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Overall coordinator's report

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Since the latest overall coordinator's report in Barley Genetics Newsletter Volume 34, not too many changes of the coordinators have been reported. I do hope that most of you are willing to continue with this work and provide us with new important information and literature search in the future. In the meantime a replacement was found for Chromosome 3H, namely Luke Ramsey, Cell and Molecular Genetics Department, Scottish Crop Research Institute, Invergowrie, Dundee, DD2 5DA, United Kingdom. Please observe some address changes have taken place since the last volume of BGN.

The report of the 'Barley Genetic Linkage Workshop' from the 9th International Barley Genetics Symposium in Brno, Czech Republic, 2004, is published in this volume. As it became decided that the current system and trait coordination should continue but with a view towards whole genome coordination, Bill Thomas and Dave Marshall from the Scottish Crop Research Institute, Invergowrie, Dundee, UK, are investigating the potential of modernizing the overall system and integrating all types of current and historic data collections into a single, combined database. More details about this subject are found in the Workshop report in this volume.

Revised and new descriptions of barley genes will be published in this current volume. Also revised lists of BGS descriptions by BGS numbers (Table 2) and by locus symbols in alphabetic order (Table 3) will be republished in this issue. Rules for Nomenclature and Gene Symbolization in Barley with the changed and additional amendments will again be published in this volume.

The AceDB database for 'Barley Genes and Barley Genetic Stocks' is updated continouosly and some more images are added. Also the germplasm part is under revision.

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Grewal *et al.*, (2005) localised a locus for resistance against covered smut caused by *Ustilago hordei* indirectly to the chromosome arm 1HS. Earlier (Ardiel *et al.*, 2002), this locus was found to be linked with the RAPD-marker OPJ10₄₅₀ that was converted into a SCAR marker (UhR 450). This SCAR marker was then localized on chromosome 1HS.

Rajasekaran *et al.*, (2004) localised QTLs in a 184 RI line population of a cross between the spring barley varieties 'Tankard' and 'Livet'. They detected one QTL for 'kernel splitting', 'milling energy', 'sieve fraction > 2.5 mm', grain shape, 'gape between lemma and palea' and kernel weight between the loci Bmag504 and HvBDG. This QTL had the highest LOD score within the detected QTLs in for kernel splitting and milling energy.

In a DH population (136 lines) from cross between a winter barley ('Nure') and spring barley variety ('Tremois') winter hardiness and heading date with and without vernalization were determined (Francia *et al.*, 2004). One QTL for heading date with vernalization was found on chromosome 1H nearby the microsatellite marker Bmac0032.

One QTL for kernel weight on the long arm of chromosome 1H and one for kernel number per area on the short arm of chromosome 1H were detected by Verhoeven *et al.*, (2004) in 140 F_{2:3}-families from the cross of two *H. vulgare* ssp. *spontaeum* accessions from contrasting habitats. The aim of the study was to determine QTLs for fitness traits leading to adaptation and population differentiation. The linkage map was purely based on AFLP markers. Based on the same population, Elberse *et al.*, (2004) published a further analysis with growth chamber experiments under high and low nutrient level. On chromosome 1H they detected one QTL for leaf length under high nutrient conditions and a large overlapping area with QTLs for seed mass, leaf length under low nutrient conditions and 'leaf mass fraction' and 'leaf mass area' both under high and low nutrient conditions.

Chen et al., (2004) determined the association between SSR marker and kernel weight and kernel colour in wild barley (H. vulgare ssp. spontaneum) populations in Israel. They found associations between the marker loci BMS90 and HVM43.

Edney and Mather (2004) detected two minor QTL for malt friability on chromosome 1H. One was close to the marker locus ABG452, the other one near the marker locus cMWG706A. They carried out the QTL analysis in the 'Harrington' x 'Morex' population (140 doubled haploid lines).

In order to reveal the relation between grain protein content and malting quality, Emebiri *et al.*, (2004) investigated QTLs for different malting related traits in a double haploid population (180 lines) from a cross between a line with extremely low kernel protein content (VB9524) and a line with poor α -amylase activity (NB11231*1). On chromosome 1H, nearby the marker locus XMXwg912, they detected a QTL for β -glucanase activity.

A QTL for non-parasitic leaf spots was detected on chromosome 1H together with a QTL for heading date by Behn *et al.*, (2004). They performed the analysis in a population of 86 doubled haploid lines from a cross between the spring barley line IPZ24727 and the spring barley variety 'Barke'. IPZ24727 derives from an Israeli wild barley line and possesses good resistance against non-parasitic leaf spots.

Pillen *et al.*, (2004) used the advanced backcross-strategy to localize QTLs for several agronomic traits in a BC_2F_2 -population of 164 plants. The wild parent was the *H. vulgare* ssp. *spontaneum*-line ISR101-23. The recurrent parent was the spring barley variety 'Harry'. $BC_2F_{2:5}$ -families were used for the phenotyping. The 'Steptoe' × 'Morex' linkage map was used for the marker localization. On chromosome 1H, they detected one QTL for number of spikes per area, heading date, lodging at flowering and grain weight linked to the marker locus HVM20 and one for lodging at flowering and grain weight linked to the marker locus HVM36.

Another advanced backcross-experiment including *H. vulgare* ssp. *spontaneum* was carried out by Talemè *et al.*, (2004). They analysed the QTLs in a DH population from a BC1F2. The wild barley parent was the line HOR11508, the recurrent parent was the variety 'Barke'. They describe two putative QTLs on chromosome 1H: one for heading date, plant height, ear extrusion and grain yield linked to the marker locus Bmac154 and one for growth habit and heading date linked to the marker locus WMCIE8.

By hybridizing DNA probes with DNA from wheat-barley addition lines, Spielmeyer *et al.*, (2004) localized a 2-oxidase (*Hv3ox2*) from the gibberellin metabolic pathway to the long arm of chromosome 1H. In wheat, the probe hybridised with the chromosomes 1A, 1B and 1D. The orthologous rice gene (*Os3ox2*) is located on chromosome 1S of rice.

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Turuspekov *et al.*, (2004) described and mapped to genes associated with closed flowering in barley. The cleistogamy 1 (*cly1*) and cleistogamy 2 (*Cly2*) genes were mapped to loci in the same region of chromosome 2HL near molecular marker MSU21. Plants classified as closed flowering or cleistogamy did not extrude anthers during or after anthesis.

Reinheimer *et al.*, (2004) identified QTL for resistance to frost induced floret sterility in chromosomes 2HL and 5HL. The 2HL QTL maps in the same region as the *cly1* gene (Turuspekov *et al.*, 2004). The 5HL QTL is near the *Vrn-H1* or *Srh2* (spring growth habit 2) locus. A second QTL in 2H, probably the *Ppd-H1* or *Eam1* gene, was associated with early heading date and escape from frost damage.

Korff *et al.*, (2004) reported that introgression of the *Ppd-H1* or *Eam1* segment of chromosome 2HS from *H. vulgare* ssp. *spontaneum* into European barley cultivars had more effect on heading date and other agronomic traits than other introgressed segments. Daib *et al.*, (2004) reported then this same region of chromosome 2H was associated with QTL for several physiological measurements of drought stress tolerance. Li *et al.*, (2005) reported similar results using backcross-derived lines. Chromosome 2HS was associated with heading date, plant height, yield, lodging, ear length, grain per spike, 1000-kernel weight, and grain protein.

Karsai et al., (2004) reported on heading date variations of Hordeum vulgare ssp. spontaneum accessions caused by photoperiod differences. Vernalized and non-vernalized plants were grown in grown chambers and exposed to various constant day lengths under a constant temperature condition. Early heading under long photoperiods was attributed primarily to the effects of a factor on chromosome 2H, presumably the PpdH1 or Eam1 locus. However, a large number of other genetic factors contributed to the range of responses observed.

Spielmeyer *et al.*, (2004) reported on the barley genes in the metabolic pathway for gibberellic acid (GA) in barley. Characterization of genes involved in GA biosynthesis and its stimulation of cell elongation in barley, wheat and rice is considered the first in determining whether dwarfing genes in barley involve defective GA metabolism. Eleven genes potentially account for the six enzymes in the core GA biosynthetic pathway. Three (*HvKSL1*, *HvKSL2*, and *Hv3ox1*) of those loci were mapped in chromosome 2H.

He et al., (2004) examined molecular markers closely linked to the vrs1 (six-rowed spike 1) locus in chromosome 2HL and reported on progress in positional cloning of alleles at the vrs1

locus using amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP) markers and their converted sequence tagged sites (STSs) to screen a bacterial artificial chromosome (BAC library.

Tanno and Takeda, 2004 and Casas *et al.*, (2005) studied the evolution of barley using markers near the *vrs1* locus. Tanno and Takeda, 2004, analyzed genetic diversity at the MWG699 marker locus in 10 *H. vulgare* ssp. *spontaneum* accessions, 42 six-rowed brittle barley accessions, and 14 six-rowed cultivars. Nine sequence types were found among the *H. vulgare* ssp. *spontaneum* accessions, three in brittle barleys, and three in the cultivars. Since the same three sequences were found in the brittle and cultivated barleys, Tanno and Takeda, 2004 concluded that *H. vulgare* ssp. *vulgare* f. *agriocrithon* from the Central Asia is not wild barley, but a weedy outcross from cultivated six-rowed barley. Casas *et al.*, 2005 studied 257 cultivated barleys from the western Mediterranean region using the STS marker MWG699/*Taq*1. Most two-rowed cultivars had the type K allele. The type D allele was wide spread among winter six-rowed landraces from Spain and cultivars from central Europe. The type A allele was found in both spring and winter six-rowed cultivars. These conclusions agree with information reported by Tanno and Takeda, 2005.

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Since the last co-ordinator's report in BGN 33 there have been a number of publications reporting the mapping of genes and in particular QTL on barley chromosome 3H. Of particular note is the reporting by Chono *et al.*, (2003) of the cloning and functional characterisation of the semi-dwarfing gene *uzu* on 3HL in Bin6. The authors report that the semi-dwarf phenotype arises from a mutation in a gene encoding a putative brassinosteroid receptor that is possibly homologous to a known rice mutant *d61* (Chono *et al.*, 2003).

In contrast synteny with rice did not prove so informative for the detailed molecular mapping of leaf rust resistance gene *Rph7* on the distal end of 3HS close to the RFLP marker MWG848 in Bin1 (Brunner *et al.*, 2003). The region genetically delineated as containing the *Rph7* locus contained six genes in barley in the cultivar Morex that were not present on the homologous region on rice chromosome 1. Interestingly the characterisation of the same region in the resistance variety Cepada Capa indicated that the colinearity between the barley varieties was restricted to only five genic and two intergenic regions representing less than 35% of the two sequences. The differences were mainly due to the presence of different transposable elements in the intergenic regions but also included the loss of a gene in Cepada Capa (Scherrer *et al.*, 2005).

Two other leaf rust resistance genes *Rph5* and *Rph6* were also mapped to the distal end of 3HS (Mammadov *et al.*, 2003, Zhong *et al.*, 2003). Detailed mapping work indicated that *Rph5* was positioned in the extreme telomeric region of 3HS distal to *Rph7* (Mammadov *et al.*, 2003) and that *Rph6*, maps to a similar location. Indeed segregation analyses indicated that *Rph6* is allelic to *Rph5* (Zhong *et al.*, 2003). Pellio *et al.* (2005) report the high-resolution mapping of the *Rym4/Rym5* locus conferring resistance to the barley yellow mosaic virus complex (BaMMV, BaYMV, BaYMV-2) on the distal end of the long arm of 3H that has allowed the identification of a candidate gene that has since been confirmed to be involved in the bymovirus resistance (Stein *et al.*, 2005).

Several studies reported QTL for disease resistances on 3H including to scald (Patil *et al.*, 2002, Genger *et al.*, 2003a, 2003b, Bjørnstad *et al.*, 2004, Sayed *et al.*, 2004), net blotch (Cakir *et al.*, 2003a, Raman *et al.*, 2003), leaf stripe (Arru *et al.*, 2003) and powdery mildew (Backes *et al.*, 2003). A new scald resistance gene *Rrs4*_{CI11549} was mapped on 3H located 22cM distally on the long arm corresponding to the region Bin 8-9 (Patil *et al.*, 2003) and the crown rust resistance gene *Rpc1* was mapped 6cM distal to the SSR marker Bmag0006 to the long arm of 3H in the Bin 6 region (Agrama *et al.*, 2004).

Quantitative Trait Loci that mapped to chromosome 3H were also reported for hull cracked grain (Kai et al., 2003), kernel discolouration (Li et al., 2003), malt friability (Edney and Mather, 2004) grain shape and damage (Rajasekaran, 2004) as well a range of other agronomic and quality traits (Baum et al., 2003, Cakir et al., 2003b, Collins et al., 2003, Read et al., 2003, Talame et al., 2004). Komatsuda et al., (2004) reported high density mapping of the non-brittle rachis 1 (btr1) and 2 (btr2) genes on 3HS in Bin5. The report confirms the tight linkage of the two loci and a phylogenetic tree based on AFLP markers linked to the genes showed clear separation of occidental and oriental barley lines.

The publications referred to above are in no way an exhaustive list of recently mapped 3H loci which is a reflection of the breadth and vitality of the barley genetics community. Two presentations at the IX. International Barley Genetics Symposium on large scale mapping of barley ESTs highlight the difficulty now in reviewing the mapping of barley genes. Sato *et al.*, (2004) presented results of their EST mapping work that included the novel mapping of 163 genes to 3H and Graner *et al.*, (2004) presented the relationship they had found between high density gene maps of barley 3H and rice chromosome 1 extending the work of Smilde *et al.*, (2001). However neither sets of genetic maps are as yet in the public domain unfortunately but the reports are indicative of the scale of mapping now possible and the increasing importance of barley's syntenic relationship with the sequenced genome of rice.

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Coordinator's Report: Barley Chromosome 5H(7)

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Seed dormancy and it's release during after-ripening are important traits in barley harvesting and the malting industry. The traits are quantitatively inherited and under environmental influence.

In yet another study, a DH mapping population was made from two cultivars with elite malting quality; Triumph (European two row, prone to dormancy) and Morex (North America 6 row, non dormant) (Prada *et al.*, 2004).

The QTL for GP3 (7) (germination percentage at 3 days of incubation at 7 days post harvest) obtained from Triumph was located near the centromere of chromosome 7(5H) and explained 52% of the phenotypic variance. The QTL for GP7 (7) (germination percentage at 7 days of incubation at 7 days post harvest) obtained from Triumph was located in the centromere region of chromosome 7(5H) and explained 33% of the phenotypic variance; a second GP7 (7) QTL from the variety Morex was located at the long arm telomere of chromosomes 3(3H) and explained 13% of phenotypic variation. It is not yet known if the common position of GP3 (7) and GP7 (7) is due to linkage or pleiotropy.

In the same population a DR QTL (dormancy release through after-ripening) obtained from Morex, was located on the long arm telomere of chromosome 7(5H) and another on chromosome 2(2H) and explained 19 & 9% of phenotypic variability respectively. It is assumed that a moderate level of dormancy could be maintained by manipulating the balance between the GP and DR loci.

It is interesting to note that in previous studies major dormancy QTL, SD1 and SD2 in a Steptoe/Morex cross were located in the centromeric and long arm telomeric regions respectively of chromosome 7(5H) (Han *et al.*, 1996). In addition a major dormancy QTL in the Harrington/TR306 mapping population (Ullrich *et. al.*, 2002) and one in the Chebec/Harrington population (Karakousis *et al.* 1996) have been mapped to the long arm telomere of chromosome 7(5H). It is suggested that the QTL located in the Triumph/Morex population could be allelic with those detected in the Steptoe/Morex cross and those detected in the Harrington / TR306 and the Chebec/Harrington populations.

Dormancy was also tested in an F₂ population derived from a cross between Triumph and Steptoe, both cultivars with some degree of dormancy. The distribution of the F₂ population was continuous but a large number of transgressive segregants were obtained, indicating that although the two parents come from distinct gene pools, there is probably some difference in the genetic control of dormancy. Minor genes could be affecting the expression of dormancy in both cultivars.

Winter hardiness is a complex trait involving aspects of low temperature tolerance, vernalization requirement and photoperiod sensitivity. To map the QTL controlling some of those traits a DH mapping population consisting of 136 lines was developed from a hybrid between the cultivars Nure (winter two rowed feed barley) x Tremois (spring two rowed malting barley), (Francia *et al.*, 2004).

A total of nine QTL for the various cold-hardiness-related traits were mapped on the long arm of chromosome 5H. These included 2 QTL for winter-field survival, 2 QTL for a controlled field test plus two for functionality of photosystem II. In addition, for COR genes (cold regulated genes) QTL were located on chromosome 5H and 6H, heading date QTL were located on chromosomes 5H, 1H, 2H and 6H and a vernalization QTL was also located on chromosome 5H (long arm).

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Coordinator's Report: Chromosome 7H.

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As usual, progress in gene and QTL mapping covered numerous traits. In addition to the peer-reviewed papers described here, many reports were presented at the International Barley Genetics Symposium in Brno, Czech Republic in June 2004, available in the Proceedings and the book of abstracts published in the Czech Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding.

New microarray technology has been applied to mapping. (Potokina *et al.*, 2004) used a 1,400 EST array to identify genes for malting quality traits. Functional associations in ten genotypes identified two ESTs on chromosome 7H. HY05O13 for sucrose synthase1 was associated with malt extract and β -amylase activity. HY03C01 for catalase (*cat1*) was associated with extract, β -amylase, Kolbach index and final attenuation. QTL mapping in the Steptoe x Morex population identified QTLs for extract and α -amylase at HY05O13 but no QTLs at HY03C01.

Rajasekaran *et al.*, (2004) mapped QTLs for grain damage traits in a Tankard x Livet population. Nine QTLs were located in chromosome 7H in 3-4 locations. Traits included sieve fraction greater than 2.5 mm (2 QTLs), skinning less than 25% (2 QTLs), grain width by image analysis, ratio of grain width to length, height and grain milling energy (2 QTLs). The major region on chromosome 7H was at the SSR marker Bmag507.

QTLs affecting germination and malt friability were located by Edney and Mather, (2004), using the Harrington x Morex mapping population. A QTL for germination of 100 seeds in 4 ml of water was found in chromosome 7H by composite interval mapping. Morex provided the favorable allele.

Han et al., (2004) developed 39 isolines from a Steptoe x Morex cross differing for marker genotype in a 28 cM malting quality QTL region in chromosome 7H. QTL analysis after micromalting identified one QTL for malt extract, and two QTLs each for α -amylase activity, diastatic power and malt β -glucan. Resolutions of 2.0 cM or less were achieved, providing good markers for breeding.

Validation of the many QTL regions identified for Fusarium head blight resistance, kernel discoloration and deoxynivalenol concentration has begun with two populations derived from Chevron (Canci *et al.*, 2004). Of the fifteen QTLs identified in the original mapping population, only five were validated in the new populations. None of the QTLs on chromosome 7H were detected in either new population.

Nonbrittle rachis has been a key locus in domestication of barley. Komatsuda *et al.*, (2004) compared nonbrittle rachis loci in occidental and oriental barley lines. In addition to the major gene *btr2*, the oriental barley contained two QTLs, one of which was located in chromosome 7H.

Diab *et al.* (2004) mapped 68 QTLs involved in drought tolerance traits using the cross Tadmor x Er/Apm. Ten were located in chromosome 7H, including three for relative water content in stressed and irrigated plots and seven for water soluble carbohydrate concentration traits. Two genes were located in these QTLs, acyl carrier protein III (*Acl3*) and sucrose synthase (*bSS1B*), and an EST for a copper binding protein (BM816463).

The new tetra-primer ARMS-PCR technique was used to validate previously identified single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in five of nine RFLP clones (Chiapparino *et al.*, 2004). Two of these five were located in chromosome 7H, MWG2062 and ABC465. They then screened 132 varieties and determined the frequency of each nucleotide at the polymorphic site. This technique has potential in low to medium throughput laboratories.

Varshney *et al.*, 2004 tested transferability of 165 barley EST-SSR markers to wheat, rye and rice, to expand our knowledge of cereal synteny. Four of the barley chromosome 7H EST-SSR markers tested were homologous to group 7 chromosome wheat ESTs. The barley electronic comparisons to rice showed synteny between eleven of the 21 barley 7H EST-SSRs examined and rice chromosomes 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 12. The two chromosome 7H barley EST-SSRs mapped in rye were located on rye chromosome 4RL.

Comparisons of sequence-based polymorphisms in barley EST-derived markers were examined by Russell *et al.*, 2004. The one sequence evaluated in chromosome 7H was Best 1239, with homology to sucrose synthase. Two polymorphic sites were located in landraces, producing two haplotypes. Spring barley cultivars and *H. spontaneum* both showed no diversity, producing a single haplotype. Markers for other ESTs had as many as nine different haplotypes. In general, cultivated barley showed less diversity than the landraces and *H. spontaneum*.

Wenzl *et al.*, (2004) developed and tested diversity arrays technology (DarT) using polymorphism-enriched microarray hybridization. They then applied DarT to the Steptoe x Morex mapping population and mapped 42 markers to chromosome 7H. With this technique, it is possible to create a medium density linkage map in a few days.

Fluorescent in situ hybridization with RFLP clones was used for comparing physical and genetic maps by Stephens *et al.*, 2004. One landmark plasmid, p18S5Shor, was used to identify and orient all seven chromosome pairs. Six of the fourteen cDNA clones used mapped to chromosome 7H, Amy2, Brz, Chi, Glx, His3, and Ubi. Physical mapping showed that barley genetic maps do not cover large areas of the genome.

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Integrating Molecular and Morphological/Physiological Marker Maps

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Barley gene mapping and cloning is progressing, albeit slowly. The *Uzu* and *Nec1* genes were identified by homology to Arabidopsis and rice genes (Chono *et al.*, Plant Phys. 133:1209, '03; Rostoks *et al.*, in press). The *Uzu* gene encodes a brassinosteroid receptor and maps to chromosome 3H Bin6. The *Nec1* gene encodes a cyclic nucleotide-gated ion channel 4 protein and maps to chromosome 5(1H) Bin9. There should be ample opportunities for the identification of other barley genes by homology to the model dicot and monocot plants, Arabidopsis and rice. For example the *rym4*,5,6 gene (resistance to yellow mosaic virus) was identified as translation initiation factor eIF4E by recognition of a similar virus resistance pathway in dicotyledonous species (Kanyuka *et al.*, in press). The location of rym4 on chromosome 3H Bin016 was previously known (Graner *et al.*, TAG 86:689 '93). The locus is now marked by the CAPS marker BGK105 derived from the *eIF4E* sequence identified as the *Rym4* gene. The Vrs1 gene was mapped at high resolution and shown to co-segregate with markers e40m36-1110 and e34m13-260 (He *et al.*, Genome 47:1122, '04). The previously closest marker MWG699 is located 0.1 cM proximal from Vrs1.

Please advise me if you have additions or corrections to this information.

Bin Assignments for Morphological Map Markers and closest molecular marker

| Chr.1(7H) | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|---|
| BIN1 | *Rpg1 | RSB228 | Brueggeman et al., PNAS 99:9328, '02 |
| | | Run1 | |
| | Rdg2a | MWG851A | Bulgarelli et al., TAG 108:1401, '04 |
| | Rrs2 | MWG555A | Schweizer et al., TAG 90:920, '95 |
| | mlt | | |
| | brh1 | MWG2074E | B Li et al., 8 th IBGS 3:72, '00 |
| BIN2 | Est5 | iEst5 | Kleinhofs et al., TAG 86:705, '93 |
| | fch12 | BCD130 | Schmierer et al., BGN 31:12, '01 |
| | * <mark>wax</mark> | Wax | Kleinhofs BGN 32:152, '02 |
| | gsh3 | His3A | Kleinhofs BGN 32:152, '02 |
| BIN3 | fch5 | ABC167A | Kleinhofs BGN 32:152, '02 |
| | Rcs5 | KAJ185 | Johnson & Kleinhofs, unpublished |
| | yvs2 | | |
| | cer-ze | ABG380 | Kleinhofs BGN 27:105, '96 |
| BIN4 | wnd | | |
| | <mark>Lga</mark> | BE193581 | Johnson & Kleinhofs, unpublished |

| BIN5 | abo7 ant1 nar3 ert-m | MWG836 | Kleinhofs BGN 32:152, '02 |
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| BIN6 | ert-a ert-d fch8 fst3 | | |
| BIN7 | cer-f dsp1 msg14 msg10 rsm1 seg5 | ABC455 | Edwards & Steffenson, Phytopath. 86:184,'96 sex6 |
| | seg3 seg2 pmr mo6b nud fch4 | ABC308 Hsp17 CDO673 MWG003 | Kleinhofs BGN 27:105, '96 Soule <i>et al.</i> , J Her. 91:483, '00 Heun <i>et al.</i> , Genome 34:437, '91 Kleinhofs BGN 27:105, '96 |
| BIN8 | *Amy2 lks2 Rpt4 ubs4 blx2 | Amy2 WG380B Psr117D | Kleinhofs <i>et al.</i> , TAG 86:705, '93 Costa <i>et al.</i> , TAG 103:415, '01 Williams <i>et al.</i> , TAG 99:323, '99 |
| BIN9 | lbi3 xnt4 lpa2 msg50 Rym2 | ? | Larson et al., TAG 97:141, '98 |
| BIN10 BIN11 BIN12 | seg4 Xnt1 xnt-h Rph3 Mlf xnt9 | BF626025 BF626025 Tha2 | Hansson <i>et al.</i> , PNAS 96:1744, '99 Hansson <i>et al.</i> , PNAS 96:1744, '99 Toojinda <i>et al.</i> , TAG 101:580, '00 |
| BIN13 BIN14 | seg1 msg23 Rph19 none | Rlch4(Nc) | Park & Karakousis Plt. Breed. 121:232. '02 |
| Chr.2(2H) BIN1 BIN2 BIN3 | sbk none gsh6 gsh1 | MWG878A | Kleinhofs BGN 32:152, '02 |

| BIN4 | gsh8 Eam1 Ppd-H1 sld2 rtt flo-c sld4 | MWG858 | Laurie et al., Heredity 72:619, '94 |
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| BIN5 | fch15 brc1 | | |
| BIN6 | msg9 abo2 | D12M40 | W TAC 109-712 (04 |
| BIN7 | Rph15 rph16 yst4 Az94 gai msg33 msg3 | P13M40 MWG874 CDO537 CDO537 MWG2058 | Weerasena <i>et al.</i> , TAG 108:712 '04 Drescher et al., 8thIBGS II:95, '00 Kleinhofs BGN 32:152, '02 Kleinhofs BGN 32:152, '02 Börner <i>et al.</i> , TAG 99:670, '99 |
| BIN8 | fch1 Eam6 gsh5 | ABC167b | Tohno-oka et al., 8thIBGS III:239, '00 |
| | msg2 eog abr cer-n | ABC451 | Kleinhofs BGN 27:105, '96 |
| BIN9 | Gth hcm1 wst4 | | |
| BIN10 | cer-g Lks1 mtt4 Pre2 msg27 | MWG699 | Komatsuda et al., Genome 42:248, '00 |
| BIN11 | ant2 Rha2 *Rar1 fol-a | | Kretschmer <i>et al.</i> , TAG 94:1060, '97 BFreialdenhoven <i>et al.</i> , Plt. Cell 6:983, '94 |
| | gal fch14 Pau | MWG581A | Börner et al., TAG 99:670, '99 |
| BIN12 BIN13 | Pvc lig nar4 | BCD266 Gln2 | Pratchett & Laurie Hereditas 120:35, '94 Kleinhofs BGN 27:105, '96 |

| DD II | Zeo1 lpa1 | cnx1 ABC157 | Costa <i>et al.</i> , TAG 103:415, '01 Larson <i>et al.</i> , TAG 97:141, '98 |
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| BIN15 | | CDO036 MWG949A Ris16 | Kleinhofs BGN 27:105, '96 Costa <i>et al.</i> , TAG 103:415, '01 Giese <i>et al.</i> , TAG 85:897, '93 |
| Chr. 3(3H) | | | |
| BIN1 | Duks | BE216031; I | BF264341; BF623053 |
| BIN2 | Rph5 Rph6 Rph7 | BCD907 MWG848 BI958652; B | Zhong <i>et al.</i> , Phytopath. 93:604, '03 Brunner <i>et al.</i> , TAG 101:783, '00 BF631357; BG369659 |
| | ant17 sld5 <mark>mo7a</mark> | ABC171A | Soule et al., J. Hered. 91:483, '00 |
| DINI2 | brh8 | | |
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| | Rh/Pt | ABG396 BE455901 | Smilde et al., 8 th IBGS 2:178, '00 |
| | | BCD828 AtpbB | Williams et al., Plant Breed. 120:301, '01 |
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| | zeb1 | | |
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| BIN2 | dex1 msg19 nld fch6 glo-b | | |
| BIN3 | cud1 lys3 fst1 blf1 vrs2 | ABG705A | |
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| | Rha4 | | |
| | raw2 | | |
| BIN12 | none | | |
| BIN13 | <mark>rpg4</mark> | ARD5303 | Druka et al., unpublished |
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Coordinator's report: Barley Genetics Stock Collection.

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In 2004, over 560 barley genetic stocks were planted at Aberdeen for evaluation. In collaboration with Dr. Jerry Franckowiak, 393 barley genetic stocks were planted in the field for seed increase. One hundred genetic stocks were increased in the greenhouse.

Over 450 collections of barley genetic male sterile, 626 collections of barley translocation stocks and 94 Oregon Wolfe Barley stocks were increased in the last three years.

One hundred fifty-nine samples were shipped to researchers in 2004.

A new chlorina seedling mutation derived from six-rowed cultivar "Russell" was again crossed with various chlorina stocks including GSHO 18, GSHO 26, GSHO 33, GSHO 119 and GSHO 174. All of F1 seedlings are green. This indicates that the Russell mutant is not allelic to the above GSHO stocks.

Coordinator's report: Trisomic and aneuploid stocks

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There is no new information about trisomic and aneuploid stocks. A list on these stocks are available in BGN 25:104. Seed request for these stocks should be sent to the coordinator.

Coordinator's report: Translocations and balanced tertiary trisomics

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One consequence of the structural rearrangement of chromosomes is the change of the gene expression, which can alter the gene expression (position effect). Knowledge of the mechanism underlying the position-dependent activity of genes is of interest for manipulation gene expression by alteration in the gene position. The Bulgarian scientist N. Papazova and K. Gecheff reported on the position-dependent gene activity of ribosomal RNA genes based on data using cytologically reconstructed barley karyotypes (Papazova and Gecheff, 2003).

The data provide evidence that the intraspecific nucleolar dominance results from interchromosomal interactions, probably of cis-acting regulatory factors. In addition, the degree of repression varies in every translocation line and depends on the distance of the translocated NOR from the centromere.

One barley translocation line has been sent to Prof. Sevdalin Georgiev (Sofia University, Bulgaria). There were no requests for samples of balanced tertiary trisomics stock collection.

The collection is being maintained in cold storage. To the best knowledge of the coordinator, there are no new publications dealing with balanced tertiary trisomics in barley. Limited seed samples are available any time, and requests can be made to the coordinator.

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Coordinator's report: Eceriferum Genes

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No research work on gene localization has been reported on the collections of *Eceriferum* and *Glossy* genes since the latest reports in Barley Genetics Newsletter (BGN). All information and descriptions done in Barley Genetics Newsletter (BGN) Volume 26 are valid and still up-to-date. The database of the Swedish collection has been updated during the last months and will soon be searchable within International European databases. All Swedish *Eceriferum* alleles can be seen in the SESTO database of thr Nordic Gene Bank. As my possibilities in searching literature are very limited, I apologize if I am missing any important papers. Please send me notes of publications and reports to include in next year's reports. Descriptions, images and graphic chromosome maps displays of the *Eceriferum* and *Glossy* genes are available in the AceDB database for Barley Genes and Barley Genetic Stocks, and they get currently updated. Its address is found by: www.untamo.net/bgs

Every research of interest in the field of *Eceriferum* genes, 'Glossy sheath' and 'Glossy leaf' genes can be reported to the coordinator as well. Seed requests regarding the Swedish mutants can be forwarded to the coordinator udda@ngb.se or to the Nordic Gene Bank, nordgen@ngb.se, all others to the Small Grain Germplasm Research Facility (USDA-ARS), Aberdeen, ID 83210, USA, anhang@uida.edu or to the coordinator at any time.

Coordinator's report: Nuclear genes affecting the chloroplast

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Eight induced barley *xantha-f* mutants have been characterized at the DNA level (Olsson *et al.*, 2004). All the *xantha-f* mutations affect chlorophyll biosynthesis, as they are defective in magnesium chelatase that is the first unique enzyme of the chlorophyll biosynthetic pathway. The barley *xantha-f* gene encodes the largest of the three magnesium chelatase subunits. The phenotype of the studied mutants can in a satisfactory way be explained by the characterized mutations. The mutant octet showed a rich variation of mutations including deletions and missense mutations, which will be helpful tools in future studies concerning structural, mechanistic and regulatory aspects of the magnesium chelatase.

Three of the *xantha-f* mutants, *xantha-f*.26, *-f*.27 and *-f*.40, were also used to study the stability of mRNA affected by non-sense mutations (Gadjieva *et al.*, 2004). Mutations *xantha-f*.27 and *-f*.40 are non-sense mutations in exon 4 and 3, respectively. Mutant *xantha-f*.26 has a miss-sense mutation and was included as a control in the experiment. It was found that both *xantha-f*.27 and *xantha-f*.40 had a reduced amount of *xantha-f* mRNA, whereas wild type level of mRNA was found in *xantha-f*.26. It is well known that non-sense mutations cause instability of mRNA in mammalian cells. The phenomenon is called non-sense mediated mRNA decay', but the mechanism behind it is not understood. A very few studies have been performed in plants. Our study demonstrates that non-sense mediated mRNA decay exists in monocotyledonous plants like barley. The study explains how mutants with reduced levels of mRNA will be explored for cloning of the mutated gene by a microarray approach.

The stock list and genetic information presented in the Barley Genetics Newsletter 21:102-108 is valid and up-to-date. Requests for stocks available for distribution are to be either sent to:

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Coordinator's report: The Genetic Male Sterile Barley Collection

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The GMSBC has been at Brandon since 1992. If there are any new sources of male-sterile genes that you are aware of, please advice me, as this would be a good time to add any new source to the collection. For a list of the entries in the collection, simply <u>E-mail</u> me at the above adress. I can send the file (14Mb) in Excel format. We continue to store the collection at -20°C and will have small (5 g) samples available for the asking. Since I have not received any reports or requests the last years, there is absolutely no summary in my report.

Coordinator's report: Ear morphology genes

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No new research on gene localization or descriptions on different morphological genes have been reported since the latest reports in Barley Genetics Newsletter (BGN). All descriptions made in the volumes 26, 28, 29 and 32 are still up-to-date and valid. The databases of the Swedish Ear morphology genes have been updated during the last months and will soon be searchable within International European databases. All different types and characters with its many alleles of the Swedish ear morphology genes are found in the SESTO database of the Nordic Gene Bank. As my possibilities in searching literature are very limited, I apologize if I am missing any important papers. Please send me notes of publications or reports to include in next year's reports. Descriptions, images and graphic chromosome maps displays of the Ear morphology genes are also available in the AceDB database for Barley Genes and Barley Genetic Stocks, and they get currently updated. Its address is found by : www.untamo.net/bgs

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Coordinator's report: Wheat-barley genetic stocks

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Following last year's report on the selection of six monosomic additions of *Hordeum marinum* chromosomes to common wheat, presumptive disomic addition lines of *H. marinum* chromosomes 1Hm, 2Hm, 4Hm, 5Hm and 7Hm have been produced. Four ditelosomic addition lines obtained as well are yet to be characterised. Apart from *H. marinum*, it has also been possible to produce an amphiploid of *H. intercedens* with common wheat (Islam and Colmer, unpublished).

Coordinator's report: Semidwarf genes

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Spielmeyer *et al.*, (2004) reported on the barley genes in the metabolic pathway for gibberellic acid (GA) in barley. The characterization of genes involved in GA biosynthesis and its stimulation of cell elongation in barley, wheat, and rice is considered the first step in determining whether specific dwarfing genes in barley involve defective GA metabolism. Eleven genes potentially account for the six enzymes in the core GA biosynthetic pathway. The *HvKAO1* (*ent-Kaurenoic* acid oxidase 1) gene was associated with mutants at the *grd5* (GA responsive dwarf 5) locus in Himalaya barley (Helliwell *et al.*, 2001). The *HvKO1* (*ent-Kaureno oxidase* 1) gene was associated with mutants at the *grd3* locus (Spielmeyer *et al.*, 2004). Both loci were mapped to chromosome 7H. Other pathway genes were mapped, but not associated with specific mutant phenotypes.

MlČochová *et al.*, (2004) conducted a molecular marker study of the semidwarf mutant Diamant and its parental cultivar Valticky. Using14 European cultivars, MlČochová *et al.*, (2004) analyzed AFLP (amplified fragment length polymorphism) bands and SRRs (simple sequence repeats). For the 1591AFLP bands, 42.1% were polymorphic among cultivars and 11.4% were polymorphic between Valticky and Diamant. Of the 122 SSRs, 72.7% were polymorphic among cultivar and 42.8% between Valticky and Diamant. Thus, it is unlikely that Diamant was derived directly as a Valticky mutant.

MlČochová et al., (2004) summarized information showing that the denso or sdw1.d gene from Diamant is one of the most successful induced mutants in barley. Over 120 European spring barley cultivars have Diamant in their parentage and probably have the denso dwarf. In contrast, the Jotun mutant, sdw1.a, has been used to a very limited extent in North America. This difference in utilization can be partially explained by the lower vigor of cultivars with the Jotun gene, which is expressed in 'Bowman' backcross-derived near-isogenic lines for the two mutants. (Franckowiak, unpublished). Both mutants are associated with delayed heading, especially in short-day environments. Since heading date is more critical in continental environments, the delayed heading associated with sdw1 mutants may influence their utilization in North America

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Coordinator's report: Early maturity genes

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Franckowiak *et al.* (2004) reported at the International Barley Genetics Symposium in Brno, Czech Republic, regarding identifying genes that controlls heading date and reviewed some principles of the existing genes. Photoperiod sensitive genes are commonly called early maturity (*eam*) or praematurum (*mat*) genes. The *Eam1* gene is frequently present in wild barley, winter and spring cultivars. It is expressed only under long day conditions. The *Eam5* and *eam9* genes confer earliness under short-day conditions. The *Eam6* gene confers early heading under both long- and short-day conditions. It exhibits additive interactions with *Eam1*, *Eam5* and *eam9*. The *eam8* gene acts as day-length neutral. The *Eam11* gene, a long-day gene, is present in most two-row breeding cultivars. The *eam10*, *mat-f* and *mat-i* genes are early under most conditions. The long-day genes *Eam1*, *Eam6* and *Eam11* genes are located in chromosome 2H near QTLs for resistance Fusarium head blight. The last two ones are near the six-row typed 1 (*vrs1*) locus.

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