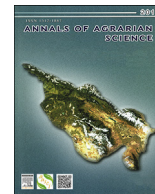




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Expression of candidate genes of lipid metabolism in the Kazakhstani breeding simmental cattle

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ABSTRACT

This research paper describes a gene polymorphism of growth hormone (GH), leptin (LEP) and diacylglycerol O-acyltransferase (DGAT) in Simmental cows of LLP "Galitskoe" of Pavlodar oblast. The frequency distribution of alleles and genotypes of the studied genes was held: at GH gene locus it was revealed that 19% of the 123 cows had VV genotype; 77% of the cows had VL genotype; 4% - LL genotype, at that the allele frequency was V - 58% and allele L - 42%. At Lep gene locus the genotype distribution was as follows: CC - 42%; CT - 48% and TT-10%. The frequency of allele C and T in the study was 66 and 34%. In DGAT gene locus genotype KK had 25%; genotype AA - 75%. The allelic frequency of K genotype was 63%, and A genotype - 37%. The study of GH gene expression showed that the minimum and maximum milk yield indicator of the test animals varied from 3089 to 8017 kg, the fat content ranged from 2.20 to 6.20%. Expression of Lep gene showed that the maximum milk yield was received from cows with CT genotype (9056 kg) and a minimum in the CC genotype (7407 kg), maximum fat content was observed in cows with CT genotype (6.1%), and the minimum in CC (2.2%) genotype. The variation of the studied milk yield indicators was from 2544 to 9056 kg of milk, fat content in the milk varied from 2.2 to 6.1%. According to DGAT gene milk production levels ranged from 3377 kg to 7985 kg of milk. The maximum yield of high fat content was obtained from cows with AK genotype (7985 kg - 5.9%), the minimum milk yield result was received from cows with KK genotype (3377 kg) and minimum fat cow result was received from cows with AK genotype (2.2%).

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Introduction

Success in breeding is largely dependent on the accuracy of the breeding value of animals. In this regard, the value of methods helping to identify the best animals and predict their breeding qualities at an early age is increasing. The achievements of modern molecular genetics make it possible to determine the genes that control the economic traits. In addition to the traditional selection of animals, detection of gene variants will allow to carry out selection directly at the DNA level. DNA technologies advantage is that it is possible to determine the genotype of the animal regardless of sex, age and physiological state, which is an important factor in breeding. As a potential marker of milk production alleles of genes milk proteins and hormones can be considered [1].

Intensification in the livestock breeding process is impossible without use of modern molecular genetic techniques and use of

DNA markers associated with economic traits of animals. Many researchers analyzed the distribution of allelic variants of a number of structural genes, polymorphism of which is often associated with the core indicators of cattle milk production. Emergence of allelic variants in regulatory and structural regions of these genes can affect diversification of the amount and composition of milk [2].

The central role in regulation of mammalian growth and metabolism, either directly or indirectly affecting numerous aspects of animal reproduction and lactation periods, belongs to a growth hormone - somatotropin. Somatotropin (growth hormone, GH) is an important regulator having lactogenic and fat-mobilizing effect, so the study of polymorphism of this gene is important in the analysis of genetic determinism of productive qualities of animals. The growth hormone gene in cattle is localized on the 19th chromosome and consists of five exons and four introns.

Along with alleles of genes of somatotropin (GH), leptin (LEP) is considered as a potential marker of cattle milk productivity. Leptin is a polypeptide hormone synthesized and secreted primarily in fat cells. In cattle LEP gene is located on chromosome 4. It consists of 3

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exons and 2 introns.

In addition, scientists consider diacylglycerol *O*-acyltransferase (DGAT) gene as a positional gene, a candidate of fat content in milk. This marker causes encoding a key enzyme in the synthesis of milk fat. The fat content in milk, as well as the protein content it is an important technological characteristics of this product. DGAT gene was mapped to chromosome 14 in *Bos taurus* genome as a marker influencing milk quality. Analysis of the nucleotide sequence make it possible to identify the sequence as structural DH-encoded region of diacyl-glycerol-aldehyde-acetyl transferase gene. This Enzyme Is Involved In Biosynthesis Of Lipids.

The search of candidate genes of lipid metabolism of animals, development of test systems analysis and study of their expression, effect of polymorphic variants of these genes on lipid metabolism of animals is a challenge of modern animal production science [1,2].

In connection with this, the objective of our research was to study the expression of genes in determining polymorphism of the genes of somatotropin, leptin, and diacylglycerol *O*-acyltransferase in studying the relationship of investigated genotypes with milk production and processing properties of milk from Simmental cows of LLP "Galitskoe" of Pavlodar oblast.

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Objectives and methods

Work on allocation of genes was performed in 2015 in a certified laboratory of DNA technologies "Biotechnology of Animals" on the basis of Pavlodar State University named after S.Toraigyrov. The laboratory is certified by the National Center of Expertise and Certification, certificate number 370.

The object of research was the purebred Simmental cows. Studies on identifying the relationship of genotypes with milk productivity were carried out in conditions of LLP "Galitskoe" of Pavlodar oblast. The animals were kept in loose housing in a newly built dairy unit for 1000 animals with the flow-shop system of milk production using a German technology. Feeding was conducted by conventional diets according to the productivity and physiological condition of cows. The average yield on the herd is 5023 kg.

In carrying out production tests the following criteria of zootechnic performance were examined: milk yield, fat content in milk, milk fat yield for 305 days.

For carrying out the DNA diagnosis in animals in the amount of 123 animals blood samples were selected. Blood was obtained from the jugular vein of the animals and put to tubes containing 100 mM of EDTA to a final concentration of 10 mM.

The research was conducted in the following order:

Isolation of DNA from the blood of cattle. 300 l of lysis solution and 100 l of sample were put to labeled tubes. The samples were mixed thoroughly by vortexing and heated for 5 min at 65° C. The tubes were centrifuged at five thousand rpm in a micro centrifuge.

The sorbent was carefully resuspended by vortexing. 25 l of the resuspended sorbent was separately added to each vial. Then it was vortexed, placed in a rack for 2 min, stirred again and allowed to stand for 5 min. The sorbent was pelleted in tubes by centrifugation at five thousand rpm for 30 s, then the supernatant was removed.

500 l of wash solution were added to samples, vortexed until complete sorbent resuspension, centrifuged for 30 s at 10 thousand rpm in a micro centrifuge, then the supernatant was removed.

The procedure of washing was repeated for removing the supernatant.

The tubes were placed in a thermostat at 65° C for 5–10 min of

drying the sorbent. With that, tube caps must be open. 50 l of TE buffer were added to the tube for DNA elution. They were mixed and placed in an incubator at 65° C for 5 min and vortexed periodically.

The tubes were centrifuged at 12 thousand rpm for 1 min in a microcentrifuge. The supernatant contained purified DNA. Samples were prepared for PCR amplification.

Evaluation of polymorphism of the gene of somatotropin. While amplifying bGH fragment locus to identify L/V allelic variants the following pairs of oligonucleotide primers were used:

5'-CCG TGT CTA TGA GAA GC-3'
5'-GTT CTT GAG CAG CGC GT-3'

The amplification conditions for this pair of primers at concentration of 2.5 mM magnesium chloride: 94 °C - 30 s - denaturation, 60 °C - 1 min - annealing, 72° - 30 s - synthesis (the total is 30 cycles).

For RFLP identification of genotypes of bGH-gene 20 l amplification product were treated with 10 units of restriction endonuclease AluI 1 × «Y»-buffer of SibEnzyme company (Russia) at 37 °C overnight.

The size of the resulting fragments is determined by electrophoresis on a 2% agarose gel.

Restriction fragment of L-allele is 264, 96 and 51 bp, and V-allele is 265 and 14 bp.

Evaluation of leptin gene polymorphism. To amplify fragments of LEP-gene the following primers were used:

LEP-F1:5'- GAC-GAT-GTG-CCA-CGT-GTG-GTT-TCT-TCT-GT -3'
LEP-R1:5'- CGG-TTC-TAC-CTC-GTC-TCC-CAG-TCC-CTC-C -3'
LEP-F2:5'- TGT-CTT-ACG-TGG-AGG-CTG-TGC-CCA-GCT -3'
LEP-R2:5'- AGG-GTT-TTG-GTG-TCA-TCC-TGG-ACC-TTT-CG -3'

The reaction mixture is shown in Table 1.

To visualize the DNA fragments the samples were introduced into wells of 2.5–4.0% of agarose gel containing ethidium bromide (0.5 mg/ml), and horizontal electrophoresis was performed at 15 V/cm for 40 min in 1 × TBE buffer. After electrophoresis, the gel was viewed in UV transilluminator at 310 nm wavelength. Identification of genotypes was determined by quantitative and qualitative characteristics.

Evaluation of gene polymorphism of gene of diacylglycerol O-acyltransferase. To amplify fragments of DGAT locus gene the following primers were used:

DGAT1:5'- GCA-CCA-TCC-TCT-TCC-TCA-AG -3'
DGAT2: 5'- GGA-AGC-GCT-TTC-GGA-TG -3'

After amplification, the resulting fragment of DNA was subjected to digestion with the help of endonucleases AcoI, (SibEnzyme (Russia)). Hydrolysis was carried out on a programmable thermal cycler, in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, in the following way: 4 incubation cycle at 37 °C, 30 min; 1 inactivation cycle: at 65 °C, 20 s.

Visualization of fragments was carried out with electrophoretic separation of restriction products in a 2% agarose gel in the presence of 5 μm of 10% ethidium bromide, then fixed and documented via GelDoc system.

Electrophore gram of the result of amplification of the genomic DNA of a cow with a pair of primers and DGAT1 DGAT2:

AK fragments correspond to 203, 208, 411 bp, fragments 203, 208bp correspond to K-allele, fragment with the length of 411 bp – A-allele.

The frequency of genotype occurrence was determined by the

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