducted using phenotypic data from 205 tropical maize inbred lines evaluated in three field trials conducted in Sergipe, Brazil and a set of 385,654 high-quality polymorphic SNPs generated using GBS. A total of forty-five SNPs significantly associated with resistance to fumonisin in maize were found and clustered into 19 QTLs. QTLs in bins 2.05, 2.06, 2.08, 2.09, 3.06, 4.05, 5.01 and 10.03 have candidate genes. Genes with annotated functions probably implicated in resistance to pathogens based on previous studies have been highlighted. The QTLs will be useful for marker-assisted selection and for a better understanding of maize resistance fumonisin.

Keywords: Genes. Molecular markers. Plant Breeding. *Zea mays*.

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## 1 INTRODUÇÃO GERAL

O milho (*Zea mays* L. spp.) é uma gramínea da família *Poaceae*, com enorme importância econômica. Possui participação na cadeia alimentar humana e animal, sendo considerado o principal componente na alimentação de aves e suínos, além da fabricação de biocombustíveis, álcool para bebidas e outros fins industriais (Salla et al., 2010). No Brasil, a área total cultivada com milho (primeira e segunda safras) foi de 17,60 milhões de hectares na safra de 2018/19, cuja produção de grãos foi de 98,41 milhões de toneladas (CONAB, 2019). Assim, o Brasil se consolida como um importante produtor mundial deste cereal.

Apesar do grande volume de grãos de milho produzido no país, entre os principais problemas está a baixa qualidade de grãos devido a diversos contaminantes como inseto-pragas de grãos armazenados, fungos, bactérias, micotoxinas e resíduos de agrotóxicos (Lorini e Bacaltchuk, 2007). Entre estes contaminantes, a incidência de grãos ardidos e micotoxinas se destacam, pois afetam a quantidade e qualidade dos grãos, resultando na desvalorização comercial do produto, além de poderem se constituir em barreiras não tarifárias à exportação, podendo causar perdas econômicas, e, mais gravemente, comprometendo a segurança alimentar, visto que as micotoxinas podem provocar diversas doenças em humanos e animais. Os prejuízos causados pelas micotoxinas têm despertado interesse da ciência, do governo e da indústria nacional, visando o aumento do conhecimento e soluções para amenizar os efeitos deletérios causados por essas substâncias (Pereira et al., 2007).

As micotoxinas são metabólitos secundários que comumente contaminam os produtos agrícolas no crescimento da planta ou após a colheita, no transporte e no armazenamento. Esse metabólitos são produzidos por fungos toxigênicos, em condições ambientais favoráveis, inclui muitas espécies do gênero *Fusarium*, *Aspergillus* e *Penicillium* (Presello et al., 2008). As micotoxinas podem estar presentes, mesmo após a remoção do micélio e uma vez que a maior parte deles são resistentes a tratamentos físicos e químicos, permanecendo nos alimentos durante o processamento e armazenamento (Beber-Rodrigues e Scussel, 2013). As micotoxinas do tipo fumonisinas são produzidas por várias espécies de *Fusarium*, principalmente *Fusarium verticillioides*. Esses fungos estão mais associado ao milho, sendo constatada sua ocorrência natural nessa cultura e produtos derivados em muitas regiões do mundo.

Assim, a definição e caracterização de grupos de diversidade genética gera informações essenciais para o avanço do melhoramento genético. O desenvolvimento de linhagens elite deve ser pautado em combinações genéticas favoráveis dentro de grupos heteróticos definidos e nos cruzamentos entre linhagens de grupos complementares, com o intuito de maximizar a variância

intrapopulacional e as respostas heteróticas nos híbridos finais (Hallauer & Carena, 2009; Munhoz et al., 2009). Assim, a alocação precisa de uma linhagem em um determinado grupo é uma condição importante para a utilização eficiente dos materiais genéticos, direcionando os cruzamentos para formação de híbridos a serem testados e a produção de novas populações fonte para extração de novas linhagens.

Devido ao surgimento de novas raças e a co-evolução entre hospedeiro e patógeno cultivares resistentes precisam ser continuamente desenvolvidas. Essa é uma situação que faz parte da dinâmica da interação planta-patógeno e que precisa ser compreendida pelo melhorista. No processo de transferência de alelos de resistência, os marcadores moleculares do DNA podem ser uma ferramenta bastante útil. Como por exemplo, marcadores ligados aos alelos de resistência, podem ser usados nas etapas iniciais e intermediárias do melhoramento (Yu et al., 2008; Bardol et al., 2013). Nas etapas finais, as inoculações ou exposição da planta ao patógeno em condições de campo são imprescindíveis para confirmar a seleção indireta feita inicialmente por meio dos marcadores.

Muitos caracteres de importância agrícola, como rendimento, qualidade e algumas formas de resistência a doenças, são controlados por muitos genes e são conhecidos como caracteres quantitativos. As regiões dentro dos genomas que contêm genes associados a uma característica quantitativa particular são conhecidas como loco de característica quantitativa (QTLs).

Com os avanços e a redução dos custos das técnicas de genotipagem com marcadores moleculares em alta densidade têm contribuído significativamente para o melhoramento genético. A genotipagem de linhagens fundadoras, progênies derivadas de populações segregantes e painéis de diversidade genética, têm aumentado a eficiência de seleção de genótipos superiores nos programas de melhoramento de plantas. Neste sentido, marcadores SNP (*Single Nucleotide Polymorphism*) têm sido amplamente utilizados em diversos estudos em milho, para várias aplicações, como por exemplo, em análises de caracterização genética entre genótipos e mapeamento associativo apresentando papel importante na priorização de cruzamentos para desenvolvimento de linhagens endogâmicas mais promissoras (Romay et al. 2014; Badu-Apraku et al. 2016; Wu et al. 2016; Zhang et al. 2016; Dari et al. 2018).

Assim, o presente trabalho teve como objetivo realizar um estudo de diversidade genética de linhagens de milho e a relação entre diversidade genética e padrões heteróticos para a produção de grãos dos híbridos. Com outro conjunto de dados, o objetivo foi identificar regiões genômicas e QTLs de alta resolução para resistência à fumonisina no milho.

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# **CAPÍTULO I**

## **HIGH-DENSITY SNP-BASED GENETIC DIVERSITY AND HETEROTIC PATTERNS OF TROPICAL MAIZE BREEDING LINES**

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## APRESENTAÇÃO I

O primeiro capítulo é composto pelo artigo intitulado “*High-density SNP-based genetic diversity and heterotic patterns of tropical maize breeding lines*” que se refere ao artigo apresentado à banca de qualificação. O mesmo foi submetido no dia 12 de julho de 2019 na revista *Crop Science* classificada como A1 no sistema Qualis, e foi aceito no dia 08 de dezembro de 2019.

## **High-density SNP-based genetic diversity and heterotic patterns of tropical maize breeding lines**

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Abbreviations: Chr, chromosome; CTAB, cetyltrimethylammonium bromide; GBS, genotyping-by-sequencing; Ho, heterozygosity; HG, heterotic group; IBS, identify-by-state; kb, kilobase pairs; Mb, megabase pairs; MAF, minor allele frequency; NJ, neighbor-joining; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism.

## ABSTRACT

Understanding the crop diversity is critical for a successful breeding program, helping to dissect the genetic relationship among lines and to identify superior parents. This study aimed to investigate the genetic diversity of maize inbred lines, and to verify the relationship between genetic diversity and heterotic patterns based on hybrid yield performance. A total of 1,041 maize inbred lines were genotyped-by-sequencing, generating 32,840 quality-filtered SNPs. Diversity analyses were performed using the Neighbor-Joining clustering method, which generated diversity groups. The clustering of lines based on the diversity groups was compared to the pre-defined heterotic groups using the additive genomic relationship matrix and UPGMA. Additionally, the genetic diversity of lines was correlated with yield performance of their corresponding 591 single-cross hybrids. The SNP-based genetic diversity analysis was efficient and reliable to assign lines within pre-defined heterotic groups. However, solely these genetic distances among inbred lines were not good predictors of the hybrid performance, once a low but significant Pearson's correlation (0.22,  $p\text{-value} \leq 0.01$ ) was obtained between parental genetic distances and hybrids performance. Thus, SNP-based genetic distances provided important insights for effective parental selection, avoiding crossed between genetically similar tropical maize lines.

**Keywords:** *Zea mays* L., genetic variability, breeding program, hierarchical clustering analysis, heterotic groups.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Maize (*Zea mays* L.) is a cereal widely used as human food and animal feed, standing out as one of the major grain crops produced worldwide (FAO, 2018). Brazil is the third largest maize producer in the world, with an estimated production of 90 million tons (2018/19) in a total cultivated area estimated in 17 million hectares (CONAB, 2018). To attend the growing demand for food worldwide, maize breeding programs have developed high-yielding cultivars adapted to different environments. However, among several challenges, understanding the genetic extent and structure of the genetic diversity in a breeding program required to meet current production needs under distinct growing conditions, to allow sustained genetic improvement, and to facilitate rapid crop adaptation to adverse effects arising from climate changes and human demographic expansion (Laude and Carena, 2015).

A heterotic group refers to a collection of genotypes (inbred lines or populations) that exhibit similar hybrid performances when crossed with individuals from complementary and genetically distinct germplasm groups (Melchinger et al., 1999; Reif et al., 2004). Inbred lines are often developed from crosses within heterotic groups, whereas promising hybrids are expected from crosses between inbred lines derived from complementary heterotic groups (Hallauer and Carena, 2009; Munhoz et al., 2009). Therefore, it is crucial to understand the genetic diversity within each heterotic group to maximize the exploitation of its genetic variability to develop superior lines.

The advances in molecular marker technologies culminated in several strategies to reveal single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP), the most abundant polymorphism in eukaryotic genomes with a large potential for high-throughput analysis (Varshney et al., 2009). Genotyping-by-sequencing technology (GBS) (Elshire et al., 2011) improved considerably the generation of SNPs due to its low cost and high-throughput generation of polymorphisms along the genomes, being largely used in genetic diversity studies.

Diversity studies based on SNP markers are of great value to assist maize breeders for several purposes (Romay et al., 2013; Badu-Apraku et al., 2016; Zhang et al., 2016; Dari et al., 2018). Molecular characterization of maize inbred lines representing temperate, tropical, and subtropical breeding germplasm from China, Brazil and Mexico showed a substantial level of genetic variation between different breeding pools (Lu et al., 2009). Similar analyses revealed the uniqueness in most of the 450 maize inbred lines widely used in eastern and southern Africa maize breeding programs (Semagn et al., 2012). Recently, 94 early-maturing tropical maize inbred lines genotyped with 15,047 SNP markers were clustered based on their pedigree,

selection history, and endosperm color (Boakyewaa Adu et al., 2019). These and other works confirmed the power of SNP markers for diversity analysis applied in maize breeding programs

In this context, the goal of the present study was to investigate the genetic diversity of maize tropical inbred lines, based on high-density SNP markers, and to verify the relationship between genetic diversity and heterotic patterns based on yield performance of their hybrids.

## **2 MATERIAL AND METHODS**

### **2.1 Plant Material**

The maize diversity panel was comprised of 1,041 inbred lines, belonging to the Embrapa's Maize and Sorghum breeding program, located in Sete Lagoas, state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. These lines were divided, according to their pedigree and breeding information, in three heterotic groups: 530 lines from the Flint group, 357 Dent lines and 154 from an intermediate group, named C, representing lines of several origins, with similar combining abilities when crossed with Dent and Flint testers (Supplemental Table S1).

### **2.2 Molecular markers data**

Genomic DNA was extracted from young leaves based on the cetyltrimethylammonium bromide method (Saghai-Maroo et al., 1984). DNA was quantified and quality checked before sent to the Genomic Diversity Facility, at Cornell University (Ithaca, NY, USA) for genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS, Elshire et al., 2011). GBS was performed using the restriction enzyme *ApeKI* and multiplex formats of 96-plex for 680 lines (Hiseq2500 1 x 100 bp) and of 384-plex for 380 lines (NextSeq500 1 x 90 bp). The sequences were aligned to the B73 reference genome (AGPv3) using the Burrows-Wheeler alignment (BWA) tool (Li et al., 2009) and the genotype were called using the GBS pipeline available in the software TASSEL-GBS (Glaubitz et al., 2014).

SNPs were filtered for minor allele frequency (MAF) lower than 5%, for maximum of 25% of missing genotypes per locus, and for proportion of heterozygotes per locus inferior to 5%, using the software TASSEL v.5.2.10 (Bradbury et al., 2007). Subsequently, missing genotypes were imputed using the default parameters of the Beagle software (Browning et al., 2016).

### 2.3 Diversity analysis

MAF and the polymorphic information content (PIC) were estimated for each SNP using the TASSEL v.5.2.10 (Bradbury et al., 2007). PIC tells the discriminatory power of the marker, when considering not only the number of alleles per locus but also its relative frequencies (Botstein et al., 1980), which is expressed by:  $PIC = 1 - (\sum_{i=1}^l p_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^l 2p_i^2 p_j^2)$ , where  $l$  is the number of alleles per locus;  $p_i$  and  $p_j$  are the estimated frequencies of the  $i$ -th and  $j$ -th alleles, respectively.

The genetic distances between maize inbred lines were calculated based on the identity by state (IBS) similarity coefficient (Powell et al., 2010), using the software TASSEL v.5.2.10 (Bradbury et al., 2007). Then, the Neighbor-Joining method was used for clustering analysis (Saitou & Nei, 1987). The number of diversity groups was defined by the K-means, a nonhierarchical procedure (Hartigan & Wong, 1979). The was plot and manipulate clustering, using the package ape (Paradis et al., 2018) and the clustering analysis used the ggtree (Yu et al., 2017). These packages are available in the R software (RCore Team, 2018).

Additionally, the clustering of lines based on the diversity groups was compared to the heterotic groups using the additive genomic relationship (A) matrix of the maize inbred lines calculated according to VanRaden (2008), and clustered with UPGMA (Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean) using the package ComplexHeatmap (Gu et al., 2016).

### 2.4 Phenotypic data of hybrids

Field data of maize single-cross hybrids were used to infer about the relationship between genetic distances of parents and their corresponding hybrid performances for grain yield. These hybrids were evaluated between 2006 and 2013, across four locations in Brazil: Campo Mourão-PR, Dourados-MS, Londrina-PR and Vilhena-RO. The experimental trials were arranged in lattice designs with two replicates, using common checks between years and locations. Each experimental plot consisted of two 5 m rows with 0.70 m between rows. Grain yield was determined by weighing all grains in each plot, adjusted to 13% of grain moisture and converted to tons per hectare ( $\text{ton}\cdot\text{ha}^{-1}$ ). This breeding historical dataset is highly unbalanced, with an average of 50 genotypes evaluated in each trial.

First, phenotypic analyses were performed for each location-year combination (i.e. environment), considering the effects of replicates and genotypes as fixed, and the effect of blocks within replicates as random. Then, based on the adjusted means of genotypes obtained for each environment, a multi-year and multi-location phenotypic model was fitted, including the effects of years and locations as random, the effect of genotypes as fixed, and the two and

three-way corresponding interaction effects as random. The variance-covariance (**R**) matrix associated to the residual effects within location-year combinations was assumed to be known from the individual analyses per environment as described in Smith et al. (2001).

Out of the 949 evaluated hybrids across environments, 591 had both parents genotyped and were used to fit a GBLUP (genomic best linear unbiased prediction) model, including additive and dominance genetic effects, based on the adjusted means and the weights extracted from the multi-year and multi-location analysis (Munoz et al., 2014; Dias et al., 2019). The additive (**A**) and dominance (**D**) relationship matrices were estimated as described in VanRaden (2008) and Vitezica et al. (2013), respectively.

Pearson's correlation coefficient ( $r$ ) was used to infer about the relationship between the genetic distances of parents and the adjusted means ( $g_f$ ), the additive genetic random effect ( $g_A$ ), the dominance genetic random effect ( $g_D$ ), and the additive plus dominance genetic random effect ( $g_{A+D}$ ) of their corresponding hybrids. All linear mixed models were fitted in the ASReml-R v.4 package (Butler et al., 2018).

### **3 RESULTS**

#### **3.1 SNP markers**

The GBS sequencing data of 1,041 maize lines generated 904,621 SNP markers, which yielded 32,840 high quality SNP markers after imputation and filtering. The highest and lowest marker densities were observed on chromosomes 5 (17.82 markers per Mb) and 4 (13.55 markers per Mb), respectively. On average, 3,284 SNPs were obtained per chromosome, ranging from 5,189 for chromosome 1 to 2,133 SNPs for chromosome 10 (Table 1).

Table 1. Number, distribution and density of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) per chromosome of the 1,041 maize inbred lines.

Chr	Size (Mb)	Number of SNP		SNPs/Mb	
		Total	Processed	Total	Processed
1	300.6	135,295	5,189	448.87	17.26
2	237.8	109,951	3,950	462.24	16.61
3	230.8	102,366	3,671	440.85	15.90
4	240.9	98,839	3,263	408.48	13.55
5	217.8	96,770	3,880	444.14	17.82
6	169.2	73,874	2,579	436.18	15.24
7	176.5	76,709	2,908	433.89	16.47
8	175.0	77,889	2,837	444.26	16.21
9	156.4	68,955	2,430	439.34	15.54
10	148.4	63,973	2,133	427.64	14.37
Total		904,621	32,840		

Chr: Chromosome; Processed: filtered for MAF superior than 5%, maximum of 5% of heterozygotes per locus, and imputed for the missing genotypes.

The filtering criteria of MAF greater than 5% was selected to avoid sequencing errors, rare alleles or low coverage loci for a given locus (Oliveira et al., 2018). Out of the total SNP markers, 82% presented MAF between 0.05 and 0.15, whereas 18% presented MAF higher than 0.20. The polymorphic information content (PIC) of the SNP markers ranged from 0.09 to 0.34, with an average of 0.17 (Supplemental Fig. S1).

### 3.2 Genetic relationship of the maize lines

The clustering analysis based on IBS genetic similarity coefficient and Neighbor-Joining identified twelve distinct diversity groups (G1 to G12) (Fig. 1). The genetic distance between lines ranged from 0.003 to 0.253, with an average of 0.193, and the number of lines within each diversity group varied from 8 to 296 (Fig. 2).

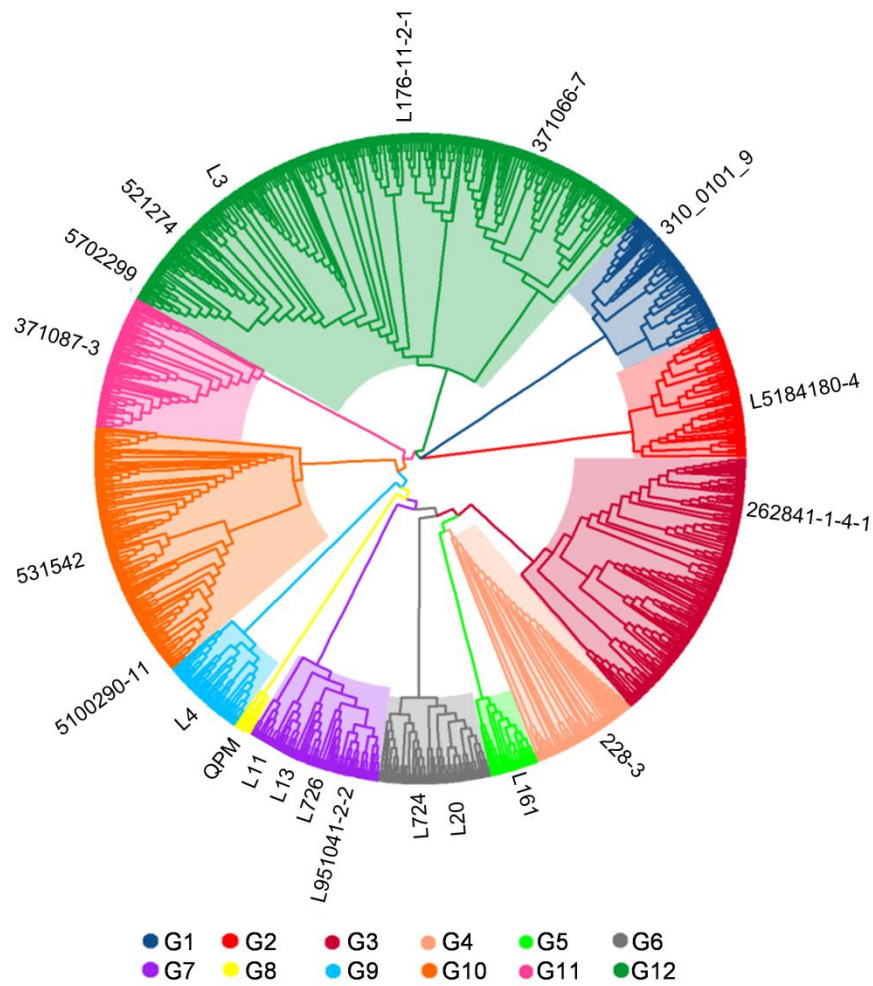


Fig. 1. Dendrogram obtained via Neighbor-Joining using the IBS-derived dissimilarity matrix for the 1,041 maize lines. Different colors indicate the twelve diversity groups.

Most of the twelve diversity groups were composed by more than 60% of lines from a specific heterotic group, Dent, Flint or C (Fig. 2). The groups G1, G2, G10 and G12 represented Flint lines, whereas the groups G3, G4, G5, G9, and G11, included the majority of Dent lines. The G6 group represented C lines, and the groups G7 and G8 included a mixture of lines from all heterotic groups.

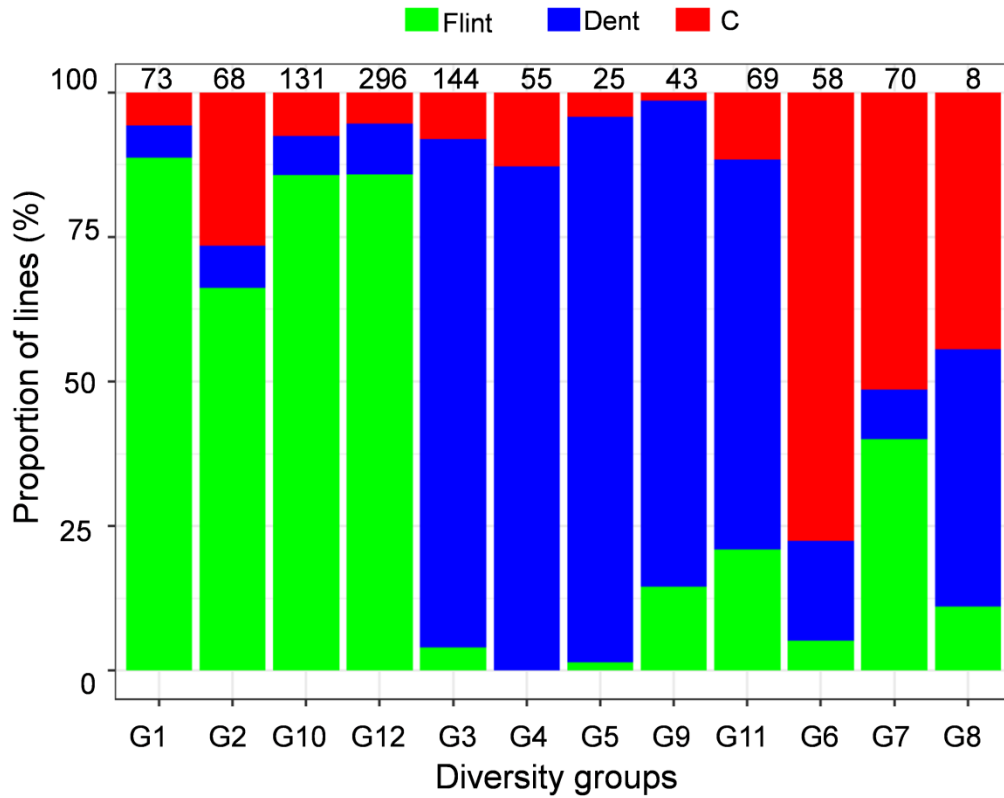


Fig.2. Proportion of Dent, Flint and C lines with in each of the twelve diversity groups (G1 to G12) clustered by Neighbor Joining analysis. Numbers above the bars indicate the number of lines per diversity group.

The A matrix was used to compare the relationship between lines clustered according to the heterotic (Fig. 3a) and to the diversity groups (Fig. 3b). This analysis revealed the existence of subgroups within each heterotic group (Fig. 3a), which were more clear for the Flint and Dent lines than for the C ones. However, the lines within each diversity group were closely related to each other (Fig. 3b), presenting less structure compared to the pre-defined heterotic groups.

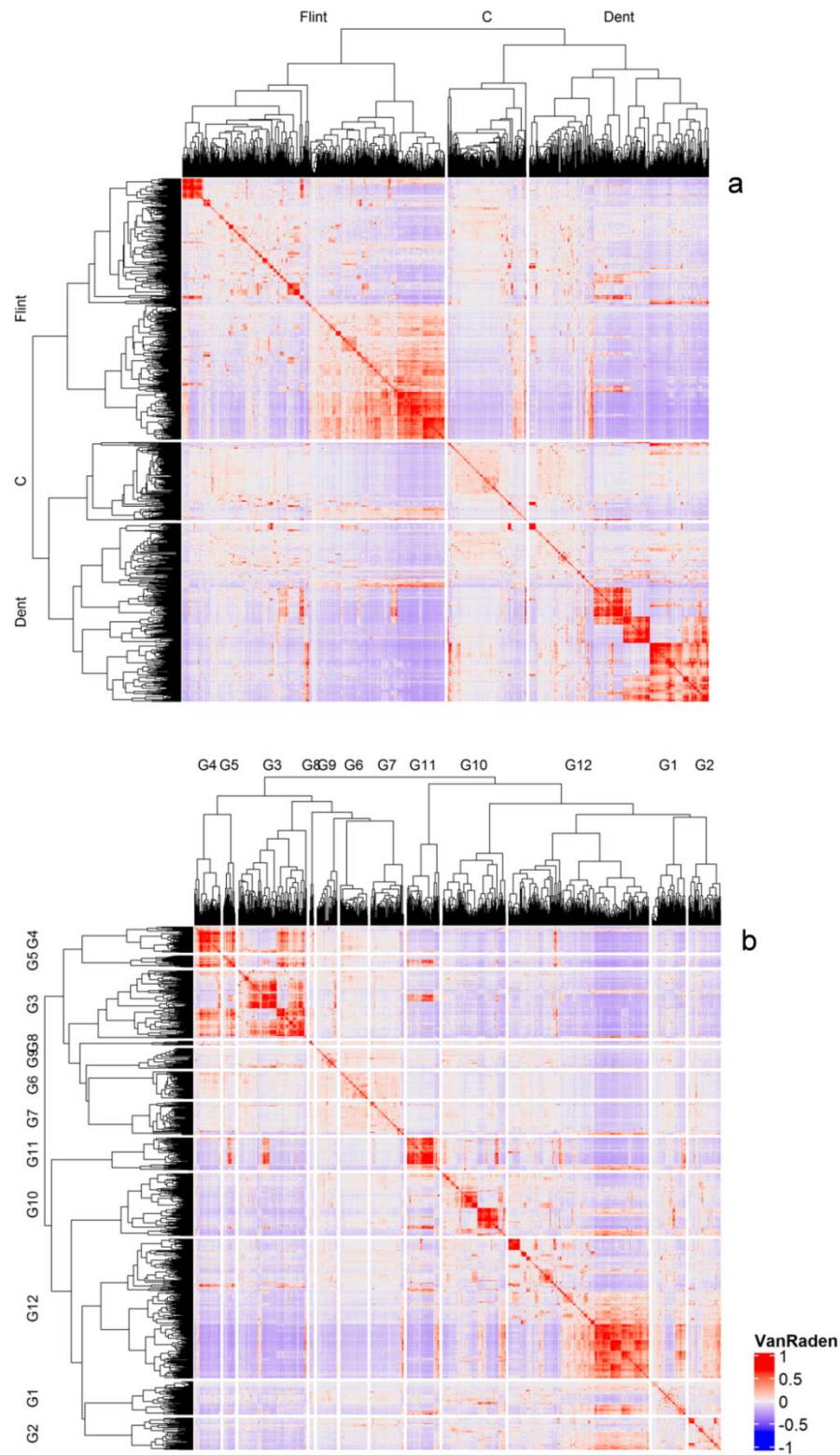


Fig. 3. Heatmap of the additive genomic relationship matrix (A) of 1,041 maize inbred lines. The dendrograms represent UPGMA-clusters, according to: a) predefined heterotic groups (Flint, Dent, and C); and b) the 12 diversity groups identified by the Neighbor-Joining method. Each colored cell represents the additive genomic relationship between lines.

### 3.3 Correlation between genetic diversity and hybrid performance

There was a significant correlation between the genetic distance of inbred lines ( $G.D_{ist}$ ) and the yield performance of their corresponding hybrids, based on the adjusted means of hybrids ( $g_f$ ,  $r^2 = 0.22$ ) (Fig. 4). As expected, the correlation was higher between the genetic distances of parents and the additive genetic effects ( $g_A$ ,  $r = 0.18$ ) than for the dominance genetic effects ( $g_D$ ,  $r = 0.13$ ). However, dominance effects slightly increased the correlation when included in the model ( $g_{A+D}$ ,  $r = 0.19$ ) (Fig. 4). The scatterplots of the genetic distances of parents ( $G.D_{ist}$ ) and the adjusted means ( $g_f$ ), the additive genetic effects ( $g_A$ ), the dominance genetic effects ( $g_D$ ), and the additive plus dominance genetic effects ( $g_{A+D}$ ) of their corresponding hybrids are showed below the diagonal in figure 4. The adjusted means of hybrids for grain yield ranged from 3.70 to 8.08  $\text{ton}\cdot\text{ha}^{-1}$ , with an average of 5.90  $\text{ton}\cdot\text{ha}^{-1}$ .

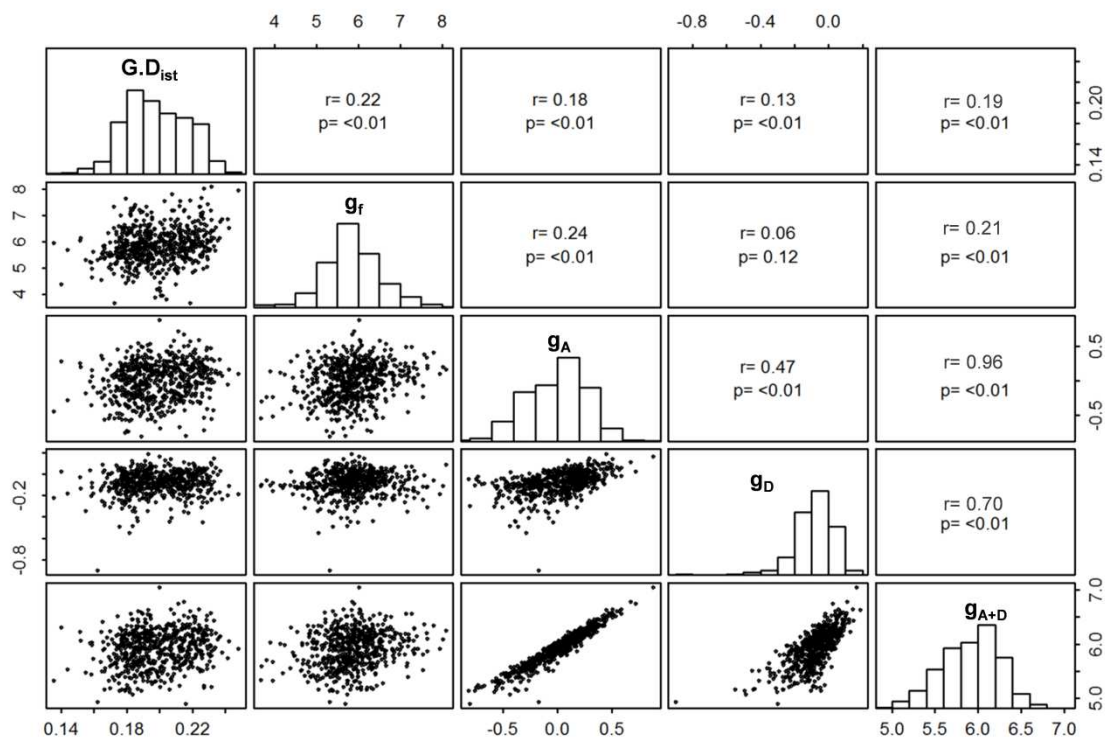


Fig. 4. Scatterplots (lower diagonal) and Pearson's correlations (upper diagonal) between the genetic distances of the parents ( $G.D_{ist}$ ) and the adjusted means ( $g_f$ ), the additive genetic effects ( $g_A$ ), the dominance genetic effect ( $g_D$ ), and the additive plus dominance genetic effect ( $g_{A+D}$ ) of their corresponding hybrids. Histograms of  $G.D_{ist}$ ,  $g_f$ ,  $g_A$ ,  $g_D$  and  $g_{A+D}$  are presented on the diagonal.

## 4 DISCUSSION

Genotyping has demonstrated to be a reliable approach to establish the genetic relationships among inbred lines (Govindaraj et al., 2015). In the present study, PIC value ranged from 0.09 to 0.34, with an average of 0.17, which was similar to PIC average of 0.19 in 94 inbred lines genotyped with 15,047 SNPs (Boakyewaa Adu et al., 2019), and PIC values ranging from 0.10 to 0.40 in 128 maize lines genotyped with 143,415 SNPs (Mengesha, 2017). Out of the total SNPs, 82% presented MAF between 0.05 and 0.15 (Supplemental Fig. S1), which agreed with the MAF range of 0.05 to 0.20 of 1,065 SNPs evaluated among 450 lines from CIMMYT (Semagn et al., 2012).

The challenges in analyzing any genetic dataset are to explore whether a given population is homogeneous or contains genetically distinct subgroups (Patterson et al., 2006). The twelve diversity groups generated in our study were compatible with the pedigree information, having one or more elite lines as main founders in each cluster (Fig. 1), confirming the *a priori* information based on pedigree. However, groups composed by large number of lines were structured, showing the existence of genetic variability within diversity groups.

The group G1 consisted of 73 lines, 90% from the Flint heterotic group, highlighting 310-0101-9, an important newly-developed inbred line. The group G2 was composed by 68 lines, mainly Flint, where the line 5184180-04 stands out for its extra-early maturity as a drought-escape mechanism, which minimizes the exposure to dehydration during the sensitive flowering and post-anthesis grain filling periods. G3 included 144 lines, 97% of them classified as Dent, emphasizing the founder line 262841-1-4-1 that participated effectively as parent of some commercial hybrids.

The G4 grouped 55 Dent lines, represented by the genetic founder L228-3, which probably suggest the narrow genetic basis by its unique branching shape. G5 was composed by 25 lines, mainly from Dent germplasm, having the L161 as an old founder of Dent populations. G6 represented C germplasm with 58 lines, highlighting L20 and L724 that formed two divisions within this diversity group. G7 grouped a mixture of 70 lines from all heterotic groups, which were grouped based on their relationship to the Flint lines L13 and L11, to the C line L726, or to the Dent L951041-2-2. G8 is a small diversity group consisted only by 9 lines, mostly QPM (high protein quality), but with minor contribution in new breeding lines. G9 comprises 43 lines, 88% of which were classified as Dent, including L4, which participated in several hybrids.

The group G10 consisted of 131 lines, including early-maturing line, such as 531542 that was an important Flint founder line, but also newly-developed Flint lines highlighted by 5100290-11 without relationship to other historical Flint lines. G11 consisted of 69 lines, predominantly (84%) from Dent, highlighting the 371087-3 due to its high heterosis when crossed to Flint testers. G12 was the largest diversity group, composed by 296 lines, out of them, 86% were Flint, including the L3, 371066-7 and 521274 that were founders of the Flint heterotic group. Additionally, 26 lines of G12 were classified as Dent, including 5702955 and, only 17 were classified as C, including L176-11-21, which formed subgroups within this diversity group.

The diversity groups were highly consistent with the pedigree information, once lines with common ancestors tended to cluster in the same diversity group, which agreed with other genetic diversity studies in maize. For example, a clusterization of 770 maize elite lines using 1,034 SNP markers was consistent with their pedigree (Lu et al., 2009). Semagn et al. (2005) divided 450 CIMMYT's maize lines three large diversity groups based on 1,065 SNP markers, which were in general consistent with the pedigree information. Additionally, genotyping 157 important maize elite lines from China with 4,976 GBS-based SNPs offered a clear insight for future exploitation of this germplasm in hybrid development (Leng et al., 2019).

The molecular characterization of maize inbred lines has a strong potential to increase the efficiency of hybrid breeding, once field evaluation is feasible only for a small subset of all possible hybrid combinations. In our study, the correlation between the genetic distance of lines and the grain yield of a subset of their hybrids ( $r = 0.22$ ) had a predominance of additive effects ( $r = 0.18$ ), indicating a high inheritability of this prediction to the next generation. Studying other tropical maize germplasms, Guimarães et al. (2007) described a  $r = 0.17$  relationship between genetic distances of inbred lines and hybrid performance. Similar results were also reported by Parentoni et al. (2001), which found a correlation of 0.16 between genetic distances of tropical maize lines and specific combining ability of 378 hybrids from Embrapa based on grain yield across 10 environments. However, the genetic variability of breeding lines within pre-defined heterotic groups can be better explored by high throughput genotyping, which can also be applied to classify new lines into heterotic groups, in order to contribute effectively for high-yielding hybrids development.

## 5 CONCLUSION

The molecular characterization using high-density SNPs provided important insights about the genetic diversity of maize breeding germplasm, allowing a better understanding of the genetic relationship between breeding lines. Furthermore, the diversity groups were identified within pre-defined heterotic groups and the genetic distance between lines were correlated with the hybrid performance, suggesting an important application of diversity studies in tropical maize breeding programs.

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## 7 SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

Supplemental Table S1. Tropical maize inbred lines (1,041) belonging to the Embrapa's Maize and Sorghum breeding program and their corresponding heterotic group, previously defined based on predigree and/or testcrosses, and the genetic diversity groups identified through the NJ clustering analysis.

<b>ID</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>Heterotic group</b>	<b>Group</b>
L1	5110314_1	Flint	G10
L2	3130452_8	Dent	G11
L3	L1147	Flint	G6
L4	540942	Dent	G9
L5	L3XL3X1113_01_1_1X52111760_61_01_4	Flint	G12
L6	L5720333_01_3	C	G2
L7	51400358_1	Flint	G10
L8	L521538	Flint	G2
L9	5702063	Flint	G12
L10	5046L3L3_2_9L3_1L3_1_1_1	Flint	G12
L11	5100290_8	Flint	G10
L12	106xL228_3_108_1	Dent	G4
L13	L57500_05	C	G6
L14	L83_3_28	C	G6
L15	3130492_5	Flint	G12
L16	2110863_2	Flint	G12
L17	CMS28_7_1	C	G6
L18	91500196_3	Dent	G5
L19	5110246_14	Dent	G3
L20	3140169_2	Flint	G10
L21	419133_10_1_5	C	G1
L22	412085_20_1	Dent	G12
L23	262841_1_4_1x521236_3	Dent	G3
L24	91500189_1	Dent	G3
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L92	3810118_9	Flint	G12
L93	3150001_2	Flint	G10
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L121	3150013_1	Dent	G9
L122	3130529_7	Flint	G1
L123	560032_5	Flint	G10
L124	3130328_8	Flint	G10
L125	C3_56_2	C	G2
L126	3120763_11	Flint	G12
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L131	3130191_7	Dent	G4
L132	371097_4	Dent	G11
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L137	L45611_QPM	QPM	G8
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L145	3130192_8	Dent	G4
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L183	L96_16_1	C	G6
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L240	3120923_8	Dent	G11
L241	371066_7	Flint	G12
L243	3140213_3	Flint	G12
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L480	51200097_14	Flint	G1
L481	L52111760	Flint	G12
L482	3810113_3	Flint	G11
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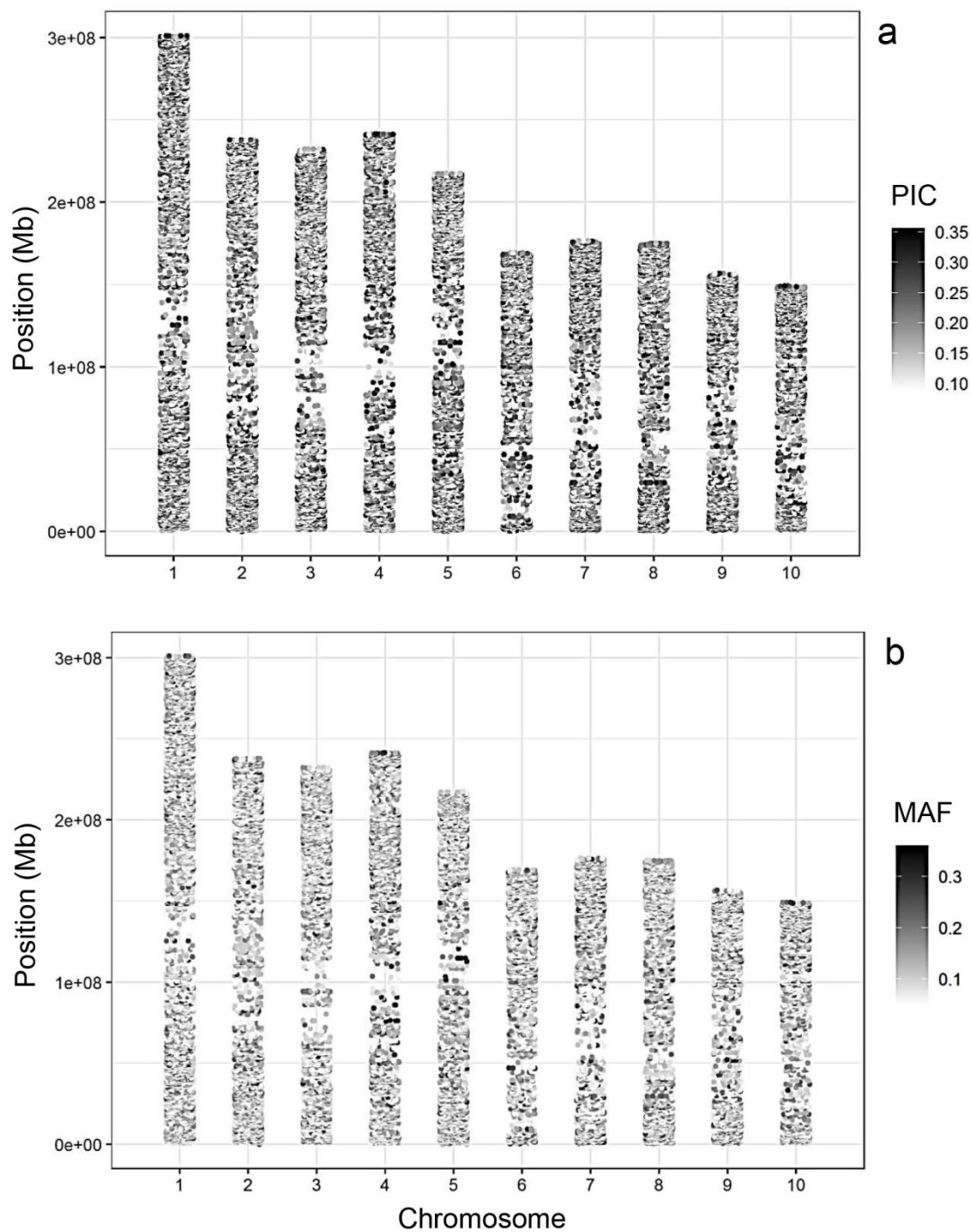
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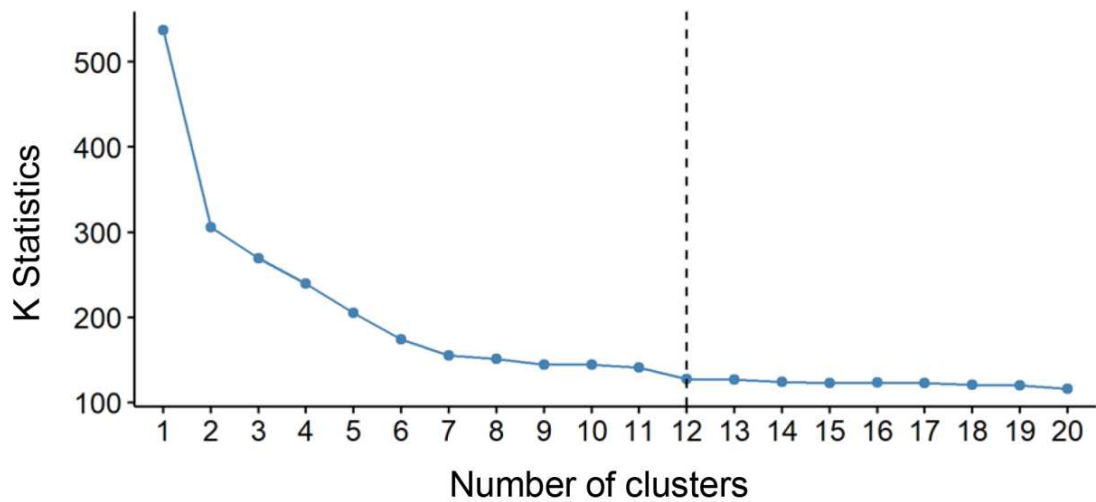
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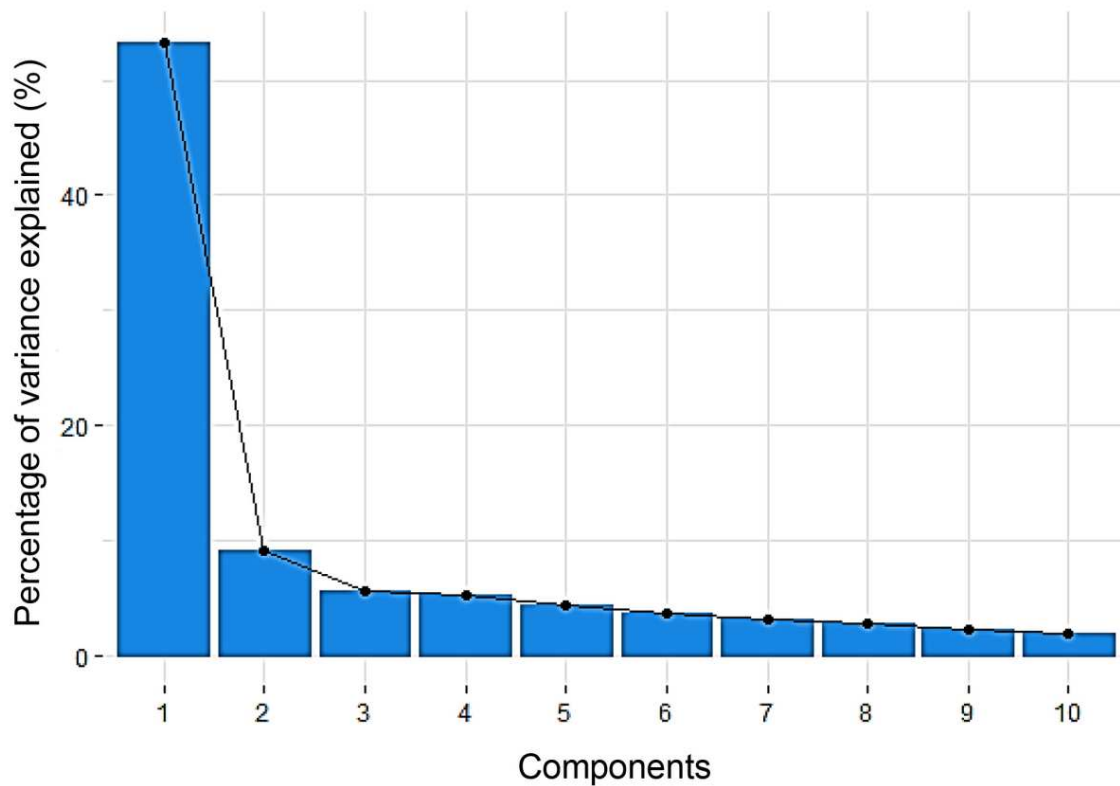
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Supplemental Fig. S1. The distribution of PIC, polymorphism information content (a); and MAF, minor allele frequency (b), obtained for 1,041 maize inbred lines. The points on each chromosome represent SNP densities within a window of the 32,840 SNP markers.

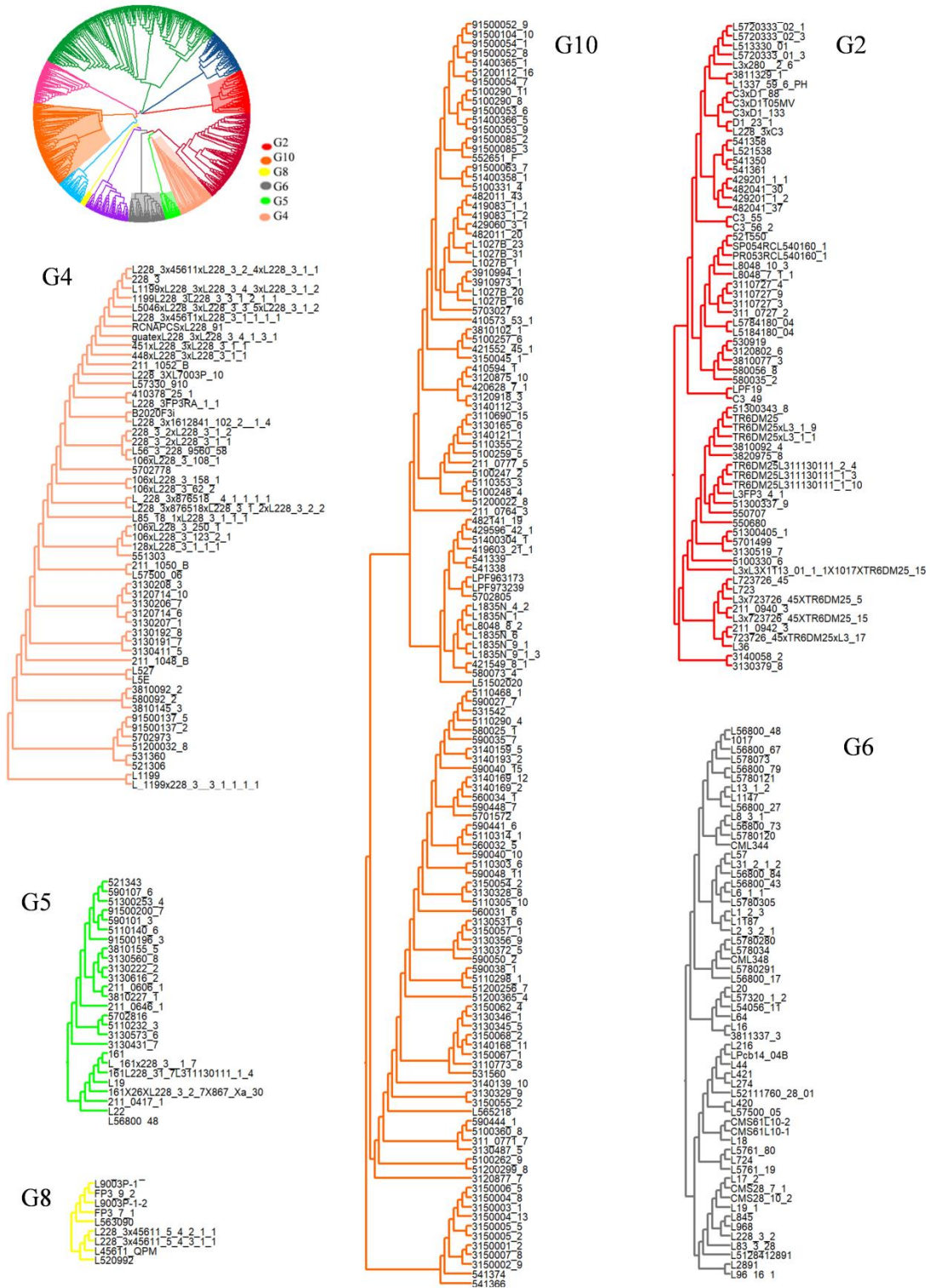


Supplemental Fig. S2 Cut-off point for the definition of the number of diversity groups, using the K-means algorithm, based on the IBS-derived dissimilarity matrix of the 1,041 maize lines

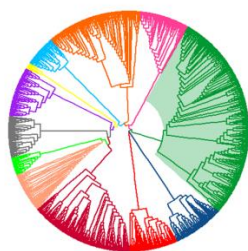


Supplemental Fig. S3 Graphical representation of the variance explained by the eigenvalues of the principal component analysis, using the IBS-derived dissimilarity matrix of the 1,041 maize lines.

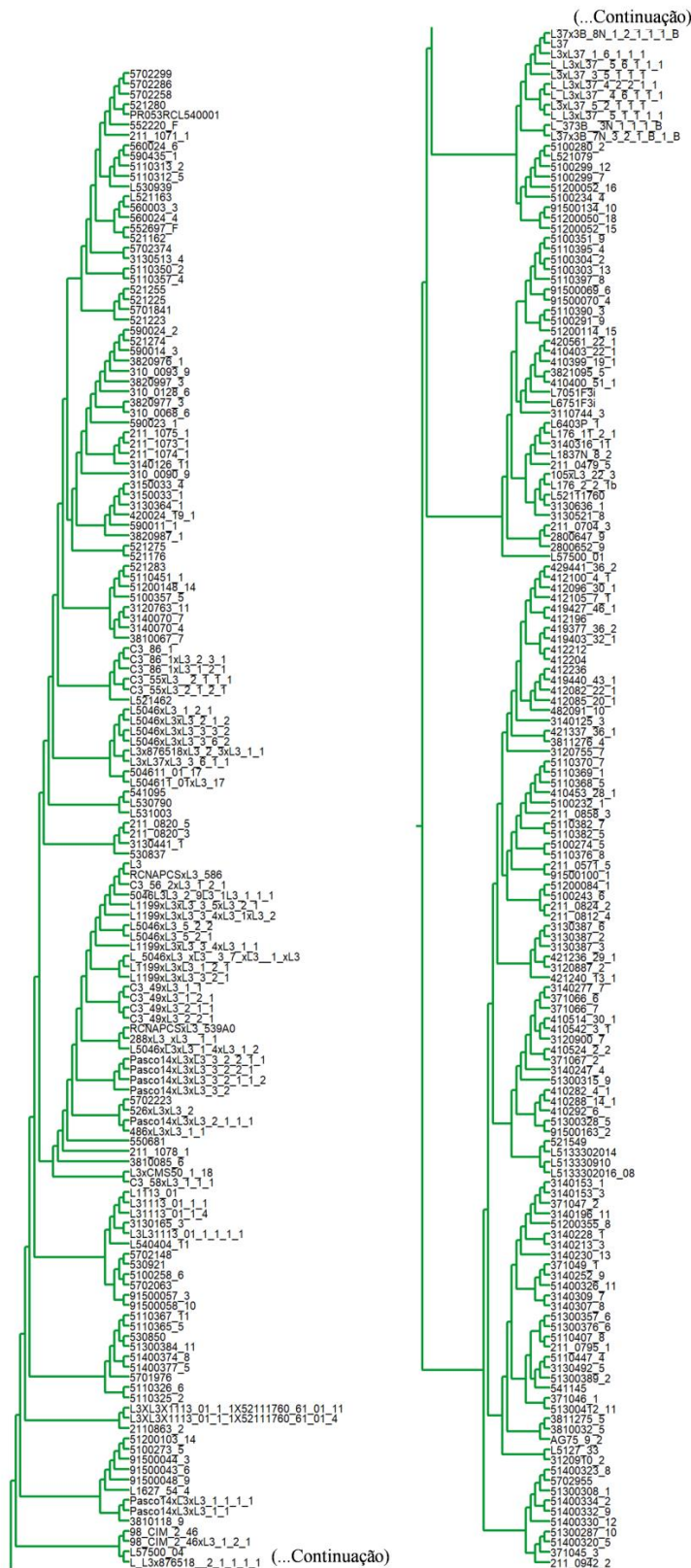




Supplemental Fig. S4b Dendrogram obtained by the Neighbor-Joining clustering method based on the IBS-derived dissimilarity matrix of the 1,041 maize lines; the colors indicate the diversity groups G2, G7, G9, G11 and G12.



● G12



Supplemental Fig. S4c Dendrogram obtained by the Neighbor-Joining clustering method based on the IBS-derived dissimilarity matrix of the 1,041 maize lines; the colors indicate the diversity group G3.

## **CAPÍTULO II**

### **A GENOME-WIDE ASSOCIATION STUDY FOR FUMONISIN RESISTANCE IN MAIZE**

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## **APRESENTAÇÃO II**

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## **A Genome-Wide Association Study for Fumonisin resistance in maize**

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Abbreviations: Chr, chromosome; CTAB, cetyltrimethylammonium bromide; GBS, genotyping-by-sequencing; GWAS, Genome-Wide Association; Ho, heterozygosity; kb, kilobase pairs; Mbp, mega base pairs; MAF, minor allele frequency; PCA, principal component analysis; QTLs, Quantitative trait loci; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism.

## ABSTRACT

Maize production faces several diseases that cause contamination and are hazardous to health, lowering yield and profit. Thus, plant breeding is one of the most effective and environmentally safe methods to control fungal infection and to increase fumonisin resistance. However, conventional breeding can be hampered by the complex genetic architecture of resistance to fumonisin and marker-assisted selection is proposed as an efficient alternative. The aim of this study was to identify high-resolution QTL (Quantitative trait loci) for resistance to fumonisin in maize. A panel of 205 tropical maize inbred lines was evaluated in three field trials conducted in Sergipe, Brazil. Fumonisin determination were performed in Embrapa Milho e Sorgo. The lines were genotyped-by-sequencing (GBS), generating 385,654 high-quality polymorphic SNPs. Forty-five SNPs significantly associated with resistance to fumonisin in maize were found and clustered into 19 QTL. The QTLs in bins 2.05, 2.06, 2.08, 2.09, 3.06, 4.05, 5.01 and 10.03 have candidate genes. Genes with annotated functions probably implicated in resistance to pathogens based on previous studies have been highlighted. The QTLs will be useful for marker-assisted selection and for a better understanding of maize resistance fumonisin.

**Keywords:** *Fusarium verticillioides*. Fumonisin, Resistance. Genome-wide association study. Candidate gene.

## 1 INTRODUCTION

Maize (*Zea mays* L.) is an important cereal crop grown worldwide for food, feed and processed industrial products, being the third most consumed cereal, after wheat and rice (Chaudhary et al., 2014). Maize production faces several leaf and grain diseases that cause contamination and are hazardous to health, lowering yield and profit. This disease is caused by several fungi that attack and invade developing maize ears and kernels. Fusarium ear rot is mainly caused by *Fusarium verticillioides* (Sacc.) Nirenberg (syn. *F. moniliforme* Sheldon), which reduces grain yield from 10 to 30% (Battilani et al., 2008; Mesterházy et al., 2012) and affects the quality and marketability of grains due to mycotoxin production.

Comprehension of metabolic pathways related to mycotoxins production is essential to target genes related to fungi resistance (Gelderblom et al., 1988). Fumonisin is one of the main toxic metabolites produced by *Fusarium verticillioides*. Fumonisin B1, for example, presents carcinogenic properties (Gelderblom et al., 1996) and is associated with neural tube birth problems in humans (Missmer et al., 2006). Due to hazardous problems to human and animal health it was necessary to define limits for the presence of this mycotoxin in food and feed in most countries (Ferrigo et al., 2016). Tropical countries present more severe infections due to its wet and warm weather, even before harvest. Moreover, wounds caused by insects are readily colonized by fungi that boost infections (Lanubile et al., 2014; Chilaka et al., 2016; Wang et al., 2016). During or shortly after flowering period, contamination with all sorts of *Fusarium* ear rots is one of the greatest challenges for maize consumption chain. This disease is can occurs, through spores on the silks (Mesterházy et al., 2012).

In solving this problem, some studies were focused on to find markers linked to genes involved in resistance to *Fusarium* ear rot and/or fumonisin contamination (Chen et al., 2012; Zila et al., 2013; Maschietto et al., 2017; Giomi et al., 2016). For example, a genome-wide association study (GWAS) has been performed for detecting high-resolution QTL for resistance

to fumonisin accumulation for Samayona et al. 2019, used 256 inbred lines in maize and 990,000 SNP markers, resulting in 17 QTL associated with resistance to fumonisin accumulation in maize kernels.

There are currently few studies available on genomic regions and genes associated with fumonisin resistance, partly due to the high correlation between *Fusarium* ear rot infection and fumonisin contamination as well as the high costs of quantification mycotoxin contamination in large maize populations (Gaikpa et al., 2019). In this present study, GWAS was performed to identify genomic regions associated with fumonisin resistance in tropical maize germplasm. Additionally, tropical maize inbred lines with high levels of fumonisin resistance were selected as important sources for maize breeding programs.

## **2 MATERIAL AND METHODS**

### **2.1 Genotypes and experimental design**

A panel of 205 tropical maize inbred lines was evaluated in three field trials conducted in Sergipe, Brazil, in a 9 x 9 lattice design, with 81 treatments per trial (75 treatments and 6 common checks), planted into 4 m rows spaced 80 cm apart.

### **2.2 Fumonisin determination**

A sample of 500g of maize grain was finely grounded and a subsample of 10g was used to quantify fumonisin concentration in parts per million, ppm. The analyses were performed in the Laboratory of Food Safety at Embrapa Milho e Sorgo. From this subsample, the fumonisins were extracted in a solution of 100 mL of water/methanol mixture (20/80) and 5g of NaCl in a blender for 1 min. Afterward, it was filtered through Whatman paper and an aliquot of 10 mL of filtered extract was diluted with 40 mL of 0.1% phosphate Tween-20 solution (phosphate buffer). The solution was filtered again with a 1.0 mm microfiber filter, and 10 mL of this

solution was passed through the FumoniTest column. The column was washed with 10 mL of phosphate buffer solution, followed by a second flow of 10 mL of phosphate buffer. The column content was eluted with 1.0 mL of methanol (HPLC grade), collected and mixed with 1 mL of developer. The fumonisin concentration in the grain quantified in samples by the Fumonitest<sup>TM</sup> using the Fluorometer VICAM according to the manufacturer's protocols (VICAM, 2015).

### 2.3 Estimation of least square means and heritability

Fumonisin data from of the tropical maize inbred lines were first analyzed separately to determine the best fitting model for each trial in Sergipe, and then the best model for the three trials was combined in a single multi-environment trial analysis.

The model was fitted using the statistical package ASReml-R v.3 (Butler et al., 2009), which estimates the variance components using the residual maximum likelihood with the average information algorithm (Gilmour et al., 1995). Diagnostic plots were used to verify the presence of outliers and the fitted models of the residuals. The following mixed model:

$$y_{ijkl} = \mu + e_j + r_{k(l)} + b_{l(kj)} + g_{ijkl} + \varepsilon_{ijkl}$$

where  $y_{ijkl}$  is the phenotypic value of the  $i^{th}$  genotype ( $i = 1, \dots, I$ ) from the  $l$  block ( $l = 1, \dots, l$ ), in replicate  $k$  ( $k = 1, \dots, K$ ), in trial  $e$  ( $j = 1, \dots, j$ );  $\mu$  is the general mean;  $e_j$  is the fixed effect of the trial  $e$ ;  $r_{k(l)}$  is the fixed effect of the replicate  $k$  within block  $l$ ;  $b_{l(kj)}$  is the random effect of  $j^{th}$  block within replicate  $k$  and trial;  $g_{ijkl}$  is the random effect of the  $i^{th}$  genotype; and  $\varepsilon_{ijkl}$  is a non-genetic residual effect, with  $\varepsilon_{ijkl} \sim N(0, \sigma_\varepsilon^2)$ , in which  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$  is the residual variance.

The heritability ( $h^2$ ) was estimated using  $h^2 = 1 - \left[ \frac{PEV}{2 \times \sigma_g^2} \right]$ , where PEV (prediction error variance) is the mean-variance of the difference between two genetic effects, and  $\sigma_g^2$  is the genetic variance (Cullis et al., 2006).

## 2.4 GBS based SNPs

Genomic DNA was extracted from young leaves with the CTBA method (Saghai-Marooif et al., 1984). After extraction, the DNA was quantified on the Qubit® 2.0 Fluorometer, following the manufacturer's instructions (Life Technologies™, EUA), and sent to the Genomic Diversity Facility at Cornell University (Ithaca, NY, USA) for genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS, Elshire et al., 2011). The GBS protocol used the restriction enzyme *ApeKI* and sequenced in a multiplex format of 96-plex for 680 lines (Hiseq2500 1 x 100 bp), whereas 380 lines were performed in 384-plex (NextSeq500 1 x 90 bp). The sequences were aligned to the B73 reference genome (AGPv3) using the Burrows-Wheeler alignment (BWA) tool (Li et al., 2009) and the SNPs were called using the GBS pipeline available in the software TASSEL-GBS (Glaubitz et al., 2014).

Indels and non-biallelic SNPs were removed using the software TASSEL (Bradbury et al., 2007). Missing genotypes were imputed using the default parameters of the Beagle software (Browning et al., 2007), and filtered for MAF lower than 5% and inbreeding lower (F) 0.8 resulting in 385,654 high-quality polymorphic SNPs.

## 2.5 Population Structure and Estimation of Kinship Matrix

The kinship matrix (K) was calculated by the Identity-by-state approximation, described by Endelman and Jannink (2012). The population structure was determined via principal component analysis (PCA). These analyses were performed using 385,654 polymorphic SNPs with the software TASSEL v.5.2.10 (Bradbury et al., 2007) and *pcaMethods* package in R program (RCore Team, 2018), respectively.

## 2.6 Genome-Wide Association Study

Four genome-wide association models were tested: (1) “naïve” model using the general linear model (GLM), with no control for population structure and relatedness; (2) GLM

corrected for population structure incorporating the scores for first principal component; (3) GLM corrected for population structure with the scores for first and second principal components; (4) mixed linear model (MLM) with kinship (K) matrix. GLM and MLM models were fitted using the TASSEL version v. 5.2.10 program (Bradbury et al., 2007).

Quantile-quantile plots (Q-Q plots) were used to verify the control for false-positive associations of the tested models. Manhattan-Plot graphs were drawn with physical positions of the markers along the axis X and  $-\log_{10}(P)$  on the axis Y. It has been adopted a moderated stringency threshold-based of Samayoa et al. (2019),  $-\log_{10}(P)$  equal to 4.0, to consider an SNP significantly associated. R software (RCore Team, 2018) was used to draw the Q-Q plots and Manhattan-Plot graphs.

## **2. 7 Linkage Disequilibrium (LD) and candidate gene selection**

Linkage disequilibrium between locus pairs and LD extension both were determined with the TASSEL v.5.2.10 program (Bradbury et al., 2007). The LD decay was used to investigate candidate genes in disequilibrium with SNPs associated with the target trait, using the MaizeGDB genome browser based on maize B73 genome v3 (RefGen\_v3) (Andorf et al., 2010). Annotations of the candidate genes were performed based on BLAST search of the amino acid sequence on the National Center for Biotechnology Information and the BLAST2GO databases (Conesa et al., 2005).

## 4 RESULTS

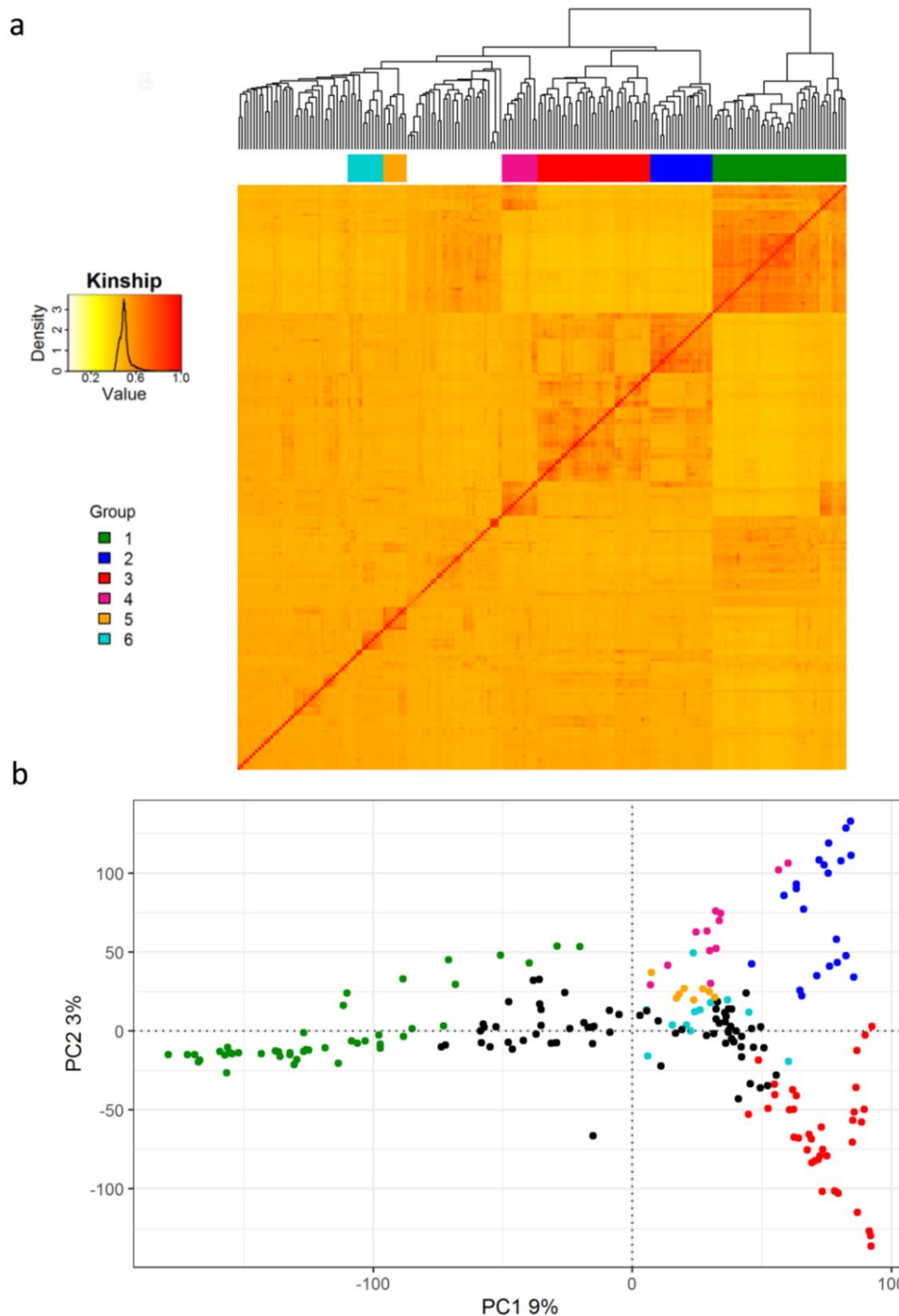
The observed mean for fumonisin concentration was 3.70 ppm, ranging from 0.03 ppm (211\_0587\_5 line) to 8.20 ppm (313\_0578\_3 line). The heritability ( $h^2=0.46$ , considered from low to moderate) was consistent with estimates of previous GWAS studies (Zila et al., 2013; Chen et al., 2016; Giomi et al., 2016).

**Table 1** - Variance estimates for fumonisin concentration from 205 maize lines.

Component	Estimate	Std.error	z.ratio
$g_{ijkl}$	1.79	0.40	4.52
$b_{l(kj)}$	0.31	0.19	1.67
Residual	3.10	0.34	9.06
Heritability	0.46		
Mean (ppm)	3.70		

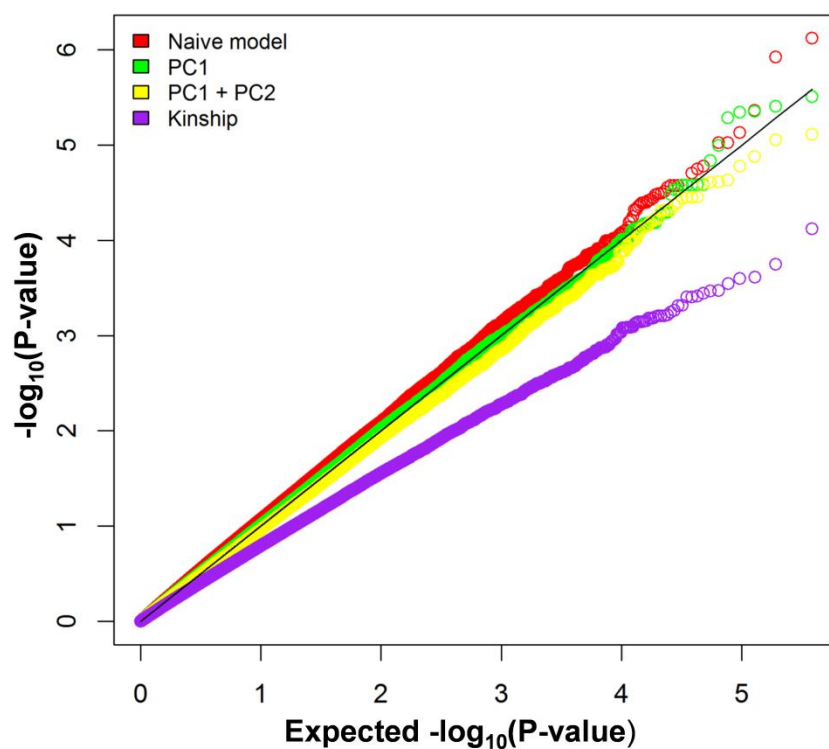
$b_{l(kj)}$  is the random effect of  $l^{\text{th}}$  block within replication  $k$  and trial  $t$ ;  $g_{ijkl}$  is the random effect of the  $i$ -th genotype. Statistical significance of random effects is calculated using log-likelihood tests.

The degree of relatedness (kinship matrix) among 205 lines was represented by heatmap with six clusterings (colors light blue, orange, pink, red, blue, and green). Some lines that had lower the genetic relationship between them, they without a grouping pattern, therefore were not represented in the six clusterings. Most estimates of kinship remained between 0 and 0.5, on a scale of 0 to 2, being 2 the maximum value of genetic similarity (Figure 1a). Figure 1b presents a biplot of the first two principal components, in which the colored points represent the maize lines clustered according to the six groups identified on kinship heatmap. The first principal component (PC1) explained 9% of the genetic variability, while the second (PC2) explained 3%.

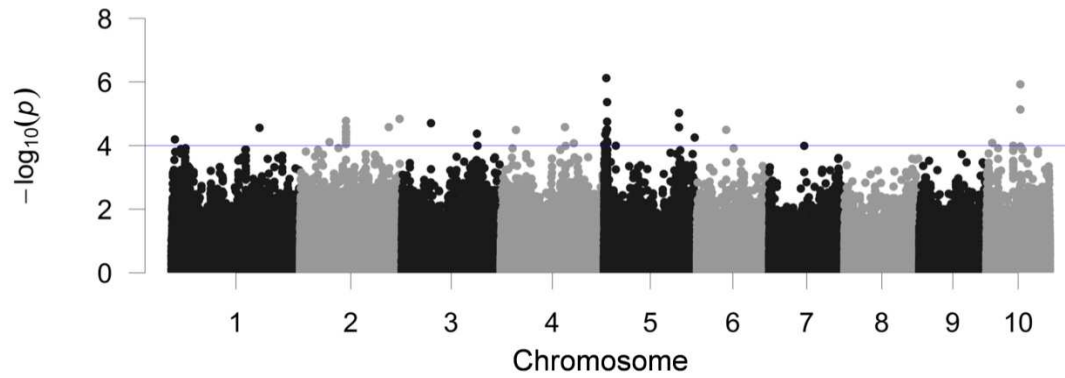


**Figure 1** - Heatmap to kinship values for 205 lines and dendrogram based on 385,654 SNPs. (a) The color histogram (kinship) shows the distribution of values for coefficients of coancestry in the kinship matrix, the stronger red bigger the genetic relationship between individuals. \*Kinship centered in IBS. (b) Scatter plots of the 205 maize inbred lines according to the first two principal components (PC1 and PC2). Colors represent the genetic diversity groups identified through the histogram (kinship).

The selection of the best model for association mapping was based on the comparison among the distribution of obtained values to  $-\log_{10}(P)$  and the expected values for the distribution under the null hypothesis, as represented by the Q-Q Plot (Figure 2). The models corrected for population structure, kinship, or both performed similarly to the naïve model to minimize false positives. Thus, the naïve model was selected for association analyzes for fumonisin resistance. Forty-five SNPs were significantly associated with fumonisin resistance, considering the threshold of  $-\log_{10}(P)$  equals 4 (Figure 3). Significant SNPs for resistance to fumosinin were found in bins 1.01, 1.08, 2.05, 2.06, 2.08, 2.09, 3.04, 3.06, 4.05, 4.06, 5.00, 5.01, 10.03 and 10.04 (Table 2).



**Figure 2** - Quantile-quantile plots (Q-Q plots) for fumonisin association analysis using the “naïve”, PC1, PC1 + PC2, and kinship models. The black line is the expected distribution under the nullity hypothesis. Assuming there are few true associations is expected that the observed P values will almost follow the expected P values.



**Figure 3** - Manhattan plot of GWAS for contamination by fumonisins in a panel of maize inbred lines. The vertical axis indicates  $-\log_{10}$  of P-values, and the horizontal axis indicates chromosomes and physical positions of SNPs.

To investigate candidate genes in disequilibrium with SNPs associated with the fumonisin resistance, we considered the genome-wide LD of this panel, noting that LD tends to decay rapidly to  $r^2 = 0.1$  within 10 kb (Supplementary Figure 1). The supporting intervals for the QTL ranged from thousands to millions of bp and were positioned in the B73 genome v3. Significant SNPs were grouped into a unique QTL when located in a genomic region in linkage disequilibrium, resulting in nineteen QTLs for fumonisin (Table 2). We identified 14 genes located within the supporting the interval of each QTL, which were considered as candidate genes for that QTL, as well genes with annotated functions probably implicated in fumonisin resistance based on previous studies (Table 2, Supplementary Table 2).

**Table 2** - Single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) significantly associated with Fumonisin.

QTL <sup>1</sup>	QTL SI <sup>2</sup>	SNP position <sup>3</sup>	Bin <sup>4</sup>	P-value <sup>5</sup>	Candidate gene	Sequence description
1	8533004-8535778	8534120	1.01	0.000064	-	-
2	206561883-206600814	206599838	1.08	0.000028	-	-
3	69040625-69060722	69040625	2.05	0.000078	-	-
		107722261		0.000061	-	-
		107722317		0.000038	GRMZM2G154156	Ubiquitin ligase complex
		107731269		0.000017	-	-
		107731301		0.000026	-	-
		107781646		0.000048	-	-
4	107622171-107795524	107796371	2.06	0.000048	GRMZM2G325815	Domain-containing family protein 2
		107796407		0.000041	-	-
		107910524		0.000040	-	-
		107910552		0.000040	-	-
		107916244		0.000091	GRMZM2G036708	Cysteine synthase
		107916320		0.000036	-	-
		107916792		0.000080	-	-
5	208042001-208045546	208043665	2.08	0.000014	GRMZM2G022213	Zinc finger protein MAGPIE
6	233546104-233549414	233549400	2.09	0.000026	GRMZM2G135013	G-type lectin S-receptor-like serine
7	68754991-69207654	68984340	3.04	0.000065	-	-
8	176845304-176853978	176849366	3.06	0.000042	GRMZM2G060216	Transcription factor LG2
9	36073552-36075444	36074048	4.05	0.000032	GRMZM2G131378	Glycerol-3-phosphate 2-O-acyltransferase 6
10	150664866-150839277	150737434	4.06	0.000026	-	-

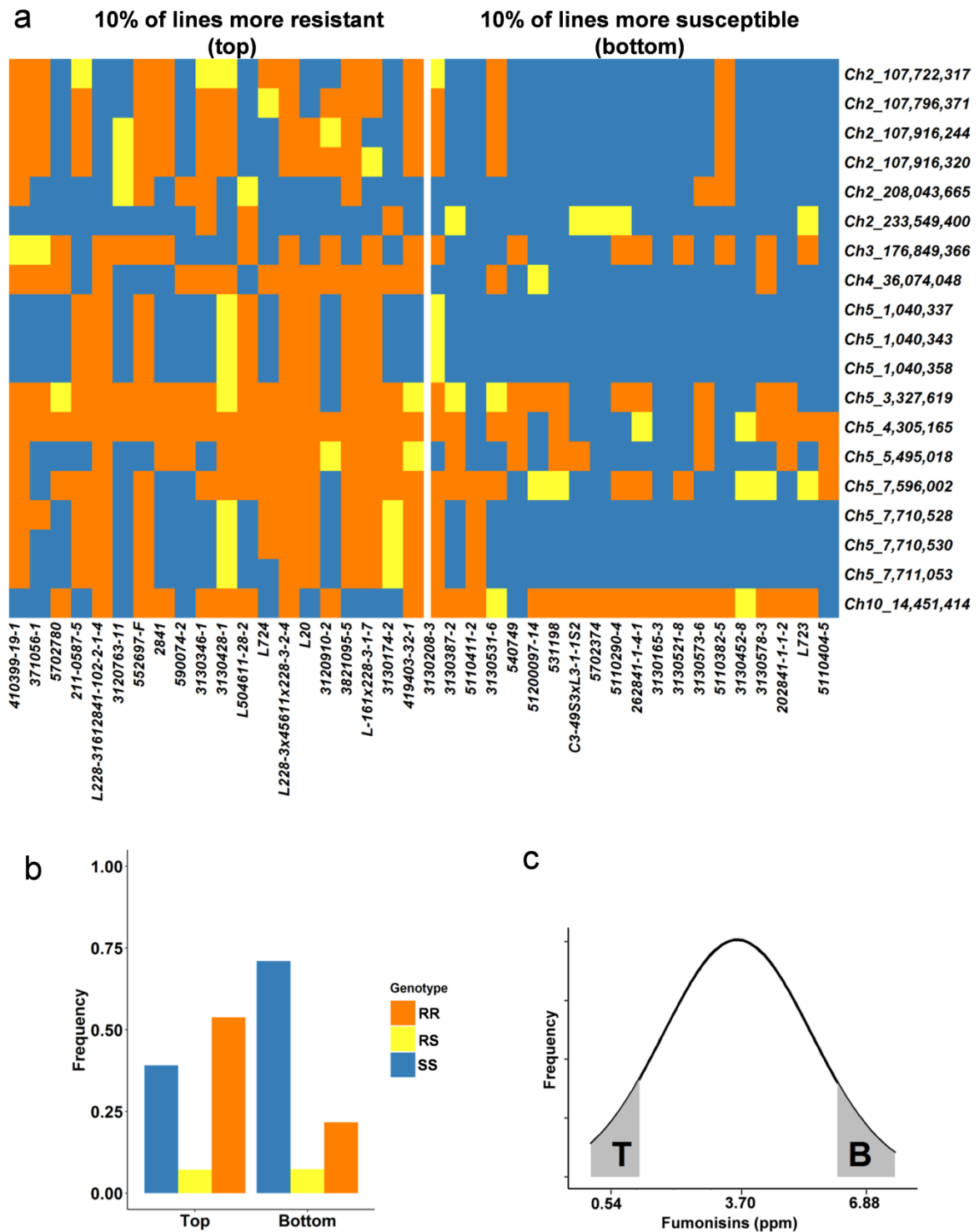
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11	171575219-171576083	171576738		0.000084	-	-
		1040337		0.000094		
12	1039848-3329886	1040343		0.000094	GRMZM2G013200	CRAL-TRIO lipid binding domain
		1040358		0.000094		
13	3327323-3329886	3327619		0.000095	AC210013.4_FGT006	Carbonyl reductase [NADPH] 1
	3403642-3407015	3405488		0.000045	-	-
		4305165		0.000086	GRMZM2G099445	Transcription factor MYB36
14	4305103-5638055	5495018	5.01	0.000038	GRMZM2G104789	Serine/threonine-protein kinase HT1
		5636971		0.000001	-	-
		5637007		0.000033	-	-
		7596002				
		7710528		0.000073	GRMZM2G014618	Sulfate adenylyltransferase cysteine
15	7595319-8419393	7710530				
		7711053		0.000004	GRMZM2G051270	Stress-induced-phosphoprotein 1
		8420393		0.000033	-	-
		176079031			-	-
16	176078031-176082977	176079042	5.05	0.000257	-	-
		176079103			-	-
		176.079105			-	-
17	212795829-212794829	212795829	5.05	0.000057	-	-
19	68779970-68912443	68897845	6.01	0.000032	-	-
18	14449665-14451543	14451414	10.03	0.000083	GRMZM2G083347	NAC transcription factor 29
		80000933		0.000007	-	-
19	79790083-80056274	80000952	10.04	0.000001	-	-

<sup>1</sup>QTL: QTL coding; <sup>2</sup>QTL SI for the supporting interval of the QTL on the RefGenB73\_v3 region in which appreciable linkage disequilibrium is observed between SNPs. <sup>3</sup>SNP position for the position in bp of the significant SNP on the RefGenB73\_v3; <sup>4</sup>Bin in which QTLs are located; <sup>5</sup>P-value for the association between polymorphic variation at the SNP and phenotypic variation for fumonisin.

The frequency of alleles related to fumonisin resistance was estimated for nineteen significantly associated SNPs, for 10% of lines more resistant (top) and the 10% of lines more susceptible (bottom) (Figure 4A). Figure 4B shows the highest frequency of favorable alleles (RR - alleles that increase the resistance) in top lines and, the highest frequency of unfavorable alleles (SS) in bottom lines. The mean of favorable alleles for the more resistant inbred lines (top 10%) was 0.573, while the mean favorable alleles for less resistant inbred lines (bottom 10%) was 6,88 (Supplementary Table 1).

Some lines from the top group were derived from founding dent lines (L-228-3x45611x228-3-2-4, L-161x228-3-1-7, and L2280-31612841-102-2-1-4), as well as parents of older Embrapa's hybrids (L20 and L724). Inbred lines showing minor alleles had the highest fumonisin frequency (Supplementary table 1, Figure 4C), being the mean 10% of lines more resistant of 0.54 ppm and 10% of lines more susceptible of 6.88 ppm.



**Figure 4** - a) Heatmap with single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) significantly associated with fumonisin and the respective maize lines that are resistant (top) and susceptible (bottom). b) Frequency of favorable alleles and corresponding genotypes. c) Dispersion of fumonisin data.

## 5 DISCUSSION

The inbred maize lines showed significant differences and genetic heritability from low to moderate for fumonisin resistance, which indicate that there is additive genetic variability for this trait. The heritability was similar to those reported by Samayoa et al. (2019), for 270 inbred lines maize to the fumonisin content ( $h^2 = 0.42$ ). Low heritability for trait emphasizes the importance of implementing marker-assisted selection methods based on stable QTLs in order to increase resistance fumonisin. In this context, genome-wide association would be even more efficient than selection programs based on the phenotype.

The correlations between Fusarium ear rots resistance and fumonisin ranging from 0.87 to 0.92 in some studies (Bolduan et al., 2009; Robertson et al., 2006), selection for resistance to Fusarium ear rot has been proposed as a simpler method to reduce indirectly contamination with fumonisins (Löffler et al., 2010). However, Eller et al. 2008 realized selection for resistance to Fusarium ear rot and defined that selection for reduced Fusarium ear rot could have limited effectiveness to improve resistance to fumonisin. Accordingly, more QTL studies to detect specific genomic regions involved in resistance fumonisins are needed.

Romay et al. (2013) ( $r^2=0,1$ ; 1 kb), Zila et al. (2013) ( $r^2=0,2$ ; 10 kb), and Zila et al. (2014) ( $r^2=0,2$ ; 1 kb) reported distinct values for linkage disequilibrium decay in maize. Lu et al. (2010), through haplotypes reconstruction with 2,052 SNPs markers for 305 inbred lines, identified an LD average extension of 10 kb. Mean LD  $r^2$  between the chromosome and SNPs dropped below 0.1 within approximately 10 kb (Supplementary Figure 1). This value for LD is observed because this is a measure dependent on a particular group of materials and a region of the genome with differences for the median values of  $r^2$  (Romay et al., 2013). According to Lu et al. (2010), haplotype-based analysis

substantially improved the efficiency of LD mapping, thus provide a good basis for association mapping regarding fumonisin resistance.

Forty-five SNPs significantly associated with fumonisin resistance were grouped in 19 high-resolution QTLs. Genes at 10 kb of distance or on inferior distances to positions these QTLs were considered candidate genes and were characterized according to the MaizeGDB genome browser. Only genes with annotated functions to resistance to pathogens were discussed. The QTLs in bins 2.05, 2.06, 2.08, 2.09, 3.06, 4.05, 5.01 and 10.03 have candidate genes. Genomic regions 2.05, 2.08, 3.06, 4.05 and, 10.03 were associated with fumonisin in other studies (Zila et al., 2014; Chen et al., 2016; Maschietto et al., 2017; Coan et al., 2018; Samayoa et al., 2019) (Supplementary Table 3).

There are different immune strategies for defending against pathogens in plants (Wit et al., 2007). Pathogen-associated molecular patterns (PAMPs), for example, are patterns recognized by receptors (pattern-recognition receptors - PRRs), which induce the immune response (pattern triggered immunity - PTI). PRRs can be categorized as receptor kinases localized on plasma membrane (RKs) or receptor-like proteins (RLPs) (Boutrot and Zipfel, 2017; Zhang et al., 2017), which reinforces the host defenses. The effector-triggered immunity (ETI), mediated by resistance proteins (RPs), is a secondary immune response that when activated allows the plant to stop the pathogen development. During the induction of local immune responses, a systemic acquired resistance (SAR) can become activated. The maize, for example, when infected by *Fusarium verticillioides*, expresses a set of defense genes (Lanubile et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2016). This response seems to play a primary role in the resistance of maize to *Fusarium verticillioides*, where salicylic acid and jasmonic acid signaling pathways can be involved (Wang et al., 2016). Hence, genes directly involving in the immune response in plants are more suitable as candidate genes for the associations found for fumonisin resistance.

GRMZM2G060216 (176 Mbp, bin 3.06), GRMZM2G083347 (14 Mbp, bin 10.03) and GRMZM2G104789 (5.4 Mbp, bin 5.01) genes were described as involved in response to jasmonic acid (JA) (Supplementary Table 2). The signaling pathway of JA promotes downstream activation of defense genes responsive at PR (pathogenesis-related) proteins, such as chitinases (Lanubile et al., 2012). Hormonal signaling via salicylic acid, auxin, abscisic acid, ethylene, and by own jasmonic acid, are orchestrated until they reach the nucleus (Berens et al., 2017; Lanubile et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2016). Besides this, the GRMZM2G060216 gene refers to the transcription factor LG2, which is related to systemic acquired resistance by the salicylic acid-mediated signaling pathway (Chen et al., 2012).

The candidate gene GRMZM2G135013 (233 Mbp, bin 2.09 - Table 2), described as a G-type lectin S-receptor-like serine, contains a receptor kinase protein proposed as plant sensors at pathogen invasion. Previous studies showed that lectin receptor kinases are further divided into three types (G-, C-, and L-type) based on the extracellular lectin motifs (Wang et al., 2017). In soybean, this protein is identified as a putative abiotic stress-responsive gene (Sun et al., 2012) in a microarray study (Ge et al., 2010).

GRMZM2G036708 gene was described as a cysteine synthase (bin 2.06, 107 Mbp). The largest class of resistance proteins involved in ETI response consists of nucleotide-binding-leucine rich repeat (NB-LRR) proteins (Samayoa et al., 2019). The cysteine synthase that like other several PRRs, has leucine-rich receptor-like kinases, that were also identified in studies of associated with *Fusarium* ear rots are one of the greatest challenges for maize consumption chain. This disease is resistance in maize (Lanubile et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2016).

Coan et al. (2018) also reported SPN significantly associated with *Fusarium* ear rot in bin 10.03, in SNP physical position 234 Mbp. Wisser et al. (2006) found bin 10.03

to contain a large QTL conditioning resistance to several maize diseases. Therefore is important for resistance since common rust resistance genes *rp1* and *rp5* were found in this bin (Chen et al., 2016; Coan et al., 2018). Already the gene GRMZM2G104789 (54 Mbp, bin 5.01- Table 2) was annotated as a serine/threonine-protein kinase HT1. This sequence is involved in the control of stomatal movement in response to CO<sub>2</sub> (Hashimoto et al., 2006) and is also described to be involved in plant defense responses (Poland et al., 2011, Wang et al., 2012). Several SNPs associated with the candidate genes with protein domains that have high similarity to the pathogenesis-related proteins and were reported to enhance disease resistance.

The gene GRMZM2G154156 (107 Mbp, bin 2.05- Table 2) was described for protein Ubiquitin ligase complex. The regulatory process in ubiquitylation is specific resides in at least two proteins, the E3 ligase and the cognate substrate, and a number of abiotic stresses that are mediated by protein ubiquitylation processes (Haak et al., 2017). Members from this family are involved in the regulation of some biological processes, including vegetative growth, plant reproduction, biotic and abiotic stresses tolerance. Another gene GRMZM2G022213 (208 Mbp, bin 2.08 - Table 2) to annotated for zinc finger protein MAGPIE that usually regulates tissue boundaries cell division and asymmetric cell division (Welch et al., 2007).

GRMZM2G014618 and GRMZM2G051270 genes located in the bin 5.01, 7 Mbp, to correspond a sulfate adenylyltransferase cysteine (Table 2). ATP-S could be involved in plant-tolerance to several abiotic stresses via different S-compounds pathogen responses (Álvarez et al., 2012). S-containing compounds directly or indirectly modulated/regulated by ATP-S are involved in plant tolerance to both biotic and abiotic stresses (Anjum et al., 2015). There is a high correlation between fumonisin contamination, linoleic acid content and masking action in maize hybrids with higher

oleic to linoleic ratio (Dall'Asta et al., 2012). This masking phenomenon consists of the formation of covalent bonds between the tricarballylic groups of fumonisins and sulfhydryl groups of the side chains of amino acids in proteins. The genes GRMZM2G014618 and GRMZM2G051270 present the sulfate groups and might be related to the increase of fatty acid composition on fumonisin contamination and the occurrence of hidden fumonisins in maize.

The SNPs linked to candidate genes significantly associated with fumonisin resistance could be used as molecular markers decrease contamination to this mycotoxin. The unknown genes or not directly involved genes have the potential to be detailed and might be involved in resistance, since biochemical and genetic pathways leading to resistance to fumonisin are complex and, for the most part, unknown (Zila et al., 2014). Thus, the SNPs associated with fumonisin resistance in this study will be useful for whole-genome selection in tropical maize.

The complex nature of resistance has made it difficult for maize breeders to effectively incorporate novel resistance alleles into adapted breeding pools; as a result, most commercial maize hybrids have lower levels of resistance than desired (Bush et al., 2004). Therefore, to used inbred lines that presented a higher frequency of favorable alleles and lower fumonisin content could be used in future crosses for the generation of resistant hybrids, supporting advances in plant breeding.

## 7 CONCLUSIONS

Fumonisin presented substantial additive polygenic variation, thus phenotypic and genomic selection approaches should be effective, as long as quality phenotypic resistance evaluations can be performed to allow direct selection or provide training data for genomic selection models. We found 45 significantly associated SNPs and, nineteen QTLs for fumonisin, which co-localized with previously reported linkage QTL, while others were novel, that have the potential to be used as molecular markers for fumonisin resistance.

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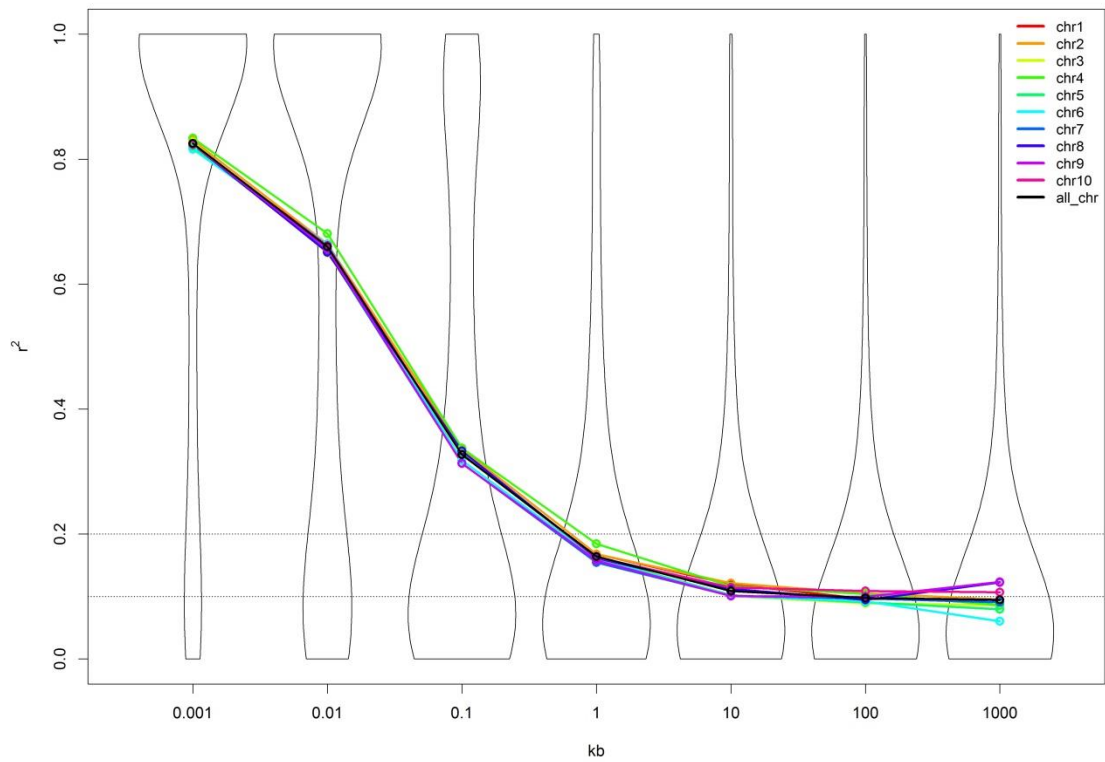
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## 9 SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL



**Supplementary Figure 1** - Genome-wide average linkage disequilibrium (LD) decay over genetic distances. Plot of pair-wised single-nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) LD  $r^2$  values as a function of intermarker map distance (kb). Violin Plot pair distance and mean chromosome (colored lines) and general (black line) imbalances in the maize panel.

**Supplementary Table 1-** Selection of 10% susceptible and 10% resistant lines in maize panel according to associative mapping and other summary statistics for the SNPs significantly associated with fumonisin resistance SNP associated.

	10% resistant	10% susceptible
Mean lines	0.543	6.881
Mean favorable alleles	0.573	0.253
Mean favorable homozygotes	0.538	0.217
Mean Favorable heterozygote	0.072	0.073
Mean of unfavorable homozygotes	0.391	0.710
Selection Differential	-3.157	3.181
Select gain	-0.853	1.776

**Supplementary Table 2** - Genes and description according to GO terms.

GO	Number	Proteína
response to cadmium ion	7	Zm00001d013296_P001, Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002, Zm00001d018331_P004, Zm00001d013164_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
negative regulation of transcription, DNA-templated	5	Zm00001d042777_P001, GRMZM2G083347_P02, Zm00001d042777_P002, AC210013.4_FGP013, Zm00001d013164_P001
response to cytokinin	5	Zm00001d013296_P001, Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
response to wounding	4	Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002, Zm00001d018331_P004, Zm00001d013164_P001
positive regulation of transcription, DNA-templated	4	Zm00001d042777_P001, Zm00001d042777_P002, Zm00001d013164_P001, Zm00001d006682_P001
protein localization	4	Zm00001d018331_P004, GRMZM2G013200_P02, GRMZM2G013200_P01, GRMZM2G013200_P03
response to jasmonic acid	4	Zm00001d042777_P001, GRMZM2G083347_P02, Zm00001d042777_P002, Zm00001d013164_P001
protein ubiquitination	3	AC210013.4_FGP013, Zm00001d018331_P004, Zm00001d004407_P003
Golgi vesicle transport	3	GRMZM2G013200_P02, GRMZM2G013200_P01, GRMZM2G013200_P03
bone development	3	Zm00001d013296_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
selenium compound metabolic process	3	Zm00001d013296_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
response to cold	3	Zm00001d042777_P001, Zm00001d042777_P002, AC210013.4_FGP013
phosphorylation	3	Zm00001d013296_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
negative regulation of cellular process	3	GRMZM2G013200_P02, GRMZM2G013200_P01, GRMZM2G013200_P03
organic substance transport	3	GRMZM2G013200_P02, GRMZM2G013200_P01, GRMZM2G013200_P03
regulation of cellular biosynthetic process	3	GRMZM2G013200_P02, GRMZM2G013200_P01, GRMZM2G013200_P03
response to auxin	3	Zm00001d042777_P001, Zm00001d042777_P002, Zm00001d013164_P001
regulation of lipid biosynthetic process	3	GRMZM2G013200_P02, GRMZM2G013200_P01, GRMZM2G013200_P03
3'-phosphoadenosine 5'-phosphosulfate biosynthetic process	3	Zm00001d013296_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
sulfate assimilation	3	Zm00001d013296_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
nitrogen compound transport	3	GRMZM2G013200_P02, GRMZM2G013200_P01, GRMZM2G013200_P03
protein trimerization	3	Zm00001d013296_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
hydrogen sulfide biosynthetic process	3	Zm00001d013296_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03
response to molecule of bacterial origin	3	Zm00001d042777_P001, GRMZM2G135013_P02, Zm00001d042777_P002
anther development	3	Zm00001d042777_P001, GRMZM2G083347_P02, Zm00001d042777_P002
ion transport	3	GRMZM2G013200_P02, GRMZM2G013200_P01, GRMZM2G013200_P03
cellular response to sulfate starvation	3	Zm00001d013296_P001, GRMZM2G051270_P02, GRMZM2G051270_P03

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response to ethylene	2	Zm00001d013288_P001, Zm00001d013164_P001
cysteine biosynthetic process from serine	2	Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002
leaf senescence	2	GRMZM2G083347_P02, Zm00001d006682_P001
hydrogen peroxide mediated signaling pathway	2	Zm00001d042777_P001, Zm00001d042777_P002
positive regulation of leaf development	2	Zm00001d042777_P001, Zm00001d042777_P002
response to salt stress	2	GRMZM2G083347_P02, Zm00001d013164_P001
defense response to bacterium	2	Zm00001d042777_P001, Zm00001d042777_P002
response to freezing	2	GRMZM2G135013_P02, Zm00001d013164_P001
detoxification of nitrogen compound	2	Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002
fruit ripening, climacteric	2	Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002
cyanide catabolic process	2	Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002
pollen tube growth	2	Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002
immune response	2	Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002
response to xenobiotic stimulus	2	Zm00001d042777_P001, Zm00001d042777_P002
systemic acquired resistance, salicylic acid mediated signaling pathway	2	Zm00001d042777_P001, Zm00001d042777_P002
protein phosphorylation	2	Zm00001d013288_P001, Zm00001d018331_P004
pollen development	2	GRMZM2G083347_P02, Zm00001d013164_P001
root hair cell development	2	Zm00001d004413_P001, Zm00001d004413_P002
response to abscisic acid	2	GRMZM2G083347_P02, Zm00001d013164_P001
asymmetric cell division	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
response to insect	1	GRMZM2G135013_P02
cellular component assembly	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
seed morphogenesis	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
protein-containing complex subunit organization	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
blue light signaling pathway	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
response to flooding	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
regulation of reproductive fruiting body development	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
response to karrikin	1	Zm00001d049616_P001
response to organic cyclic compound	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
ion homeostasis	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
protein localization to nucleus	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
photosynthesis	1	AC210013.4_FGP013
regulation of meristem growth	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
regulation of cutin biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
response to oxygen-containing compound	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
regulation of cell division	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
regulation of raffinose metabolic process	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
endodermal cell differentiation	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
abscisic acid homeostasis	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
negative regulation of transcription by RNA polymerase II	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
positive regulation of apoptotic signaling pathway	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
photoperiodism, flowering	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
regulation of auxin polar transport	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
suberin biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d049616_P001

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xylem development	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
response to carbohydrate	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
anther wall tapetum development	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
cellular response to organic substance	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
cutin biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d049616_P001
plant-type cell wall organization	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
chaperone-mediated protein complex assembly	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
cuticle pattern formation	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
negative regulation of cell population proliferation	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
heat acclimation	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
negative gravitropism	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
cellular biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
positive regulation of protein sumoylation	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
circumnutation	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
cellular response to interleukin-6	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
positive regulation of biosynthetic process	1	GRMZM2G013200_P03
cellular response to interleukin-7	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
regulation of epidermal cell differentiation	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
regulation of root morphogenesis	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
chloroplast organization	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
flower development	1	Zm00001d049616_P001
oxidation-reduction process	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
multidimensional cell growth	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
trichome branching	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
regulation of developmental process	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
regulation of embryonic development	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
mitotic cell cycle process	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
seed maturation	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
organic substance biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
fatty acid metabolic process	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
vegetative to reproductive phase transition of meristem	1	AC210013.4_FGP013
leaf morphogenesis	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
regulation of seed germination	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
morphine biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
response to UV	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
anatomical structure development	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
pollen sperm cell differentiation	1	Zm00001d049616_P001
response to high light intensity	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
terpene metabolic process	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
axillary shoot meristem initiation	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
regulation of secondary cell wall biogenesis	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
sulfate reduction	1	GRMZM2G051270_P03
fruit ripening	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
Group II intron splicing	1	AC210013.4_FGP013
detection of gravity	1	Zm00001d006682_P001

GO	Number	Proteína
protein autophosphorylation	1	GRMZM2G135013_P02
floral organ morphogenesis	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
determination of adult lifespan	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
positive gravitropism	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
response to absence of light	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
cellular response to inorganic substance	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
cellular response to heat	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
positive regulation of ethylene biosynthetic process	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
microtubule-based process	1	Zm00001d004407_P001
menthol biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
positive regulation of auxin biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
integument development	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
intracellular signal transduction	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
cellular response to cold	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
embryo development ending in seed dormancy	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
regulation of timing of transition from vegetative to reproductive phase	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
lignin biosynthetic process	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
response to stress	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
actin cytoskeleton organization	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
small molecule metabolic process	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
plant-type hypersensitive response	1	Zm00001d042777_P001
response to unfolded protein	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
regulation of protein localization	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
negative regulation of signal transduction	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
response to lipid	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
activation of MAPKKK activity	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
regulation of ERK1 and ERK2 cascade	1	Zm00001d004407_P003
positive regulation of gibberellic acid mediated signaling pathway	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
organic substance catabolic process	1	Zm00001d013022_P001
regulation of starch metabolic process	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
response to gibberellin	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
regulation of small molecule metabolic process	1	GRMZM2G013200_P03
sieve element differentiation	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
negative regulation of ATPase activity	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
response to abiotic stimulus	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
response to salicylic acid	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
response to chitin	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
gibberellic acid homeostasis	1	Zm00001d006682_P001
cellular response to oxygen-containing compound	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
positive regulation of cell differentiation	1	Zm00001d013164_P001
regulation of stomatal movement	1	Zm00001d013288_P001
plant-type cell wall modification involved in multidimensional cell growth	1	GRMZM2G083347_P02
response to hydrogen peroxide	1	Zm00001d018331_P004
reproduction	1	Zm00001d018331_P004

**Supplementary Table 3** - Regions and genes that have already been identified according to associative and QTLs mapping for resistant ear rot or fumonisin.

Reference	Chrom	Bin	Position start	Position End	Gene candidate	Function
Maschietto et al, 2017	2		45192080	48148553	GRMZM2G031331	Barley mlo defense gene homolog3 R Modulated
					GRMZM2G104843	Lipoxygenase 8 RTS Modulated
					GRMZM2G331701	22.0 kDa class IV heat shock protein RTS Modulated
					GRMZM2G086971	Thioredoxin RTS Constitutive
					GRMZM2G053111	Serine threonine-protein kinase-like ccr4 ST Modulated
	7	50.591.357	130000000	GRMZM2G461159	S-adenosylmethionine decarboxylase MP Modulated	
				GRMZM2G477743	Monoglyceride lipase-like MP Modulated	
				GRMZM2G093947	RNA-binding protein rbp37 MP Constitutive	
				GRMZM2G133613	Avr9 elicitor response protein R Modulated	
				GRMZM2G328877	Heat shock protein 70 RTS Constitutive	
				GRMZM2G139535	Heat shock factor-transcription factor 21 RTS Modulated	
				GRMZM5G813217	Heat shock protein 83-like RTS Modulated	
				GRMZM2G153607	Early-responsive to dehydration stress-related protein RTS Modulat	
				GRMZM2G139815	WRKY 74 transcription factor ST Modulated	
				GRMZM2G334165	Cysteine-rich receptor-like protein kinase 10 ST Modulated	
				GRMZM2G025761	Transcriptional adaptor family protein ST Constitutive	
				GRMZM2G123119	APETALA2/ethylene responsive element binding protein transcription	
				GRMZM2G467943	APETALA2/ethylene responsive element binding protein transcription	
				GRMZM2G141219	APETALA2/ethylene-responsive transcription factor at1g16060-like S	
				GRMZM2G052667	APETALA2/ethylene responsive element binding protein transcription	
				GRMZM2G092137	OCS element-binding factor 1 ST Modulated	
				GRMZM2G009045	Phosphate carrier mitochondrial-like T Modulated	
				GRMZM2G075951	Carbohydrate transmembrane transporter T Constitutive	
				AC234166.1_FG	002 Hypothetical protein ZEAMMB73_317354	

Reference	Chrom	Bin	Position start	Position End	Gene candidate	Function
Zila et al. 2013	1		63540590	-	GRMZM2G703598	
	5		30997717		GRMZM2G111477	
	9		151295233		GRMZM2G178880	
Zila et al. 2014	5		64771372		GRMZM2G060659	
	9		19532465		GRMZM2G035665	
	4		7566354		GRMZM2G372364	
	4		7618125		GRMZM2G012821	
	4		9353851		GRMZM2G419836	
	4		124930006		GRMZM2G106752	
Chen et al. 2012		1.0	2786055		GRMZM2G041881	3UTRNascentpolypeptideassociated
		1.0	10506267		GRMZM2G028469	Promoter—
		1.1	285314047		GRMZM2G110295	3UTRAntifreezeprotein
		1.1	286228712		GRMZM2G178341	3UTRRibosomalproteinS13
		2.0	8733661		GRMZM2G443445	ExonGroES-like
		2.0	53583850		GRMZM2G069093	PromoterPlantperoxidase
		3.0	10791638		GRMZM2G024551	3UTR—
		3.1	128563291		GRMZM2G175968	Promoter—
		3.1	187947934		GRMZM2G085392	ExonDensegranuleGra7protein
		3.1	201056001		AC207628.4	IntronIQcalmodulin-bindingregion
		4.0	1497071		GRMZM2G156346	PromoterFlagellarmotorswitchprotein
		4.1	183999530		GRMZM2G115499	Exon—
		4.1	217656184		GRMZM2G702806	Exon2-oxoglutarate(2OG)and
		4.1	217656207		GRMZM2G702806	Exon2-oxoglutarate(2OG)and
		4.1	217656309		GRMZM2G702806	Exon2-oxoglutarate(2OG)and
		5.0	72324287		GRMZM2G029879	IntronCyclin-related
	5.0	172983404		GRMZM2G128146	PromoterGlucose/ribitoldehydrogenase glycerol acyltransferase family protein	
	5.0	172990198		GRMZM2G128228	Exon—	
	6.1	121834796		GRMZM2G341027	Exon—	

Reference	Chrom	Bin	Position start	Position End	Gene candidate	Function
		9.0	11972127		GRMZM2G467169	3UTR
		9.0	37162489		GRMZM2G034318	Promoter—
		9.0	85677755		GRMZM2G095206	ExonGlucose/ribitoldehydrogenase
		9.0	85678508		GRMZM2G095206	5UTRGlucose/ribitoldehydrogenase
		9.1	150241000		GRMZM2G148057	IntronKinaseinteracting(KIP1-like) family protein
		10.0	11675413		GRMZM2G413943	Exon—
		10.0	30829449		GRMZM2G010669	5UTRTranscriptionfactor,MADS-box
		10.0	30829471		GRMZM2G010669	5UTRTranscriptionfactor,MADS-box
		10.0	31526825		GRMZM2G560307	Promoter—
		10.0	32154695		GRMZM2G544512	Promoter—
		10.0	32493898		GRMZM2G027431	5UTRPutativeendonucleaseor glycosyl hidrolase
		10.0	32979981		GRMZM2G109783	Promoter Protein kinase C
Ju et al. 2016	1		6433914		GRMZM2G008122	(AHA3,ATAHA3,HA3)H(+)-ATPase3Stressresponserelated
	1		9580795		GRMZM2G415390	Diseaseresistance-responsivefamilyproteinDiseaseresistancerelated
	1		9807793		GRMZM2G009818	Leucine-richrepeattransmembraneproteinkinasefamilyproteinDiseaseresistancerelated
	1		9811052			
	1		40812382		GRMZM5G891990	(ATPUB13,PUB13)plantU-box13Diseaseresistancerelated
	1		50100218		GRMZM2G394212	AD/NAD(P)-bindingoxidoreductasefamilyproteinDiseaseresistancerelated
	1		64239355		GRMZM2G147698	(ATMYB61,MYB61)mybdomainproteinStressresponserelated
	1		244559899		GRMZM2G120085	Subtilasefamilyproteinother
	2		14836550		GRMZM2G303118	P-loopcontainingnucleosidetriphosphatehydrolasessuperfamilyEnzymesrelatedto
	2		184967793		GRMZM2G414252	(HEC1)basichelix-loop-helix(bHLH)DNA-bindingssuperfamily
	2		197597371		GRMZM2G117865	S-locuslectinproteinkinasefamilyproteinDiseaseresistancerelated
	2		197598070			
	2		202176728		GRMZM2G154864	Transducin/WD40repeat-likesuperfamilyprotein
	2		202178253			Resistance related
	2		202178298			

Reference	Chrom	Bin	Position start	Position End	Gene candidate	Function
	2		221753785		GRMZM2G106560	(ATWRKY75,WRKY75)WRKYDNA-bindingprotein75Diseaseresistancerelated
	3		145476172		GRMZM2G397948	ubiquitin-proteinligasesDiseaseresistancerelated
	3		147411182		GRMZM2G138342	(ATNADK-1,NADK1)NADkinase1
	3		147411924		Disease	resistancerelated
	3		187896997		AC213654.3_	Stressresponserelated
	4		4867002		GRMZM2G468260	RING/U-boxsuperfamilyproteinRegulationprocess
	4		4867006			
	4		198337279		GRMZM2G071405	Pentatricopeptiderepeat(PPR-like)superfamilyproteinother
	4		198337821			
	4		198560823		AC234156.1	
	5		16096144		GRMZM2G160619	Leucine-richrepeatproteinkinasefamilyproteinDiseaseresistancerelated
	5		16844527		GRMZM2G077828	(ATCNGC7,)cyclicnucleotidegatedchannel7
	5		16844540			Disease resistance related
	5		16845040			
	5		16845047			
	5		56372680		GRMZM2G099255	Core-2/I-branchingbeta-1,6-N-acetylglucosaminyltransferase (AGC2,AGC2-1,AtOXI1,OXI1)AGC(cAMP-dependentcGMPdependent kinase family protein
	5		182033002		GRMZM2G300771	
	5		195185908		GRMZM2G154628	aquaporinproteinputativeexpressedStressresponserelated
	7		107926924		GRMZM2G019183	trehalosesynthaseputativeexpressedDiseaseresistancerelated
	7		131442441		GRMZM2G018044	EukaryoticaspartylproteasefamilyproteinEnzymesrelatedto hydrolysis
	7		158749101		GRMZM2G333980	(ATPGIP1,PGIP1)polygalacturonaseinhibitingproteinDiseaseresistancerelated
	7		165360093		GRMZM2G111224	inter-alpha-trypsininhibitorheavychain-relatedother P-loopcontainingnucleosidetriphosphatehydrolasessuperfamilyEnzymesrelatedto hydrolysi
	7		170031566		GRMZM2G055607	
	7		174747321		GRMZM2G434792	ThiaminepyrophosphatedependentpyruvatedecarboxylasefamilyRegulationprocess
	8		13790236		GRMZM2G176568	Homeodomain-liketranscriptionalregulatorRegulationprocess
	8		13790237			
	9		153449080		GRMZM2G374986	Homeodomain-likesuperfamilyproteinRegulationprocess

Reference	Chrom	Bin	Position start	Position End	Gene candidate	Function
Coan et al.,2018	7	7.0	167625331		GRMZM2G459841	Polypeptide: GRMZM2G459841_P01
	10	10.0	38588712		GRMZM2G459820	Polypeptide: full-length complementary
	5	10.0	1870260		GRMZM2G032680	Protein-coding polypeptide
		5.1			GRMZM2G010095	–
	5	5.1	187023602		GRMZM2G153359	Gibberellin 2-oxidase4 (ga2ox4)
					GRMZM2G153356	Polypeptide: GRMZM2G153356_T01
					GRMZM2G131245	Polypeptide: ubiquitin-protein ligase/zinc
					GRMZM2G131254	Enzyme: Ras-related protein RHN1//heterotrimeric G-protein GTPase//
	2	2.1	234935151		GRMZM2G440932	
					AC207888.3_FG009	
	2	2.0	9620998		GRMZM2G388051	
	3	3.0	39211277		GRMZM2G024733	
	7	7.0	157050973		GRMZM2G060993	Enzyme: cis-zeatin O-b-D-glucosyltransferase//flavonol 3-O-glucosyltransferase//flavonol 7-O--glucosyltransfera
	7	7.1	168786006		GRMZM2G039757	Polypeptide: full-length complementary DNA clone ZM_BFc0042D11