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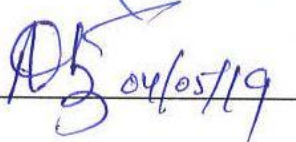
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## ABBREVIATIONS

A	:	Adenine
AFLP	:	Amplified fragment length polymorphism
AI	:	Artificial insemination
bp	:	Base pair
C	:	Cytosine
CDS	:	Coding sequence
CLR	:	Composite likelihood ratio
cM	:	Centimorgan
CNV	:	Copy number variation
ddRAD	:	Double digestion restriction-associated DNA
DNA	:	Deoxyribo nucleic acid
EST	:	Expressed sequence tags
G	:	Guanine
GBS	:	Genotyping-by-sequencing
Gm	:	Gram
GO	:	Gene ontology
GWAS	:	Genome wide association study
HSP	:	Heat Shock Proteins
KEGG	:	Kyoto encyclopedia of genes and genomes
LD	:	Linkage disequilibrium
MAS	:	Marker assisted selection
Mg	:	Milli gram
ml	:	Millilitre
NCBI	:	National centre for biotechnology information
Ng	:	Nano gram

NGS	:	Next generation sequencing
OD	:	Optical density
PCR	:	Polymerase chain reaction
QC	:	Quality control
QTL	:	Quantitative trait loci
RAD	:	Restriction-associated DNA
RAPD	:	Randomly amplified polymorphic DNA
RBC	:	Red blood cell
RE	:	Restriction enzyme
RFLP	:	Restriction fragment length polymorphism
ROH	:	Runs of homozygosity
Rpm	:	Revolution per minute
SE	:	Standard error
SFS	:	Site frequency spectrum
SIFT	:	Sorting intolerant from tolerant
SNP	:	Single nucleotide polymorphism
SS	:	Selection signature
SSR	:	Simple sequence repeats
SW	:	Sahiwal
T	:	Thymine
UMD	:	University of Maryland
UV	:	Ultra violet
µg	:	Micro gram
µl	:	Micro litre

## Identification of Genome-wide SNPs and Selection Sweeps in Sahiwal Cattle

### A B S T R A C T

Research in cattle genetics has profoundly changed since the public release of the cattle genome sequence, with genomics being adopted as a foundational tool for livestock breeding, health, welfare and conservation. Cost effective discovery and genotyping of large number of genome wide markers like SNPs and SSRs is a prerequisite for the application of genomics tools in indigenous cattle. Hence, the present study was carried out with the following objectives- i) To identify and annotate the genome wide SNPs and SSRs in Sahiwal cattle, ii) To compare the efficacy of the ddRAD approach with bovine SNP chip and whole genome sequence and iii) To detect selection sweeps in the Sahiwal cattle. The genomic DNA of 10 Sahiwal animals were sequenced using a reduced representation (ddRADseq) approach and raw sequence reads were obtained. The coverage of the sequenced regions was found to be 3.27% of the whole genome. The reads were analysed using standardised bioinformatics workflows utilizing minimum computational power and open source tools and variants were identified. A total of 450431 and 25821 genome wide SNPs were identified in Sahiwal cattle with reference to *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus* genomes respectively. A total of 14908 and 150231 novel SNPs were found with reference to *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus* genomes respectively. About 90% of the SNPs were genotyped in half of the samples showing high genotyping efficiency. The missense to silent mutations ratio was found to be 0.5-0.6 while the transition to transversion ratio was 2.3-2.4. SIFT analysis revealed 89 SNPs to be deleterious affecting the protein structure and function. Mapping of the identified SNPs revealed 22762 SNPs in production trait QTLs while 42314 SNPs were mapped to reproduction traits QTLs. SNPs were mapped to mastitis (5765), udder and teat type (661), tick resistance (7689) and heat tolerance (2300) QTLs. Among the validation set of 25 SNPs, 22 SNPs were successfully validated. A total of 8266 genome wide SSRs were identified in the Sahiwal cattle and their primers were designed. Lesser than 1% of the SNP identified in the present study was mapped to existing bovine SNP chips. Selection sweeps were detected by finding the likelihood of site frequency spectrum along the genome. Total 1764 genes were found to be in selection sweep regions in Sahiwal cattle. The genes responsible for domestication and tropical adaptation were found to be selected in Sahiwal cattle. There is no evidence for fixation of candidate genes for production trait in Sahiwal cattle. Genome-wide SNP identification and annotation in Sahiwal cattle using *Bos indicus* as reference genome was successfully carried out for the first time. It is also the maiden study to identify genome wide SSRs using sequencing data in Sahiwal cattle. The variants identified in the present study can be used as baseline information to facilitate further studies on domestication history, population structure and genetic improvement by trait mapping, GWAS in indigenous cattle breeds.

## सारांश

मवेशियों के जीनोम अनुक्रम के सार्वजनिक विमोचन के बाद से मवेशियों के आनुवांशिकी में अनुसंधान में गहरा बदलाव आया है, जीनोमिक्स को पशुधन प्रजनन, स्वास्थ्य, कल्याण और संरक्षण के लिए एक मूलभूत उपकरण के रूप में अपनाया गया है। एसएनपी और एसएसआर जैसे जीनोम वाइड मार्कर की बड़ी संख्या की लागत प्रभावी खोज और जीनोटाइपिंग स्वदेशी मवेशियों में जीनोमिक्स टूल के आवेदन के लिए एक शर्त है। इसलिए वर्तमान अध्ययन निम्नलिखित उद्देश्यों के साथ किया गया था- i) साहीवाल मवेशियों में जीनोम व्यापक एसएनपी और एसएसआर की पहचान करना, ii) बोवाइन एसएनपी चिप और पूरे जीनोम अनुक्रम और ii) के साथ ddRAD दृष्टिकोण की प्रभावकारिता की तुलना करना। साहीवाल मवेशियों में चयन झाड़ू का पता लगाएं। 10 साहीवाल जानवरों के जीनोमिक डीएनए को कम प्रतिनिधित्व (ddRADseq) दृष्टिकोण का उपयोग करके अनुक्रमित किया गया था और कच्चे अनुक्रम रीड प्राप्त किए गए थे। अनुक्रमित क्षेत्रों का कवरेज पूरे जीनोम का 3.27% पाया गया। न्यूनतम कम्प्यूटेशनल शक्ति और ओपन सोर्स टूल्स का उपयोग करते हुए मानकीकृत जैव सूचना विज्ञान वर्कफ्लोज़ का उपयोग करके रीड्स का विश्लेषण किया गया था और वेरिएंट की पहचान की गई थी। 450431 और 25821 जीनोम चौड़े एसएनपी की पहचान क्रमशः साहीवाल मवेशियों में बॉश टोरस और बोस सिग्नस जीनोम के संदर्भ में की गई थी। 14908 और 150231 उपन्यास एसएनपी क्रमशः बॉस् टोरस और बॉस सिग्नस जीनोम के संदर्भ में पाए गए। एसएनपी के लगभग 90% नमूनों को उच्च जीनोटाइपिंग दक्षता दिखाने वाले आधे नमूनों में जीनोटाइप किया गया था। मौन उत्परिवर्तन अनुपात का प्रकोप 0.5-0.6 पाया गया जबकि अनुप्रस्थ अनुपात का संक्रमण 2.3-2.4 था। SIFT विश्लेषण से पता चला कि 89 एसएनपी प्रोटीन संरचना और कार्य को प्रभावित कर रहे हैं। पहचान किए गए एसएनपी के मैपिंग से उत्पादन विशेषता क्यूटीएल में 22762 एसएनपी का पता चला जबकि 42314 एसएनपीएस को क्यूटीएल के प्रजनन लक्षणों के लिए मैप किया गया था। 5765, 661, 7689 और 2300 एसएनपी क्रमशः मास्टिटिस, उडर और टीट प्रकार, टिक प्रतिरोध और गर्मी सहिष्णुता क्यूटीएल के लिए मैप किए गए थे। 25 एसएनपी के सत्यापन सेट के बीच, 22 एसएनपी सफलतापूर्वक सत्यापित किए गए थे। साहीवाल मवेशियों में 8266 जीनोम विस्तृत एसएसआर की पहचान की गई थी और उनके प्राइमरों को डिजाइन किया गया था। वर्तमान अध्ययन में पहचाने गए एसएनपी के 1% से कम को मौजूदा गोजातीय एसएनपी चिप्स के लिए मैप किया गया था। जीनोम के साथ साइट आवृत्ति स्पेक्ट्रम की संभावना का पता लगाकर चयन झाड़ू का पता लगाया गया था। 1764 जीन साहीवाल मवेशियों के चयन क्षेत्र में पाए गए। वर्चस्व और उष्णकटिबंधीय अनुकूलन के लिए जिम्मेदार जीन को साहीवाल मवेशियों में चुना गया था। साहीवाल मवेशियों में उत्पादन गुण के लिए उम्मीदवार जीन के निर्धारण के लिए कोई सबूत नहीं है। संदर्भ जीनोम के रूप में बॉश सिग्नस का उपयोग करने वाले साहीवाल मवेशियों में जीनोम-वाइड एसएनपी पहचान और एनोटेशन को पहली बार सफलतापूर्वक किया गया था। साहीवाल मवेशियों में अनुक्रमण डेटा का उपयोग करते हुए जीनोम विस्तृत एसएसआर की पहचान करना भी पहला अध्ययन है। वर्तमान अध्ययन में पहचाने गए वेरिएंट का उपयोग आधारभूत जानकारी के रूप में किया जा सकता है, ताकि देशी मवेशियों की नस्लों में GWAS द्वारा मानचित्रण, जनसंख्या संरचना और आनुवांशिक सुधार पर आगे के अध्ययन को सुविधाजनक बनाया जा सके।

# **CHAPTER –1**

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## **Introduction**

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## 1. Introduction

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India has a vast population of livestock which plays a key role in nutritional security by providing protein rich food for human consumption. It also provides the raw material for industries and draft power for the resource poor farmers. However, the overall productivity of our livestock is low as compared globally. The major causes of low productivity of livestock in India are both intrinsic (low genetic potential) and extrinsic (poor nutrition/feed management). Resource maximization by selection of genetically superior breeding stock is a feasible strategy for increasing productivity and profits. In the traditional selection program, the breeding value of animal is estimated based upon the information from its related individuals. Moreover, in traditional selection programs the selection of individuals depends upon availability of phenotypic observations which further depends upon the heritability of the trait. For traits with low heritability, traditional selection may not be possible and it may not provide a clear picture of the value of the animal. This method of selection is difficult to follow for the sex limited traits, traits expressed later in the animal's life and for the traits that cannot be measured easily. The genomic information of the individuals may help in the selection of individuals for these traits.

Application of molecular biology tools in cattle breeding initiated the search for major genes controlling quantitative traits (often production related), but had limited success. This is mainly because the single gene effects tend to be small and the numbers of available genetic markers are insufficient for estimating effects accurately. Discovery and development of large number of genetic markers are therefore essential for characterization and mapping of quantitative traits in cattle.

Among the first markers used were microsatellites, AFLPs, RFLPs. The relative high cost and limited marker density of these methods led to the use of Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP) as the preferred genetic marker system. The SNPs are nucleotide variations in the DNA sequence of individuals in a population and are the most abundant molecular markers in the genome.

The major challenge lies in genotyping large number of genome-wide SNPs. Cost efficiency is also an important element in generating high density genotypic data. The expected

value of information gained by genotyping must justify the cost of obtaining the genotypes. However, the introduction of single nucleotide polymorphism arrays made the collection of genome wide marker data feasible at fairly affordable costs. Common SNP genotyping platforms like the array based ones uses the SNPs that were previously discovered by DNA sequencing. These SNPs may not be geographically representative and tend to be at higher frequency than random SNPs. This method introduces substantial ascertainment bias and inherently excludes detection of rare or population-specific variants, a major source of information for both population history and genotype phenotype association. This may impair estimation of population parameters like diversity, population subdivision, recombination and the identification of causal mutations.

Moreover, Indian and African cattle which are having higher effective population size and higher sequence heterozygosity (The Bovine HapMap Consortium 2009) showed lower heterozygosity when genotyped using SNP arrays. This is because the SNP arrays are primarily constructed from SNP identified from taurine cattle.

The recent advances in DNA sequencing technologies have facilitated the development of more efficient and cost effective strategies that allow simultaneous discovery and genotyping of SNPs in multiple individuals. These methods collectively known as RADseq techniques (or GBS methods/a type of reduced representation approaches) combines the strength of next-generation sequencing (NGS) to produce enormous numbers of DNA sequences from the ends of genomic restriction fragments with DNA bar-coding for multiplexing of samples. A range of protocols including restriction-associated DNA (RAD), genotyping-by-sequencing (GBS), double digestion restriction-associated DNA (ddRAD) are currently available for obtaining subsets of genomic restriction fragments for NGS. These methods have advantages over other SNP genotyping platforms as it reduces the ascertainment bias and can be developed easily for genotyping the SNPs of predetermined area over many samples in cost effective manner. These methods originally developed for other species have been lately adopted for cattle also.

The SNPs genotyped by this method could be used for QTL mapping, genomic selection, genome wide association studies (GWAS), population studies and characterization of genetic resources and identification of selective sweeps.

Majority of the studies on genome wide SNP identification/genotyping has been carried out in taurine cattle and there is scanty literature available about such works in indigenous cattle breeds of India, mainly due to economics associated with it. Developing a cost effective method of whole genome SNP genotyping in the indigenous cattle breeds of India will facilitate further insights on domestication history, population structure and genetic improvement by trait mapping, GWAS and genomic selection in the future.

Hence, the present study has been carried out with the following objectives:

- 1. To identify and annotate the genome wide SNPs and SSRs in Sahiwal cattle.**
- 2. To compare the efficacy of the ddRAD approach with bovine SNP chip and whole genome sequence.**
- 3. To detect selection sweeps in the Sahiwal cattle.**

# **CHAPTER –2**

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## **Review of Literature**

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## 2. Review of Literature

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### 2.1 Genetic markers

Genetic marker can be defined as any stable and inherited variation that can be measured or detected by a suitable method, and can be used subsequently to detect the presence of a specific genotype or phenotype other than itself, which otherwise is non-measurable or very difficult to detect. The markers revealing variations at the DNA level are referred to as the molecular markers. On the basis of techniques used for their detection, these have been classified into two major categories: Hybridization-based markers and PCR-based markers.

Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism (RFLP) (Botstein *et al.*, 1980) is an example of hybridization based marker. The PCR based markers includes VNTRs (microsatellites and mini satellites) (Nakamura *et al.*, 1987, Litt and Luty, 1989), Single Strand Conformation Polymorphism (SSCP) (Orita *et al.*, 1989), Randomly Amplified Polymorphic DNA (RAPD) (Williams *et al.*, 1990) and Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism (AFLP) (Vos *et al.*, 1995).

### 2.2 Simple Sequence Repeats

Microsatellites or simple sequence repeats (SSRs) are tandemly repeated motifs of 1-6 bases found in prokaryotic and eukaryotic genomes. They are present in both coding and non-coding regions and are usually characterized by a high degree of length polymorphism (Sawaya *et al.*, 2013). The origin of such polymorphism appeared most likely due to slippage events during DNA replication (Schlatterer and Tautz, 1992). The SSRs were being widely employed in many fields soon after their first description (Litt and Luty, 1989; Tautz, 1989; Weber and May, 1989) because of the high variability which makes them very powerful genetic markers. Microsatellites are extremely valuable tool for genome mapping in many organisms, their applications span over different areas ranging from ancient and forensic DNA studies, to population genetics and conservation/management of biological resources (Heubl, 2010; Cavagnaro *et al.*, 2011; Dalamu *et al.*, 2012; Li *et al.*, 2012a; Stolle *et al.*, 2013) as well as commercial application like true hybrid identification (Manigbas and Villegas, 2004; Dongre *et al.*, 2011).

Microsatellites are developed by the following methods:

- a) Screening of genomic libraries
- b) *In-silico* mining from DNA-sequence databases
- c) Sequencing of whole genome or part of it using NGS (Senan *et al.*, 2014).

### **2.3 Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms**

The most abundant source of genetic polymorphisms is Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs), representing a single base change between two individuals at a defined location, it is considered that the least frequent allele should have a frequency of 1% or greater (Vignal *et al.*, 2001). There are two different categories of SNPs: transitions (C/T or G/A) and transversions (C/G, A/T, C/A, or T/G). Some studies consider one base pair indels (insertions or deletions) as SNPs, although they certainly occur by a different mechanism. The SNPs at any particular site could in principle be bi-, tri- or tetra-allelic, however tri- and tetra-allelic SNPs are rare and in practice SNPs are generally biallelic (Doveri *et al.*, 2008). The life cycle of SNP can be divided into four phases:

- a) Appearance of a new variant allele by nucleotide mutation
- b) Survival against odds of the allele through early generations
- c) Increase to substantial frequency by survival through population fluctuation
- d) Fixation (Millar and Kwok, 2001)

SNP is the most widely used genetic marker due to the following reasons:

- a) Most of the SNP markers are located in coding area of DNA; therefore, they affect protein function directly
- b) SNPs are more suitable than microsatellites for high throughput genetic analysis
- c) They are stably inherited than other DNA markers, making them more suited as long term selection markers
- d) SNPs are more prevalent and provide potential markers near the locus of interest than other types of polymorphism.

However, SNPs are biallelic in nature, which means that there are only two alleles in a population. Consequently, the information content per SNP marker is lower than multi allelic markers such as microsatellite markers (Beuzen *et al.*, 2000).

### 2.3.1 SNP Identification

SNPs are identified either by Sanger sequencing or Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) technologies. Whole genome SNP discovery is mainly by re-sequencing the entire genome and aligning it to reference genome.

### 2.3.2 SNPs genotyping

SNPs genotyping is performed using two main methods, the traditional and high throughput methods. The traditional gel-based approach uses standard molecular techniques, such as amplification refractory mutation system (ARMS) (Newton *et al.*, 1989), allele specific PCR (AS-PCR) (Wu *et al.*, 1989), restriction digests and various forms of gel electrophoresis like RFLP, denaturing gradient gel electrophoresis (DGGE) and single strand conformation polymorphism (SSCP) (Orita *et al.*, 1989), PCR amplification of specific alleles (PASA) (Sarkar *et al.*, 1990) and tetra-primer ARMS-PCR (T-ARMS) (Ye *et al.*, 2001),

High throughput methods include allele discrimination methods (allele-specific hybridization, allele-specific single-base primer extension), high-throughput assay chemistry methods like flap endonuclease discrimination, oligonucleotide ligation etc., DNA arrays, pyrosequencing and melting curve analysis (Kwok, 2000; Koopae and Koshkoiyeh, 2014). Commonly used SNP genotyping platforms are summarized in the table 2.1.

**Table 2.1 Commonly used SNP genotyping platforms (Kumar *et al.*, 2012)**

Name	Assay type	Technology	Throughput	Multiplexing
Genechip	Hybridization	Oligonucleotide array	96/5 days	Up to 18 X 10 <sup>6</sup>
Infinium II	Hybridization	Bead array	Upto 128/5 days	Up to 13 X 10 <sup>6</sup>
Goldengate	Primer extension-ligation	Bead array	172/3 days	Up to 3,072
IPlex	Primer extension	Mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF)	3840/2.5 days	Up to 40
Taqman	PCR	Taqman probe	Upto 1536/ day	Up to 256
SNPlex	PCR	Capillary electrophoresis	Upto 1536/ day	Up to 48
KASPar	PCR	FRET quenching oligos	Up to 96/day	-
Invader	Primer annealing/ endonuclease digestion	FRET quenching oligos	Up to 384/day	Up to 200000
HRM	PCR	Melting curve analysis	Up to 1536/ day	-

## 2.4 DNA arrays/SNP chips

The need for simultaneous genotyping of large number of SNPs on thousands of individual samples has lead to the invention of SNP genotyping platforms, such as oligonucleotide arrays (Affymetrix, Inc., Santa Clara, CA, USA) (Matsuzaki *et al.*, 2004) and BeadArray microarrays (Illumina, Inc., San Diego, CA, USA) (Steemers and Gunderson, 2007). At present Affymetrix is offering genotyping arrays for livestock and aquaculture species (buffalo, cattle, chicken, pig, salmon and trout), crops (cotton, maize, soybean, strawberry and wheat) and model organisms (human, dog, mouse and *Arabidopsis thaliana*) (<http://www.affymetrix.com>), while Illumina is marketing whole genome genotyping BeadArrays for human and non-human species (cattle, dog, maize, pig and sheep) (<http://www.illumina.com>). The different SNP chips available for cattle have been given in the table 2.2 (Nicolazzi *et al.*, 2015).

**Table 2.2 Different SNP chips for cattle**

Sl. No	Name	No. of SNPs
1	Illumina Bovine 3k Bead Chip	2900
2	Illumina Bovine LD Bead Chip	6909
3	Illumina Bovine LD v1.1 Bead Chip	6912
4	Illumina Bovine LD v.2 Bead Chip	7931
5	Illumina Bovine SNP50 v.1Bead Chip	54001
6	Illumina Bovine SNP50 v.2 Bead Chip	54609
7	Illumina Bovine HD Bead Chip	777962
8	GeneSeek Dairy Ultra LD v2	7049
9	GeneSeek Genomic Profiler LD v1	8610
10	GeneSeek Genomic Profiler LD v2	19721
11	GeneSeek Genomic Profiler LD v3	26151
12	GeneSeek Genomic Profiler HD	76879
13	GeneSeek Genomic Profiler HD v2	139480
14	ICBF International Dairy and Beef v2	17807
15	ICBF International Dairy and Beef v3	53262
16	Affymetrix Axiom Bovine	648875

Despite the fact that SNP genotyping technology has enabled successful genome-wide association studies (GWAS) in humans and in livestock species (Meuwissen *et al.*, 2001; Goddard and Hayes, 2009; Hindorff *et al.*, 2009). However, an ascertainment bias is sometimes introduced which is derived from the fact that the SNPs used are chosen to have a minimum rare allele frequency as well as to segregate in multiple breeds. The identification of rare causal mutations might be complicated due to failure to detect the disequilibrium between causal mutations and genotyped SNPs (Nielsen *et al.*, 2004; Clark *et al.*, 2005). The commercially available SNP arrays or chips cannot be easily modified to suit individual experimental designs. Moreover, relevant experiments cannot be conducted for species that do not have commercially available SNP arrays/chips. Although customized SNP arrays/chips can be manufactured, but they are cost-prohibitive to many researchers.

## **2.5 Next Generation Sequencing**

Sequencing refers to the identification of the nucleotides in a polymer of nucleic acids, whether DNA or RNA. Since its inception in 1977 (Maxam and Gilbert, 1977; Sanger *et al.*, 1977), sequencing has increased our understanding of the organization and composition of animal genomes.

Next generation sequencing refers to non Sanger based high-throughput DNA sequencing technologies. Next generation sequencing (NGS) technologies, like (a) Pyrosequencing/Roche (454) sequencing (Ronaghi *et al.*, 1998), (b) SOLiD (Applied Biosystems) sequencing (Shendure *et al.*, 2005) (c) Illumina/Solexa sequencing (Turcatti *et al.*, 2008) generate millions of reads in a relatively short time, making them powerful tools for genome research. The high throughput capability of genome sequencing or re-sequencing projects can efficiently and accurately discover and genotype many thousands of genetic polymorphisms, mainly SNPs, which can be used to investigate quantitative, functional, and evolutionary genomics in human, animals, and plants.

## **2.6 Reduced representation approach for genome wide marker identification**

In order to address the limitations associated with SNP arrays/chips and the high/low coverage whole genome sequencing/re-sequencing platforms described above, the genome research community has been developing alternative strategies to discover and genotype genetic variants in a cost effective manner. Basically, these alternative methods/techniques are NGS-

based, but different laboratory procedures can result in different data outcomes in terms of reduced genome complexities, reduced genome representations or selected genome targets. In contrast to whole genome sequencing/re-sequencing, a basic feature associated with these methods/techniques is to have a subset of a genome sampled and sequenced. Currently available reduced representation methods have mainly evolved from:

- a) Reduced Representation (Library) Sequencing (RRS or RRLS) (Altshuler *et al.*, 2000; Van Tassell 2008),
- b) Complexity Reduction of Polymorphism Sequencing (CRoPS) (van Orsouw *et al.*, 2007),
- c) Restriction Site Associated DNA Sequencing (RADseq) (Baird *et al.*, 2008)
- d) Genotyping by Sequencing (GBS) (Elshire *et al.*, 2011) methods.

However, cross-interpretations of different assays with the same terminologies or cross-labeling of the same assays with different terminologies have occurred frequently in the literature.

The term RADseq was originally used to describe one particular method (Baird *et al.*, 2008), but has subsequently been adopted to refer to a range of related techniques that rely on restriction enzymes to determine the set of loci to be sequenced. These methods are also sometimes grouped under the term ‘genotyping by sequencing’ (GBS) techniques (Narum *et al.*, 2013). As with RADseq, the term GBS was originally used to describe one specific method (Elshire *et al.*, 2011); however, this term is less descriptive than RADseq, which captures the defining feature of these methods, that is, the use of restriction enzymes to obtain DNA sequence at a genome-wide set of loci.

## **2.7 GBS/RADseq family of methods**

Traditionally, reduced representation/GBS/RADseq methods involve three common steps:

- 1) DNA digestion with restriction enzymes
- 2) Ligation with adapters that fit into the relevant sequencing platforms
- 3) PCR amplification to increase the yield of library products for sequencing.

The genome sampling process depends on the use of rare-cutter enzymes, size selection of products or selective amplification of products. Adaptors added during RADseq protocols may contain barcodes, which are used to identify individual samples that are sequenced together (multiplexed) in a single library. Depending on the enzyme(s) used, RADseq protocols also reduce and/or select the sizes of DNA fragments that are optimal for next-generation sequencing.

RADseq methods differ in the order and details of enzyme digestion, adaptor ligation, barcoding and size selection, as well as the type of sequence data that can be produced at each locus. These differences can be used to categorize techniques into major groups. Below, we discuss important variations among methods as classified by Andrews *et al.* (2016)

### **2.7.1. Methods that sequence fragments adjacent to single restriction enzyme cut sites**

Original restriction site-associated DNA sequencing (RADseq) (Miller *et al.*, 2007; Baird *et al.*, 2008) digests genomic DNA with one restriction enzyme, followed by mechanical shearing to reduce fragments to the appropriate length for sequencing, which unlike other methods, creates variance in the fragment sizes at each locus. The 2bRAD (Wang *et al.*, 2012; Guo *et al.*, 2014) method uses type IIB restriction enzymes, which cleave DNA upstream and downstream of the recognition site, resulting in short fragments of uniform length (33–36 bp).

### **2.7.2 Methods that sequence fragments flanked by cut sites of two restriction enzymes**

**Single enzyme indirect size selection:** Genotyping by sequencing (GBS) (Elshire *et al.*, 2011) uses a common-cutter enzyme, and PCR preferentially amplifies short fragments. Sequence-based genotyping (SBG) (Truong *et al.*, 2012) uses a rare cutter and one or two common cutters, and PCR preferentially amplifies short fragments.

**Double enzyme indirect size selection:** Complexity reduction of polymorphic sequences (CRoPS) (van Orsouw *et al.*, 2007) uses two enzymes and a proprietary library preparation kit.

**Single enzyme direct size selection:** Reduced representation libraries (RRLs) (Van Tassell *et al.*, 2007; Greminger *et al.*, 2014) are unique in using a blunt-end common-cutter enzyme followed by a size selection step and a proprietary Illumina library preparation kit. Multiplexed shotgun genotyping (MSG) (Andolfatto *et al.*, 2011) uses one common-cutter enzyme and a size selection step. The ezRAD uses one or more

common-cutter enzymes, and a proprietary kit for Illumina library preparation (Toonen *et al.*, 2013).

**Double enzyme direct size selection:** Double-digest RAD (ddRAD) (Peterson *et al.*, 2012) uses two restriction enzymes, with adaptors specific to each enzyme, and size selection by automated gel cut.

Variations on the above techniques include use of methylation-sensitive enzymes (EpiRAD) (Schild *et al.*, 2015); adding more restriction enzymes to existing protocols to further reduce the set of loci (RESTseq) (Truong *et al.*, 2012; Stolle and Moritz, 2013); adding a second digestion to eliminate adaptor dimers (Graham *et al.*, 2015); adapting RADseq techniques to other sequencing platforms such as Ion Torrent (Recknagel *et al.*, 2015; Pukk *et al.*, 2015); and other minor technical modifications (GGRS, flexible and scalable GBS) (Chen *et al.*, 2013; Heffelfinger *et al.*, 2014)

## **2.8 Double digest RAD sequencing (ddRADseq)**

This is a modified form of RADseq method with the following improvements: (a) simultaneous restriction digestion with two different RE (a rare cutter and a frequent cutter) (b) Two-index combinatorial tagging (Peterson *et al.*, 2012). Comparison of various RADseq methods/GBS methods have been summarized in table 2.3. These modifications have given ddRADseq the following advantages over other methods:

- a) Lower cost and lesser time to prepare the sequencing libraries
- b) High level of multiplexing
- c) Precise size selection
- d) Lesser reads to achieve high confidence SNP calling

## **2.9 SNP Chip v/s ddRAD**

DeDonato *et al.* (2013) compared GBS method with 50K Bovine SNP chip and found that GBS gives similar results as that of 50K Bovine SNP chip at a one third of the cost. No study comparing the GBS methods with the bovine high density SNP chips are reported. The comparison of SNP chip with ddRAD has been given in table 2.4.

**Table 2.3 Comparison of different RADseq methods**

Method	Steps						Remarks
<b>RAD</b>	Digestion	Ligation	Pooling	Shearing	Size Selection	Ligation	DNA Loss
<b>GBS</b>	Digestion	Ligation	Pooling	No size selection			
<b>RRL</b>	Digestion	Pooling	Size Selection	Ligation	No multiplexing		
<b>ddRAD</b>	Digestion	Ligation	Pooling	Size Selection	Advantageous		

**Table 2.4 SNP chip v/s ddRAD**

Principle		SNP chips	ddRAD
		Array based	Sequencing
<b>Use in non-model species</b>		No	Yes
<b>Variant calling</b>	Novel SNPs	No	Yes
	SSRs	No	Yes
	Indels	No	Yes
<b>Genotyping</b>		Yes	Yes
<b>Commercial Availability</b>	Cost/sample	~Rs. 33000	~Rs. 15000
	Protocol	Illumina Bovine SNP HD DNA Analysis 48 samples = 1547680/-	ddRAD Sequencing & Analysis 24 samples = 360000/-
	Source	M/s. Sandor Life sci., Cat No. SPGT-BT-HD	M/s. SciGenome, Cat No. SCI-NGS-Hiseq-ddRAD-Seq-65

## 2.10 Comparison between reduced-representation and whole-genome sequencing for SNP identification

Davey *et al.* (2011) reviewed that sequencing cost of 100 diploid human genome samples (consisting of two 3-gigabase sequences) at 30X coverage was 35 times as compared to restriction-site-associated DNA sequencing (RADseq) covering nearly 200,000 markers.

Furthermore, whole genome sequencing/re-sequencing for SNP genotyping is technically unnecessary and is cost-prohibitive, because linkage disequilibrium relationships ( $r^2$  values) can be as high as 95% - 100% among genetic markers within a genomic region (Jiang *et al.*, 2009; Zhang *et al.*, 2012). Commonly, only one of the highly linked markers is selected as a tagged SNP in data analysis. The whole genome sequencing studies in cattle for SNP discovery have been summarized in the table 2.5.

**Table 2.5 Whole genome sequencing studies in cattle for SNP discovery**

	Breed	Sample	SNPs	Genome coverage	Depth	Reference
1	Flekvieh	1bull	2443637	98%	7.4X	Eck <i>et al.</i> , 2009
2	Holstein Friesian	1 bull	6239482	98.3%	14.8X	Zhan <i>et al.</i> , 2011
3	Kuchinoshima-Ushi	1 cow	6303790	93%	15.8X	Kawahara-Miki <i>et al.</i> , 2011
4	Black Angus	1 bull	3200000	-	21.9X	Stothard <i>et al.</i> , 2011
5	Holstein	1 bull	3700000	-	18.6X	
6	Gir	4 bull	9990733	80-88%	2.8-4.4X	Liao <i>et al.</i> , 2013
7	Holstein	1 cow	5923230	-	36.7	Koks <i>et al.</i> , 2013
8	Hanwoo	1 cow	6469804	98.6%	25.5X	Choi <i>et al.</i> , 2014
9	Jeju Hengu	1 cow	6484293	98.5%	29.6X	
10	Korean Holstein	1 cow	5814990	98.5%	29.5X	
11	Danish Jutland	1bull	6812198	98.9%	26.4X	Das <i>et al.</i> , 2014
12	Holstein bull	1 bull	6362988	-	60X	Koks <i>et al.</i> , 2014
13	1000 bull genomes	234 bulls	1600000	-	8.3X	Daetwyler <i>et al.</i> , 2014

## 2.11 Application of GBS/RADseq

The GBS/RADseq methods have a wide range of applications such as:

### 1) SNP and SSR discovery

RAD tag sequencing was used for identification of SSR marker in egg plant (*Solanum melongea*) by Barchi *et al.* (2011). Jansen *et al.* (2016) developed microsatellite markers for Goldsinny wrasse fish (*Ctenolabrus rupestris*) using ddRAD sequencing data. The GBS of microsatellites using individual combinatorial barcoding was found to be faster and cheaper approach for genotyping microsatellites in large scale population genetic studies (Vartia *et al.*, 2016). The different methods of reduced representation approaches used in livestock species for SNP discovery are listed in table 2.6.

**Table 2.6 SNP discovery using reduced representation approaches in livestock**

Species	Method	SNPs	Reference
Cattle	GBS	52748	DeDonato <i>et al.</i> , 2013
		272103	Brouard <i>et al.</i> , 2017
		8065	Gurgul <i>et al.</i> , 2019
		107488	Malik <i>et al.</i> , 2018
	RAD	238725	Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2018
Buffalo	GBS	49607	Imartino <i>et al.</i> , 2013
	ddRAD	130688	Surya <i>et al.</i> , 2018
Chicken	RAD	75587	Zhai <i>et al.</i> , 2014
Pig	GBS	185206	Tan <i>et al.</i> , 2015
Sheep	GBS	300000	Clarke <i>et al.</i> , 2016
		39846	Gurgul <i>et al.</i> , 2019
Goat	GBS	56000	Wheeler <i>et al.</i> , 2018
Camel	GBS	310311	Holl <i>et al.</i> , 2016
Horse	GBS	22433	Gurgul <i>et al.</i> , 2019

## **2) Development of SNP genotyping arrays**

SNP discovery was performed using Reduced Representation sequencing (RRSeq) and Restriction site-Associated DNA sequencing (RADseq) for development and validation of a high density SNP genotyping array for Atlantic salmon (Houston *et al.*, 2014).

## **3) Conservation study**

Genotyping by sequencing was used to resolve the shallow population structure of Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and thus providing valuable information for its conservation (Larson *et al.*, 2014).

## **4) Development of Genetic maps**

High-density genetic maps were developed for barley and wheat using two-enzyme Genotyping by Sequencing approach (Poland *et al.*, 2012a).

## **5) GWAS**

Genome Wide Association (GWAS) studies of milk fatty acids of Canadian Holstein cows was carried out using genotyping by sequencing (GBS) approach by Ibeagha-Awemu *et al.* (2014) and they found that GBS is a robust, cost effective method to identify population-based unique SNPs for GWAS. Genotyping by sequencing (GBS) approach was used to provide dense genome-wide marker coverage (>47,000 SNPs) for Genome-Wide Association study (GWAS) in soya bean (Sonah *et al.*, 2015).

## **6) Association mapping**

A study by Constant *et al.* (2015) validated a whole genome genotyping by sequencing (GBS) method to identify single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) associated with bovine paratuberculosis.

## **7) Study of domestication pattern**

Genotyping by sequencing strategy was used to study the domestication patterns in chickpea by Kujur *et al.* (2015).

## **8) Genomic selection**

GBS was used to discover and genotype SNPs for genomic selection in wheat (Poland *et al.*, 2012). Gorjanc *et al.* (2015) used simulation studies to evaluate the potential of

GBS for genomic selection in livestock populations. It was demonstrated that GBS offers great potential for developing genomic selection in livestock populations as it can cover large fractions of the genome and can vary the sequence read depth per individual. Thus, the accuracy of predictions can be improved by increasing the size of training populations and the intensity of selection is increased by genotyping a larger number of selection candidates.

### **9) Marker assisted selection**

The GBS derived SNPs were used as markers in marker-assisted breeding programs in cassava (Prochnik *et al.*, 2012). He *et al.* (2014) reviewed GBS as a potential tool for developing markers for MAS in plants.

### **10) Genomics of adaptation**

RADseq data for two butterfly species (*Heliconius melpomene aglaope* and *Heliconius melpomene amaryllis*) was used to demonstrate the genomics of adaptation; linking to the genomic regions affecting colour patterns to adaptation in hybrid zones. Selection on colour pattern was found to be the most important factor maintaining butterfly hybrid zones (Nadeau *et al.*, 2014).

### **11) Inbreeding and genomic diversity**

RADseq genomic diversity estimates were also used to characterize the influence of social structure on autosome versus sex chromosome diversity in Tonkean macaque monkeys (Evans *et al.*, 2014). A study investigating heterozygosity - fitness correlations in seals found that genome-wide heterozygosity estimated using 14,585 RADseq SNPs had nearly five-fold higher correlation with fitness associated trait than did 27 microsatellite loci (Hoffman *et al.*, 2014).

### **12) Effective population size ( $N_e$ )**

Thousands of SNPs generated using RADseq were used to estimate  $N_e$  in salmon and smelt from western North America (Larson *et al.*, 2014; Candy *et al.*, 2015).

### **13) Population structure**

RADseq was used to develop a population informative SNP panel to monitor stock composition in salmon and to differentiate population units to harvest as discrete rather

than mixed stocks (Dann *et al.*, 2013). Double digest restriction site-associated DNA sequencing technique was used to study the population structure of white perch (*Morone americana*) (Bian *et al.*, 2016).

#### **14) Genetic introgression**

Hohenlohe *et al.* (2013) used RADseq to identify 3,180 species diagnostic SNPs and to calculate admixture between a native and an invasive trout species. Saarman and Pogson, (2015) used ddRADseq to genotype 1337 randomly selected SNPs and found weak levels of introgression in both directions in the central California *Mytilus* spp. hybrid zone. Chattopadhyay *et al.*, 2016 studied cryptic diversity and genetic introgression in oriental cynopterine fruit bat species using ddRADseq.

#### **15) Phylogenomics**

RADseq data generated a highly resolved tree for 16 species of Lake Victoria cichlid fish, whereas, previous analyses using amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP), microsatellites failed to resolve species level relationships for these species (Wagner *et al.*, 2013). Escudero *et al.* (2014) used Genotyping by Sequencing (GBS) approach to infer the phylogeny of seven closely related species in the genus *Carex* (Cyperaceae).

### **2.12 Selection signature**

Selection not only affects the favoured mutation but it produces a “hitch- hiking” effect on the frequency of neutral alleles at linked loci (Smith and Haigh, 1974; Kaplan *et al.*, 1989). A local reduction of genetic variation up and downstream of the beneficial mutation is caused by the rapid fixation of a beneficial mutation, leaving special patterns of DNA behind (Smith and Haigh, 1974). Selective sweep is the process by which a new beneficial mutation eliminates or reduces variation in linked neutral sites as it increases in frequency in the population (Braverman *et al.*, 1995). Selection signatures are regions of the genome that contain a beneficial mutation which leave special patterns of DNA behind under natural or artificial selection (Qanbari and Simianer, 2014) (Figure 2.1).

The classic model of positive selection states that selection acts upon a newly arisen advantageous mutation, so that there is only one founding haplotype at the time of selection. Alternatively, selection could also act on pre existing genetic variation that was previously either

neutral or deleterious, but has become adaptive due to changes in the environment or genetic background.

Selection from standing variation has been referred to as a soft sweep, to distinguish it from the classic model or hard sweep. These footprints of selection, can be detected from SNP data by well-established methods (Hermisson and Pennings, 2005; Sabeti *et al.*, 2006; Akey, 2009; Oleksyk *et al.*, 2010) and can unravel past responses of the livestock genome to natural and artificial selection as well as evidences of loci and variants underlying adaptive and economically important traits. Detecting these selection signatures may not only help to study the key adaptive events that have generated the vast phenotypic variation between livestock breeds, but can also be of biotechnological relevance giving functional information about genes/genomic regions (Nielsen, 2001, 2005; Schlotterer, 2003).

In general, SS studies take the opposite direction: one starts with an evidence of selection in samples sharing geographical proximity, environmental factors or a common phenotype, and attempts to find selected mutations (Sabeti *et al.*, 2006). Another advantage of SS studies is that they typically require over 10 fold smaller sample sizes in comparison to GWA studies. Moreover, SS can reveal signals on genes controlling traits that are difficult, expensive or even impossible to measure on a large population (e.g., disease resistance). This approach could also lead to the identification of genes related to ecological traits (e.g., genes related to tropical adaptation) that are difficult to identify through laboratory experiments. Selection signature (SS) studies are growing in popularity as they offer a complementary strategy to genome-wide association (GWA) studies on mapping variants impacting traits of interest, helping to link phenotypes to gene function. In a typical GWA analysis, one starts from a phenotype and scans genotypes identifying underlying large and moderate effect variants (Bush and Moore, 2012). Other advantages of SS studies are that they can pinpoint chromosomal segments sheltering large effect mutations, even if they no longer segregate in a population. In such cases, these variants cannot be detected by classical quantitative genetics methods unless linkage experiments are designed using crosses (Ramey *et al.*, 2013).

### **2.13 Selection signatures in livestock**

Domestication has resulted in considerable changes in the morphology and behaviour of livestock species. In the early stages of domestication, unconscious selection for behavioural

traits was applied. This early stage was followed by methodical selection in which specific traits were selected based on goals (Diamond, 2002; Gregory, 2009). The development of specialized breeds, improved to produce specific products or to reach a morphological standard, increased the differences between domesticated animals and their wild relatives and also generated an enormous variety of different populations, with specific traits related to their specialization. Some of these traits are controlled by several interacting genes with minor effects. This creates an exceptional opportunity to gain knowledge of the molecular basis of these traits, particularly since most economically important traits in livestock are quantitative (Andersson and Georges, 2004). The identification of genes targeted by selection in livestock can help to find and prove causal mutations in regions previously identified by QTL mapping experiments and can reveal genes related to ecological traits. Furthermore, these studies can help to identify the genes or gene networks that contribute to the same trait but that were selected differentially between breeds; they can also unveil genes responsible for genetic correlations and the domestication process (Schlotterer, 2003; Hayes *et al.*, 2008; Ojeda *et al.*, 2008; Flori *et al.*, 2009; MacEachern *et al.*, 2009). The selection signatures in different livestock species are described below:

### **1) Cattle**

There are many signatures associated with domestication and early breed development in cattle. The coat colour patterns are one such trait which was selected during domestication because particular patterns may have been used as markers associated with improved individuals or because of cultural preferences (Fang *et al.*, 2009; Wiener and Wilkinson, 2011). The MC1R gene (Melanocyte Stimulating Hormone Receptor) regulates the production of eumelanin and pheomelanin pigments (Werth *et al.*, 1996; Kijas *et al.*, 1998; Fang *et al.*, 2009; Li *et al.*, 2010b) and influence the coat colour pattern. These genes are found to be under selection in domestic cattle (Flori *et al.*, 2009; Stella *et al.*, 2010). Selection signatures around other genes affecting coat colour like KIT (V-Kit Hardy-Zuckerman 4 Feline Sarcoma Viral Oncogene Homolog) have been reported for cattle (Stella *et al.*, 2010; Wiener *et al.*, 2011), while PMEL17 (Melanocyte Protein 17 Precursor) also known as the SILV (Silver gene) is suggested to be under selection in cattle (Gautier *et al.*, 2009; Wiener *et al.*, 2011).

The presence or absence of horns is another important characteristic in defining breeds in some livestock species. The RXFP2 (Relaxin-Like Receptor 2) gene was found to be associated with this trait (Johnston *et al.*, 2011). In cattle, the region surrounding the polled locus was found to be under selection (Drogemuller *et al.*, 2005; Li *et al.*, 2010; Stella *et al.*, 2010). Reduction in fear and anti-predator responses and an increase in sociability are behavioural changes due to domestication (Diamond, 2002; Amaral *et al.*, 2011; Wiener and Wilkinson, 2011). Numerous studies in livestock suggest selection signatures surrounding genes related to nervous system development and function (The Bovine HapMap Consortium, 2009; Gautier *et al.*, 2009; Stella *et al.*, 2010; Amaral *et al.*, 2011).

## **2) Beef Cattle**

In centromeric region BTA 14 selection signals were found in beef cattle using Integrated Haplotype Score (iHS) and Fixation Index approaches ( $F_{ST}$ ) [ $F_{ST}$  is a measure of population differentiation due to genetic structure. It is frequently estimated from genetic polymorphism data, such as SNP or microsatellites] (Hayes *et al.*, 2009; The Bovine HapMap Consortium, 2009; Wiener *et al.*, 2011) and this region is reported to be involved in the regulation of marbling and fatness traits (Barendse, 1999; Pannier *et al.*, 2010; Veneroni *et al.*, 2010). Another selection signal was detected as decrease in heterozygosity around the GDF-8 (Growth Differentiation Factor 8 or myostatin) gene has been demonstrated in double muscle breeds (Wiener *et al.*, 2003; Wiener and Gutierrez-Gil, 2009). The  $F_{ST}$  approach was used to detect a selection signature in the median region of BTA2 and this region contains R3HDMI (R3H Domain Containing 1) and ZRANB3 (Zinc Finger, RAN Binding Domain Containing 3) genes which were found to be associated with feed efficiency in beef cattle (Barendse *et al.*, 2009; The Bovine HapMap Consortium, 2009; Qanbari *et al.*, 2011).

## **3) Dairy Cattle**

On BTA6, three QTL regions that have been linked with milk traits (Khatkar *et al.*, 2004; Ogorevc *et al.*, 2009; Weikard *et al.*, 2012), which were found to be under selection in dairy breeds (Hayes *et al.*, 2008; Barendse *et al.*, 2009; The Bovine HapMap Consortium, 2009; Qanbari *et al.*, 2010; Schwarzenbacher *et al.*, 2012). The first region

contains the ABCG2 [ATP Binding Cassette, sub family G (WHITE) Member 2] gene which has been reported to associated with milk yield and quality traits (Olsen *et al.*, 2007; Cole *et al.*, 2009; Weikard *et al.*, 2012). The second region contains the PPARGC1A (Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptor Gamma, Co-activator 1 Alpha) gene that has been shown to mediate the expression of genes involved in adipogenesis and gluconeogenesis (Weikard *et al.*, 2005; Ogorevc *et al.*, 2009). The third region harbours the Casein cluster genes which are associated with milk and protein yield (Sodeland *et al.*, 2011). A high linkage disequilibrium using Extended Haplotype Homozygosity (EHH) and iHS in dairy breeds in the region surrounding DGAT1 showed that the gene was under selection (Hayes *et al.*, 2009; Qanbari *et al.*, 2010; Hosokawa *et al.*, 2012; Schwarzenbacher *et al.*, 2012). The gene was found to have a major effect on milk fat percentage (Khatkar *et al.*, 2004; Cole *et al.*, 2009; Hayes *et al.*, 2010; Jiang *et al.*, 2010). Two QTLs for milk traits were mapped to the BTA20. The first QTL surrounded the GHR gene (Growth Hormone Receptor Gene) and was associated with milk yield and fat percentage. The second QTL overlapping PRLR gene (Prolactin Receptor) was associated with fat and protein yield. Studies have shown these regions to be under selection (Khatkar *et al.*, 2004; Cole *et al.*, 2009; Ogorevc *et al.*, 2009; Jiang *et al.*, 2010). Another selection signal was found in the region surrounding STAT1 gene (Signal Transducer and Activator of Transcription 1) (Hayes *et al.*, 2009; Hosokawa *et al.*, 2012). This gene was involved in mammary gland development and was associated with milk, fat and protein yield (Cobanoglu *et al.*, 2006). Using iHS approach the region surrounding SIGLEC-5 (Sialic Acid Binding Ig- Like Lectin 5) and ZNF577 (Zinc Finger Protein 577) was found be under selection (Qanbari *et al.*, 2011). These genes were associated with net merit and related traits like conformation, longevity and calving ease in Holstein Friesian cattle (Cole *et al.*, 2009).

Dash (2016) identified 41, 29 and 60 selective sweep regions in Sahiwal-Tharparkar, Sahiwal-Gir and Tharparkar-Gir breed pairs, respectively. The main candidate genes for milk performance traits found within the selective sweep regions were, ACADL (Acyl-CoA dehydrogenase, Long Chain), SLC26A2 (Solute Carrier Family 26 Member 2), PLCB1 (Phospholipase C Beta 1), SYT9 (Synaptotagmin 9), ATPAF1 (ATP Synthase Mitochondrial F1 Complex Assembly Factor 1), LEF1 (Lymphoid Enhancer Binding

Factor 1), EIF6 (Eukaryotic Translation Initiation Factor 6), ACSS3 (Acyl-CoA Synthetase Short Chain Family Member 3), PLA2R1 (Phospholipase A2 Receptor 1), SCP2 (Sterol Carrier Protein 2), CACNA2D1 (Calcium Voltage-Gated Channel Auxiliary Subunit Alpha2delta 1) and SUMF1 (Sulfatase Modifying Factor 1)

#### **4) Pigs**

Ojeda *et al.* (2008) identified a selection signature in IGF2 gene in Pietrain, Hampshire and Duroc breeds using Tajimas D approach. This gene mutation was associated with increase in muscle mass and decrease in fat content (Van Laere *et al.*, 2003). The MC4R gene (Melanocortin 4 Receptor) associated with growth and fatness traits has also been shown to be under selection in pigs (Rubin *et al.*, 2012; Onteru *et al.*, 2013). The ESR gene (Estrogen Receptor) which was associated with litter size in pigs (Rothschild *et al.*, 1996; Short *et al.*, 1997) has been found to be under selection in Large White breed (Bonhome *et al.*, 2010).

#### **5) Sheep and goats**

IL-32 (Interleukin) gene was found to be under selection in goats breeds of China (Asif *et al.*, 2016). The GDF-8 gene was found to have strong selection signal in sheep using F<sub>ST</sub> approach in Texel breed (Kijas *et al.*, 2012). The region surrounding this gene was associated with carcass traits in the breed (Johnson *et al.*, 2005; Clop *et al.*, 2006).

### **2.14 Methods for detection of selection signature**

Based on the hitch-hiking theory positive selection can leave a set of informative signatures such as:

- 1) Reduced local variability
- 2) Deviated spectrum of allele frequencies
- 3) A specific linkage disequilibrium pattern

Based on these signatures, a variety of statistical approaches are available for selection signature detection from SNP data (SNP-chip or sequence data). Qanbari and Simianer (2014) classified these methods in two main groups: intra-population statistics and inter-populations statistics. Intra-population statistics searches for informative signatures by comparison of

genomic data within populations. Intra-population statistics are focused on three neutrality theory:

- 1) **Site frequency spectrum (SFS)** is a class of tests which summarizes the allele frequency distribution of polymorphisms in a region of interest. A widely used statistic established in this class is Tajima's D (Tajima, 1989). A more recent statistic in this class is the maximum of composite likelihood ratio (CLR) (Nielsen *et al.*, 2005).
- 2) **Linkage disequilibrium (LD)** refers to the non random association of alleles between two or more loci. An ongoing or incomplete selection signature has a high-frequency haplotype with extended LD, which is mainly because recombination does not (or rarely) occur during the rapid increase in frequency of a haplotype carrying a beneficial mutation. Popular LD based tests include relative Extended Haplotype Homozygosity (rEHH) (Sabeti *et al.*, 2002), Integrated Haplotype Score (iHS) (Voight *et al.*, 2006) and Linkage Disequilibrium Decay Test (LDD) (Wang *et al.*, 2006).
- 3) Reduced local variability is a class of methods that identify genomic regions with a systematically reduced variation (e.g., nucleotide diversity or heterozygosity) relative to the average across the genome. Some tests in this class are Runs of Homozygosity (ROH) (McQuillan *et al.*, 2008) and Pooled Heterozygosity (HP) (Rubin *et al.*, 2010).

Inter-populations statistics compare genomic data between two or more populations to identify regions with informative signatures. Statistics in these methods focus on differentiation between populations. According to the theory that most populations exhibit some degree of population structure, comparison of genomic data between populations can reveal regions that have been under selection in different populations. Inter-populations statistics can be classified in two groups:

- 1) **Single site differentiation:** Single site differentiation is the simplest and most popular group. The statistic used to detect local increases in population stratification under selection is  $F_{ST}$  (Wright, 1949). A more recent statistic based on single site differentiation is FLK (Bonhomme *et al.*, 2010)

- 2) **Haplotype based differentiation analyses:** Ascertainment bias of SNP has lesser effect while using haplotype clusters rather than SNPs. Methods in this class use haplotype information in multiple population comparisons. The popular methods in this class is cross population extended haplotype homozygosity (XP-EHH) (Sabeti *et al.*, 2007) and hapFLK, a haplotype based extension of the FLK statistic (Fariello *et al.*, 2013).

# **CHAPTER –3**

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## **Materials & Methods**

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### 3. Materials and Methods

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#### 3.1 Experimental animals

The present study was carried out in 10 Sahiwal cows. Blood samples were collected from unrelated animals from the field (Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan, Noormahal, Jalandhar , Punjab) and Livestock Research Centre, ICAR-NDRI, Karnal.

#### 3.2 Isolation of genomic DNA

The genomic DNA was isolated from blood samples by Phenol: Chloroform: Isoamyl alcohol extraction method as described by Sambrook and Russell (2001) with modifications to suit our laboratory condition.

The protocol followed for isolation of genomic DNA was as follows:

1. The blood samples were thawed to room temperature and 10 ml of blood was transferred to oak ridge tubes.
2. The tubes were filled with chilled RBC lysis buffer (1x), mixed end to end and placed in ice for 10 min.
3. The tubes were centrifuged at 4000 rpm for 15-20 min at room temperature and the reddish tinged supernatant containing plasma and lysed RBC were discarded.
4. Steps 2-3 were repeated, till the WBC pellet appeared nearly white in colour.
5. About 3 ml of DNA extraction buffer) was added in the tubes, tapped to disperse the WBC pellet in the extraction buffer and kept in incubator at 37°C for 30 minutes.
6. SDS (10% ) at 200 µl per 10 ml of blood was added and was gently mixed in the tubes by inverting.
7. Twenty micro litre of Proteinase K (20 mg Proteinase K /ml) was added to the tube and was incubated at 50°C overnight.
8. After 24 hours, the contents were transferred into a clean, sterile, autoclaved polypropylene tube, containing equal amount of Tris saturated phenol, the contents were gently mixed by inverting the tubes for 15 min.

9. Centrifugation was done at 4000 rpm for 15-20 min.
10. The upper aqueous phase containing DNA was transferred into fresh 15 ml, clean, sterile, autoclaved polypropylene tubes using 1ml tip.
11. Similar extractions were repeated (as in steps 8, 9 and 10) again with equal volume of phenol: chloroform: isoamyl alcohol (25: 24: 1) and then with chloroform: isoamyl alcohol (24: 1).
12. To the final aqueous phase, 3M sodium acetate (pH-5.2) at 100 µl/per ml of aqueous phase was added and was mixed gently.
13. Two volumes of ethanol (chilled) were added, and the tubes were gently mixed by inversion and kept at room temperature to allow precipitation of DNA.
14. DNA along with 500 µl of ethanol was transferred into fresh eppendroffs (1.5 ml) by means of wide bore tips and centrifuged in micro centrifuge at 10,000 rpm for 10 min.
15. The supernatant was discarded by gentle inversion where DNA pellet was intact, otherwise aspirated when DNA pellet was loose.
16. Washed the DNA pellet twice in 500µl of 70% ethanol i.e. 500µl of 70% ethanol was added and eppendroffs were centrifuged at 10000 rpm for 10 min at room temperature.
17. The DNA pellet was air dried after inverting on blotting paper so that last traces of ethanol were removed.
18. Approximately 200 µl of TE buffer was added and put in water bath at 60°C for 2 hr.
19. The eppendroffs were stored at 4°C for a week so that DNA was dissolved properly and subsequently shifted to -20°C temperature for further use.

### **3.3 Quality and quantity checking of DNA**

The quality of the genomic DNA was checked by agarose gel electrophoresis. The quantity of DNA was estimated by the digital nano-photometer. Optical density (OD) was also determined as the ratio of OD<sub>260</sub> and OD<sub>280</sub> for each sample. Quantity of DNA was calculated using the following formula.

$$\text{Quantity of DNA } (\mu\text{g/ml}) = \text{OD}_{260} \times \text{Dilution Factor} \times 50\mu\text{g/ml}$$

### **3.4 Library preparation**

The samples meeting the required QC parameters of more than 100ng/ul concentration and having a OD<sub>260</sub> by OD<sub>280</sub> ratio of 1.7-1.9 was considered for library preparation using the standard protocols described for ddRAD by Peterson *et al.* (2012).

#### **Library preparation workflow:**

1. Double digestion of genomic DNA (1 microgram) was done using *SphI* and *MluCI* restriction enzymes.
2. The digested products were cleaned-up using Ampure beads.
3. P1 (Barcoded) and P2 adaptors were ligated using T<sub>4</sub> DNA ligase.
4. The ligated products were pooled and cleaned up
5. Size selection of the products were done after 2% agarose gel electrophoresis.
6. The PCR amplification was carried to enrich and add the Illumina specific adaptors and flow cell annealing sequences to the size selected sequences
7. Quality control was carried out using bioanalyzer
8. The libraries were pooled for sequencing.

### **3.5 Sequencing**

Next generation sequencing of the libraries was carried out using Illumina HiSeq 2000 sequencing platform. The ddRAD library preparation and sequencing was carried out by SciGenom Labs Pvt Ltd, Kochi, Kerala

### **3.6 Identification of genome wide SNPs**

#### **3.6.1 Read processing**

The raw reads were demultiplexed using custom perl scripts to obtain sample specific reads. Up to one mismatch was allowed to demultiplex the sample data. The low quality bases and regions showing base bias at the start or end and was removed from the reads using Prinseq lite version 0.20.4 (Schmieder and Edwards, 2011). The Illumina 5' and 3' adapter sequences were also removed. The processed reads were analysed using FastQC and Process radtags of stacks (Catchen *et al.*, 2013) for finding the RAD loci.

### **3.6.2 Alignment**

The processed reads were then aligned to the reference genome. Both *Bos taurus* (Bos\_taurus\_UMD\_3.1.1) and *Bos indicus* (Bos\_indicus\_1.0) genome was used.

### **3.6.3 Variant calling**

The aligned samples and the reference genome sequence were used for variant calling. Samtools/bcftools version 1.6 (Li *et al.*, 2009) were used for variant calling. The variants identified were filtered for minimum read depth (at 2, 5 and 10) maximum read depth ( $D \leq 500$ ) and base quality score ( $Q \geq 30$ ). The work flow for SNP identification is given in Figure 3.1.

### **3.7 SNP annotation**

The SNPs discovered were annotated both structurally and functionally with the help of SnpEFF (Cingolani *et al.*, 2012). The missense SNPs were analysed using SIFT (Sorting Intolerant from Tolerant) tool (Kumar *et al.*, 2009) to find their effect on protein structure and function.

### **3.8 Novel SNP identification**

The SNPs obtained after the variant calling were compared with the cattle SNPs in dbSNP (build 150) of NCBI to identify the novel SNPs.

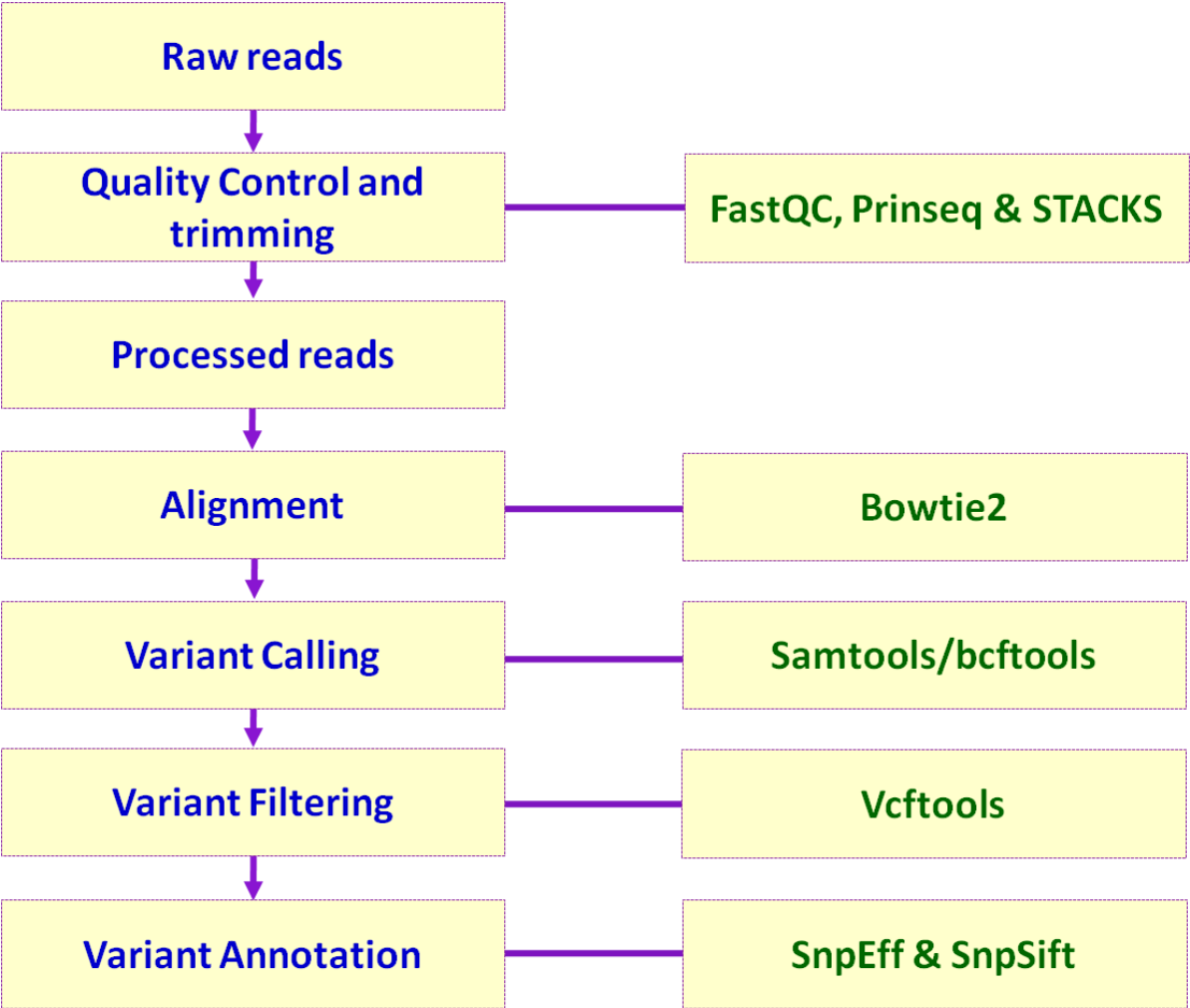
### **3.9 SNP validation**

A set of 31 SNPs were selected so as to have at least one SNP per chromosome. Primers were designed using Primer3 software (<http://www.primer3.ut.ee>) (Untergasser *et al.*, 2012) for the target SNPs genotyping.

### **3.10 Mapping the SNPs to cattle QTLs**

The SNPs identified were mapped to the cattle QTLs for production, reproduction, health and adaptation traits to find SNPs located in the QTL regions. The QTL information was downloaded from the cattle QTL database (<http://www.animalgenome.org/cgi-bin/QTLdb/BT/index>).

**Figure 3.1 Bioinformatics workflow for SNP identification and annotation**



### **3.11 Genotyping efficiency**

The genotyping efficiency of the ddRAD was studied by finding the number of SNP loci that got genotyped in 50% and 100% of samples at different read depths. The analysis was done using vcftools v 0.1.15.

### **3.12 Identification of genome wide SSRs**

As the ddRAD sequencing reads were short and numerous, the `μstacks` script in `Stacks` v1.39 was used to construct consensus sequences for each sample. These consensus sequences were constructed from aligning a set of short-read sequences obtained from ddRAD sequencing into exactly-matching stacks.

Then, the `pipe1.pl` scripts in `QDD_v3` (Meglecz *et al.*, 2010) was used to identify the sequences containing microsatellites with di to hexa nucleotide motifs. The minimum repeat number for motifs to be identified as microsatellite was set to 5. Only simple/perfect SSR were selected. The sequences of the ten individuals with microsatellites were aligned using the `QDD pipe2.pl` script. This was done to identify polymorphic microsatellite loci among the ten samples. The `pipe3.pl` scripts in `QDD_v3` utilizing the program `Primer v3` was used to design SSR primers (<http://bioinfo.ut.ee/primer3-0.4.0/>). The expected products ranged from 90 to 300 bp. The primer size ranged from 18 to 23 bp with the optimal size of 20 bp. The optimum GC content was 50%, and the optimum melting temperature was set to 60°C. The SSR identified were annotated to different chromosomes using `blastn` tool of NCBI. The bioinformatics work flow for SSR identification and annotation is given in Figure 3.2

### **3.13 Comparison of ddRAD SNPs with SNP chip data**

The identified SNPs from the ddRAD sequencing was compared with SNPs in the Bovine SNP chip (Illumina BovineSNP50 BeadChip and Illumina BovineHD BeadChip) data with respect to total number of SNPs and number of SNPs per chromosome.

### **3.14 Comparison ddRAD sequencing with whole genome sequence**

The ddRAD sequencing reads were aligned with the cattle reference genome to find the genome coverage. The analysis was done using both reference genomes and for each sample separately

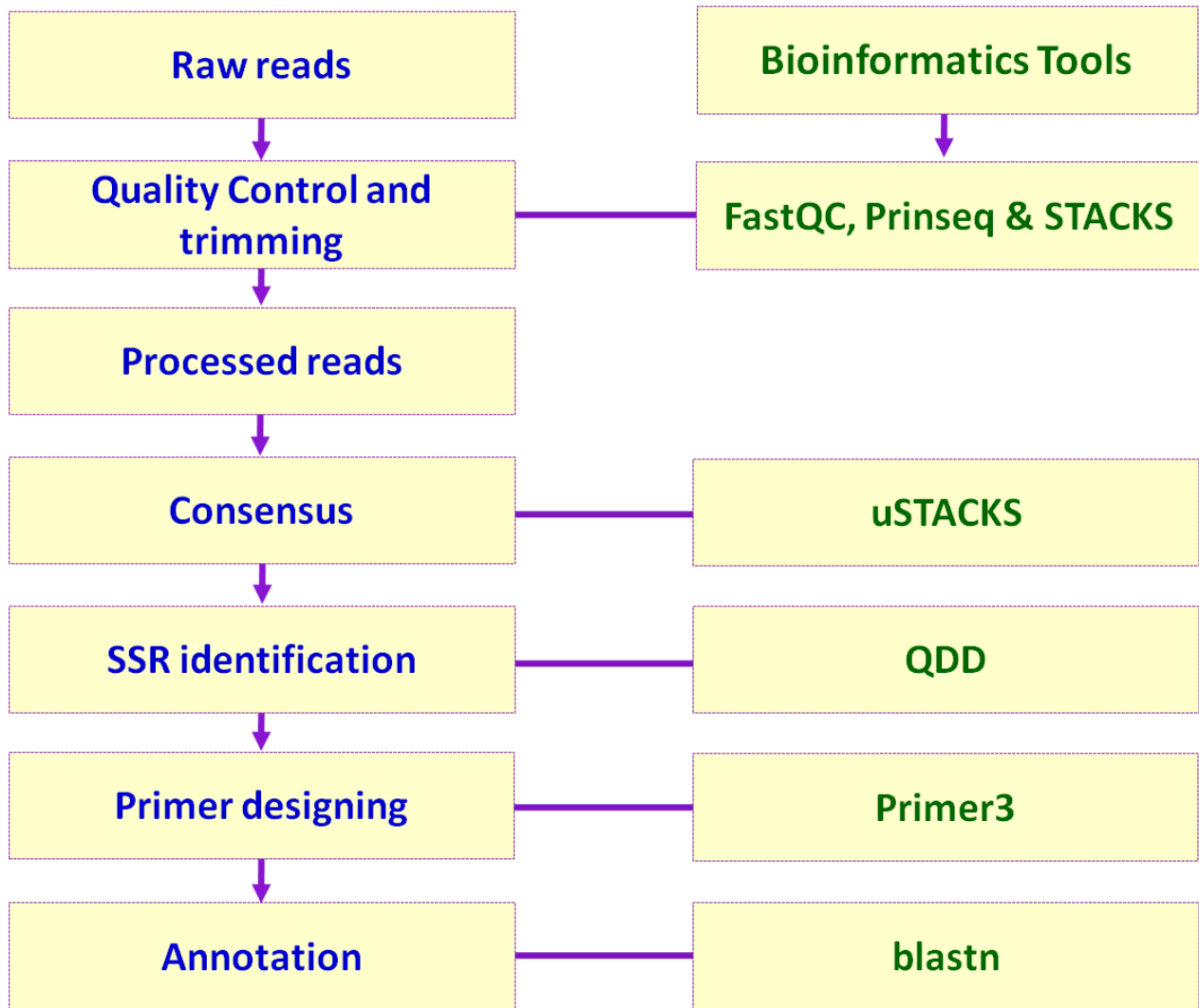
### **3.15 Detection of Selection sweeps**

The selection sweeps were detected using SweeD 3.0 (Pavlidis *et al.*, 2013) using the selective sweep model as described by Nielsen *et al.* (2005). The grid value was taken as 1000000. The window size along each chromosome ranged from ~40-150. SweeD works on a composite likelihood ratio test which identifies complete selective sweeps using Site frequency Spectrum patterns of SNPs in the genome. Hypothesis testing is done using a likelihood ratio test that compares the model (assuming neutrality) with alternative models. Higher CLR values denote a candidate region for selective sweep. The top 1% of the CLR values was taken as putative sweeps.

#### **3.15.1 Annotation of Selection sweeps**

The genes occurring in the selective sweep regions were identified by comparing it with the information provided by the UMD3.1 bovine genome assembly (Zimin *et al.* 2009). The genes identified in the selective sweep regions were submitted to DAVID (Database For Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery) for gene enrichment analysis (Dennis *et al.*, 2003). The clustering was done based on GO (gene ontology) BO (biological process) terms and KEGG (Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes) pathways (Ogata *et al.*, 1999; Ashburner *et al.* 2000).

**Figure 2.2 Bioinformatics workflow for SSR identification and annotation**



# **CHAPTER –4**

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## **Results and Discussion**

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## 4. Results and Discussion

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### 4.1 Genome-wide variant identification in Sahiwal cattle

#### 4.1.1 SNP identification using *Bos taurus* as reference sequence

In Sahiwal cattle, 450431 genome wide SNPs were identified with reference to *Bos taurus* genome at a minimum read depth of 2 (Figure 4.1). The number of SNPs reduced to 399711 and 324373 with read depth increasing to 5 and 10, respectively. Total 33085 indels were identified in Sahiwal genome with a minimum read depth of 2, while 29460 and 23595 indels were found with the read depth set to 5 and 10, respectively. The number of SNPs identified on bovine autosomes were highly correlated (Pearson's correlation coefficient = 0.992,  $P \leq 0.001$ ) with the chromosome length (Figure 4.2 and Figure 4.3). The chromosome 1 was found to have the maximum number of SNPs and indels. Chromosome wise distribution of SNPs and indels at different read depths have been given in table 4.1

The number of SNPs identified in the present study was in the accordance with previous reports. De Donato *et al.* (2013) identified 63697 SNPs in 47 animals from both taurine and indicine breeds using single enzyme GBS method. Brouard *et al.* (2017) using a double enzyme GBS method identified 272103 SNPs in 48 dairy cows. Malik *et al.* (2018) identified 107488 SNPs by GBS approach in 24 animals belonging to seven Indian cattle breeds and high correlation between the length of the chromosome and the number of SNP was observed. Using the same method Gurgul *et al.* (2019) reported 8065 high confidence SNPs in 48 individuals of different cattle breeds. Yang *et al.* (2018) found 10058 SNPs in 40 dairy cows using a modified RAD sequencing method. Wang *et al.* (2018) identified 238725 high confidence SNPs in indigenous cattle breeds of China using RAD sequencing approach.

#### 4.1.2 SNP identification using *Bos indicus* as reference sequence

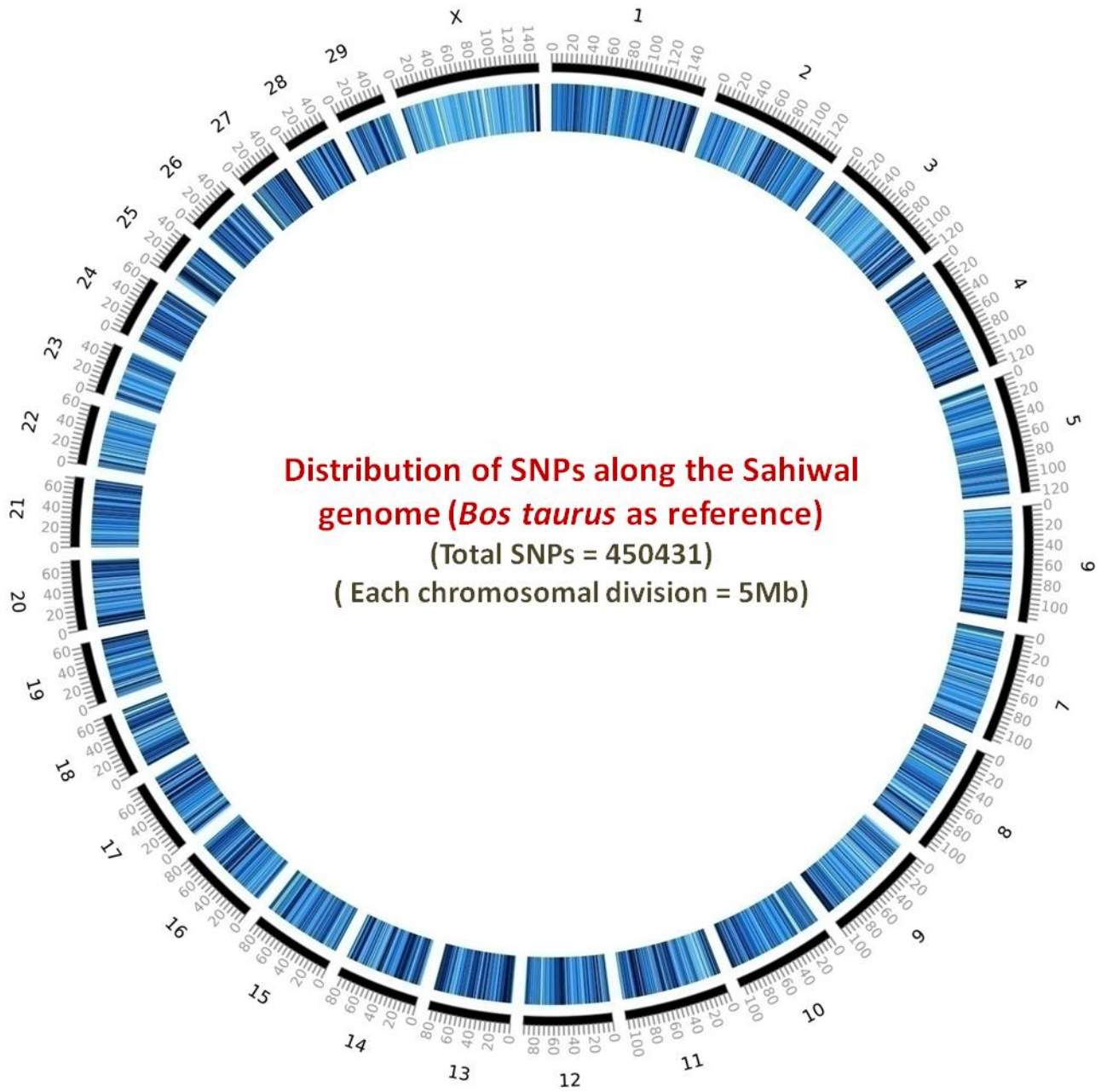
Total 258231 genome wide SNPs were identified in Sahiwal cattle with reference to *Bos indicus* reference genome with a minimum read depth of 2 (Figure 4.4). At read depth 5 and 10, 232570 and 193803 SNPs were identified, respectively. Also 29868 indels were identified in Sahiwal genome with a minimum read depth of 2, while 26463 and 21232 indels were found with the read depth set to 5 and 10, respectively. The number of SNPs identified on bovine autosomes was highly correlated (Pearson's correlation coefficient = 0.982,  $P \leq 0.001$ ) with the

chromosomes' length (Figure 4.5 and Figure 4.6). There are no previous reports available on SNP identification using *Bos indicus* reference genome to compare the present findings. Chromosome wise distribution of SNPs and indels at different read depths are given in table 4.2.

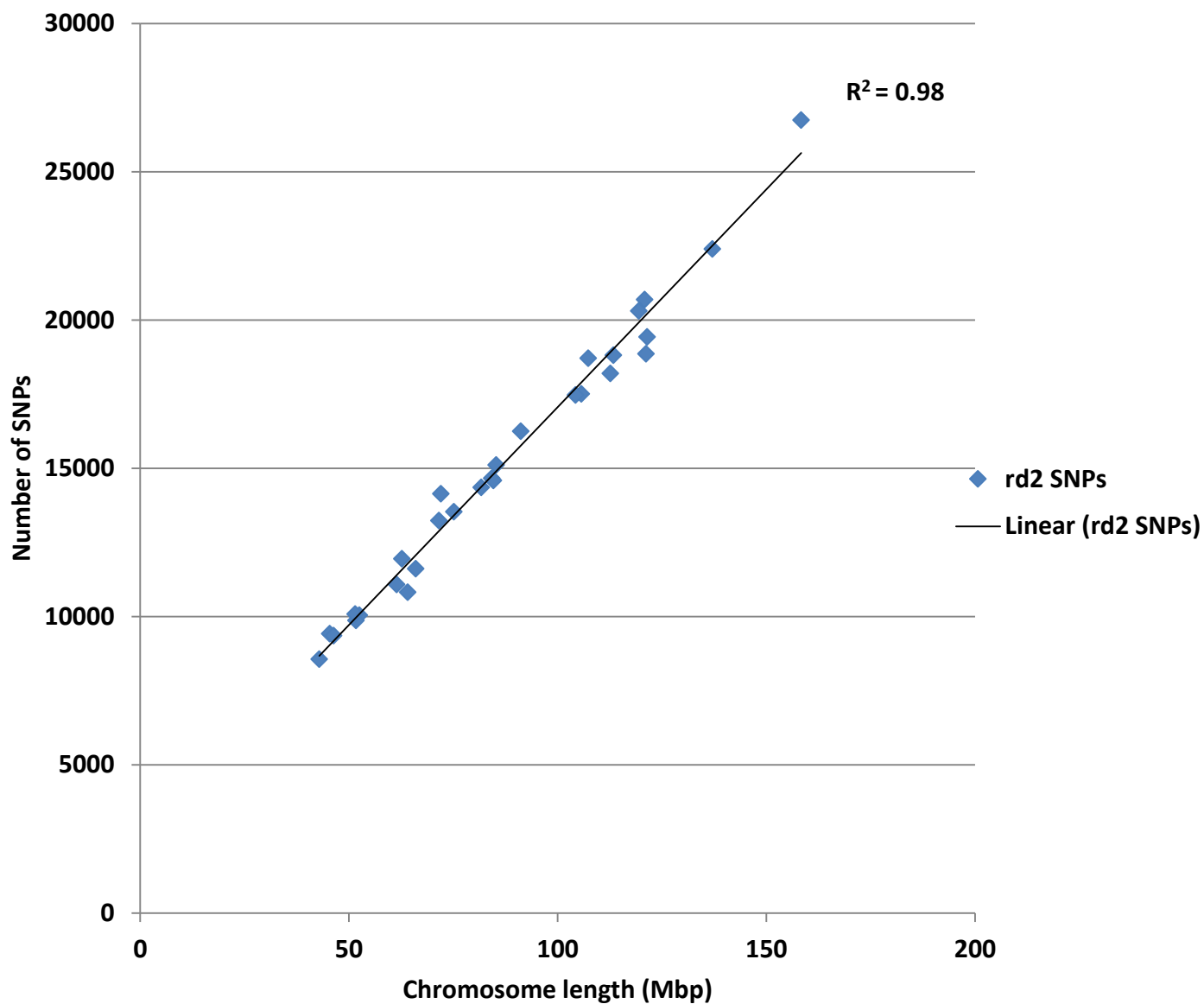
**Table 4.1 Chromosome-wise variants identified in Sahiwal with *Bos taurus* (*Bos\_taurus\_UMD\_3.1.1*) as reference genome**

Chr.	Unfiltered		Read Depth 2		Read Depth 5		Read Depth 10	
	SNP	INDEL	SNP	INDEL	SNP	INDEL	SNP	INDEL
1	59222	4004	26743	1974	23663	1763	19171	1415
2	46513	3404	22401	1760	19808	1553	15840	1249
3	39271	2796	19430	1431	17279	1264	13978	1011
4	43856	3173	20693	1645	18183	1453	14533	1189
5	41178	2841	18859	1386	16672	1224	13563	989
6	42697	3085	20306	1550	17870	1367	14452	1096
7	39753	2633	18201	1320	16197	1197	13164	949
8	41411	2875	18811	1432	16691	1289	13512	1016
9	36978	2618	17505	1325	15437	1177	12445	991
10	36810	2579	17472	1340	15560	1208	12655	991
11	37537	2672	18707	1325	16688	1195	13529	964
12	35437	2319	16245	1169	14358	1029	11576	806
13	28199	2021	14663	1042	13131	919	10828	730
14	31011	2108	14586	1063	13031	950	10659	754
15	32077	2086	15115	1020	13399	893	10845	706
16	29237	2071	14359	1066	12891	953	10481	756
17	27440	1964	13535	1003	12064	904	9862	719
18	22376	1564	11611	867	10382	790	8685	644
19	19958	1440	10824	805	9697	728	8020	577
20	27888	1886	14136	1003	12535	882	10011	692
21	26044	1676	13233	854	11783	774	9580	622
22	20758	1405	11084	721	9929	646	8116	529
23	19613	1475	10047	773	8917	683	7271	543
24	24216	1624	11948	880	10559	778	8644	625
25	14994	1074	8559	581	7705	521	6397	433
26	19414	1351	9870	735	8807	667	7213	542
27	20782	1250	9418	627	8251	563	6685	459
28	18550	1289	9356	696	8327	618	6748	516
29	22262	1362	10080	697	9010	612	7341	508
X	34298	2274	12591	994	10859	860	8562	641
<b>Total</b>	<b>939781</b>	<b>64919</b>	<b>450388</b>	<b>33084</b>	<b>399683</b>	<b>29460</b>	<b>324366</b>	<b>23595</b>

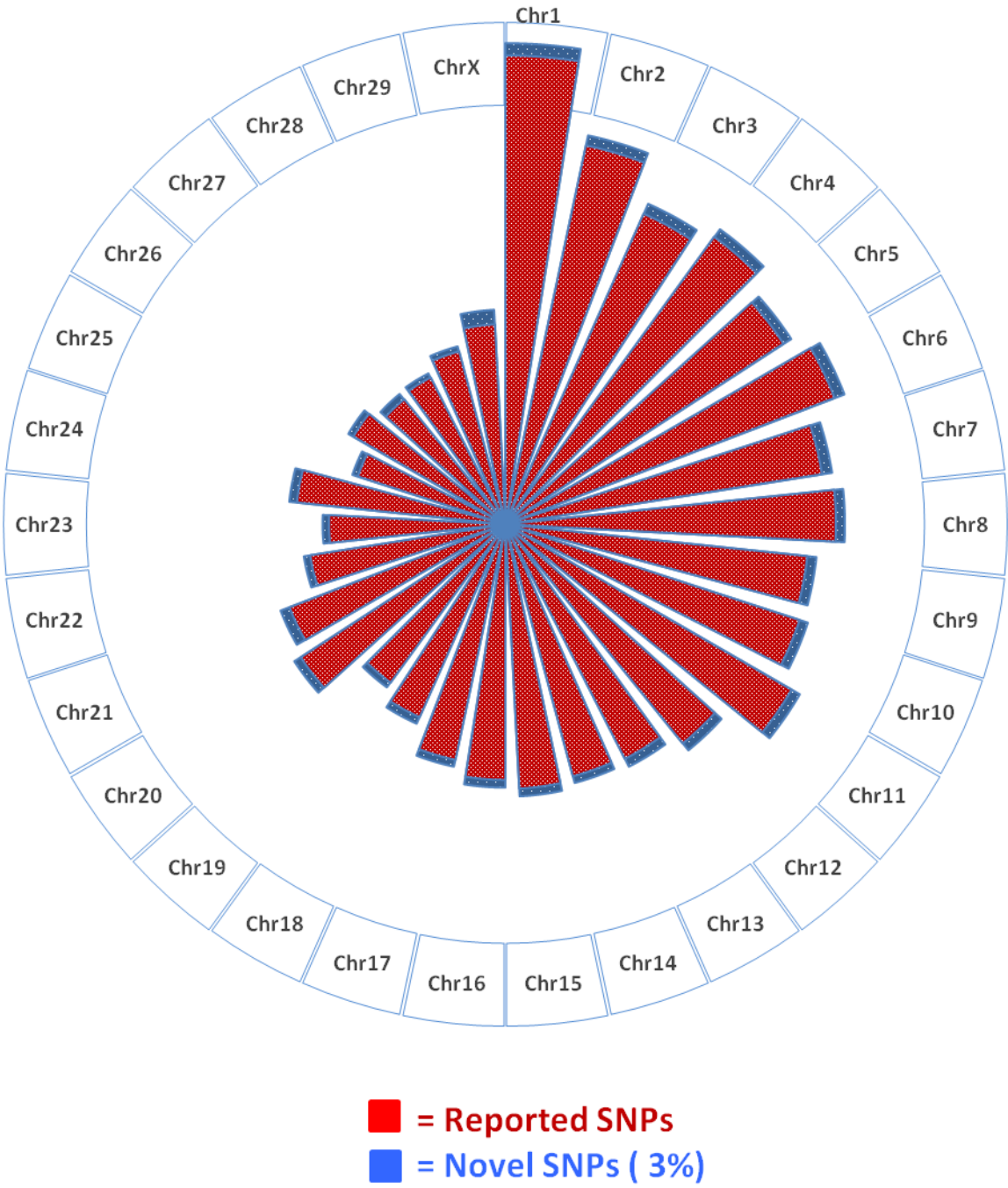
**Figure 4.1 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in Sahiwal cattle**



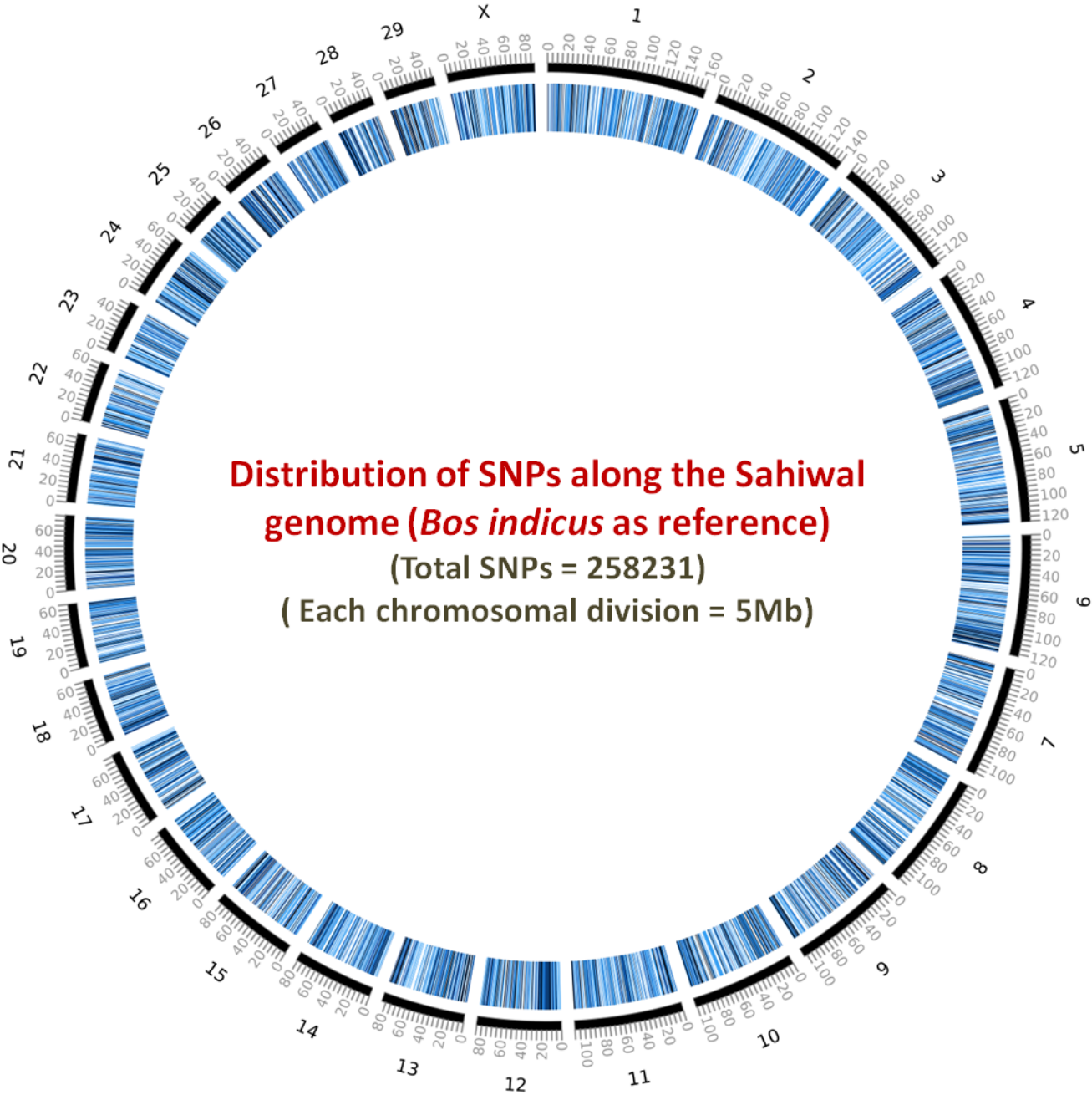
**Figure 4.2** Correlation between chromosome length and number of ddRAD SNPs in Sahiwal cattle (*Bos taurus* as reference)



**Figure 4.3** Chromosome wise distribution of Novel SNPs in Sahiwal (*Bos taurus* as reference)



**Figure 4.4** Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in Sahiwal cattle (*Bos indicus* as reference)



**Table 4.2 Chromosome-wise variants identified in Sahiwal with *Bos indicus* (Bos\_indicus\_1.0) as reference genome**

Chr.	Unfiltered		Read Depth 2		Read Depth 5		Read Depth 10	
	SNP	INDEL	SNP	INDEL	SNP	INDEL	SNP	INDEL
1	39598	3526	14851	1759	13346	1549	11089	1258
2	33463	3067	12602	1558	11357	1381	9345	1106
3	29846	2650	11411	1330	10291	1181	8566	948
4	31136	2910	12135	1509	10797	1334	8903	1078
5	29297	2615	10912	1291	9781	1131	8153	909
6	31492	2715	12147	1375	10935	1218	8969	963
7	27460	2355	11092	1191	10021	1078	8311	849
8	27768	2633	10688	1344	9652	1180	8046	950
9	26502	2350	10383	1187	9332	1052	7655	826
10	25904	2449	9806	1261	8851	1117	7387	904
11	26243	2450	10770	1272	9701	1136	8115	915
12	25523	2037	10227	1047	9180	926	7669	727
13	19450	1867	7929	966	7238	848	6084	678
14	20312	1835	7973	971	7238	858	6125	675
15	21632	1815	8591	901	7693	788	6487	623
16	19953	1802	8155	938	7356	840	6087	670
17	18535	1736	7560	926	6859	822	5762	659
18	15276	1439	6799	789	6116	709	5190	585
19	14338	1339	6129	749	5628	672	4701	539
20	20311	1733	8204	949	7388	833	6088	644
21	17635	1470	7387	746	6646	670	5549	544
22	14689	1274	6641	656	6023	583	5048	478
23	13618	1330	5753	695	5164	610	4340	491
24	17031	1520	7140	804	6396	704	5349	568
25	11145	1036	4997	534	4498	475	3850	388
26	14642	1221	5563	648	5026	574	4208	471
27	13323	1120	5498	594	4910	529	4087	432
28	12528	1167	5368	622	4783	560	3967	467
29	13385	1206	5638	646	5140	572	4323	468
X	21237	1386	5882	610	5224	533	4350	419
<b>Total</b>	<b>653272</b>	<b>58053</b>	<b>258231</b>	<b>29868</b>	<b>232570</b>	<b>26463</b>	<b>193803</b>	<b>21232</b>

### 4.1.3 Identification of novel SNPs

Novel SNPs were identified by comparing the ddRAD SNPs with those existing in public database (NCBI dbSNP build 150). The novel SNPs 14908, 11570 and 9828 were identified with respect to *Bos taurus* reference at read depth 2, 5 and 10, respectively. At read depth 2, 5 and 10 the number of identified novel SNPs were 150231, 134502 and 12443, respectively in Sahiwal cattle with reference to *Bos indicus* genome. Chromosome wise distribution of novel SNPs at different read depths compared to different reference genomes are given in the table 4.3

Gurgul *et al.* (2019) found 758 novel SNPs (9.4% of total SNPs identified) in taurine cattle using a single enzyme GBS method. Another study (Wang *et al.*, 2018) on taurine cattle using single enzyme RAD method identified 103574 novel SNPs (43.4% of total SNPs identified).

The NCBI dbSNP (build 150) contains 104.3 million *Bos taurus* and 17.8 million *Bos indicus* reference SNPs. The large number of novel SNPs identified in *Bos indicus* as reference genome might be due to the recent inclusion of *Bos indicus* in SNP databases leading to low number of reported SNPs.

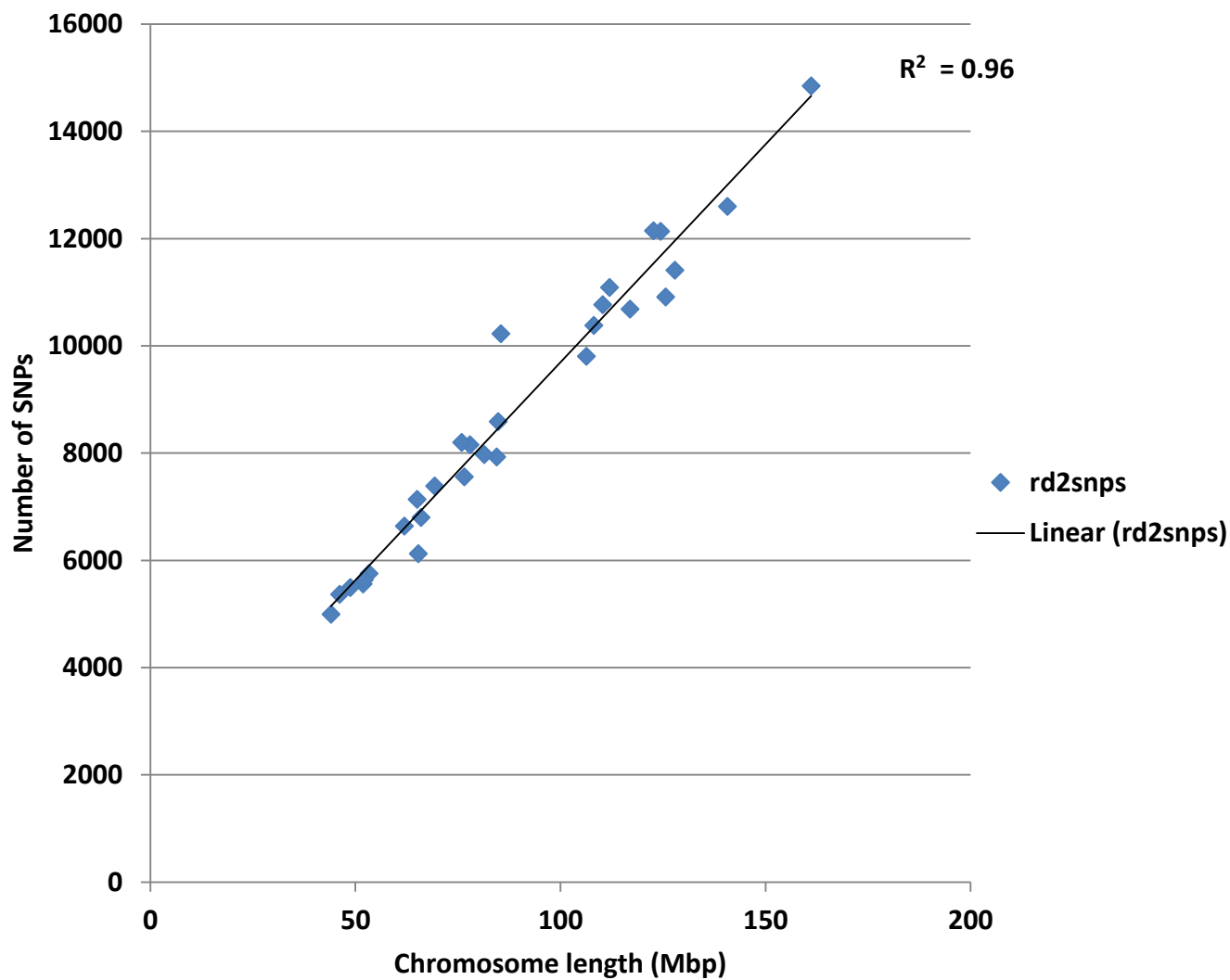
## 4.2 Genotyping efficiency

The genotyping efficiency of ddRAD sequencing was studied by identifying the number of SNPs getting genotyped in 50% and 100% of samples. The analysis was done separately for the different read depths of 2, 5 and 10 and also for the two reference genomes.

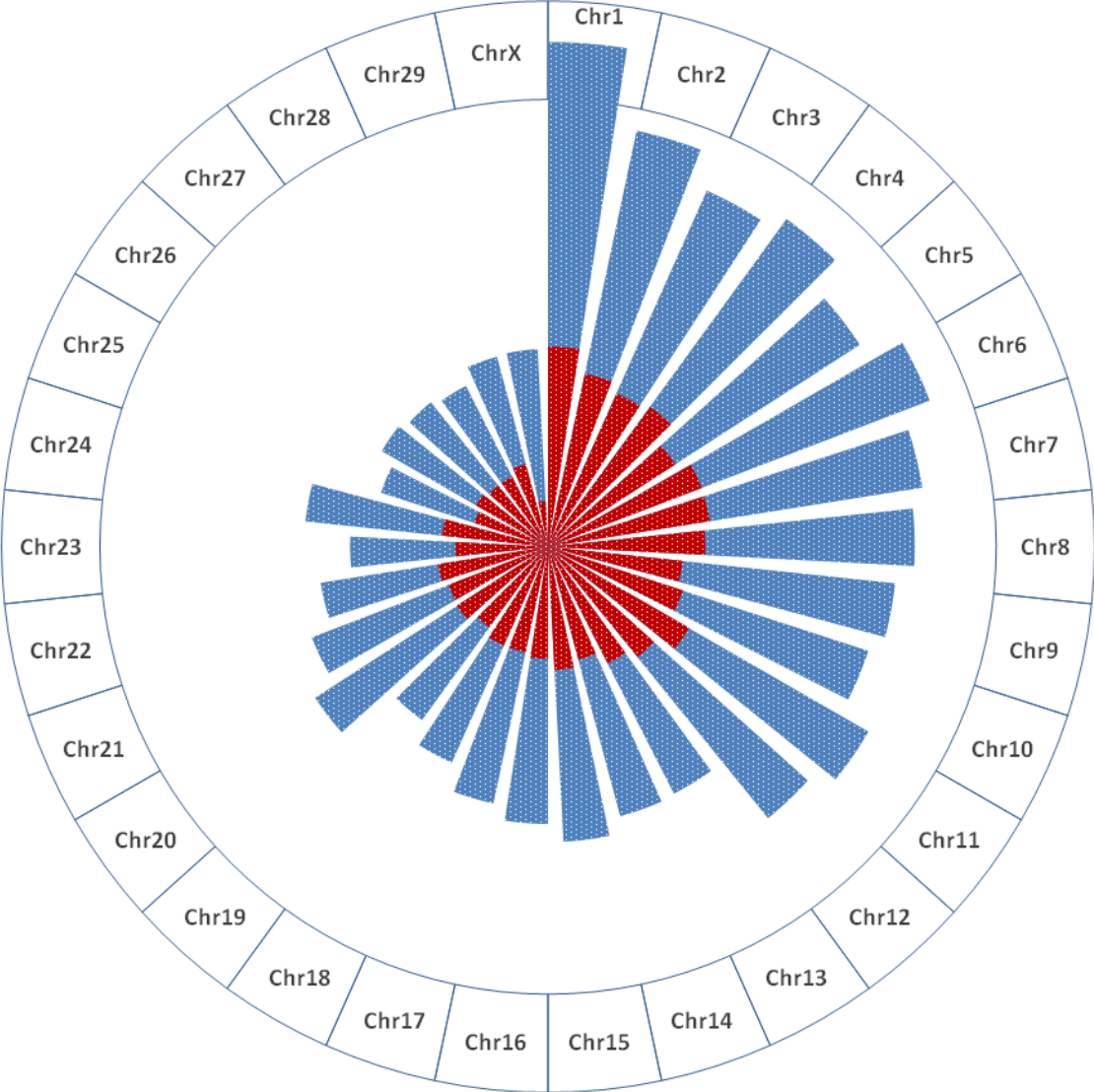
### 4.2.1 Genotyping efficiency of SNPs identified with *Bos taurus* as reference genome

In 50% of samples of Sahiwal cattle 314344, 314344 and 293394 SNPs were genotyped at read depth 2, 5 and 10, respectively. While the number of SNPs genotyped in all the 10 samples remained same (82648) regardless of read depth criteria (Table 4.4). About 90.44% and 25.40% of the high confidence SNPs identified were genotyped in 50% and 100% of the samples respectively. The sample wise genotyping efficiency is given in figure 4.7. These results showed that with other filtering parameters set at optimum levels, the read depths did not make any significant difference in genotyping efficiency.

**Figure 4.5** Correlation between chromosome length and number of ddRAD SNPs in Sahiwal cattle (*Bos indicus* as reference)

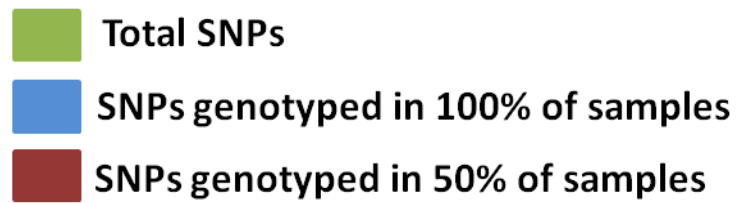
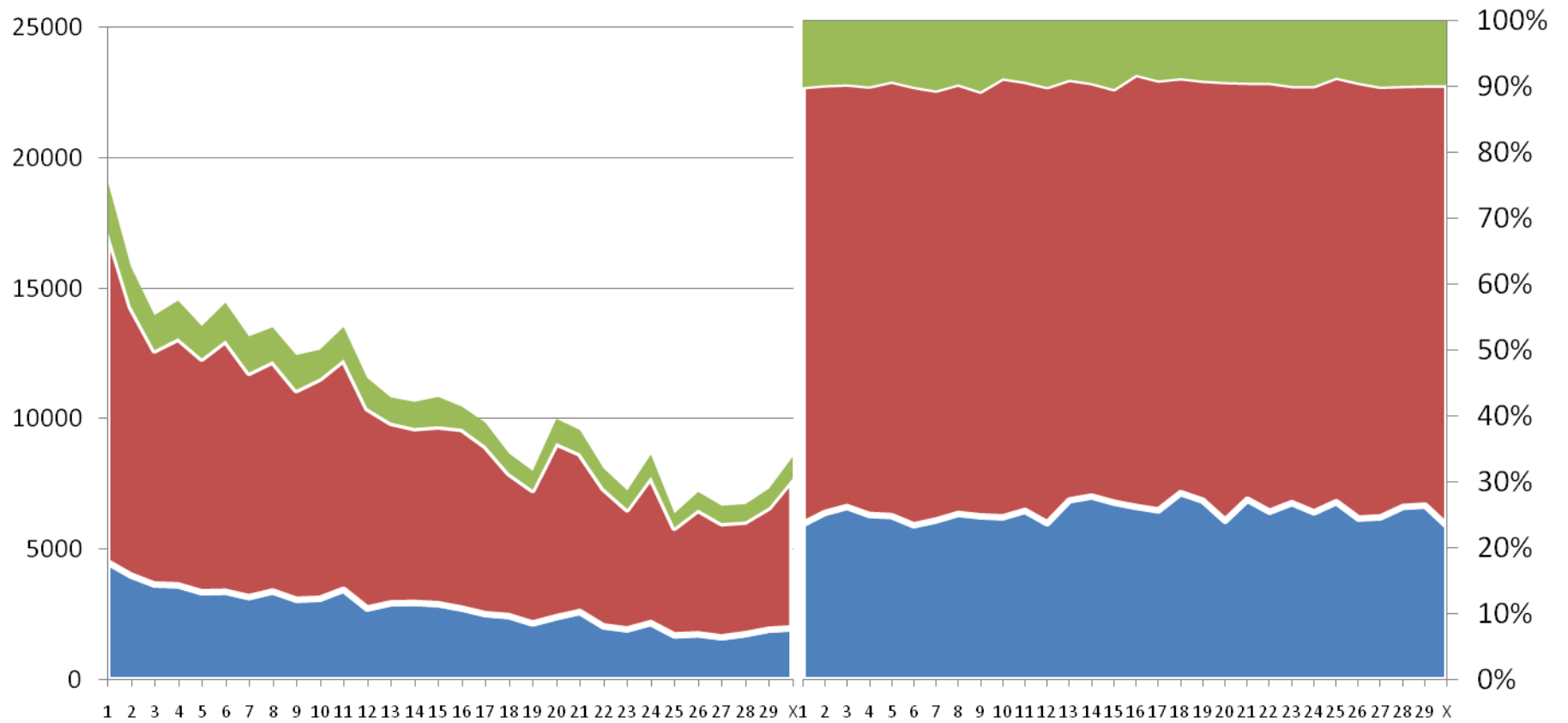


**Figure 4.6** Chromosome wise distribution of Novel SNPs in Sahiwal (*Bos indicus* as reference)



**■ = Reported SNPs**  
**■ = Novel SNPs (60%)**

**Figure 4.7 Genotyping efficiency of SNPs identified in Sahiwal cattle with *Bos taurus* as reference genome**



**Table 4.3** Novel SNPs identified in Sahiwal with *Bos taurus* (Bos\_taurus\_UMD\_3.1.1) as reference genome

Chromosome	Novel SNPs at different Read Depths		
	Read Depth 2	Read Depth 5	Read Depth 10
1	827	615	505
2	626	512	417
3	583	499	443
4	634	471	383
5	627	443	356
6	646	480	407
7	592	457	395
8	580	454	342
9	558	403	350
10	519	381	333
11	597	440	365
12	544	414	354
13	466	382	351
14	407	315	276
15	489	377	314
16	425	345	310
17	451	357	277
18	412	314	283
19	301	254	231
20	494	351	290
21	496	404	364
22	353	275	237
23	346	275	242
24	398	320	290
25	294	242	220
26	318	256	220
27	448	335	278
28	273	223	187
29	304	257	212
X	900	719	591
<b>Total</b>	<b>14908</b>	<b>11570</b>	<b>9828</b>

**Table 4.4** Novel SNPs identified in Sahiwal with *Bos indicus* (Bos\_indicus\_1.0) as reference genome

Chromosome	Novel SNPs at different Read Depths		
	Read Depth 2	Read Depth 5	Read Depth 10
1	8913	7969	6686
2	7407	6629	5455
3	6535	5845	4878
4	7029	6207	5102
5	6541	5834	4833
6	7277	6537	5366
7	6337	5692	4727
8	6140	5515	4606
9	6322	5613	4694
10	5671	5094	4287
11	6057	5410	4552
12	6014	5401	4552
13	4218	3813	3205
14	4599	4157	3557
15	5055	4488	3773
16	4849	4352	3625
17	4419	4001	3390
18	3655	3270	2815
19	3324	3021	2515
20	5049	4530	3713
21	4282	3808	3217
22	3480	3132	2616
23	3111	2778	2318
24	4075	3627	3023
25	2804	2498	2157
26	3174	2871	2394
27	3171	2814	2359
28	3018	2678	2239
29	3199	2911	2445
X	4506	4007	3344
<b>Total</b>	<b>150231</b>	<b>134502</b>	<b>112443</b>

DeDonato *et al.* (2013) reported 63.9% (40725) of the SNPs identified by GBS method in cattle were genotyped in  $\geq 90\%$  of the samples. Wang *et al.* (2018) identified that 45.32% (240924) of the SNPs identified in the 55 Chinese cattle using RAD sequencing was genotyped in 100% of the samples. Single enzyme based GBS method has found 95.4% (7694) of the high quality SNPs passing stringent filtering parameters were genotyped in 100% of samples (Gurgul *et al.*, 2019). The lower percentage of SNPs genotyped in 100% of the samples in the present study might be because of use of different restriction enzymes and filtering parameters optimized for maximum variant identification.

#### **4.2.2 Genotyping efficiency of SNPs identified with *Bos indicus* as reference genome**

The genotyping efficiency analysis with respect to *Bos indicus* genome yielded similar results as that of *Bos taurus*. Total 188653, 188653 and 177767 SNPs were genotyped in 50% of samples at read depths of 2, 5 and 10, respectively; whereas, 52841 SNPs were genotyped in 100% of the samples irrespective of the read depth level (Table 4.6). Among the high confidence SNPs identified 91.86% and 27.30% were genotyped in 50% and 100% of the samples, respectively. The sample wise genotyping efficiency has been given in figure 4.8.

There were no previous reports available on reduced representation approaches using *Bos indicus* as reference genome to compare and contrast the present findings.

#### **4.3 SNP annotation**

The structural and functional annotation of the identified SNPs was carried out for both *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus* as reference genomes. The SNP effects were classified based on their functions, impact and genomic region (Tables 4.7 to 4.9). The resulting nucleotide changes and amino acid changes were also identified and presented in tables 4.10 to 4.13.

The silent mutations were most frequent among the functional class. The missense to silent ratio was 0.52 (*Bos taurus* genome) and 0.62 (*Bos indicus* genome). The SNPs classification based on their impact revealed maximum SNPs in modifier class followed by low impact class. Among the genomic regions maximum SNPs were found in intergenic regions, consequently, more number of SNPs were found in the modifier class.

**Table 4.5** Genotyping efficiency of identified SNPs (*Bos taurus* as reference genome)

Chromosome	Read Depth 2		Read Depth 5		Read Depth 10	
	Number of Samples (%)					
	50	100	50	100	50	100
1	18516	4538	18516	4538	17251	4538
2	15394	4021	15394	4021	14299	4021
3	13578	3674	13578	3674	12637	3674
4	14119	3644	14119	3644	13092	3644
5	13171	3378	13171	3378	12321	3378
6	14013	3398	14013	3398	13013	3398
7	12623	3192	12623	3192	11779	3192
8	13098	3409	13098	3409	12216	3409
9	11943	3095	11943	3095	11117	3095
10	12411	3128	12411	3128	11557	3128
11	13155	3477	13155	3477	12285	3477
12	11153	2756	11153	2756	10418	2756
13	10568	2955	10568	2955	9866	2955
14	10388	2971	10388	2971	9658	2971
15	10419	2922	10419	2922	9728	2922
16	10274	2756	10274	2756	9629	2756
17	9568	2541	9568	2541	8975	2541
18	8428	2466	8428	2466	7933	2466
19	7718	2184	7718	2184	7296	2184
20	9820	2422	9820	2422	9086	2422
21	9276	2625	9276	2625	8686	2625
22	7826	2074	7826	2074	7357	2074
23	7011	1954	7011	1954	6556	1954
24	8257	2201	8257	2201	7793	2201
25	6212	1728	6212	1728	5849	1728
26	6966	1769	6966	1769	6539	1769
27	6491	1653	6491	1653	6020	1653
28	6486	1774	6486	1774	6085	1774
29	7068	1945	7068	1945	6625	1945
X	8386	1998	8386	1998	7727	1998
<b>Total</b>	<b>314336</b>	<b>82648</b>	<b>314336</b>	<b>82648</b>	<b>293390</b>	<b>82648</b>

**Table 4.6 Genotyping efficiency of identified SNPs (*Bos indicus* as reference genome)**

Chromosome	Read Depth 2		Read Depth 5		Read Depth 10	
	Number of Samples (%)					
	50	100	50	100	50	100
1	10751	2944	10751	2944	10129	2944
2	9085	2562	9085	2562	8561	2562
3	8289	2420	8289	2420	7840	2420
4	8754	2425	8754	2425	8200	2425
5	7950	2200	7950	2200	7482	2200
6	8760	2216	8760	2216	8198	2216
7	7973	2138	7973	2138	7504	2138
8	7811	2095	7811	2095	7345	2095
9	7469	2033	7469	2033	7000	2033
10	7308	1980	7308	1980	6854	1980
11	7887	2178	7887	2178	7424	2178
12	7417	2010	7417	2010	7051	2010
13	5981	1790	5981	1790	5648	1790
14	5991	1844	5991	1844	5622	1844
15	6236	1923	6236	1923	5912	1923
16	6024	1698	6024	1698	5670	1698
17	5587	1532	5587	1532	5294	1532
18	5065	1594	5065	1594	4788	1594
19	4562	1338	4562	1338	4301	1338
20	5922	1589	5922	1589	5559	1589
21	5405	1585	5405	1585	5079	1585
22	4902	1365	4902	1365	4649	1365
23	4207	1209	4207	1209	3986	1209
24	5180	1432	5180	1432	4896	1432
25	3731	1076	3731	1076	3547	1076
26	4107	1036	4107	1036	3890	1036
27	4010	1076	4010	1076	3745	1076
28	3854	1082	3854	1082	3670	1082
29	4188	1258	4188	1258	3956	1258
X	4247	1213	4247	1213	3967	1213
<b>Total</b>	<b>188653</b>	<b>52841</b>	<b>188653</b>	<b>52841</b>	<b>177771</b>	<b>52841</b>

**Table 4.7** Effects of SNP by functional class

Type	Number of SNPs	
	<i>Bos taurus</i>	<i>Bos indicus</i>
Missense	493	582
Nonsense	3	5
Silent	954	936
Missense/Silent	0.52	0.62

**Table 4.8** Effects of SNP by impact

Type of Impact	Number of SNPs	
	<i>Bos taurus</i>	<i>Bos indicus</i>
High	12	15
Low	1119	1213
Moderate	493	579
Modifier	368574	478466

**Table 4.9** Effect of SNPs by genomic region

Genomic region	Number of SNPs	
	<i>Bos taurus</i>	<i>Bos indicus</i>
Exon	1530	2153
Intergenic	242579	128819
Intron	97950	146115
Splice Site Acceptor	6	3
Splice Site Donor	3	4
Splice Site Region	173	222
Upstream	13467	25815
5'UTR	113	527
3'UTR	472	2080

The transition to transversion (Ts/Tv) ratio was calculated as an indicator of potential random sequencing errors. With *Bos taurus* as reference genome 1612452 transitions and 652162 transversions were identified in Sahiwal with a Ts/Tv ratio of 2.47. Similar results were obtained with *Bos indicus* reference genome with Ts/Tv ratio of 2.36 comprising of 712399 transitions and 302171 transversions. The above Ts/Tv ratios indicated higher accuracy of the SNPs identified in the present study.

The number of A/T and T/A substitutions was relatively lower than other types of substitutions (Table 4.10-4.11). This could be attributed to the fact that deeper sequencing was needed to discover SNPs in AT-rich genomic regions (Dohm *et al.*, 2008).

These results are supported by previous RADseq study on cattle, which identified 163266 transitions and 75459 transversions, with an overall Ts/Tv ratio of 2.16 (Wang *et al.*, 2018). Surya *et al.* (2018) reported 2.45 Ts/Tv ratio in buffaloes using ddRAD sequencing. Studies using whole genome sequencing for variant identification in cattle have reported Ts/Tv ratios of approximately 2.2 in *Bos taurus*, *Bos indicus* and their crossbreds (Stothard *et al.*, 2011; Choi *et al.*, 2014; Choi *et al.*, 2015; Stafuzza *et al.*, 2017). Higher Ts/Tv ratios were also observed in other reduced representation approaches for genome-wide SNP discovery (Kraus *et al.*, 2011; Le and Durbin 2011; Ba *et al.*, 2017).

#### **4.3.1 SIFT Analysis**

The SIFT (Sorting Intolerant from Tolerant) predicts whether, an amino acid substitution affects protein function based on sequence homology and the physical properties of amino acids. The mutations were found to be deleterious when the SIFT score ranges from 0.0 to <0.05 and considered to be tolerated when the score ranged 0.05 to 1.0 (Kumar *et al.*, 2009). The SIFT analysis was carried out on the 443 non-synonymous SNPs identified. The SIFT scores were not available for 15 SNPs due the lower number of homologous sequences to compare. Out of 443 non-synonymous SNPs, 339 SNPs were found to be tolerated, with changed amino acid but not affecting the protein structure and function. On the other hand SIFT analysis predicted that remaining 89 SNPs were found to having deleterious effect on protein structure and function.

**Table 4.10** Nucleotide changes in Sahiwal cattle with respect to *Bos taurus* reference genome

	A	C	G	T
A	0	12904	54202	8565
C	13274	0	13454	63103
G	63233	13436	0	13429
T	8729	54102	12827	0

**Table 4.11** Nucleotide changes in Sahiwal cattle with respect to *Bos indicus* reference genome

	A	C	G	T
A	0	7834	30664	5698
C	8304	0	8110	39699
G	39644	8043	0	8457
T	5424	30282	7472	0

**Table 4.12 Amino acid changes due to non synonymous SNPs in Sahiwal cattle**  
*(Bos indicus as reference genome)*

	*	A	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	V	W	Y
*																					
A		110		1	5		5							5			4	28	16		
C	1		12			1	9										2				2
D				43	2		2	1		12			9								
E					19		4				12				1						
F			2			26											3				1
G		2		1	8		73									4	3			1	
H								14					3		8	8					4
I					4				35	1	1	8	1				5	5	13		
K				3						13		1	4		2	10					
L						11			3		94	1		9							
M									3		2										
N										1				40							
P											12				111						
Q	1				1			2		2	3					27					
R	1		23				7	21	1	14		1			16	51				9	
S			1			2	3				4		14	3		1	92	2			
T		9							6	4		9	3	5		1	8	97			
V		23		1	1				18		2	7								25	
W	1		1													5					
Y	1					1		1													33

**Table 4.13 Amino acid changes due to non synonymous SNPs in Sahiwal cattle  
(*Bos taurus* as reference genome)**

	*	A	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	T	V	W	Y
*																					
A		110		1	5		5							5			4	28	16		
C	1		12			1	9										2				2
D				43	2		2	1		12			9								
E					19		4				12				1						
F			2			26											3				1
G		2		1	8		73									4	3			1	
H								14					3		8	8					4
I					4				35	1	1	8	1				5	5	13		
K				3						13		1	4		2	10					
L					11			3			94	1		9							
M								3		2											
N									1				40								
P										12				111							
Q	1			1			2		2	3					27						
R	1		23				7	21	1	14		1			16	51				9	
S			1		2	3				4		14	3			1	92	2			
T		9						6	4		9	3	5			1	8	97			
V		23		1	1			18		2	7								25		
W	1		1													5					
Y	1				1		1														33

#### 4.4 Validation of SNPs

Out of the set of 31 SNPs selected for validation, 25 SNPs were successfully amplified and Sanger sequenced. Heterozygous loci were detected in 22 loci out of the 25 sequenced (Figure 4.9). The details of the validated SNPs are summarized in table 4.14.

**Table 4.14 Details of the SNPs validated by sanger sequencing**

	<b>Chromosome</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Alleles</b>
1	1	69513042	G/A
2	2	44729967	G/A
3	3	251534	C/T
4	5	80484794	A/G
5	7	3340499	T/G
6	9	34404747	T/C
7	11	7045033	A/G
8	12	79722429	A/T
9	13	31754433	T/C
10	15	78617028	T/C
11	15	54218636	T/C
12	17	40841339	G/C
13	18	24906224	T/G
14	20	6840788	G/A
15	21	6730554	A/G
16	22	963071	T/G
17	23	22136851	T/C
18	24	7927208	T/C
19	26	35436616	T/G
20	27	4437971	T/C
21	28	13324730	T/A
22	29	6840788	T/C

## 4.5 Mapping of SNP to various QTLs in sahiwal cattle

Mapping of the identified SNPs to the cattle QTLs retrieved from CattleQTL database found 87904 SNPs in different QTLs. Trait-wise QTLs have been discussed in the following sections:

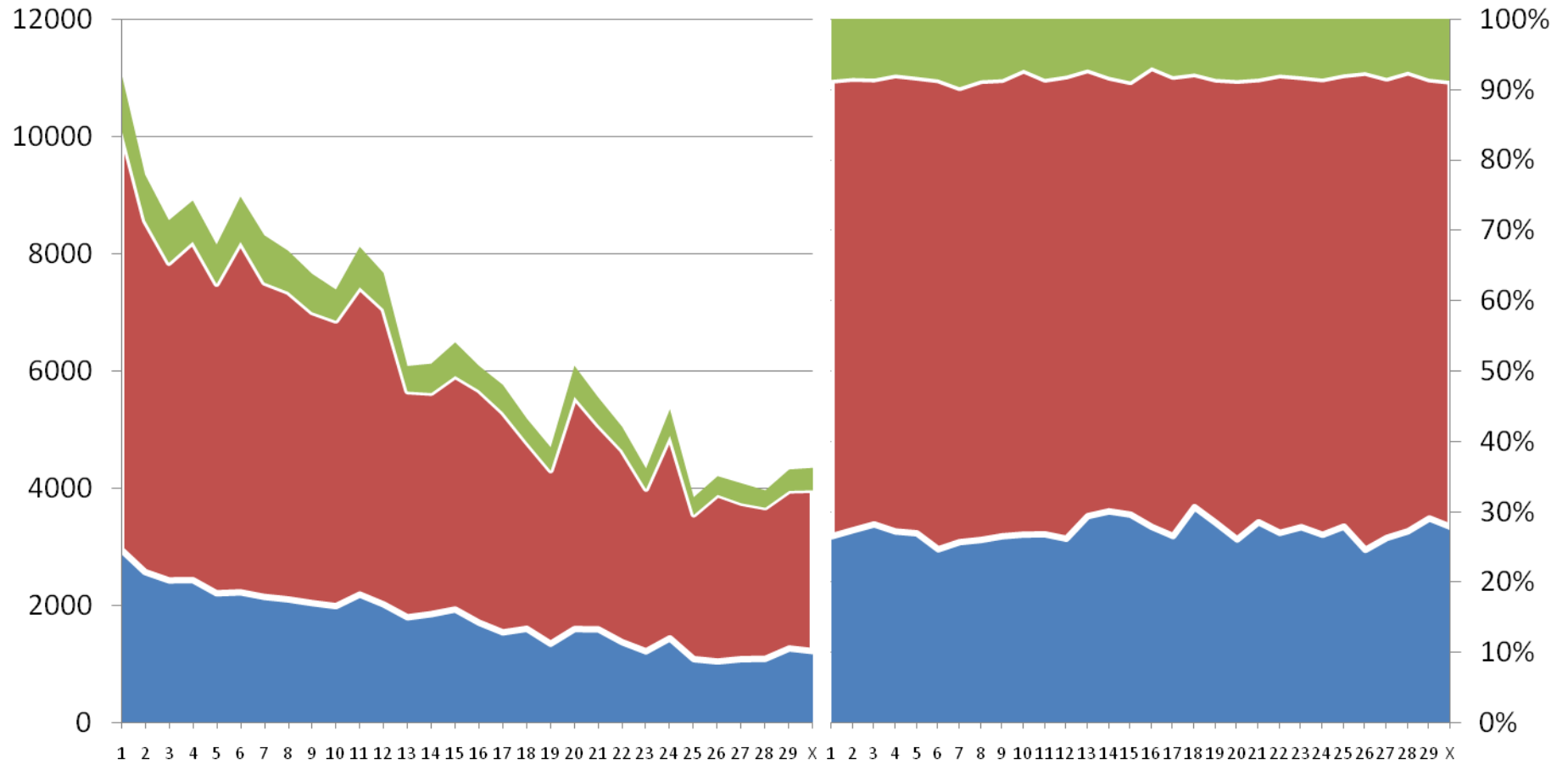
### 4.5.1 Production trait QTLs

Total 22762 SNPs were mapped to production trait QTLs (Table 4.15). The chromosome wise distribution of SNPs in QTLs for milk yield, milk protein and milk fat have been presented in figures 4.10-4.12. All chromosomes except chromosome 12 exhibited SNPs for milk yield QTLs. Chromosome 3, 5, 6, 10, 14, 20 and 26 were having higher density of SNPs in milk yield QTL regions.

The chromosomes 5, 14 and 26 were found to have more SNPs for both milk fat yield and percentage QTLs. The chromosome 17 and 22 did not exhibited any SNPs for milk fat QTLs. SNPs in milk protein QTLs were mostly presented on chromosome 6, 10 and 23. The chromosomes 2 and 26 were found to have SNPs in lactation persistency QTLs.

Candidate genes for milk yield and composition like ANXA9 (Annexin 9 Protein) and SLC27A3 (Fatty Acid Transport Protein Type 3) in chromosome 3; OLR1 (Oxidized Low Density Lipoprotein Receptor 1), ATF4 (Activating Transcription Factor 4), SOCS2 (Suppressor Of Cytokine Signaling 2) and WNT10B (Wnt Family Member 10B) in chromosome 5; PPARGC1A (PPARG Coactivator 1 Alpha), AREGB (Amphiregulin), CSN2 (Casein Beta 2) and ABCG2 (ATP Binding Cassette Subfamily G Member 2) in chromosome 6; DGAT1 (Diacylglycerol O-Acyltransferase 1) and PTK2 (Protein Tyrosine Kinase 2) in chromosome 14; FASN (Fatty Acid Synthase), STAT5A (Signal Transducer And Activator Of Transcription 5A), STAT5B (Signal Transducer And Activator Of Transcription 5B) and STAT3 (Signal Transducer And Activator Of Transcription 3) in chromosome 19; GHR (Growth Hormone Receptor), LIFR (LIF Receptor Alpha), OSMR (Oncostatin M Receptor) and PRLR (Prolactin Receptor) in chromosome 20; PRL (Prolactin) in chromosome 23; SCD (Stearoyl-Coa Desaturase) and DKK1 (Dickkopf WNT Signaling Pathway Inhibitor 1) in BTA26 might be contributing to the higher density of variants in these chromosomes ( Grisart *et al.*, 2002; Brym *et al.*, 2004; Cohen-Zinder *et al.*, 2005; Calvo *et al.*, 2006; Morris *et al.*, 2007; Schennink *et al.*, 2009; Kgwatalala *et al.*, 2009; Raven *et al.*, 2014).

**Figure 4.8 Genotyping efficiency of SNPs identified in Sahiwal cattle with *Bos indicus* as reference genome**



- Total SNPs
- SNPs genotyped in 100% of samples
- SNPs genotyped in 50% of samples

**Figure 4.9 Chromatograms showing heterozygous loci in the validated SNPs**

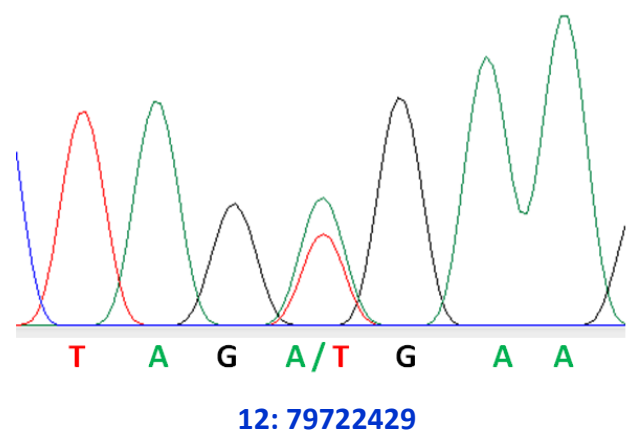
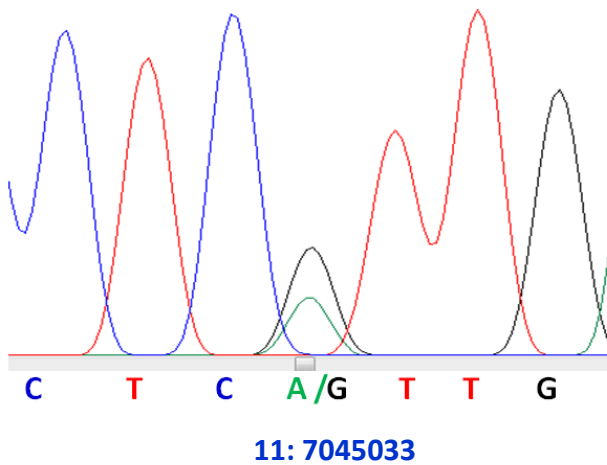
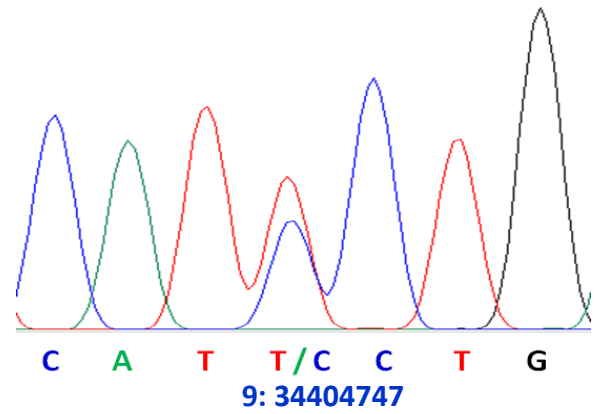
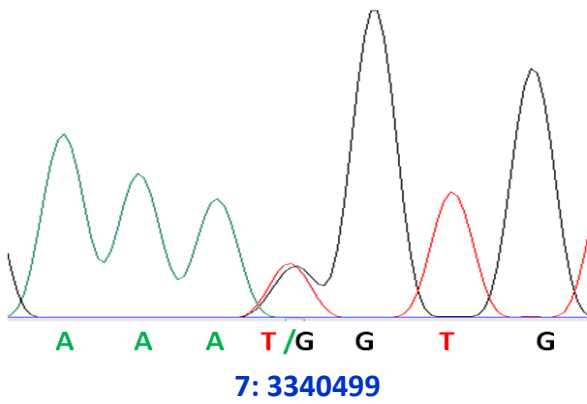
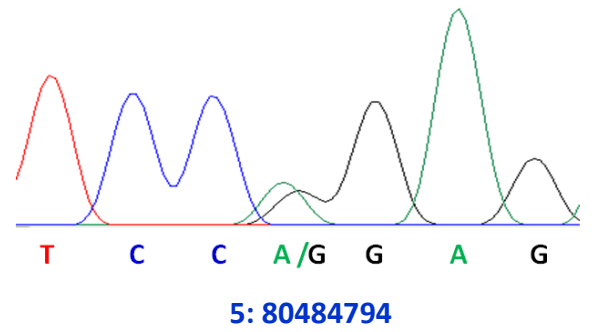
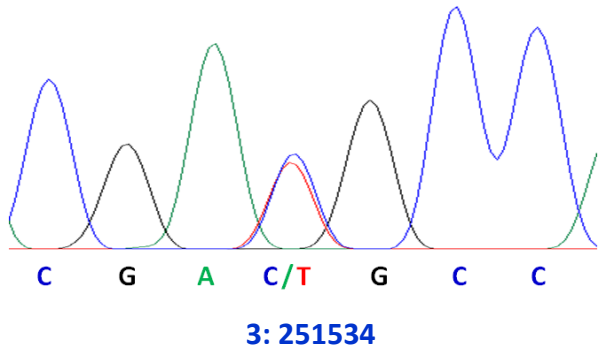
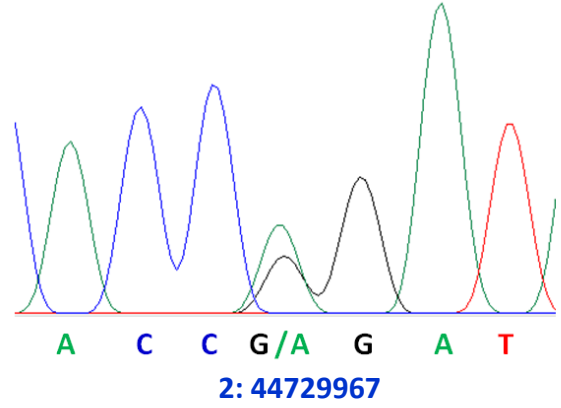
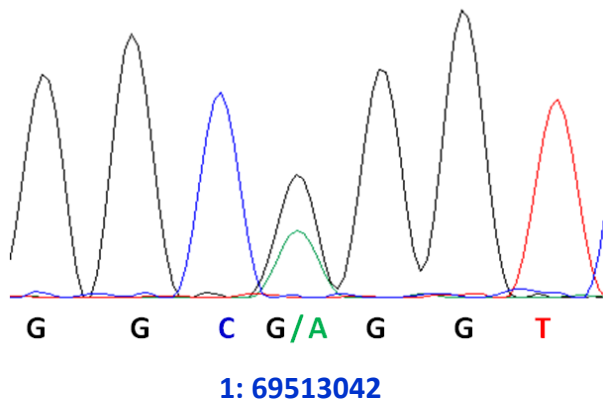


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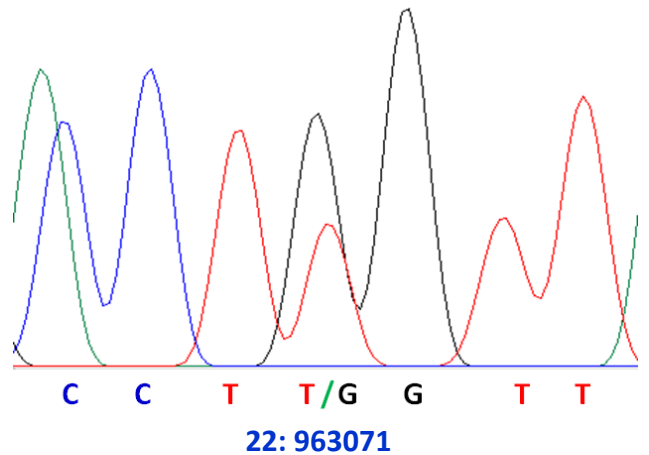
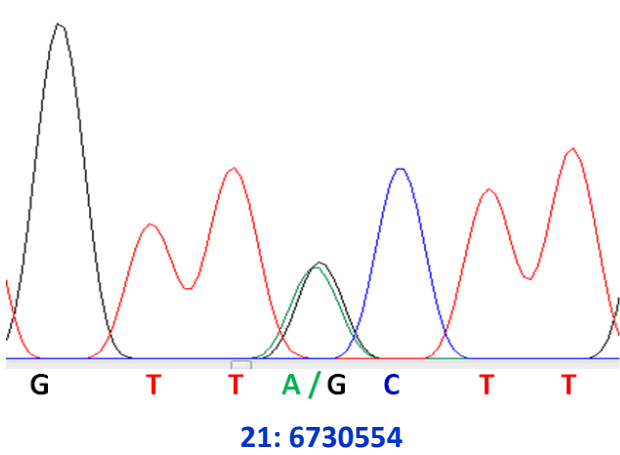
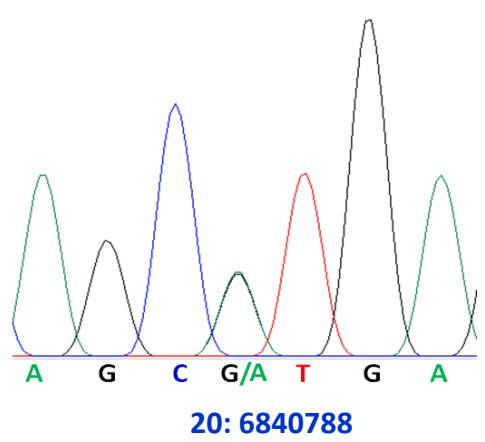
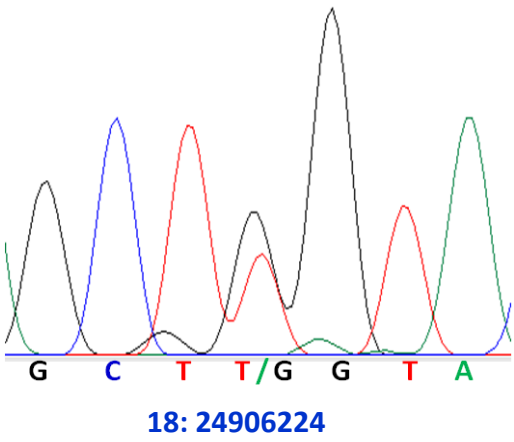
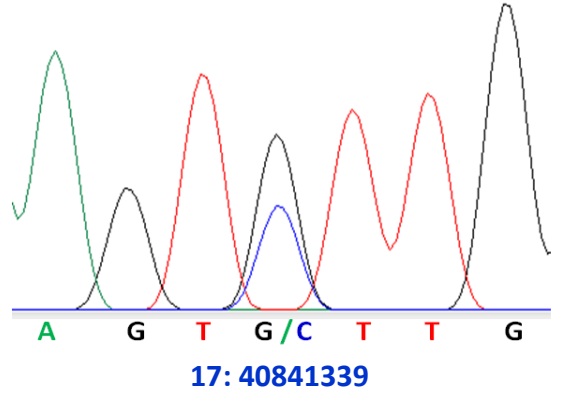
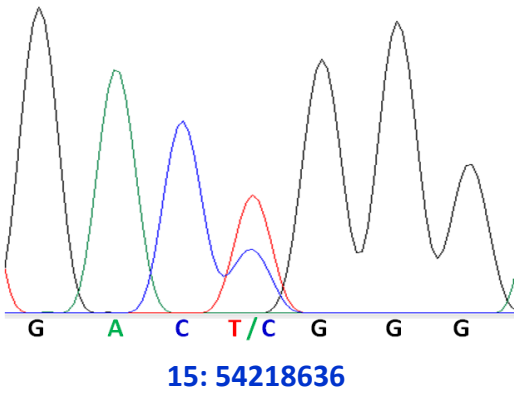
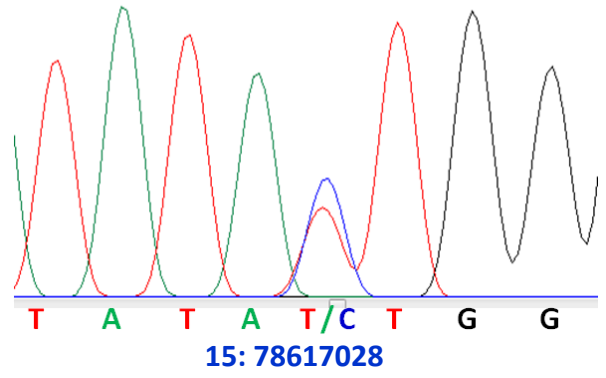
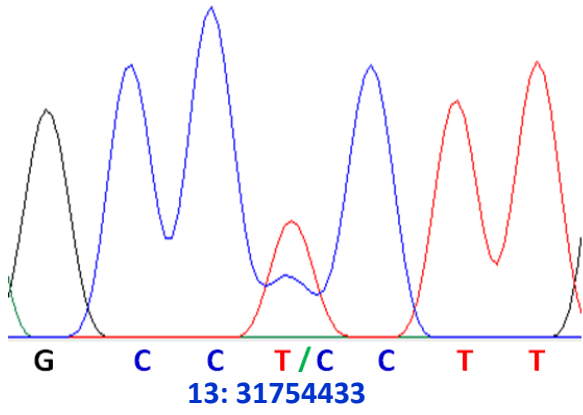
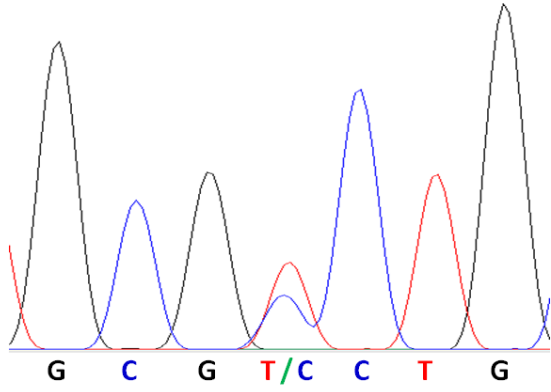
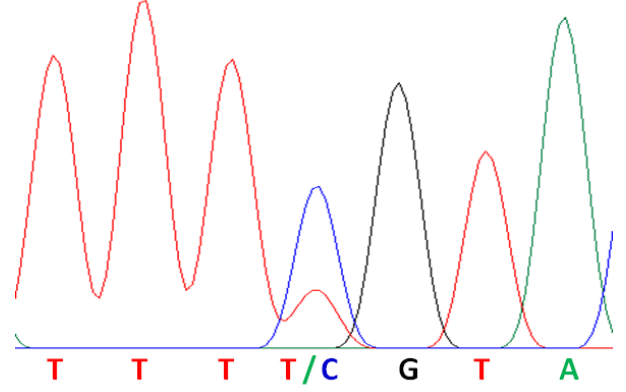


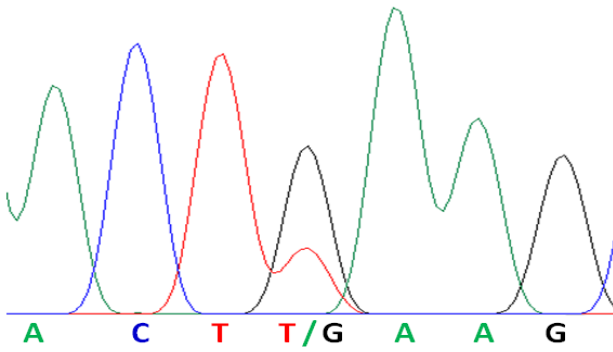
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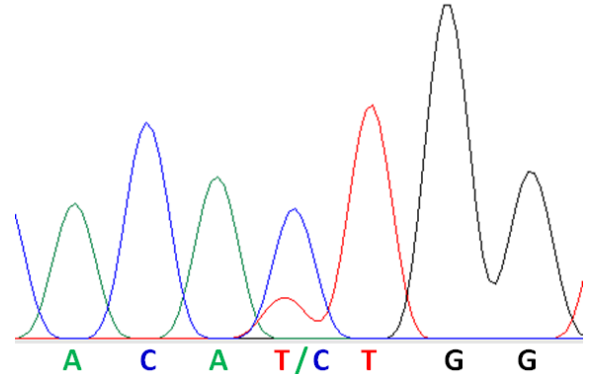
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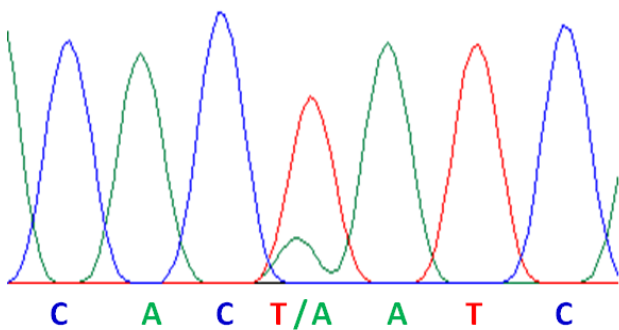
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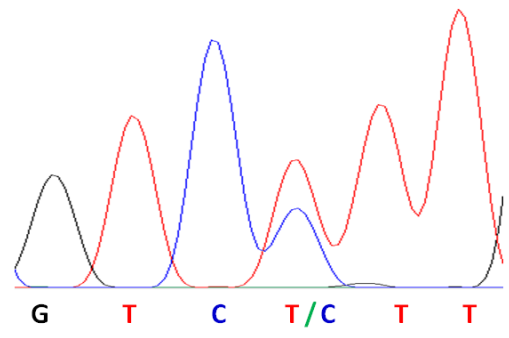
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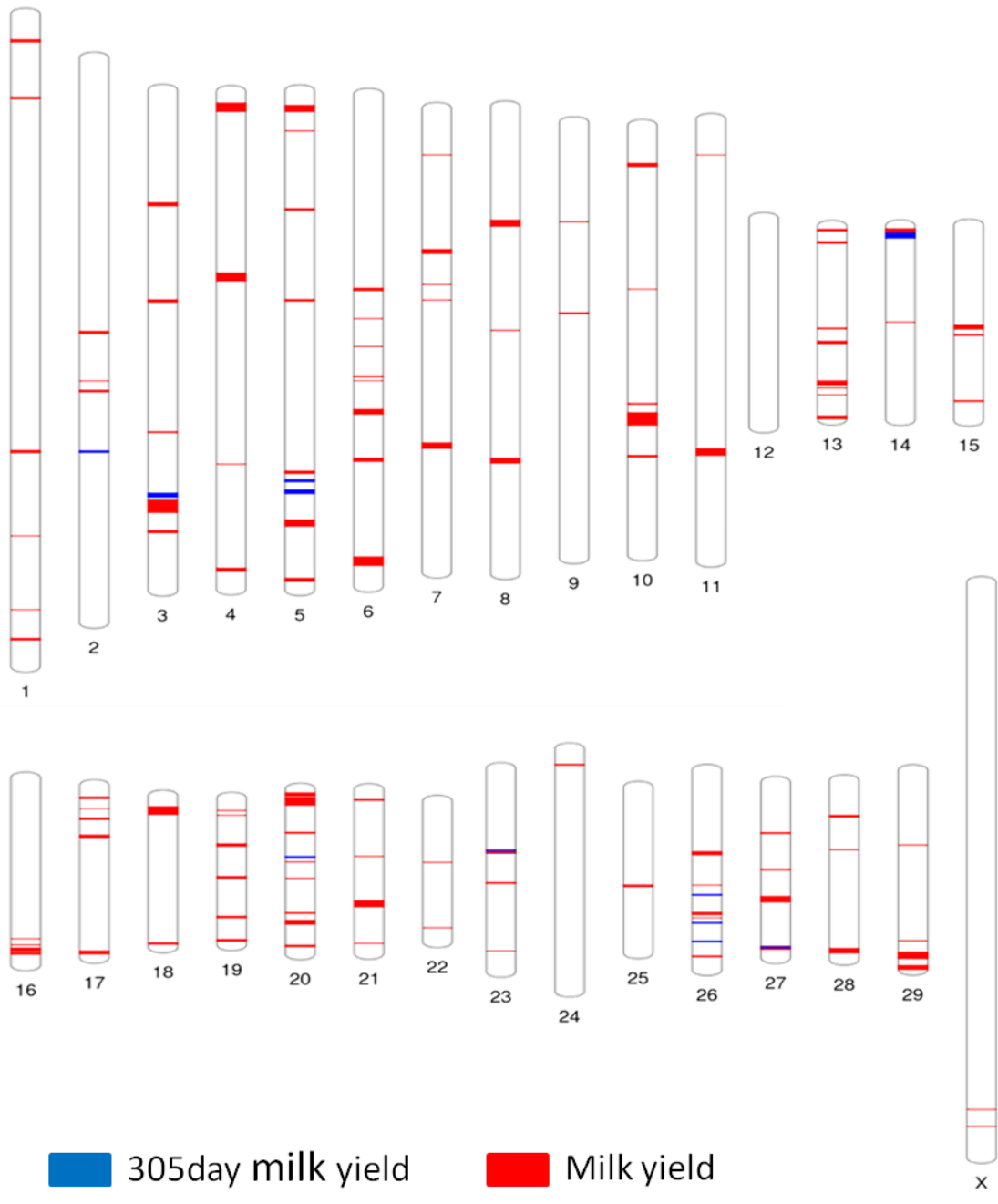


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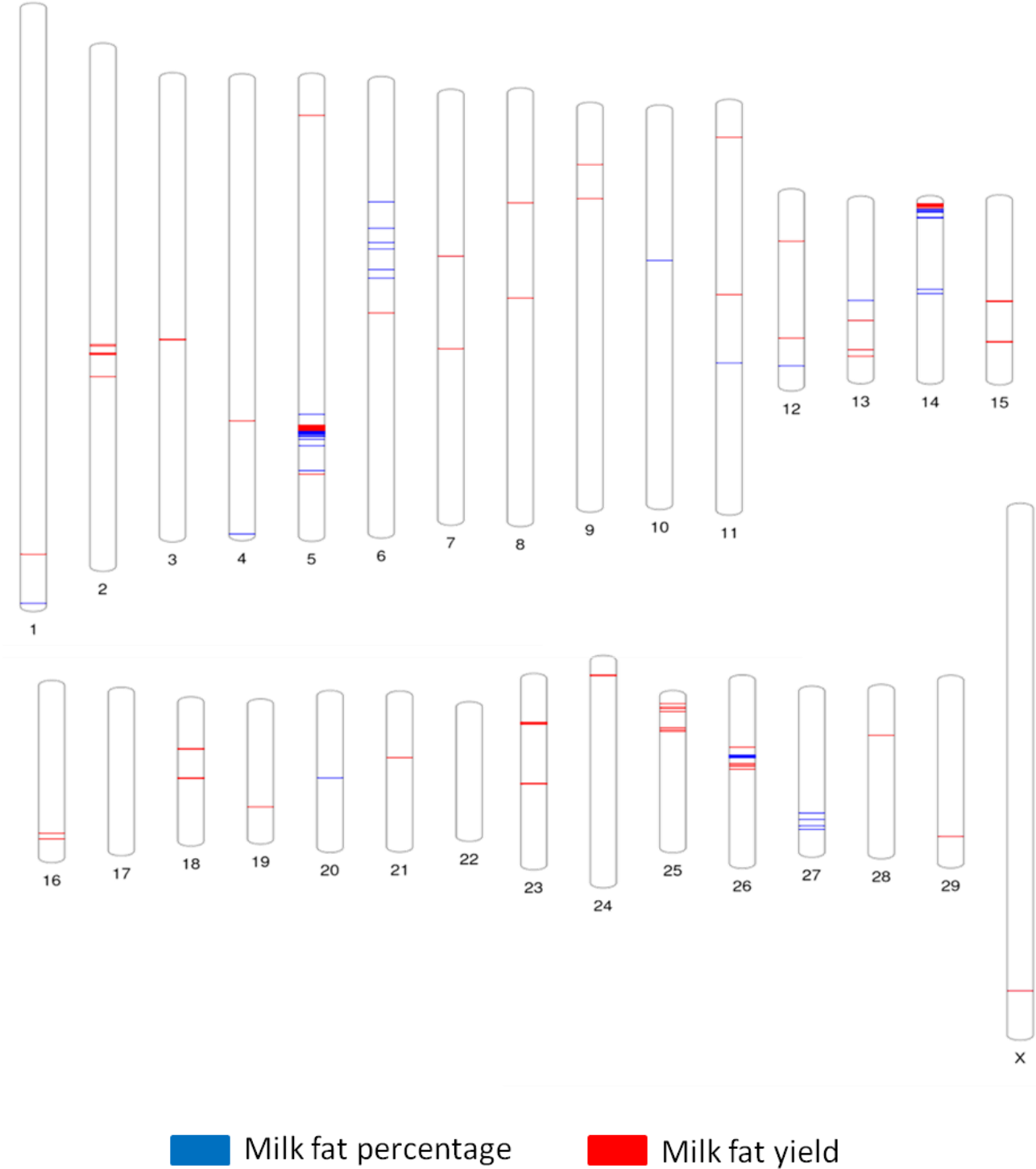


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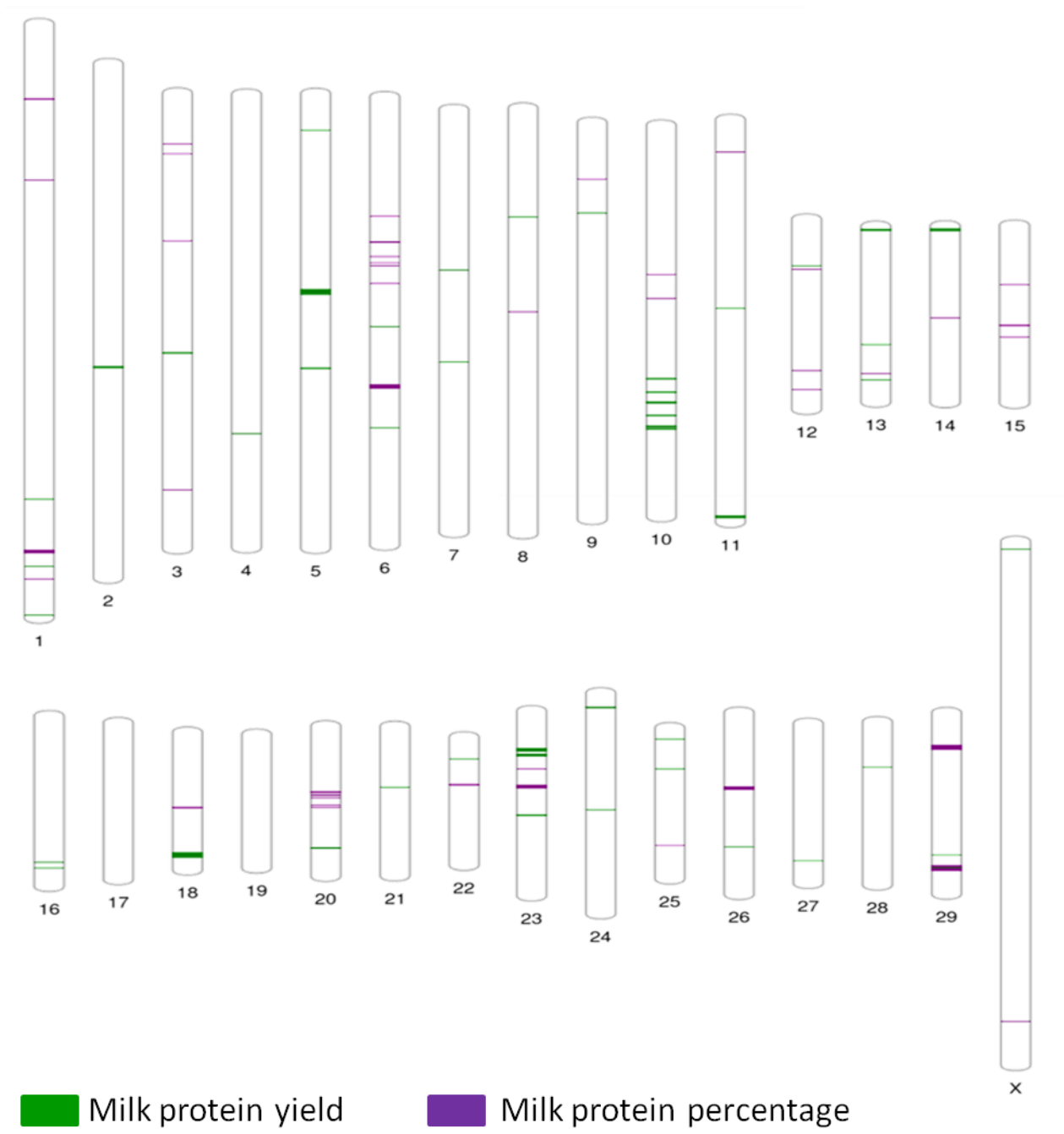
Figure 4.10 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in milk yield QTLs



**Figure 4.11 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in milk fat QTLs**



**Figure 4.12 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in milk protein QTLs**



POLR3H (Polymerase (RNA) III subunit H), ACO2 (Aconitase 2) and ALG12 (Asparagine-Linked Glycosylation 12 Homolog) genes in BTA5; DGAT1 gene on chromosome 14 and SCD in chromosome 26 are reported to be associated with milk fat composition in dairy cattle (Grisart *et al.*, 2002; Kgwatalala *et al.*, 2009; Palombo *et al.*, 2018)

Casein genes (CSN1S1, CSN1S2, CSN2, and CSN3) on chromosome 6; PRL on chromosome 23 are reported to be candidate genes for milk protein composition in dairy cattle (Schopen *et al.*, 2011; Huang *et al.*, 2012). The presence of these candidate genes might be the reason for increased variant density in these chromosomes.

**Table 4.15 Mapping of SNPs to production trait QTLs**

QTL	Number of SNPs
Milk yield	15912
305-day milk yield	1818
Milk fat yield	1231
Milk fat percentage	424
Milk protein yield	1717
Milk protein percentage	1651
Lactation persistency	9

#### 4.5.2 Reproduction trait QTLs

The number of SNPs mapped to reproduction traits QTLs were 42314. The different trait wise SNPs distribution has been presented in table 4.16. The interval from first to last insemination was found to have the maximum SNPs followed by the interval to first estrus after calving trait. The SNPs in age at first calving (AFC) QTLs were found on chromosomes 2, 8, 9, 14, 16, 17 and 29. The maximum numbers of SNPs were located on chromosome 14. The SNPs located in age at puberty QTLs were maximum on chromosome X (Figure 4.13-4.15).

The genes located on BTA14 like PLAG1, NPBWR1, OPRK1, CRH, NCOA2 and FER1L6 were reported to be involved in the biological process for AFC. The NPBWR1 gene (Neuropeptide W (NPW)/Neuropeptide B (NPB) Receptor-1) acts on the brain to control

prolactin, corticosterone and growth hormone release (Baker *et al.*, 2003). The OPRK1 (Opioid Receptor Kappa 1) reported as a potential candidate for puberty in Brahman cattle (Fortes *et al.* 2012). The CRH (Corticotropin-Releasing Hormone) gene was reported to be involved in ovarian steroidogenesis regulation and follicular maturation, ovulation and luteolysis (Kiapekou *et al.*, 2010). The NCOA2 (Nuclear Receptor Coactivator) plays a key role in the development of puberty by acting as a transcription factor for multiple genes affecting the onset of puberty (Fortes *et al.* 2012). Camargo *et al.* (2015) found polymorphisms of NCOA2 associated with reproductive traits in Nellore cattle. These authors have reported significant effect of SNPs in NCOA2 gene for early pregnancy probability, days to first calving and AFC in Nellore females. The FER1L6 was found to be related with folliculogenesis (Stigliani *et al.*, 2013). The PLAG1 gene was found to affect bovine stature (Karim *et al.*, 2011) and could be related to age at puberty and AFC, due to the high genetic correlation between these traits.

**Table 4.16 Mapping of SNPs to reproduction trait QTLs**

QTL	Number of SNPs
Age at first calving	2897
Age at puberty	1101
Calving interval	1848
Calving to conception interval	5487
Conception rate	2943
Daughter pregnancy rate	391
First service conception	1997
Gestation length	405
Heifer pregnancy	3065
Inseminations per conception	1670
Interval from first to last insemination	7865
Interval to first estrus after calving	7325
Luteal activity	3552
Pregnancy rate	187
Still birth	1581

### 4.5.3 Mastitis QTLs

The number of SNPs mapped to clinical mastitis QTLs were 1410 SNPs, while the somatic cell score QTLs were having 4355 SNPs (Table 4.17). The chromosome 9, 25 and 27 did not exhibited any SNP for mastitis QTLs. While the chromosomes 12, 18 and 20 had dense mapping of SNPs for mastitis QTLs (Figure 4.16). Candidate genes for mastitis resistance like HPN (Hepsin), C5AR1 (Complement C5a Receptor 1), HP (Haptoglobin) and SPEF2 (Sperm Flagellar 2) were reported on these chromosomes. (Ogorevc *et al.*, 2008, Cai *et al.*, 2018)

**Table 4.17 Mapping of SNPs to mastitis QTLs**

QTL	Number of SNPs
Clinical mastitis	1410
Somatic cell score	4355

### 4.5.4 Udder and teat type QTLs

Among the udder and teat type QTLs, the udder cleft was having maximum SNPs in associated QTL regions. No SNPs were mapped to QTLs associated with teat number, udder texture and udder width (Table 4.18). The chromosome 22 was found to have maximum QTLs for udder and teat trait QTLs (Figure 4.17). The GWAS showed significant SNPs for fore udder attachment, udder depth and udder cleft and located on BTA22 (Cole *et al.*, 2011). The TGFBR2 (Transforming Growth Factor Beta Receptor 2) gene which was involved with mammary gland development and mammary gland duct morphogenesis was mapped to BTA22 (Marete *et al.*, 2018).

### 4.5.5 Disease susceptibility and tropical adaptation QTLs

Total 5068 SNPs were mapped to bovine tuberculosis susceptibility QTLs, while 1345 SNPs were mapped to *M. paratuberculosis* susceptibility. Among the tropical adaptation traits, tick resistance QTLs were having 7689 SNPs while, QTLs for heat tolerance exhibited 2300 SNPs (Table 4.18 and Table 4.19).

The chromosomes 3, 18 and 23 exhibited maximum SNPs for bovine tuberculosis susceptibility QTLs. The SNPs to *M. paratuberculosis* susceptibility QTLs were having

maximum on chromosome 23 (Figure 4.18). The SNPs to tick resistance QTLs were located in all chromosomes except 9, 18, 19, 21, 24 and X. The chromosome 12 carried the maximum SNPs for heat tolerance QTLs (Figure 4.19).

**Table 4.18 Mapping of SNPs to udder and type QTLs**

QTL	Number of SNPs
Teat length	29
Teat number	0
Teat placement	35
Udder attachment	29
Udder cleft	506
Udder depth	28
Udder height	30
Udder structure	4
Udder texture	0
Udder width	0

**Table 4.19 Mapping of SNPs to disease susceptibility and tropical adaptation QTLs**

QTL	Number of SNPs
Bovine tuberculosis susceptibility	5068
M. paratuberculosis susceptibility	1345
Tick resistance	7689
Heat tolerance	2300

Two QTLs were reported in BTA23 for *M. paratuberculosis* susceptibility (Kirkpatrick *et al.*, 2011, Sallam *et al.*, 2017). Functional gene like TDP2 (Tyrosyl-DNA Phosphodiesterase 2) in this region was likely candidate gene for *M. paratuberculosis* susceptibility trait (Gao *et al.*, 2018). The chromosome 12 carried several heat shock protein (HSP) genes like HSP 90-alpha A2, DnaJ heat shock protein family (Hsp40), DnaJ heat shock protein family (Hsp40) member

C3 and heat shock protein family H (Hsp110) member 1(Ajayi *et al.*, 2018). These HSP genes might have contributed to the increased SNP density on chromosome 12.

#### 4.6 SSR identification

Total 242145 consensus sequences were obtained which were found to have 8266 perfect microsatellites in ten Sahiwal cattle. Aligning the sequences with the *Bos taurus* genome 5766 microsatellites were found mapped to different chromosomes. The di-nucleotides were the most abundant repeat motifs (4552; 78.94%), followed by tri-nucleotides (945; 16.26%), penta-nucleotides (216; 3.74%) and tetra-nucleotides (60; 1.04%) (Table 4.20 and Table 4.21).

The dominant di-nucleotide motifs were TG repeats and the least common repeat was CT. The AAC repeats were the most frequent tri-nucleotides motifs, whereas, AAAG and AACTG were the most common tetra- and penta-nucleotide motifs, respectively (Table 4.22).

Microsatellites were developed for fish using ddRAD sequencing (Jansen *et al.*, 2016) and in plants using RAD seq data (Barchi *et al.*, 2011). But no reports were available in cattle to compare the present results. Yan *et al.* (2008) identified 1831 EST based SSRs from the cattle gene sequences of NCBI. The di-nucleotide motif repeats were the most abundant SSR (54%) and tetra-nucleotide repeats the least (4%). Similar results pertaining to high frequency of di-nucleotide motif repeats, AC (57%) were obtained by Yan *et al.* (2008) and 35,402 AC repeats by Xu *et al.* (2017) in cattle.

**Table 4.20 Classification of the identified SSRs**

Motif length	Number of SSRs
Di-nucleotide	6593
Tri-nucleotide	1216
Tetra-nucleotide	156
Penta-nucleotide	301
Total	8266

**Table 4.21 Chromosome wise distribution of SSRs**

Chromosome	Motif type			
	Di-nucleotide	Tri-nucleotide	Tetra-nucleotide	Penta-nucleotide
1	284	74	4	11
2	200	49	1	15
3	137	39	3	07
4	201	48	5	08
5	156	37	4	11
6	182	53	2	12
7	186	41	0	09
8	201	41	3	07
9	153	37	1	07
10	258	31	0	04
11	156	31	6	13
12	136	31	3	08
13	261	22	0	05
14	145	29	3	03
15	166	36	0	06
16	208	16	0	03
17	111	19	1	12
18	155	18	2	08
19	112	33	1	02
20	118	26	2	08
21	108	38	2	11
22	83	31	4	02
23	114	10	3	04
24	118	28	1	02
25	73	16	2	06
26	64	19	0	04
27	62	12	1	02
28	80	21	1	07
29	81	14	1	05
X	243	45	6	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>4552</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>216</b>

**Table 4.22** Classification of di-, tri-, tetra- and penta-nucleotide SSRs

<b>Motif</b>	<b>Number of SSRs</b>
<b>Di-nucleotide SSRs</b>	
AC	642
AG	509
AT	408
CA	555
CT	189
GA	414
GT	502
TA	269
TC	270
TG	794
<b>Tri-nucleotide SSRs</b>	
AAC	199
AAG	7
ACA	12
ACC	12
AGC	72
AGG	3
ATC	14
ATG	3
ATT	11
CAA	55
CAC	20
CAG	11
CAT	1
CCA	7
CCT	2
CTT	14
CTG	146
CTC	3
TTG	22
TTA	1
TGT	14
TGG	4
TGC	163
TGA	3
TCC	2
TCA	1
TAA	8

**Table 4.22 contd...**

<b>...Tri-nucleotide SSRs</b>	
<b>Motif</b>	<b>Number of SSRs</b>
GTT	17
GTG	9
GGT	10
GGA	1
GCT	90
GCC	1
GCA	4
GAT	1
<b>Tetra-nucleotide SSRs</b>	
AAAG	12
CTTT	1
TTCT	1
AAAT	10
TTTA	6
AACC	1
CATG	2
GGAT	5
CCAT	1
AGGG	1
GCCT	1
GGCA	1
CCAG	1
AATG	1
ATTC	2
GAAT	2
TGAA	1
TGTA	1
CATA	1
TTTG	1
TTGT	2
TGTT	4
GTTT	1
CAAA	3

**Table 4.22 contd...**

<b>Penta-nucleotide SSRs</b>	
<b>Motif</b>	<b>Number of SSRs</b>
AAAAC	3
GTTTT	2
CAAAA	1
ATCAG	8
CTGAT	11
GATCA	5
AACTG	131
CAGTT	53
TATGC	1
AATGG	1

#### **4.7 Comparison of ddRAD SNPs with bovine SNP chips**

Comparison of the SNPs identified in the present study with Illumina BovineSNP50 BeadChip and Illumina BovineHD BeadChip revealed 713 (1.3%) and 1021 (0.1%) common SNPs respectively. The chromosome 1 was found to have the most number of common SNPs in both the chips. The chromosome wise distribution of shared SNPs have been given in table 4.23

Brouard *et al.* (2017) found 1604 (2.9%) common SNPs between the Illumina BovineSNP50 BeadChip and those identified using a double enzyme GBS method in taurine cattle. Gurgul *et al.* (2019) identified at least 44 common SNPs between GBS-generated SNPs and Illumina BovineSNP50 BeadChip. The lesser number of common SNPs identified might be due to preselection and non-representation of SNPs in genotyping chips, while ddRAD identifies population specific SNPs including rare SNPs.

Many researchers have reported the polymorphic loci of Illumina BovineHD BeadChip in Sahiwal cattle. Dash *et al.* (2018) reported 343951 (44.21%) SNPs using Illumina BovineHD BeadChip genotyping of Sahiwal cows (n=19) of north India. A study by Nayee *et al.* (2018) in Sahiwal bulls (n=43) identified 620344 (64.39%) SNPs. Genotyping using Illumina BovineHD BeadChip chips identified 500968 SNPs in Sahiwal cattle (n=14) of Pakistan (Mustafa *et al.*, 2018).

**Table 4.23 Chromosome wise distribution of shared SNPs with bovine SNP chips**

<b>Chromosome</b>	<b>Illumina BeadChip</b>	
	<b>BovineSNP50 (50k)</b>	<b>BovineHD (777k)</b>
1	52	66
2	44	44
3	42	44
4	40	49
5	19	45
6	32	48
7	42	48
8	32	52
9	28	41
10	27	40
11	31	48
12	18	33
13	19	31
14	20	28
15	17	40
16	18	34
17	21	33
18	21	26
19	17	20
20	13	24
21	15	36
22	9	22
23	15	23
24	23	24
25	17	16
26	18	15
27	22	22
28	13	24
29	15	19
X	13	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>1021</b>

Only less than 1% of the SNPs identified in the present study in Sahiwal cows were mapped to the existing bovine SNP chips. Hence, there is a scope for inclusion of more indigenous SNPs in the existing SNP chips for its efficient use in zebu cattle.

#### 4.8 Comparison of genome coverage of ddRAD sequencing with whole genome of cattle

The genome coverage of the samples ranged from 2.14 to 4.5%. The average coverage was found to be 3.27% (Figure 4.19) in the present study and similar results of genome coverage of 4.66% in chicken were obtained by Pertille *et al.* (2016), while sequencing with GBS method. Whereas, Zhu *et al.* (2016) reported mean genome coverage of 13% in ducks and the higher coverage might be due the many gaps existing in duck reference genome.

#### 4.9 Identification of selection sweeps

Putative selection sweeps were identified in the Sahiwal genome by finding the outlier regions with high CLR value. Maximum numbers of putative selection sweep regions were identified in chromosome 17 (7 selection sweep regions). The average size of selective sweeps regions were  $3481 \pm 476$  bp. The size of the putative selection sweeps regions ranged from 76 to 30649 bp. On the contrary, Ramey *et al.*, (2013) reported an average breed-specific selection sweep of  $336 \pm 119$  kb with a range of 207 to 702 kb. The higher value may be due to the different genotyping method and statistics used. The chromosome wise putative selection sweeps identified in the present study are summarized in table 4.24.

**Table 4.24 Putative Selective sweep regions identified in Sahiwal**

Chromosome	Region (UMD3.1 coordinates bp)
1	36714-39932
	4401053-4401857
	14961132-14963545
	19220079-19221206
	66081375-66088615
	143347749-143348553
2	21589233-21602594
	94645218-94648312
3	13026717-13057366
	14558412-14558540
	17178411-17180071
	104015107-104015873

**Table 4.24 contd...**

<b>Chromosome</b>	<b>Region (UMD3.1 coordinates bp)</b>
4	51229581-51239772
	57863677-57865665
5	512442-522485
	113055582-113057967
6	14083688-14083811
	18344319-18359029
	69619118-69622060
	111940035-111940770
7	10632052-10632723
	47355419-47357990
	88239653-88246358
	91883513-91887648
8	68319740-68331523
9	12486785-12488082
	76769380-76770353
	77299740-77299848
	78560304-78560412
	82139449-82144637
	83300685-83303279
10	15775189-15778266
	17022324-17023809
	72044448-72045827
11	29335720-29335830
	39398021-39406939
	49701974-49702304
	82415710-82416040
	14497737-14502471
12	30734419-30734590
	48986041-48991508
	59904179-59905802
	70127253-70128364
13	78466388-78478423
14	22078872-22079116
	42589853-42599287
	42590016-42599287
	43955777-43955858

**Table 4.24 contd...**

<b>Chromosome</b>	<b>Region (UMD3.1 coordinates bp)</b>
15	79785555-79792247
	80175300-80177756
16	12314797-12316276
	35581563-35582887
	45493185-45498012
17	10718598-10719744
	17371738-17371814
	43115975-43116052
	43166882-43167799
	47304715-47305555
	48082460-48085288
49824685-49828048	
18	44871913- 44877372
19	29695465-29696573
	58086740-58092669
20	32127079-32132691
	69357643-69359539
21	23985810-23986087
	24035562-24035909
	51465473-51471710
22	2798645-2804197
	31617271-31618073
23	39021791-39025833
	39026897-39028227
24	34609239-34610795
	35066542-35069396
	42193177-42195512
25	21419297-21421184
	34994026-34995123
	37474462-37485125
26	277506-278022
	17195006-17196142
	17589074-17590673
	18536084-18536446
	43166460-43167905

**Table 4.24 contd...**

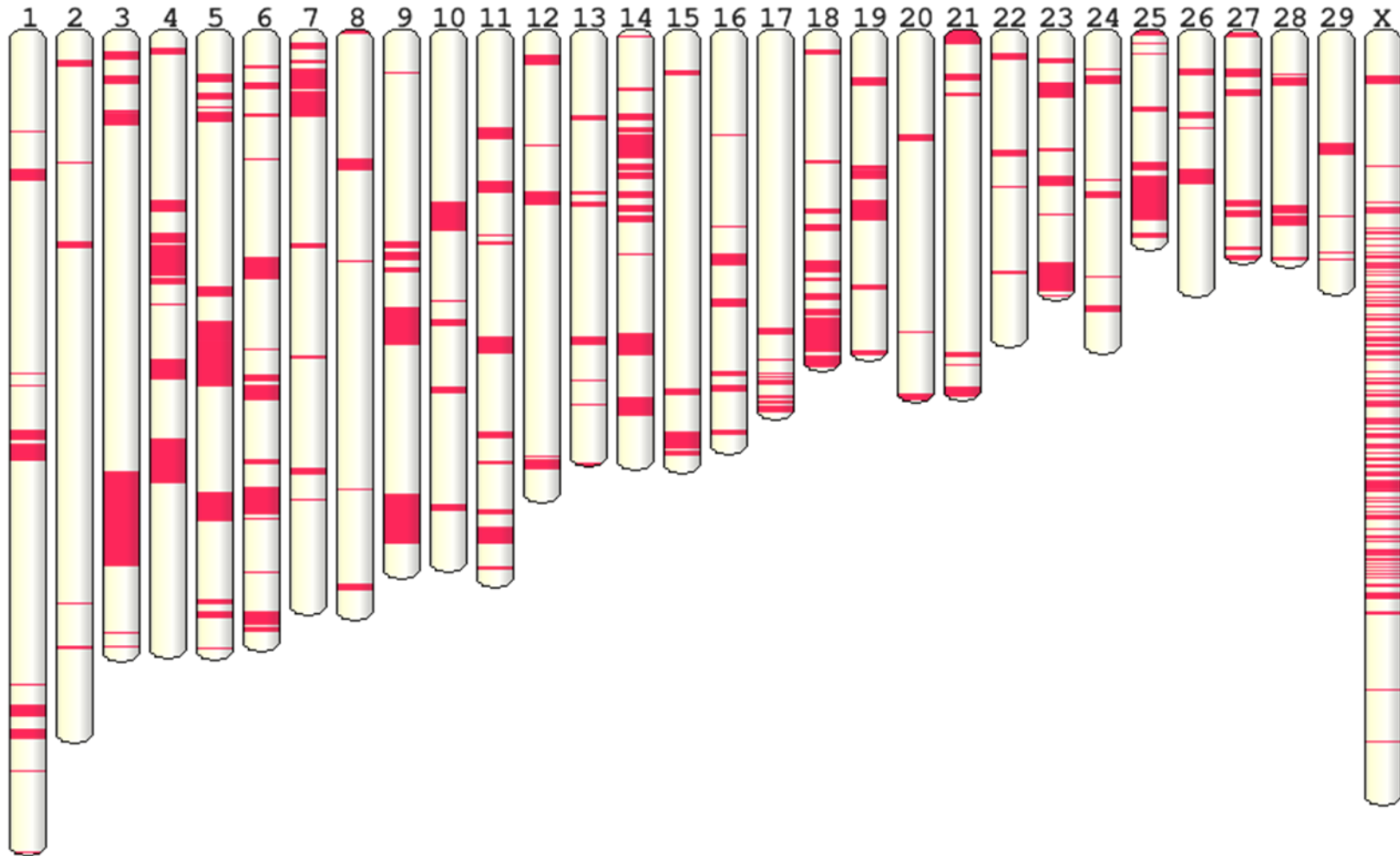
<b>Chromosome</b>	<b>Region (UMD3.1 coordinates bp)</b>
27	48743050-48747970
28	601246-604696
	27502723-27503275
	33395123-33395628
29	14782162-14782578
	14937223-14942841

#### 4.9.1 Candidates genes in selection sweep regions

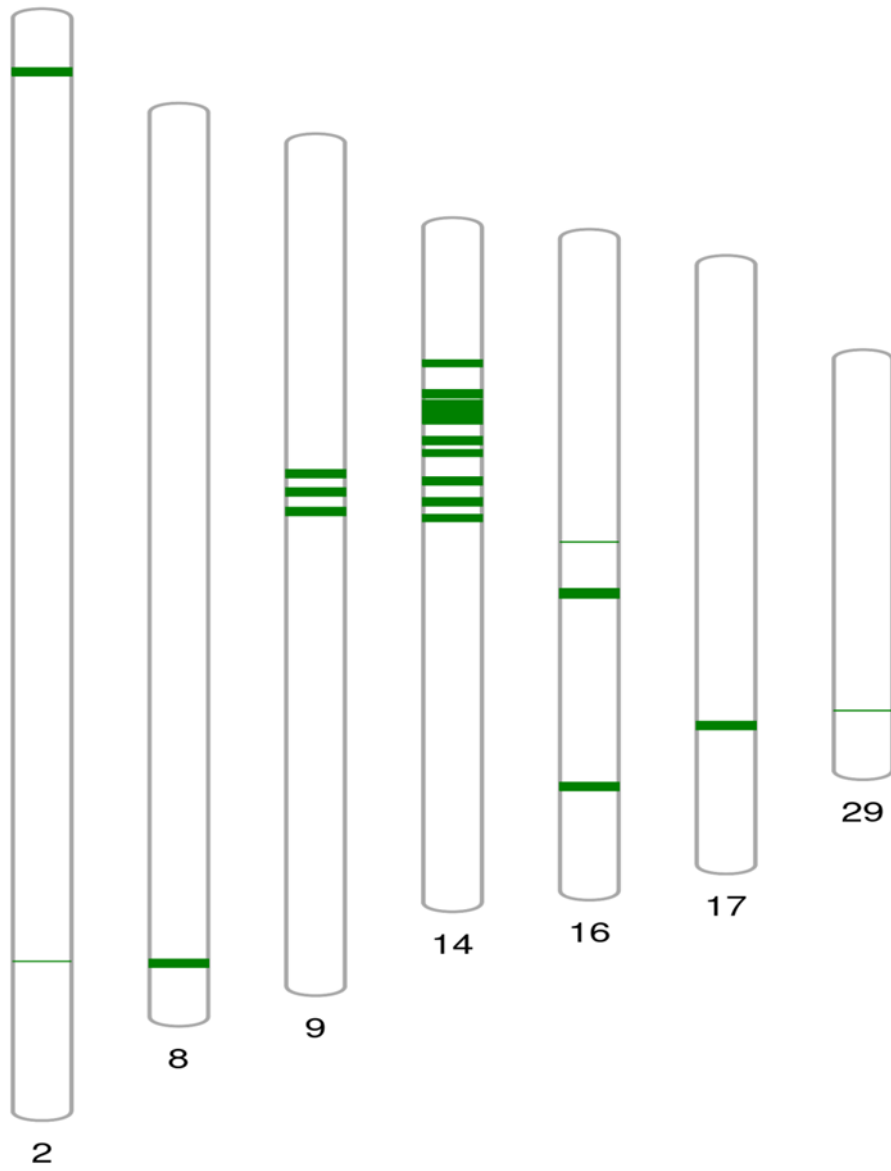
The genes located in the putative selection sweeps were identified and were screened for candidate genes. Many genes associated with production, reproduction, domestication and tropical adaptation were found in putative selection sweep regions (Table 4.25 and Table 4.26). Candidate genes for production and reproduction traits like CLEC16A (C-type Lectin Domain Containing 16A), EPS8 (Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Pathway Substrate 8), FBP2 (Fructose-bisphosphatase 2), FYB (FYN Binding Protein 1), IGFBP2 (Inositol 1,4,5-Trisphosphate Receptor Type 2), IGFBP7 (Insulin-like Growth Factor Binding Protein 7), ITPR2 (Inositol 1,4,5-Trisphosphate Receptor Type 2), LIFR (LIF Receptor Alpha), MGST1 (Microsomal glutathione S-transferase 1), MKL1 (Myocardin Related Transcription Factor A), NEURL1 (Neuralized E3 Ubiquitin Protein Ligase 1), RICTOR (RPTOR Independent Companion Of MTOR Complex 2), TRAPPC9 (Trafficking Protein Particle Complex 9), SEMA3C (Semaphorin 3C), SOX5 (SRY (sex determining region Y)-box 5), GPR125 (G Protein-Coupled Receptor 125), FSHR (Follicle Stimulating Hormone Receptor), CACNB2 (Calcium Voltage-Gated Channel Auxiliary Subunit Beta 2), TOX (Thymocyte Selection Associated High Mobility Group Box), CSPP1 (Centrosome And Spindle Pole Associated Protein 1), MTOR (Mechanistic Target Of Rapamycin Kinase) and CACNA1D (Calcium Voltage-Gated Channel Subunit Alpha1 D) were found to be located in the putative selection sweep regions.

Higher expression levels of IGFBP7 were reported in pregnant equine endometrium (Merkl *et al.*, 2010) and glandular epithelial cells during the secretory phase (Kutsukake *et al.*, 2010). Upregulation of IGFBP2 expression was reported in early stages of pregnancy in bovine endometrium (Klein *et al.*, 2006). The IGFBP2 also had an important role in activation of

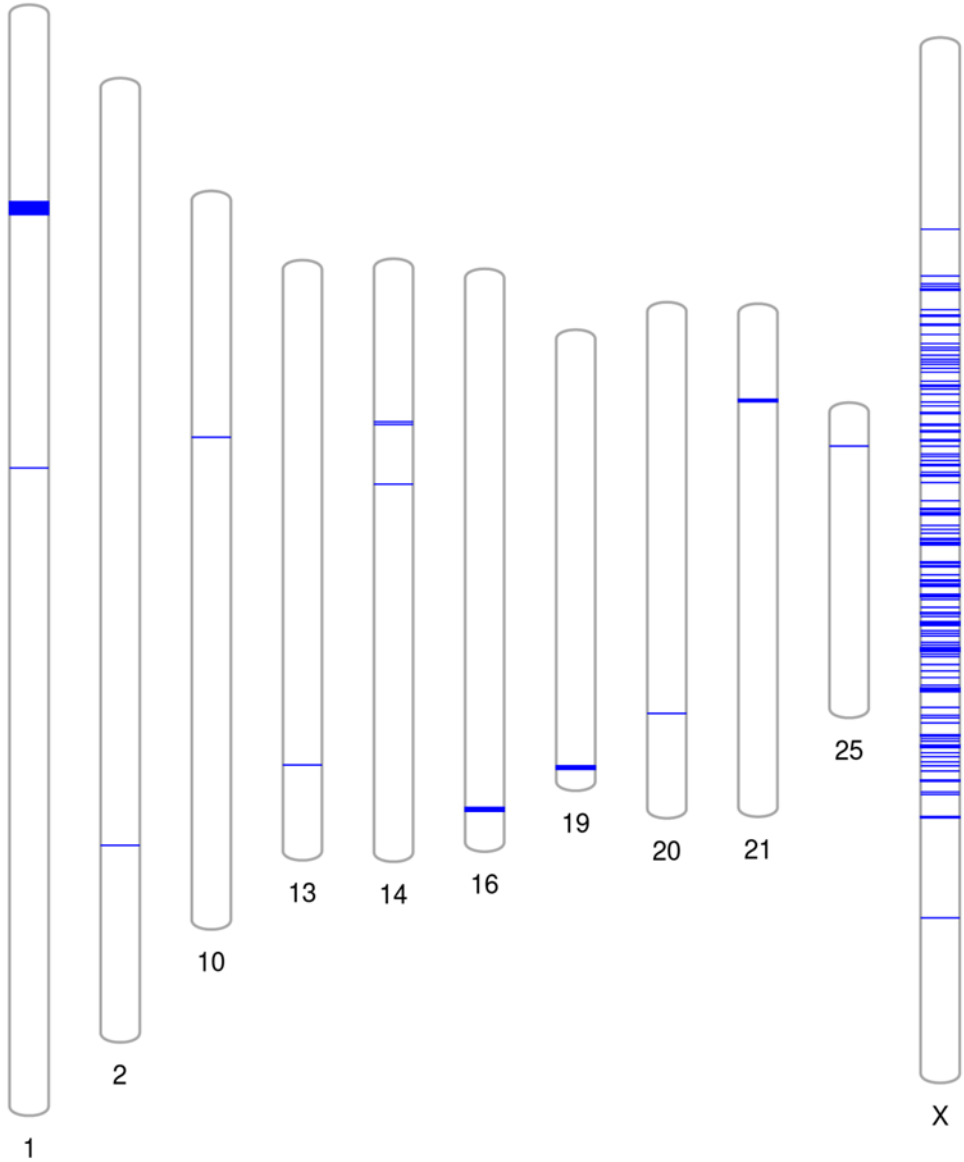
**Figure 4.13 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in Reproduction traits QTLs**



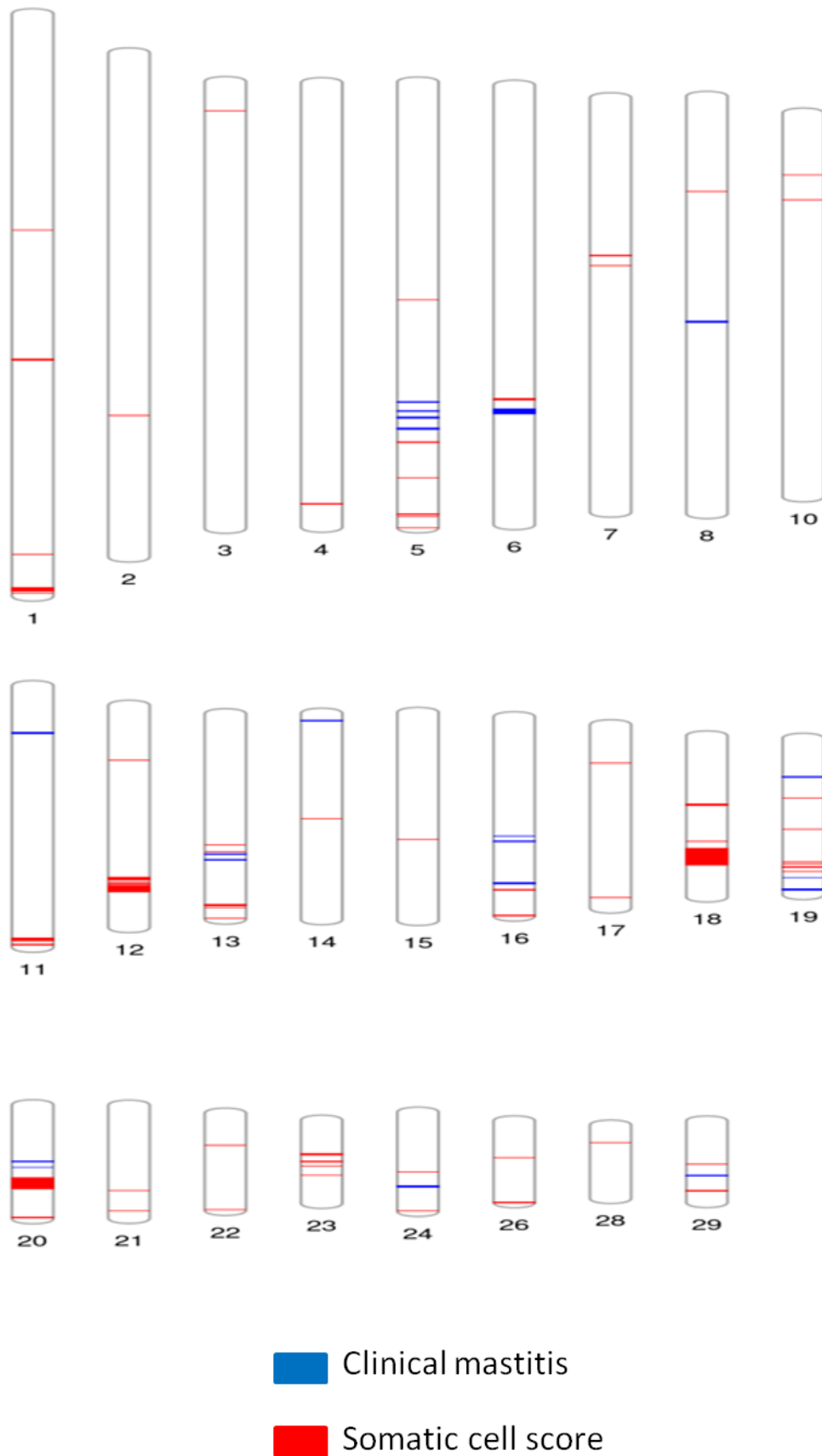
**Figure 4.14 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in age at first calving QTLs**



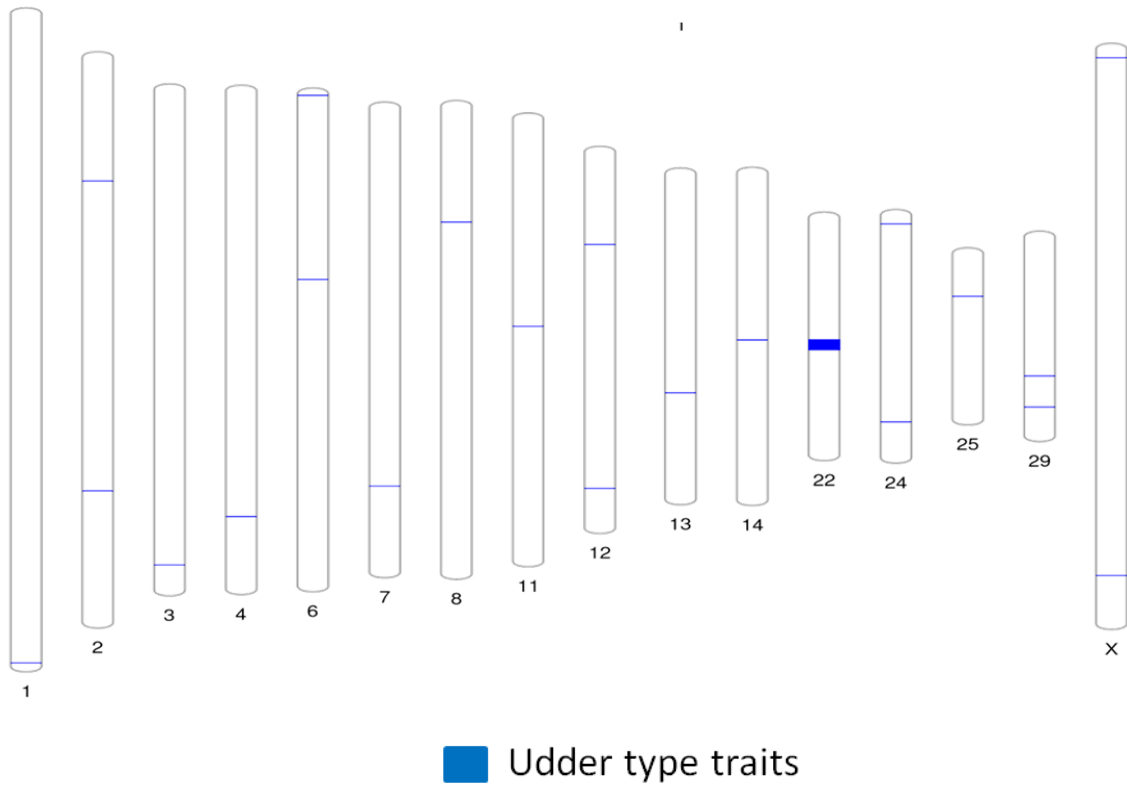
**Figure 4.15 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in age at puberty QTLs**



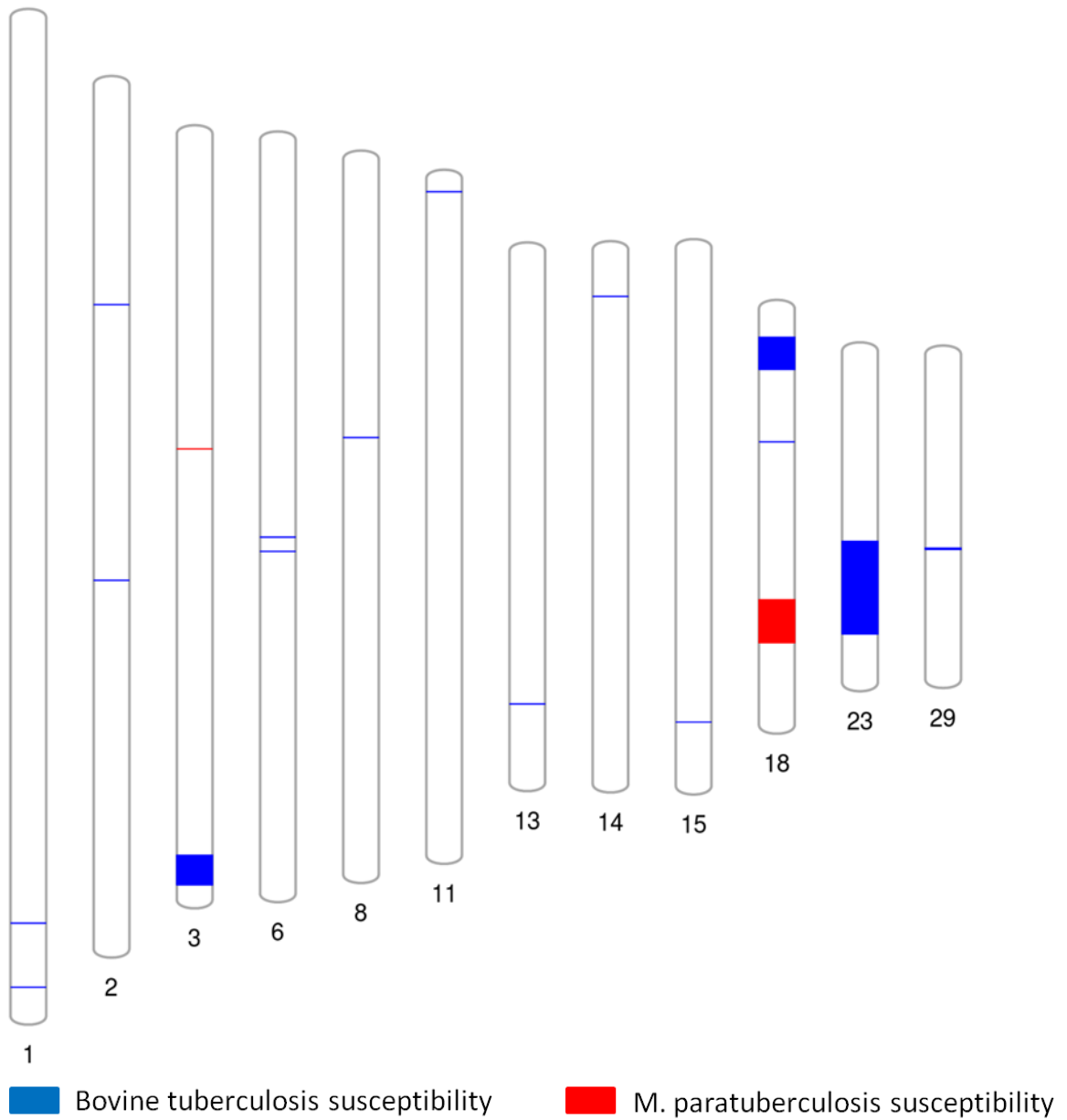
**Figure 4.16 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in mastitis QTLs**



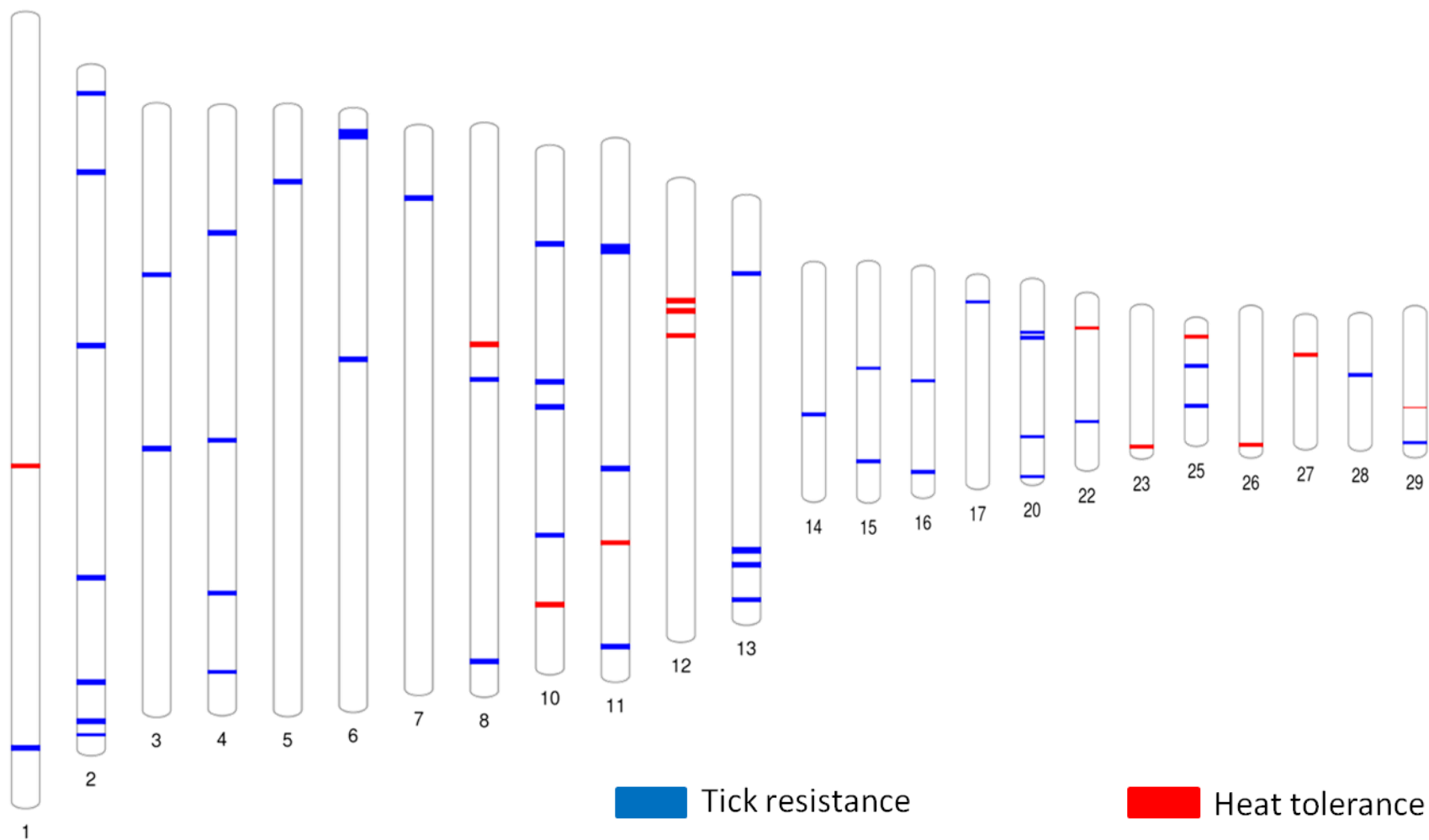
**Figure 4.17 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in udder and teat type QTLs**



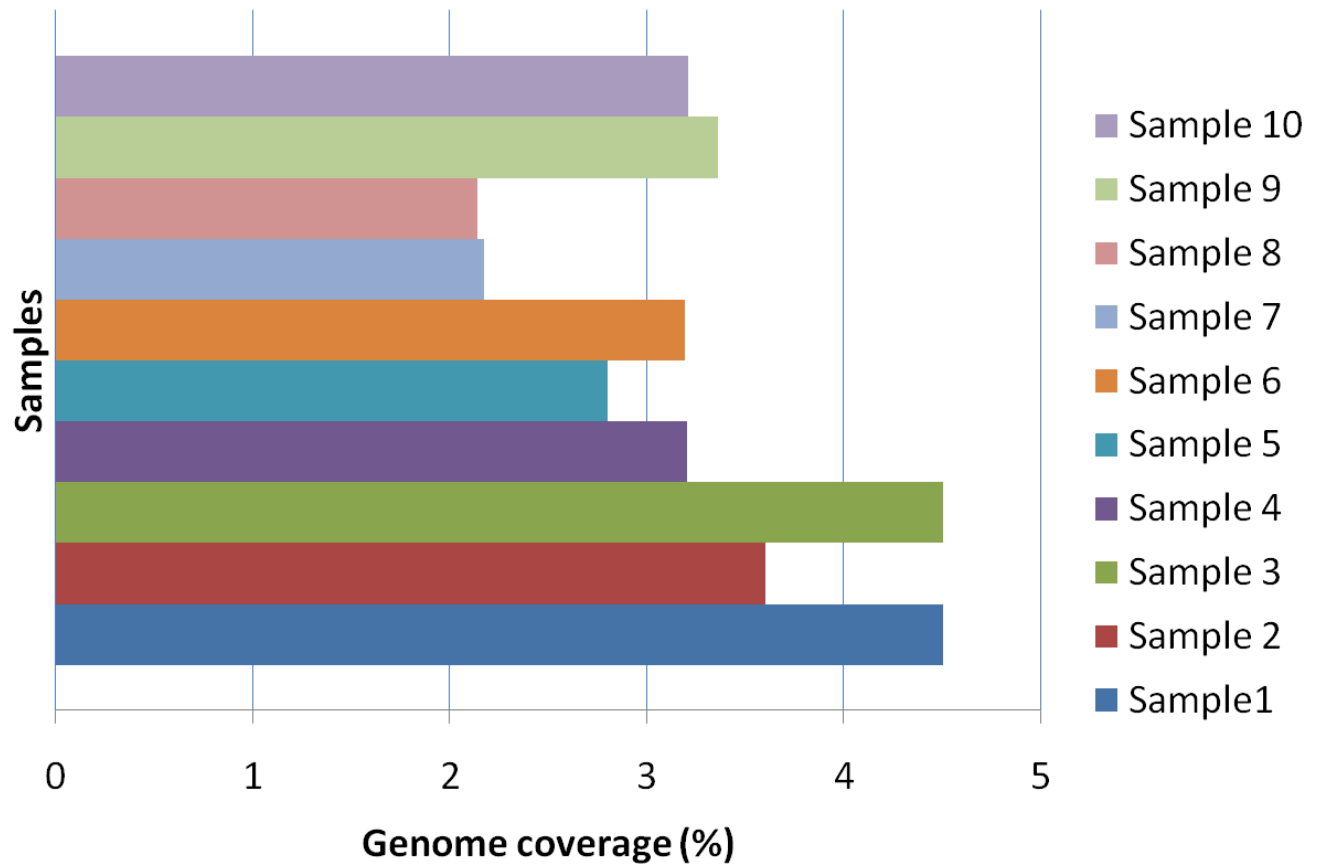
**Figure 4.18 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in disease susceptibility QTLs**



**Figure 4.19 Genome-wide distribution of SNPs in tropical adaptation trait QTLs**



**Figure 4.20 Genome coverage of ddRADseq reads from different samples**



metabolic processes (glycolysis, storage, and sequestering of glycogen) to meet the increased metabolic demands of the cows under of high milk production (Rhoads *et al.*, 2008). The LIFR was involved in mammary gland development and involution pathways and in prolactin signaling pathways in dairy cattle (Raven *et al.*, 2014b). The MGST1 was an inflammation response gene which was highly expressed throughout pregnancy and lactation (Church, *et al.*, 2012). The FBP2 gene's effect on milk production was mainly due to its association with hexokinases (HK2), which acted as control points in glycolysis and was expressed throughout mammary gland development. The HK2 had a functional role in the mammary gland as a consequence of the increased energy production associated with lactation (Kaselonis *et al.*, 1999). The FYB was reported to be strong candidate gene for udder health in cattle ( Jardim *et al.*, 2018). The SEMA3C activated the RAC1 mediated NF $\kappa$ B signaling pathway (Man *et al.*, 2014) and regulated uterine remodeling and implantation events (Bagci *et al.*, 2014; Tu *et al.*, 2016). The CLEC16A, ITPR2 and MKL1 genes were reported to be located in production QTLs regions in cattle genome (Kolbehdari *et al.*, 2009, Awad 2011; Shopen *et al.*, 2011).

The EPS8 gene acts as a receptor tyrosine kinase substrate for epidermal growth factor receptor and thus increases the signaling response to epidermal growth factor (Fazioli *et al.*, 1993) and affects mammary gland development. Previous studies have identified EPS8 as a candidate gene for milk fat percentage in cattle (Wang *et al.*, 2012). The NEURL1 gene is reported to be associated with milk yield traits in cattle (Iso-Touru *et al.*, 2016). The MTOR is involved in the leptin regulation of Kiss1 expression in the hypothalamus and regulates turn controls ovarian cycling through GnRH release (Roa *et al.*, 2010). Gene TOX acts as a transcription factor responsible for the molecular regulation of puberty (Fortes *et al.*, 2011). The CSPP1 gene plays a role in spindle formation and cytokinesis (Asiedu *et al.*, 2009). Gene CACNA1D is involved in reproductive system development and function (Ortega *et al.*, 2017). The CACNB2 gene controls the secretion of FSH (Sugimoto *et al.*, 2013). The Sox5 activates the Catsper1 genes and is linked to bull fertility (Mata-Rocha *et al.*, 2014). The FSHR gene is associated with female fertility as the influence of FSH hormone on target cells are be mediated by them.

Among the candidate genes ITPR2, TOX and TRAPPC were already reported to be under selection in indicus cattle (Taye *et al.*, 2017, Maiorano *et al.*, 2018), while CSPP1 was selected in taurine cattle (Zhao *et al.*, 2015). Except FSHR, no other major candidate genes affecting

production and fertility in dairy cattle were identified in putative selection sweep regions in the present study.

**Table 4.25 Candidate genes for production traits identified in putative selective sweep regions in Sahiwal cattle**

Gene	Chromosome	Trait
CLEC16A	25	Fat yield
EPS8	5	Milk yield, Fat percentage
FBP2	8	Milk performance
FYB	20	Protein percentage
IGFBP2	2	Lactation, establishment of pregnancy
IGFBP7	6	Milk yield, 56-day non-return rate, interval from first service to successful insemination (heifer)
ITPR2	5	Fat percentage
LIFR	20	Mammary development pathways, involution pathways, prolactin signalling pathways
MGST1	5	Fat yield, fat percentage
MKL1	5	Milk yield
NEURL1	26	Fat yield
RICTOR	20	Protein percentage
TRAPPC9	14	Test day fat yield (milk fat%)
SEMA3C	4	Number of insemination per conception; days from first to last insemination; 56-day non-return rate; the length in days of the interval from calving to first insemination
SOX5	5	Fertility
GPR125	6	Female fertility index
FSHR	11	Conception rate (heifer), productive life, superovulation response
CACNB2	13	Number of inseminations, 56-day non-return rate, days from first to last insemination, the interval from calving to first insemination
TOX	14	Age at puberty
CSPP1	14	Daughter pregnancy rate
MTOR	16	Reproduction rate (regulation of GnRH release before the initiation of ovarian cycling)
CACNA1D	22	Daughter pregnancy rate

**Table 4.26 Candidate genes for tropical adaptation and domestication identified in selective sweep regions in Sahiwal cattle**

Gene	Chromosome	Trait
DNAJC3	12	Heat shock response
DNAJC8	2	
PLCB1	13	
TYRP1	8	Brown coat colour
VWA3A	25	Temperament
ZBTB20	1	
NCKAP5	2	
DOCK1	26	
CSMD2	3	Gastro intestinal nematode resistance
RSAD2	11	
ABCC2	26	
HS6ST3	12	
AADAC	1	
PLB1	11	
BST1	6	
SLC6A20	22	
RBP2	1	
ACAD11	1	
COL11A1	3	Tick resistance
COL19A1	9	
COL23A1	7	
COL25A1	6	
COL26A1	25	
COL4A3BP	10	
COL4A4	2	
COL5A1	9	
COL8A1	1	
KRT20	19	
SMIM12	3	
FER	7	
CACFD1	11	
PRKG1	26	

Screening the putative selection sweeps for genes associated with the domestication process revealed genes for coat colour and temperament. The TYRP1 (Tyrosinase Related Protein 1), vWA3A (von Willebrand Factor A Domain Containing 3A), ZBTB20 (Zinc Finger and BTB Domain Containing 20), NCKAP5 (NCK Associated Protein 5), DOCK1 (Dedicator of Cytokinesis 1) genes were found to be located in putative selection sweep regions.

The TYRP1 gene was reported to be linked with brown coat colour in cattle. Coat colour in cattle resulted from the relative presence of eumelanin (black-brown pigment) and phaeomelanin (red-yellow pigment), the two basic pigments produced by melanocyte cells (Adalsteinsson *et al.*, 1995). Gene TYRP1 appeared in the melanin synthesis pathway after the branch point between eumelanin and phaeomelanin synthesis (Kobayashi *et al.* 1998) and affected coat colours associated with eumelanin. The TYRP1 might interact and stabilize tyrosinase and decreased its activity in the melanin pathway (Kobayashi *et al.* 1994; Manga *et al.*, 2000), and thus, could affect both pigments.

Genes vWA3A, ZBTB20 were found to be associated with reactivity, a phenotype of temperament in Guzerat cattle (Santos *et al.*, 2017). Proteins containing von Willebrand domains were involved in basal membrane formation, cell migration, cell differentiation, adhesion, haemostasis, signaling, chromosomal stability. Gene vWA3A was also reported to be differentially expressed in the brain (Marchler-Bauer *et al.*, 2012). Ectopic Zbtb20 expression was found to cause behavioral abnormalities in mice (Nielsen *et al.*, 2007). The Zbtb20 also had impacts on the development of hippocampus (Rosenthal *et al.*, 2012), affecting behavioral traits (Bannerman *et al.*, 2004).

Gene NCKAP5 was found to be associated with human attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (Lasky *et al.*, 2008) and bipolar disorders (Smith *et al.*, 2009) schizophrenia and bipolar disorders (Wang *et al.*, 2010). The DOCK1 gene was associated with brain development and played an important role in regulation of axon guidance, dendritic spine morphogenesis in hippocampal neurons (Kim *et al.*, 2011). The dendritic spine is the major postsynaptic site of glutamatergic synapses and is thought to be important for synaptogenesis, synaptic regulation, and cognition. Considering the influence of brain system on temperament traits (Robinson, 2001, Tuominen *et al.*, 2013), these genes might affect temperament in cattle. Gene DOCK1 and NCKAP5 were found to be associated with temperament in Nellore cattle (Valente *et al.*, 2015).

Candidate genes for thermo tolerance and parasitic resistance were identified which is an important aspect of tropical adaptation. Among the heat tolerance genes, DNAJC3 (Dnaj Heat Shock Protein Family (Hsp40) Member C3), DNAJC8 (Dnaj Heat Shock Protein Family (Hsp40) Member C8), PLCB1 (Phospholipase C beta 1) were found to be among the genes under selection. These genes were already reported to be under selection in cattle (Taye *et al.*, 2018). The PLCB1 gene was involved in energy metabolism and was reported to be associated with adaptation to hot arid environments in sheep and goats (Kim *et al.*, 2016). The HSP40 heat shock protein family genes (DNAJC3, DNAJC8) and PLCB1 identified in this study might contribute to the superior heat tolerance ability of indigenous cattle breeds.

Candidate genes for gastro intestinal nematode resistance (Li *et al.*, 2011) like CSMD2 (CUB And Sushi Multiple Domains 2), RSAD2 (Radical S-Adenosyl Methionine Domain Containing 2), ABCC2 (ATP Binding Cassette Subfamily C Member 2), HS6ST3 (Heparan Sulfate 6-O-Sulfotransferase 3), AADAC (Arylacetamide deacetylase (esterase)), PLB1 (Phospholipase B1), BST1 (Bone Marrow Stromal Cell Antigen 1), SLC6A20 (Solute Carrier Family 6 Member 20), RBP2 (Retinol Binding Protein 2), ACAD11 (Acyl-Coa Dehydrogenase Family Member 11) were found to be located in the putative selection sweeps regions identified in the present study. However, further studies are required to identify its role in conferring resistance or susceptibility to nematode resistance.

The SMIM12, FER, CACFD1, PRKG1 genes were reported to be associated with tick resistance in African cattle (Mapholi *et al.*, 2016). No clear mechanism of action of these genes on tick resistance is known. The genes associated with tick resistance like SMIM12 (Small Integral Membrane Protein 12), FER (Fps/Fes Related Tyrosine Kinase), CACFD1 (Calcium Channel Flower Domain Containing 1), PRKG1 (Protein Kinase, Cgmp-Dependent, Type I) and collagen and keratin related genes were found in the putative selection sweeps in the present study.

Collagen genes (COL11A1, COL19A1, COL23A1, COL25A1, COL26A1, COL4A3BP, COL4A4, COL5A1, COL8A1) and Keratin associated gene (KRT20) were found to be under selection in Sahiwal cattle. Keratin genes coded for heteropolymeric structural proteins in skin and hair cells and contributed to tick resistance by acting as a barrier to the external environment (Nakamura *et al.*, 2013). Keratinocytes in the epidermis also secreted cytokines that initiate local

inflammatory responses (Nakamura *et al.*, 2013). Keratin associated gene was reported to be over represented in tick resistant cattle (Kongsuwan *et al.*, 2010). The positive selection of keratin-related genes was previously reported in indicus cattle of Africa (Bahbahani *et al.*, 2015; Chan *et al.*, 2010; Makina *et al.*, 2015; Taye *et al.*, 2018). In Brahman cattle structural integrity was found to be enriched in differentially expressed genes in tick resistant cattle (Kongsuwan *et al.*, 2008). Collagen genes were found to under selection in indicine cattle (Taye *et al.*, 2018). Selection of the parasitic resistance genes may have contributed to better tropical adaptability in Sahiwal cattle.

#### **4.9.2 Gene enrichment analysis**

The gene enrichment analysis for biological process revealed that 79 process were enriched (Table 4.27). Most of the enriched processes were associated with brain and nervous system development. This might be due to modifications in neurological development leading to tameness and facilitating human handling of cattle (Jensen, 2014; Jensen and Wright, 2014). Changes in behaviour like reduction in fear and increased sociability are key indicators of animal domestication (Diamond, 2002; Wiener and Wilkinson, 2011). The behavioral fear response was another term which was enriched in the present investigation.

Biological processes like neuronal action potential, regulation of Rho protein signal transduction, actin cytoskeleton reorganization, brain development, establishment of protein localization, lamellipodium assembly were found to be enriched in the present study were also reported by Maiorano *et al.* (2018) in Gir cattle. Biological process like Glutamatergic synaptic transmission and regulation of glutamatergic synaptic transmission which had effect on behavioral adaptation of stress and fear responses were also found to enriched in this study.

The pathway analysis showed wide variety of pathways to be enriched with genes located in selective sweeps regions (Table 4.28). The pathways which were previously reported and proposed to have role in tropical adaptation of cattle have been discussed below:

The MAPK signaling pathway which was reported by Taye *et al.* (2017) to be under selection in cattle was also found in the present study. The MAPK signaling pathways also were found to be involved in residual feed in-take (Rolf *et al.*, 2012). The pathways associated with feeding like salivary secretion was also found to enriched. This pathway was reported to be under in selection in Gir cattle (Maiorano *et al.*, 2018). Adrenergic signaling in cardiomyocytes

**Table 4.27 List of enriched biological process**

	<b>GO Biological process</b>	<b>Fold Enrichment</b>	<b>Genes</b>
1	GO:0016561~protein import into peroxisome matrix, translocation	14.75	PEX6, PEX5, PEX14
2	GO:0050806~positive regulation of synaptic transmission	10.54	SYT1, SLC1A3, CLSTN2, CLSTN3, GRIK2
3	GO:0070100~negative regulation of chemokine-mediated signaling pathway	8.85	ROBO1, SLIT2, SLIT3
4	GO:2000369~regulation of clathrin-mediated endocytosis	8.85	SNAP91, SMAP1, AAK1
5	GO:0046632~alpha-beta T cell differentiation	8.85	TCF7, LEF1, ABL1
6	GO:0097264~self proteolysis	8.43	TENM4, CAPN7, TENM2, TENM3
7	GO:0043586~tongue development	8.43	NKX2-6, BNC2, LEF1, PRDM16
8	GO:0048268~clathrin coat assembly	8.20	EPS15, SNAP91, CALY, NSG1, HIP1
9	GO:0048714~positive regulation of oligodendrocyte differentiation	7.38	TENM4, RHEB, MTOR
10	GO:0060087~relaxation of vascular smooth muscle	7.38	KCNMA1, GUCY1A3, PRKG1
11	GO:0035385~Roundabout signaling pathway	6.71	ROBO1, EPYC, SLIT1, SLIT2, SLIT3
12	GO:0042327~positive regulation of phosphorylation	6.56	ITGA6, GLMN, PPARGC1B, DSCAM
13	GO:0050861~positive regulation of B cell receptor signaling pathway	6.32	PRKCH, NFAM1, PRKCB
14	GO:0055001~muscle cell development	6.32	SGCG, SGCD, AXIN1

**Table 4.27** contd...

	<b>GO Biological process</b>	<b>Fold Enrichment</b>	<b>Genes</b>
15	GO:0033365~protein localization to organelle	6.15	COG3, COG7, CNTLN, CSRP3, BICD1
16	GO:1901379~regulation of potassium ion transmembrane transport	5.90	KCNN2, DPP6, KCNIP1, KCNIP4
17	GO:0051056~regulation of small GTPase mediated signal transduction	5.53	RALGAPA1, SIPA1L1, SIPA1, SIPA1L2, CHN2, RAP1GAP2
18	GO:0060999~positive regulation of dendritic spine development	5.53	NLGN1, NRG1, NEURL1
19	GO:0030516~regulation of axon extension	5.53	ABL1, TTL, DNM2
20	GO:0051639~actin filament network formation	5.53	COBL, PLS1, ACTN1
21	GO:0090129~positive regulation of synapse maturation	5.53	NRXN3, RELN, NEURL1
22	GO:0048846~axon extension involved in axon guidance	5.36	EPYC, SLIT1, SLIT2, SLIT3
23	GO:0050804~modulation of synaptic transmission	5.36	HRH1, NLGN1, PPP3CA, BTBD9
24	GO:0031290~retinal ganglion cell axon guidance	5.21	NRCAM, PTPRM, BMPR1B, SLIT1, EPHB1, SLIT2
25	GO:0031047~gene silencing by RNA	4.92	SND1, ASZ1, PIWIL2, TDRD1
26	GO:0045880~positive regulation of smoothed signaling pathway	4.66	EVC, IFT80, IFT172, PRRX1, CTNNA1, INTU
27	GO:0071320~cellular response to cAMP	4.54	HCN1, EZR, RAP1B, CFTR, AKAP9, RAPGEF2, ITPR2, IGFBP5
28	GO:0007029~endoplasmic reticulum organization	4.43	LMAN1L, ATL2, COL4A3BP, PEX5, JAGN1, VMP1

Table 4.27 contd...

	GO Biological process	Fold Enrichment	Genes
29	GO:0050770~regulation of axonogenesis	4.43	SIPA1L1, LRRC4C, EPYC, SLIT1, SLIT2, SLIT3
30	GO:0002053~positive regulation of mesenchymal cell proliferation	4.34	WNT2, TGFB2, PRRX1, FOXP1, FOXP2
31	GO:0061028~establishment of endothelial barrier	4.22	EZR, MARVELD2, RAP1B, RAPGEF2
<b>32</b>	<b>GO:0001662~behavioral fear response</b>	<b>4.02</b>	<b>ALS2, LYPD1, BRINP1, GRIK2, GRM7, KALRN</b>
33	GO:0060045~positive regulation of cardiac muscle cell proliferation	3.93	WNT2, ERBB4, MAPK14, ZFPM2
<b>34</b>	<b>GO:0035249~synaptic transmission, glutamatergic</b>	<b>3.93</b>	<b>ALS2, CLSTN3, GRIK2, UNC13B</b>
35	GO:0035269~protein O-linked mannosylation	3.93	ISPD, TMEM5, DPM3
36	GO:0030534~adult behavior	3.88	RNF180, BBS2, GABRG2, GRM7, PCDH17
<b>37</b>	<b>GO:0030032~lamellipodium assembly</b>	3.69	ABLIM1, CDH13, NCK2, SH2B1, VAV2, PTPRO, FGD4
38	<b>GO:0045184~establishment of protein localization</b>	3.69	NPNT, NLGN1, SMYD3, MCC, ABL1, PHLDB2, USH2A
39	GO:0051209~release of sequestered calcium ion into cytosol	3.69	CHERP, RYR3, RYR1, RYR2, HTR1E, ITPR2
40	GO:0045773~positive regulation of axon extension	3.69	LIMK1, MAP1B, NRG1, CDH4
41	GO:0045907~positive regulation of vasoconstriction	3.69	HRH1, HRH2, OXTR, SMTNL1
<b>42</b>	<b>GO:0051966~regulation of synaptic transmission, glutamatergic</b>	<b>3.69</b>	<b>SYT1, GRM3, GRM7, KALRN</b>

Table 4.27 contd...

	GO Biological process	Fold Enrichment	Genes
43	<b>GO:0019228~neuronal action potential</b>	3.35	KCNMA1, GRIK2, SCN9A, SCN8A, SCN5A
44	GO:0040018~positive regulation of multicellular organism growth	3.33	BBS2, EZR, NIPBL, SLC6A3, PLS1, PEX5, CELF1
45	<b>GO:0031532~actin cytoskeleton reorganization</b>	3.24	PHACTR1, EZR, EPS8, SIPA1L1, S100A9, ANTXR1, FER, RICTOR, PARVA
<b>46</b>	<b>GO:0007595~lactation</b>	<b>3.21</b>	<b>XDH, ERBB4, SLC6A3, OXTR, NEURL1</b>
47	GO:0021766~hippocampus development	3.13	EPHA5, BBS2, NF2, DCLK2, RELN, XRCC1, KIRREL3
48	GO:0000902~cell morphogenesis	3.12	TENM4, EGFR, LIPA, TENM2, TFCP2L1, COL4A3BP, MAPK14, TENM3, SART3, NRG1, PTPRO
49	GO:0007416~synapse assembly	3.07	CLSTN3, NRXN3, NLGN1, NRG1, KIRREL3
50	GO:0055088~lipid homeostasis	3.05	ACADSB, ACADM, COL4A3BP, ACAD11, ACAD9, ABCA12
51	GO:0043087~regulation of GTPase activity	3.04	EPHA5, SBF2, PLXNB1, CHN2, RICTOR, MTOR, PRKG1
52	GO:0006869~lipid transport	2.95	APOL3, LOC527460, OSBPL6, OSBPL10, OSBPL11, ANO4, ABCA5
53	GO:0086091~regulation of heart rate by cardiac conduction	2.95	CACNA2D1, CACNB2, AKAP9, CACNA1D, CTNNA3
54	GO:0051017~actin filament bundle assembly	2.84	EZR, EPS8, PLS1, ACTN1, PCDH15
55	GO:0050853~B cell receptor signaling pathway	2.84	CD19, NCKAP1L, NFAM 1, ABL1, PRKCB
56	GO:0072659~protein localization to plasma membrane	2.83	FYB, MYO5A, EPB41L3, DENND4C, RAPGEF2, DPP6, RAB10, SKAP1, ABCA12

**Table 4.27 contd...**

GO Biological process		Fold Enrichment	Genes
57	GO:0001570~vasculogenesis	2.77	MYO18B, ZMIZ1, TGFBR2, GLMN, HEG1, ZFPM2, HAS2, RASA1, GJC1
58	GO:0006635~fatty acid beta-oxidation	2.77	PPARD, ACADM, EHHADH, PEX5, HIBCH, HSD17B4
59	GO:0008217~regulation of blood pressure	2.60	EDNRA, TRHDE, PPARG, GUCY1A3, ERAP1, CACNA1B
60	GO:0051453~regulation of intracellular pH	2.60	SLC9A9, SLC9A8, SLC4A10, SLC9C1, SLC26A11, SLC4A5
61	GO:0001558~regulation of cell growth	2.46	EPB41L3, CLSTN3, IGFBP7, RB1, IGFBP2, IGFBP5
62	GO:0021987~cerebral cortex development	2.46	BBS2, TRAPPC9, BTBD3, PLCB1, TACC2, FOXP2
63	GO:0007156~homophilic cell adhesion via plasma membrane adhesion molecules	2.43	PTPRM, CLSTN2, CLSTN3, CADM2, CDHR3, DSCAML1, PCDH15, PCDH17, CDH4, CDH12, CDH13, FAT3, CDH16, ROBO1, CDH11, KIRREL3
64	GO:0007605~sensory perception of sound	2.43	KCNMA1, THRB, LRIG1, TMPRSS3, EYA4, SLC1A3, NIPBL, MARVELD2, CLIC5, GRM7, CEMIP, ATP6V0A4, OTOA, CACNA1D, USH2A
65	GO:0014068~positive regulation of phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase signaling	2.36	PPARD, ERBB4, PLXNB1, RELN, PDGFC, PDGFD, NRG1, FSHR
66	GO:0006919~activation of cysteine-type endopeptidase activity involved in apoptotic process	2.29	XDH, DLC1, ANP32B, ROBO1, PPARG, S100A9, HIP1
67	GO:0018105~peptidyl-serine phosphorylation	2.11	CSNK1G2, TGFBR2, PRKCH, SMTNL1, ATR, RICTOR, PRKCB, PRKCQ, STK32A, CAMK4, RPS6KA2, MAPK14, DCLK2, MTOR, DCLK1, AKT3

Table 4.27 contd...

	GO Biological process	Fold Enrichment	Genes
68	<b>GO:0035023~regulation of Rho protein signal transduction</b>	2.11	ALS2, DLC1, TIAM2, TIAM1, ITSN2, VAV2, SPATA13, KALRN, FGD4, ARHGDIB
69	GO:0007411~axon guidance	2.01	EPHA5, KLF7, CRMP1, ROBO1, ISPD, SEMA3C, CNTN4, RELN, UNC5D, PTPRO, CDH4
70	GO:0098779~mitophagy in response to mitochondrial depolarization	1.98	C5, LMCD1, HK2, DZANK1, ITPKC, ANXA5, PRKG1, KIAA1549L, SLC1A3, TOMM7, SERPINB10, TBC1D5, SNTG1, SLC22A3, CHAF1B
71	GO:0009791~post-embryonic development	1.95	GABRG2, TAPT1, SLC4A10, ACADM, SCN9A, HEG1, SEMA3C, MTOR, FOXP2
72	GO:0042787~protein ubiquitination involved in ubiquitin-dependent protein catabolic process	1.94	RNF144B, HERC4, HERC3, KLHL3, BTBD9, RNF43, AREL1, UBR5, BTBD2, BTBD3, RNF34, RNF122, CUL1, KLHL20, KLHL32
73	<b>GO:0007420~brain development</b>	1.93	UTP3, IMMP2L, NIPBL, TGFBR2, IFT172, DSCAML1, RELN, CDK5RAP2, FAS, ZIC1, SPATA5
74	GO:0016192~vesicle-mediated transport	1.80	NCK2, MLC1, STX2, GOSR2, TGFBRAP1, JAGN1, ARFGEF2, RAB10, GGA2, MYO5B, VPS39
75	GO:0007155~cell adhesion	1.79	COL4A4, TLN2, NRXN3, IGFBP7, NLGN1, DSCAML1, FER, NRXN1, CTNNA3, CTNNA2, ITGA9, NCAM2, RGMB, CNTN4, HAS2, RELN, AATF, CNTN3, NTM, DSCAM, PARVA
76	GO:0035556~intracellular signal transduction	1.66	DSTYK, AKAP13, ARFGEF2, MYO9A, PLCL1, RGS11, STK32A, DGKB, TIAM2, GUCY1A3, DCLK2, SH2B1, NRG1, PLCB1, DCLK1, AKT3, PRKCH, DGKH, NFAM1, NEK11, PRKCB, PRKCQ, TULP4, RPS6KA1, CAMK4, RPS6KA2, PSEN2, ASB1, CHN2, UNC13B, SPATA13

**Table 4.27 contd...**

GO Biological process		Fold Enrichment	Genes
77	GO:0007165~signal transduction	1.55	DLC1, ZNF536, PPP4R1, PPP2R5D, SLC39A12, ARHGAP19, PDE11A, AKAP9, SPOCK1, STARD13, LOC613909, RASAL2, LINGO1, SMOC2, NDRG3, ARHGAP44, COL4A3BP, LANCL2, ARHGAP42, GUCY1A3, UNC5D, SH2B1, RASA1, AXIN1, FYB, PTPRM, TRHDE, LOC788750, OR51E1, ARHGAP24, GABRR2, TENM4, TENM3, OR52E8, CRH, RIN2, AKAP5, TGFBRAP1, INPP4B, INPP4A, ZNF219, RIN3
78	GO:0006915~apoptotic process	1.45	DLC1, RNF144B, OPA1, S100A9, TGFB2, GAS2, KRT20, RB1, BRAT1, CIAPIN1, PRKCB, CASP6, PRUNE2, ZDHHC16, CASP4, FAS, RNF34, CUL1, FAIM2, MAP2K6
79	GO:0045944~positive regulation of transcription from RNA polymerase II promoter	1.27	RNASEL, THRB, ELF5, ARID4B, PPARG, RORA, SKAP1, WNT2, SPX, NRG1, EGFR, PID1, CTBP2, RELA, CDK7, RB1, ARNTL, LPIN2, PPARGC1B, NCK2, DCAF6, NCOA2, MTF2, ZMIZ1, ZFPM2, ZNF382, CAMTA2, FHL5, NIPBL, AATF, PPP3CA, TCF4, NFATC1, IKZF2, CCPG1, KLF12, ZNF567, MAML2, SMYD3, TET1, CSRP3, FOXP1, TP73, CDH13, ITGA6, RPS6KA1, ETS1, MAPK14, BMPR1B, TCF12

**Table 4.28 List of enriched pathways**

	<b>KEGG pathway</b>	<b>Fold Enrichment</b>	<b>Genes</b>
1	bta05412:Arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC)	4.07	TCF7, CACNA2D1, LEF1, CACNB2, CACNG3, CTNNA1, CACNA2D3, ITGB1, TCF7L1, CTNNA3, ITGA9, SGCG, ITGA6, RYR2, SGCD, CACNA1D
2	bta00120:Primary bile acid biosynthesis	3.89	CYP7B1, CYP46A1, HSD17B4, SCP2
3	bta00534:Glycosaminoglycan biosynthesis - heparan sulfate / heparin	3.44	XYLT1, HS3ST2, HS6ST3, EXT2, HS2ST1
4	bta00640:Propanoate metabolism	3.18	ACADM, SUCLG2, SUCLG1, EHHADH, HIBCH
5	bta02010:ABC transporters	3.15	ABCC9, ABCG5, ABCC1, CFTR, ABCC2, LOC515333, ABCA5, ABCA12
6	bta04520:Adherens junction	2.92	EGFR, PARD3, TCF7, PTPRM, SORBS1, TGFBR2, LMO7, LEF1, ACTN1, CTNNA1, TCF7L1, CTNNA3
7	bta05213:Endometrial cancer	2.92	EGFR, TCF7, GSK3B, LEF1, CTNNA1, TCF7L1, AKT3, CTNNA3, AXIN1
8	bta04360:Axon guidance	2.91	ABLIM1, DCC, PLXNA4, PLXNA1, PLXNB1, LIMK1, LRRC4C, ITGB1, SLIT1, EPHB1, SLIT2, SLIT3, EPHA5, EPHA6, ROBO1, GSK3B, SEMA3D, SEMA3C, UNC5D, PPP3CA, ABL1, RASA1
9	bta04730:Long-term depression	2.80	LOC536367, RYR1, CRH, GUCY1A3, PLA2G4F, PRKG1, PLCB1, PLA2G4E, ITPR2, PRKCB
10	bta04921:Oxytocin signaling pathway	2.62	EGFR, CACNA2D1, ADCY2, OXTR, CACNB2, CACNG3, CACNA2D3, ITPR2, PRKCB, MYL9, CAMKK2, CAMK4, RYR3, RYR1, RYR2, GUCY1A3, PLA2G4F, PPP3CA, PLCB1, CACNA1D, PLA2G4E, NFATC1, CAMK1D
11	bta05414:Dilated cardiomyopathy	2.50	CACNA2D1, ADCY2, MYBPC3, CACNB2, CACNG3, CACNA2D3, ITGB1, ITGA9, SGCG, ITGA6, SGCD, RYR2, CACNA1D
12	bta05410:Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM)	2.48	ITGA9, CACNA2D1, ITGA6, SGCG, MYBPC3, RYR2, CACNB2, SGCD, CACNG3, CACNA2D3, ITGB1, CACNA1D

**Table 4.28** contd...

	<b>KEGG pathway</b>	<b>Fold Enrichment</b>	<b>Genes</b>
13	bta05221:Acute myeloid leukemia	2.36	TCF7, PPARD, RELA, SPI1, LEF1, MTOR, TCF7L1, AKT3
14	bta05231:Choline metabolism in cancer	2.34	EGFR, PLD1, DGKH, PRKCB, DGKB, PLA2G4F, SLC22A3, RHEB, PCYT1A, PDGFC, MTOR, PDGFD, PLA2G4E, AKT3
15	bta05215:Prostate cancer	2.31	EGFR, TCF7, RELA, GSK3B, LEF1, PDGFC, CREB5, RB1, PDGFD, MTOR, TCF7L1, AKT3
16	bta04150:mTOR signaling pathway	2.24	RPS6KA1, RPS6KA2, RHEB, RICTOR, MTOR, AKT3, RRAGC, PRKCB
17	<b>bta04724:Glutamatergic synapse</b>	2.19	PLD1, ADCY2, GRIK2, ITPR2, PRKCB, GRM3, SLC1A3, GRM8, GNG10, GRM7, PLA2G4F, PPP3CA, PLCB1, CACNA1D, PLA2G4E
18	bta04976:Bile secretion	2.19	FXVD2, ABCG5, ADCY2, KCNN2, EPHX1, CFTR, ABCC2, LOC515333, SLC4A5
19	bta04670:Leukocyte transendothelial migration	2.14	SIPA1, ACTN1, CTNNA1, VAV2, ITGB1, MMP2, CTNNA3, PRKCB, MYL9, EZR, MAPK14, RAP1B, TXK, JAM3, RHOH
20	bta04912:GnRH signaling pathway	2.11	EGFR, PLD1, ADCY2, MAPK14, PLA2G4F, PLCB1, CACNA1D, MMP2, MAP2K6, PLA2G4E, ITPR2
21	bta04024:cAMP signaling pathway	2.09	FXVD2, PLD1, ADCY2, PTGER3, RELA, HTR4, OXTR, CFTR, CREB5, PDE4D, LOC531747, VAV2, FSHR, MYL9, EDNRA, CAMK4, TIAM1, RYR2, RAP1B, LOC515333, CACNA1D, AKT3, LIPE, HTR1E, NFATC1
22	bta04270:Vascular smooth muscle contraction	2.08	KCNMA1, ADCY2, CALD1, PRKCH, PRKG1, ITPR2, PRKCB, MYL9, EDNRA, PRKCQ, GUCY1A3, PLA2G4F, PLCB1, CACNA1D, PLA2G4E
23	<b>bta04728:Dopaminergic synapse</b>	2.07	CALY, PPP2R5D, SLC6A3, CREB5, ARNTL, ITPR2, PRKCB, GSK3B, MAPK14, GNG10, PPP3CA, PLCB1, PPP2R2B, CACNA1D, AKT3, CACNA1B
24	bta04713:Circadian entrainment	2.04	ADCY2, GNG10, RYR3, RYR1, RYR2, GUCY1A3, PER3, LOC531747, PRKG1, PLCB1, CACNA1D, PRKCB

Table 4.28 contd...

KEGG pathway		Fold Enrichment	Genes
25	bta04720:Long-term potentiation	2.03	RPS6KA1, CAMK4, RPS6KA2, RAP1B, PPP3CA, PLCB1, ITPR2, PRKCB
26	bta04070:Phosphatidylinositol signaling system	2.02	CDS2, DGKB, PIK3C2G, DGKH, INPP4B, PI4K2B, INPP4A, ITPKC, PIP4K2A, PLCB1, ITPR2, PRKCB
27	bta04015:Rap1 signaling pathway	2.01	PARD3, ADCY2, TLN2, FGF14, SIPA1, FGF12, ITGB1, SKAP1, TIAM1, PDGFC, PDGFD, PLCB1, RAPGEF2, LOC509513, MAP2K6, AKT3, FYB, EGFR, MAGI2, MAGI1, SIPA1L2, DOCK4, PRKCB, SIPA1L1, MAPK14, RAP1B
28	bta04020:Calcium signaling pathway	2.01	EGFR, ADCY2, PTGER3, ERBB4, TACR1, TRHR, HTR4, OXTR, ITPKC, ITPR2, PRKCB, EDNRA, HRH1, CAMK4, HRH2, RYR3, RYR1, RYR2, PPP3CA, LOC509513, PLCB1, CACNA1D, CACNA1B
29	bta04911:Insulin secretion	2.01	KCNMA1, FXYD2, ADCY2, SLC2A2, KCNN2, RYR2, CREB5, PLCB1, CACNA1D, PRKCB
30	<b>bta04970:Salivary secretion</b>	1.99	KCNMA1, FXYD2, ADCY2, BST1, RYR3, GUCY1A3, PRKG1, PLCB1, ITPR2, PRKCB
31	bta04722:Neurotrophin signaling pathway	1.98	ARHGDIG, RELA, TP73, NTRK3, CAMK4, RPS6KA1, RPS6KA2, GSK3B, MAPK14, PSEN2, RAP1B, SH2B1, ABL1, AKT3, ARHGDIB
32	bta01200:Carbon metabolism	1.97	ME1, ACADM, SUCLG2, EHHADH, SUCLG1, ESD, HK2, IDH3B, FBP2, GOT1, SDHC, HAO2, HIBCH
33	bta04611:Platelet activation	1.95	ADCY2, TLN2, PRKG1, ITGB1, COL5A1, ITPR2, RASGRP1, MAPK14, GUCY1A3, PLA2G4F, RAP1B, PLCB1, COL11A1, AKT3, PLA2G4E
34	<b>bta04010:MAPK signaling pathway</b>	1.94	TRAF2, FGF14, CACNB2, FGF12, RASGRP1, FAS, PPP3CA, RAPGEF2, AKT3, RASA1, MAP2K6, NFATC1, EGFR, CACNA2D1, RELA, TGFBR2, NF1, CACNG3, CACNA2D3, MECOM, PRKCB, MAP4K4, RPS6KA1, RPS6KA2, MAPK14, PLA2G4F, RAP1B, CACNA1D, PLA2G4E, CACNA1B

Table 4.28 contd...

KEGG pathway		Fold Enrichment	Genes
35	bta04514:Cell adhesion molecules (CAMs)	1.93	GLG1, PTPRM, NRXN3, NLGN1, NEO1, LRRC4C, NRXN1, ITGB1, CDH4, LOC509006, NRCAM, ITGA9, NCAM2, ITGA6, CNTNAP2, LOC509513, NEGR1, JAM3
36	bta04152:AMPK signaling pathway	1.93	RAB2A, PPP2R5D, PPARG, CREB5, CFTR, FBP2, CAMKK2, RHEB, MTOR, PPP2R2B, RAB10, TBC1D1, AKT3, LIPE
37	bta04012:ErbB signaling pathway	1.92	EGFR, NCK2, NRG3, ERBB4, GSK3B, MTOR, ABL1, NRG1, AKT3, PRKCB
38	bta04750:Inflammatory mediator regulation of TRP channels	1.91	PRKCQ, HRH1, ADCY2, MAPK14, ASIC2, PRKCH, PLA2G4F, PLCB1, MAP2K6, PLA2G4E, ITPR2, PRKCB
39	bta04512:ECM-receptor interaction	1.90	COL4A4, ITGA9, ITGA6, HSPG2, RELN, LAMC2, SV2B, ITGB1, COL11A1, COL5A1
40	bta04727:GABAergic synapse	1.90	GABRR2, GABRG2, PLCL1, GAD2, GPHN, ADCY2, GNG10, CACNA1D, CACNA1B, PRKCB
41	bta04660:T cell receptor signaling pathway	1.89	PRKCQ, NCK2, MAPK14, RELA, RASGRP1, GSK3B, MALT1, PPP3CA, LOC509513, VAV2, AKT3, NFATC1
42	bta04972:Pancreatic secretion	1.89	KCNMA1, FXYD2, ADCY2, BST1, RYR2, RAPIB, CFTR, PLCB1, CPB2, ITPR2, PRKCB
43	bta00564:Glycerophospholipid metabolism	1.87	CDS2, PLD1, PLA2G16, DGKB, PLB1, PLA2G4F, DGKH, PCYT1A, PTDSS1, LPIN2, PLA2G4E
44	bta04390:Hippo signaling pathway	1.86	FZD9, TCF7, PARD3, LOC505383, NF2, TGFBR2, LEF1, CTNNA1, TP73, TCF7L1, CTNNA3, WNT2, FRMD6, GSK3B, PPP2R2B, BMPR1B, AXIN1
45	<b>bta04261:Adrenergic signaling in cardiomyocytes</b>	1.82	FXYD2, CACNA2D1, ADCY2, PPP2R5D, CACNB2, CACNG3, CREB5, CACNA2D3, MAPK14, RYR2, PLCB1, PPP2R2B, CACNA1D, SCN5A, AKT3
46	<b>bta04310:Wnt signaling pathway</b>	1.81	FZD9, TCF7, PPARD, CTBP2, LEF1, DAAM1, TCF7L1, PRKCB, WNT2, GSK3B, PPP3CA, PLCB1, CUL1, AXIN1, NFATC1
47	<b>bta04071:Sphingolipid signaling pathway</b>	1.79	TRAF2, PLD1, SPTLC3, PPP2R5D, MAPK14, RELA, CERS5, ABCC1, SGMS1, PPP2R2B, PLCB1, AKT3, PRKCB

**Table 4.28 contd...**

	<b>KEGG pathway</b>	<b>Fold Enrichment</b>	<b>Genes</b>
48	bta04723:Retrograde endocannabinoid signaling	1.75	GABRR2, GABRG2, ADCY2, GNG10, ABHD6, MAPK14, PLCB1, CACNA1D, ITPR2, CACNA1B, PRKCB
49	bta04726:Serotonergic synapse	1.71	GNG10, KCNN2, HTR4, PLA2G4F, ALOX5, PLCB1, CACNA1D, PLA2G4E, HTR1E, 50ITPR2, CACNA1B, PRKCB
50	bta04510:Focal adhesion	1.67	EGFR, COL4A4, TLN2, ACTN1, VAV2, ITGB1, COL5A1, PRKCB, MYL9, ITGA9, DOCK1, ITGA6, GSK3B, LAMC2, PDGFC, RAP1B, RELN, PDGFD, COL11A1, AKT3, PARVA
51	bta05200:Pathways in cancer	1.62	DCC, TRAF2, PPARD, ADCY2, FGF14, ARNT2, PPARG, SPI1, FGF12, MMP2, ITGB1, TCF7L1, EDNRA, WNT2, RASGRP1, FAS, PLCB1, AKT3, AXIN1, COL4A4, EGFR, FZD9, TCF7, PTGER3, CTBP2, RELA, TGFBR2, LEF1, RB1, CTNNA1, MECOM, CTNNA3, PRKCB, ITGA6, GNG10, GSK3B, LAMC2, MTOR, ABL1
52	bta04014:Ras signaling pathway	1.62	EGFR, PLD1, PLA2G16, FGF14, RELA, NF1, FGF12, RGL1, PRKCB, RASAL2, TIAM1, ETS1, RASGRP1, GNG10, PLA2G4F, PDGFC, RAP1B, PDGFD, LOC509513, ABL1, AKT3, RASA1, PLA2G4E

which was reported to be under selection in cattle (Edea *et al.*, 2018) was also found in the present study.

Sphingolipid signaling pathways which were involved in heat shock response were also found to be under selection in the present study. These pathways activate hydrolysis of sphingomyelin and also their biosynthesis as reported by Jenkins (2003). The two main metabolites of Sphingolipid signaling pathway, the ceramide and sphingosine-1-phosphate played important role in heat stress response. Ceramides signaled cell apoptosis in response to severe heat stress (Jenkins, 2003). The genes in Sphingolipid signaling pathways were found to be enriched in positively selected genes in african indigenous (*Bos indicus*) cattle (Taye *et al.*, 2018).

Another pathway which was under selection was Wnt signaling. It was reported to be involved in development of sweat glands and sweating (Cui *et al.*, 2014). Heat tolerance mechanisms involved sweat glands through evaporative cooling. (Jian *et al.*, 2014). The genes in these two pathways like PLCB1, MAPK14 had been reported to be involved thermo tolerance. Gene PLCB1 was involved in adaptation to hot arid environments. (Kim *et al.*, 2016; Jin *et al.*, 2017). Mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPKs) regulated cellular response with respect to apoptosis (Sugimoto *et al.*, 2012). The Wnt signalling pathway were reported to be under selection in indicine and taurine cattle (Gurgul *et al.*, 2016; Taye *et al.*, 2018).

Dopaminergic and glutamatergic synapse pathways genes were found to be enriched in the present study. Dopamine is an organic chemical of the catecholamine and phenethylamine families that mediates a wide range of brain functions by acting as a neurotransmitter. It was implicated in the process of domestication of animals (Nikulina, 1990). Glutamatergic synapse pathway played a key role in the behavioral adaptation of stress and fear responses (Kamprath *et al.*, 2009). These pathways might also be related to domestication, which affected tameness and fear response in domestic animals (Mirkena *et al.*, 2010; Zeder, 2012). Glutamate and dopamine regulated foraging and feeding behaviors of animals (Hills, 2006). The dopaminergic system helped free-ranging animals to identify the nutritious and non-poisonous grass/forage species from others (Jensen, 2002; Berthoud, 2007). The pastoral mode of livestock production in the early periods in the country might have lead to the positive selection of these genes involved in above pathways. The findings of the present study highlights the tropical adaptive mechanisms of *Bos indicus* cattle .

# **CHAPTER –5**

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## **Summary and Conclusions**

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## 5. Summary and Conclusions

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Research in cattle genetics has been profoundly changed since the public release of the cattle genome sequence. Genomics has been adopted as a foundational tool for livestock breeding, health, welfare and conservation. Discovery and genotyping of large number of genome wide markers (SNPs) is a prerequisite for application of genomics in cattle breeding. Scanty information is available on genome wide marker data for indigenous cattle breeds mainly due to the high cost associated with it.

The present study was carried out in 10 Sahiwal cows from Livestock Research Centre, ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal (Haryana) and Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan, Noormahal, Jalandhar, Punjab to identify genome-wide SNPs, SSRs and selection sweeps.

Genomic DNA was isolated from blood samples by phenol-chloroform method and the quality and quantity was checked. The genomic DNA samples were sequenced using ddRADseq method. The raw reads obtained were passed through stringent quality control and the processed reads were analyzed through standardized bioinformatics workflows for identification of genome-wide SNPs, SSRs and selection sweeps. The identified variants were annotated structurally and functionally.

Bioinformatics workflows for SNP, SSR and single population selection sweep identification and annotation were standardized for the criteria of minimum computational power and open source tools. Total 450431 and 258231 genome wide SNPs were identified with reference to *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus* genomes, respectively and 8266 genome wide SSRs were identified in the Sahiwal cattle. About 90% of the SNPs were genotyped in at least half of the samples showing high genotyping efficiency. The novel SNPs with reference to *Bos taurus* were 14908 and 150231 with *Bos indicus* genomes, respectively. The missense to silent ratio was found to be 0.5 to 0.6, while the transition to transversion ratio was 2.3-2.4. The SIFT analysis revealed 89 SNPs to be deleterious affecting the protein structure and function. Total 22762 SNPs were mapped to production trait QTLs while 42314 SNPs were mapped to QTLs associated with reproduction traits. The mastitis QTLs had 5765 SNPs mapped within the QTLs. Tick resistance and heat tolerance QTLs had 7689 and 2300 SNPs.

Among the validation set of 25 SNPs, 22 SNPs were successfully validated. Less than 1% of SNPs identified in the present study in Sahiwal cows were mapped to the existing bovine SNP chips. The selection sweep regions in Sahiwal cattle comprised of 1764 genes. The genes responsible for domestication and tropical adaptation were found to be selected in Sahiwal cattle

### **5.3 Conclusions:**

On the basis of results observed in the present study, the following conclusions were drawn:

- Genome-wide SNPs were identified for the first time in Sahiwal cattle using the *Bos indicus* genome as reference.
- It is the maiden study to identify genome-wide SSRs from sequencing data in Sahiwal cattle.
- Genome-wide novel SNPs were identified in Sahiwal cattle (450431 and 258231 SNPs) with reference to *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus* genomes respectively.
- The reduced representation approach was found to have higher efficiency for simultaneous discovery and genotyping of SNPs.
- Total 22762 SNPs were mapped to production trait QTLs while 42314 SNPs were mapped to QTLs associated with reproduction traits.
- Lesser than 1% of SNPs identified in the present study on Sahiwal cows were mapped to the existing bovine SNP chips, indicating scope for inclusion of indigenous SNPs in the existing SNP chips for its efficient use in zebu cattle.
- The genes responsible for domestication and tropical adaptation were found to be selected in Sahiwal cattle

### **Recommendations:**

The variants identified in the present study can be used as baseline information to study domestication history, population structure and GWAS. The SNPs mapped to different QTLs and the gene pathways enriched in selective sweeps may be further explored for studying the underlying genetic variation and molecular mechanism of production, reproduction and tropical adaptation traits in indigenous cattle breeds.

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# **Appendix- I & II**

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## Appendix- I

**Details of the missense SNPs identified in Sahiwal cattle using  
*Bos taurus* as reference genome**

CHROM	POS	ID	ALLELE		GENE
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1	58593817	rs209696343	C	T	SPICE1
1	58768744	rs207583037	G	A	SIDT1,SIDT1
1	66575981	rs109032777	C	T	POLQ
1	67095399	rs379269630	T	C	ILDR1
1	71525073	rs523262845	G	A	ENSBTAG00000040161
1	74601989	rs525616158	C	T	ATP13A4
1	78694914	rs720790594	T	C	TPRG1
1	109823001	rs110509495	T	C	RSRC1
1	112997870	rs108998256	C	G	PLCH1,PLCH1
1	112997925	rs136063343	C	T	PLCH1,PLCH1
1	112997928	rs134587613	C	T	PLCH1,PLCH1
1	112997930	rs135749474	C	G	PLCH1,PLCH1
1	112997932	rs133938613	C	G	PLCH1,PLCH1
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3	21824834	rs720713184	G	A	GPR89, GPR89
3	21824840	rs458141513	A	G	GPR89, GPR89
3	25301371	rs381014304	G	A	SPAG17
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3	49470802	-	G	A	ARHGAP29
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3	85136688	-	G	T	NFIA
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4	49392575	rs208032372	T	C	LAMB4
4	49392590	-	A	G	LAMB4
4	49392659	rs210656974	A	G	LAMB4
4	50899209	rs466271649	A	G	CTTNBP2
4	77882404	-	T	G	AEBP1,AEBP1,POLD2
4	78821597	-	G	A	MRPL32
4	87245518	rs134309914	A	G	PTPRZ1
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4	94943415	rs1117301205	C	T	CPA1
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## Appendix- II

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**The chemicals used in this study were of molecular biology grade. The list of chemicals and the preparation of reagents are as follows:**

### **Preparation of Reagents**

#### **Tris (1 M) pH 8.0**

Tris base (121.10 gm) was dissolved in 800 ml of double distilled water and the pH was adjusted to 8.0 by adding concentrated HCl (40 ml). The solution was allowed to cool to room temperature before making final volume to 1 liter and stored at 4 °C.

#### **Sodium chloride (5 M)**

Sodium chloride (29.40 gm) was dissolved in 80 ml of double distilled water and the final volume made up to 100 ml. Sterilized by autoclaving and stored at 4 °C.

#### **Sodium acetate (3 M)**

24.60 gm of Sodium acetate (anhydrous) was dissolved in 80 ml of double distilled water. pH was adjusted to 5.2 with glacial acetic acid and the final volume was adjusted to 100 ml. Sterilized by autoclaving and stored at room temperature.

#### **EDTA (0.5 M)**

Disodium salt of EDTA (18.60 gm) was dissolved in 80 ml of double distilled water by adding NaOH pellets. pH was adjusted to 8.0 and final volume made up to 100 ml. Sterilized by autoclaving and stored at 4 °C.

#### **Ammonium chloride (1 M)**

Ammonium chloride (5.35 gm) was dissolved in 80 ml of double distilled water and final volume was made up to 100 ml. Sterilized by autoclaving and stored at 4 °C.

#### **Sodium bicarbonate (1 M)**

10.00 gm of sodium bicarbonate was dissolved in 80 ml of double distilled water and made up to a final volume of 100 ml. Sterilized by autoclaving.

### **Sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS) 10 %**

Dissolved 10.00 gm of Sodium dodecyl sulphate in 80 ml of autoclaved double distilled water and made up to a final volume of 100 ml.

### **RBC Lysis buffer (1X prepared freshly everytime)**

NH <sub>4</sub> Cl (155 mM)	:	155 ml
KHCO <sub>3</sub> (10 mM)	:	10 ml
EDTA (0.1mM)	:	2 ml

Final volume was made up to 100ml by adding double distilled water. Autoclaved and stored at 4<sup>0</sup>C

### **RBC Lysis buffer (1X prepared freshly everytime)**

NaCl (75 mM)	:	75 ml
Tris (10 mM)	:	10 ml
EDTA (2 mM)	:	4 ml

Final volume was made up to 100ml by adding double distilled water. Autoclaved and stored at room temperature

### **Phenol equilibration (Tris saturation)**

Phenol crystals (500 gm) stored at -20 <sup>0</sup>C was liquefied by keeping in a water bath maintained at 65 <sup>0</sup>C for 1 hour. 8-hydroxyquinoline was added to a liquefied phenol at a final concentration of 0.1 %. Then equal volume (500 ml) of 0.5 M Tris (pH 8.0) was added and stirred for 4 hours on magnetic stirrer and pH was checked repeatedly till it reached 8.0. Finally, 0.1 M Tris was added to an equilibrated phenol and stirred well and stored in amber colored bottles at (4 <sup>0</sup>C).

### **Proteinase-K**

Proteinase-k (20 mg) was dissolved in 1ml of double distilled water. Aliquots of 400µl per vial made and stored at -20 <sup>0</sup>C.

### **Ethanol 70 %**

Ethanol 99.9 %	:	70 ml
Distilled water	:	30 ml

### **Phosphate Buffer Saline (1X) Ca<sup>++</sup> and Mg<sup>++</sup> free**

NaCl	:	4.0 gm
KCl	:	0.1 gm
Na <sub>2</sub> HPO <sub>4</sub>	:	0.7 gm
KH <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub>	:	0.1gm

The pH was adjusted to 7.4 and final volume made up to 500 ml with double distilled water. Autoclaved and stored the buffer at room temperature.

### **TE buffer (10 mM)**

Tris (1M, pH 8.0)	:	1.00 ml
EDTA (0.5M, pH 8.0)	:	200 µl
Final volume made up to	:	100 ml

Sterilized by autoclaving and stored the buffer at room temperature.

### **Agarose gel:**

#### **Agarose 0.6 %**

Agarose	:	0.60 gm
TBE (10 X)	:	10 ml
Double distilled water	:	90 ml

#### **Agarose 1.8 %**

Agarose	:	1.80 gm
TBE (10X)	:	10 ml
Double distilled water	:	90 ml

#### **Agarose 2.0 %**

Agarose	:	2 gm
TBE (10X)	:	10 ml
Distilled water	:	90 ml

### **Ethidium bromide**

Ethidium bromide (0.25 gm) was dissolved in 25 ml of double distilled water. Stirred on a magnetic stirrer for several hours to ensure that the dye is properly dissolved. Wrapped the container with aluminum foil and stored at 4 °C.

### **Preparation of 6X gel loading dye**

Bromo phenol blue	:	0.25 % (w/v)
Xylene cyanol FF	:	0.25 % (w/v)
Glycerol in water	:	30 % (v/v)

### **TBE buffer (10X)**

Tris base	:	108.0 gm
Boric acid	:	55.0 gm
EDTA (0.5 M, pH 8.0)	:	40 ml

Double distilled water was added to make the final volume 1000ml, filtered and autoclaved.

### **TAE buffer (50X)**

Tris base	:	242.0 gm
Glacial acetic acid	:	57.1 ml
EDTA (0.5 M, pH 8.0)	:	100 ml

Double distilled water was added to make the final volume 1000ml, filtered and autoclaved.