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## RESEARCH ARTICLE

### GENETIC DIVERSITY AMONG FOUR *MOMORDICA* SPECIES USING RAPD, SSR AND ISSR MARKERS

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#### Abstract

**Background:** Genus *Momordica*, is widely distributed over tropic and sub-tropic region. Besides the cultivated bitter melon (*M. charantia* L. var. *charantia*), many other species of the genus occur in the wild state have been found in India and neighboring countries. Among them, monoecious, *M. charantia* and *M. balsamina* and dioecious, *M.*

*dioica* and *M. cochinchinensis* exhibit divergence in morphological characters like growth habit, maturity, and fruit shape and size, sex expression, leaf, root and seed characters.

**Methods:** We studied the twenty-four accessions representing four *Momordica* species including two gynodioecious lines of *M. charantia* namely Gy-323, Gy-333 by morphological and molecular analysis through RAPD, SSR and ISSR markers.

**Results:** The analysis of study based on dendrogram obtained from the distance matrix from the mean value of the 15 quantitative traits for the genotypes grouped all the accessions into two major clusters. One cluster

separated two distinct groups each accession of *M. charantia* and *M. cochinchinensis* and *M. balsamina* formed distinct group within a major cluster while the second major cluster consisted of all accessions of *M. dioica*. For molecular diversity analysis, 101 primers including 50 RAPD, 16 SSR and 35 ISSR primers produced a total of 600 scorable amplicons across four species, of which 586 (97.08%) were polymorphic. Seventeen markers differentiating monoecious and dioecious and 85 amplicons specific to one of the four *Momordica* species were identified. The UPGMA dendrogram obtained from Jaccard's similarity coefficient (average similarity of 0.38) showed two major clusters clearly distinguishing monoecious and dioecious species with high bootstrap value (100) between nodes.

**Conclusions:** In the present study, morphological diversity

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based on quantitative traits and molecular diversity showed some

correspondence in the clustering pattern of accessions representing species. Molecular markers were more efficient in differentiating the accessions at and within species level than morphological markers.

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## Introduction

Bitter melon (syn. bitter melon, *Momordica charantia* L.), an economically important member of the genus *Momordica* (Family: Cucurbitaceae) is widely cultivated in India, China, Malaysia, Africa and South America (Raj et al. 1993; Singh 1990) for its immature fruits as vegetable. Bitter melon is also used as a traditional medicine for diabetes in India, China and Central America (Grover et al. 2002; Ye et al. 2003), vaccine (Dutta et al. 1981) and other health related ailments due to its health promoting substances such as charantin (Ye et al. 2003). The genus *Momordica* comprising of 59 species is widely distributed all over tropic and sub-tropic region but the diversity of the species is more in tropical Africa including several species of economical and medicinal importance possessing different sex form and different basic chromosome number. About a third of the species are monoecious and remaining dioecious (Schaefer, 2010). The incompatibility among  $2n=2x=22$ ,  $2n=2x=28$  and  $2n=4x=56$  species in this genus is indicated by the negative results of crossings between *M. charantia* L. and *M. muricata* L. and between *M. dioica* Roxb. *M. cochinchinensis* Spreng. (Trivedi and Roy 1972). Besides the cultivated bitter melon (*M. charantia* L. var *charantia*), several species are present in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Malay, etc. (Hooker 1879) occurring in the wild state and are gathered by tribal communities as vegetables. Seven species occur in India and among them *M. charantia* and *M. balsamina* are monoecious while *M. dioica*, and *M. cochinchinensis* are dioecious species and are propagated vegetatively through tuberous root (Rashid 1993). These species exhibit morphological divergence in characters like growth habit, maturity, fruit shape and size, sex expression, leaf, root and seed characters (Robinson and Decker-Walters 1999). The fruits are bitter in taste and are desirable for consumption. Thus, *M. charantia* is perhaps the only species in which bitterness has been considered as a trait for selection during domestication. Besides many culinary uses in south, southeast and east Asia, the genus is also cultivated for its use as folk medicines.

*M. charantia* provides for relatively broad phenotypic variation (Kundu 2012, Iqbal 2016), which produces large fusiform fruits, while *M. dioica* is an important vegetable in the Indian sub-continent. It has many advantages, like high market price, good nutritional value and longer shelf life (Rasul 2003, Singh 2013). Sweet melon (*M. cochinchinensis*) occurs in peninsular region, humid tropical forests and also in north-eastern region and balsam pear *M. balsamina* occurs in north-western, Indo-Gangetic plains adapted to dry and sandy soils. Sweet melon, tea melon and balsam pear being minor vegetables.

Application of molecular markers as a tool for identification and characterization of germplasm for their efficient management and use in plant breeding has gained importance (Karp & Edwards 1997). Among the different types of molecular markers, random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) (William et al., 1990) is useful for the assessment of genetic diversity (Ulanowsky et al. 2001; Baranski et al. 2001; Pradeep Kumar et al. 2003; Cai et al. 2007; Tiwari et al. 2009). The technique is ideally suited for fingerprinting applications because it is fast (Gwanama et al. 2000), requires little material (Lowe et al. 1996) and technically easy (Fenwick and Ward 2001). The wide availability of commercial primers makes this technique widespread (Gillies et al. 1997), inexpensive and yields large numbers of markers (Martin and Bermejo 2000).

Recently, some understanding of the genetic variations has been achieved using transcriptome analysis of within *M. charantia* species (Shukla et al. 2015) and molecular markers like RAPD (Dey et al. 2006; Behera et al. 2008; Bharti et al. 2012), Inter Simple Sequence Repeat (ISSR) (Singh et al. 2007; Bharti et al. 2012), AFLP (Gaikwad et al. 2008) and Simple Sequence Repeat (SSR) (Ji et al. 2012) in *M. charantia* and related species (*M. dioica*) using RAPD (Rasul et al. 2007) and SSR markers (Ji et al. 2012). Transferability of SSR markers has also been reported in related

species (Jietal.2012). Although, most of these studies have focused on the efficiency of different molecular markers for assessing the diversity within one species, none aimed at assessing the diversity among some related *Momordica* species. The present efforts aim to get a comparative account of morphological and genetic diversity across the genus and unambiguously identify different species of *Momordica* using molecular and morphological markers.

## Materials and Methods

### Plant materials

Twenty four accessions of four *Momordica* species collected from different agro-climatic zones of India were selected based on morphological diversity and geographical distribution and were evaluated at the Research Farm, Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi, (U.P.) during rainy-winter season of 2014. The list of accessions included in the study is detailed in Table 1.

**Table 1:** Salient Features of fused *Momordica* genotypes.

Species	Source	Salient Features
Spinegourd ( <i>Momordica charantia</i> )		Monoecious, trailing vine with thin stems and tendrils, The leaves are heart-shaped, 5-10 cm in diameter, cut into 5-7 lobes, Flowers are borne singly in the leaf axils, fruits are small to very large, split open, revealing orange flesh and bright red placenta to which these seeds are attached, Seeds are tan and oval, with a rough etched surface.
GY-323	IIVR	Gynoecious plant, Large vines, large size leaves with heart shape,
GY333	IIVR	Gynoecious plant, medium vines, more branching, profuse bearing, green fruits
DRAR-1	TNAU	Monoecious, large vines, medium leaves, less branching, light green fruits
VRBT-1	ANGARU	Monoecious, more branching, medium size leaves, continuous fruiting for longer period, green fruits
MC-84	TNAU	Monoecious, medium size leaves, light green fruits, medium size fruits
DVBTG-7	IIVR	Monoecious, medium size leaves, more branching green fruits, medium size fruits,
DVBTG-5	IIVR	Monoecious, medium size leaves, more branching green fruits, medium size fruits,
PDM	IARI	Monoecious, medium size leaves, more branching green fruits, small size fruits,
Sweetgourd ( <i>Momordica cochinchinensis</i> )		Dioecious, roots develop big gertubers, leaves are bigger, flowers are large, yellow, 3 small deep black or blue circular dots at the base of petal, Flowers large oblong fruits, fruits are light green to yellow in colour.
RCSG-1	ICAR Res. Complex Shilong	Dioecious, vigorous plant, light green fruits, more fruiting
RCSG-7	ICAR Res. Complex Shilong	Dioecious, medium plant, light yellow fruits, medium fruiting
RCSG-5	ICAR Res. Complex Shilong	Dioecious, vigorous plant, more spiny fruits, more fruiting, yellow fruits
RCSG-36	ICAR Res. Complex Shilong	Dioecious, vigorous plant, tough rind, less fruiting light green fruiting
DRMC-22	Kalayani (W.B.)	Dioecious, medium plant, tough rind, medium fruiting, green colour fruits
DRMC-25	Kalayani (W.B.)	Dioecious, vigorous plant, soft rind, more seed, medium fruiting, light yellow green fruits
Spinegourd ( <i>Momordica dioica</i> )		Dioecious, roots develop small tubers, small leaves, flowers are small yellow colour and open in the evening, no circular dots at the base of petal, round to oval fruits, fruits are dark green to yellow in colour
VRMD-1	Varanasi	Dioecious, medium vine, more fruiting
RSR/DR-1	Mirzapur	Dioecious, long vine, medium fruiting
RSR/DR-2	Mirzapur	Dioecious, medium vine, more fruiting
RSR/DR-3	Sonbhadra	Dioecious, medium vine, less fruiting

VRMD-20-3	Satana	Dioecious, small viny, medium fruiting
VRMD-22-5	Satana	Dioecious, medium viny, less fruiting
VRMD-4	Patana	Dioecious, small viny, more fruiting
<b>Balsampear</b> ( <i>Momordica balsamina</i> )		Monoecious, trailing vine with very thin stems and tendrils, The leaves are heart-shaped and 3-6 cm in diameter, cut into 3-4 lobes, Flowers are borne singly in the leaf axils, fruits are small having ridges throughout surface and in the end elongation take place, split open, revealing orange flesh and bright red placenta to which the seeds are attached, Seeds are small, light yellow and oval.
DRBS-1	Ranchi	Monoecious, thin and medium spread vines, bold small fruits with prominent distal end.
DRBS-2	ANGARU	Monoecious, thin and vigorous vines, medium prominent distal end, very small fruits
<b>Sweetgourd</b> ( <i>Momordica cochinchinensis</i> )		
DRMC11	Bhagalpur (Bihar)	Dioecious, Dioecious, vigorous plant, soft rind, more seed, medium fruiting, light yellow green fruits

### Field evaluation and data collection

For field evaluation, the accessions were planted following the recommended fertilizer dose and cultural practices to raise a good crop. Five plants were randomly chosen with in each accession for data recording, which was done for fifteen plant height, fruit diameter, fruit length, fruit/plant, fruit weight, seed/fruit, yield/plant, petiole length, pedicle length, node to first male flower, node to first female flower emergence and inter-nodal length.

### Extraction of genomic DNA and quantification

Total genomic DNA was extracted from the fresh young leaves collected from field in the wee hours of the day following the procedure described by Doyle and Doyle (1990) and modification of Maguire et al. (1994). The DNA solution was purified and quantity of the DNA was estimated by recording OD of spectrophotometer (Gene Space-III, Hitachi, Japan) at 260 nm, and quality was checked on 0.8% agarose gel.

### Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assay and electrophoresis

Out of 120 random decamer primers from Operon Technologies, Inc., Alameda USA, a total of 50 primers were selected for RAPD analysis. Thirty-five commercially available universal ISSR primers of UBC series and 16 SSR primers reported in an earlier study (Wan et al. 2010) were used in the PCR assay. PCR reactions were performed in 96-well plates using Bio-rad thermo-cyclers system with the suitable amplification program using a total of 50 random decamer primers (Operon Technologies, USA). Each 25 µl reaction mixture contained about 50 ng of genomic DNA, 0.2 µM primer, 100 µM each of dATP, dGTP, dCTP and dTTP, 25 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> and 0.5 U of *Taq* DNA polymerase along with suitable 10x buffer (10 mM Tris-Cl, pH 8.3, 50 mM KCl, 0.001% gelatin). The reaction was carried out at 94°C for 4 min as pre-denaturation step, then the reaction was cycled 40 times at 94°C for 1 min, 33°C for 1 min and extension at 72°C for 1 min. Additionally, a final cycle allowed extension at 72°C for 10 min. For ISSR and SSR assay, annealing temperature was standardized before performing the assay on complete set of accessions. Care was taken to ensure that a set of all accession to be compared were processed in the same machine.

The PCR amplified products from RAPD and ISSR assay were loaded in 1.5% agarose gel and separated by electrophoresis with 1x TAE buffer at 65 V for 1 hr and 30 minutes. The band sizes were estimated by comparing with bands of 1 Kb DNA ladder (MBI Fermentas), which was run along with the amplified products in a separate lane on the same gel. For products from SSR assay, the fragments were electrophoresed through 2.5% Metaphor agarose (FMC Bioproducts, USA) gel at a constant voltage of 90 volts for 5 hours. Fragment lengths were determined with the help of 50 bp ladder (MBI Fermentas, Germany) loaded separately in the gel along with the samples. The gels were stained with ethidium bromide (0.5 mg/ml) and visualized in a gel-documented system (Alfa-Imager 2200, Alfa-Innotech Corporation, California). The PCR amplification was repeated two times to ensure that the amplification obtained with the primers is consistent and reproducible.

## Data analysis

### Morphological analysis

The mean value of the data was considered for calculating the genetic distance among the accessions. DIST module of NTSYS-pc was used to achieve the same. The Nei and Li genetic distance matrix was used as input file for generating Unweighted Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean (UPGMA) based dendrogram using SAHN cluster module of NTSYS-pc.

### Molecular analysis

PCR amplified fragments of the 24 accessions were scored as present (1) or absent (0) of bands. Only clear, unambiguous amplicons ranging from 300 bp to 3000 bp were scored. Unique presence or absence of single or group of bands was used for identification of species. Resolving power (Rp) and polymorphic information content (PIC) of primers were calculated to test the efficiency of these parameters in identifying primers that could best distinguish the cultivars. Resolving power is represented as  $R_p = \sum I_b$ , where  $I_b = 1 - [2 \times (0.5 - p)]$ ,  $p$  being the proportion of cultivars containing the bands (Prevost and Wilkinson 1999).  $PIC = 1 - (p_2 - q_2)$ , where  $p_2$  is proportion of accessions having an amplicon and  $q_2$  is proportion of accessions not having the amplicon (Raina et al. 2001). PIC value of a primer was calculated by averaging the PIC values of all polymorphic fragments generated by the primer.

The genetic associations between accessions were evaluated by calculating the modified Nei and Li's coefficient  $N_L = 1 - [2N_{11} / (2N_{11} + N_{10} + N_{01})]$  (Nei and Li, 1979) for pairwise comparisons based on the proportion of shared bands produced by the primers, where,  $N_{11}$  is the number of bands/alleles present in both individuals,  $N_{10}$  is the number of bands/alleles present only in individual A but absent in B and  $N_{01}$  is the number of bands/alleles present only in individual B but absent in A. Binary data based on presence (1) or absence (0) of bands was analyzed by pairwise comparison using Jaccard's coefficient (Jaccard 1908). The similarity matrix thus obtained was subjected to cluster analysis by UPGMA and dendrogram was generated to study the relatedness of the cultivars. The robustness of the nodes of the dendrogram was tested by bootstrap analysis using 1000 resamplings. These analyses were carried out using FreeTree software (Pavlicek et al. 1999). UPGMA dendrogram was drawn using Treeview (Page 1996).

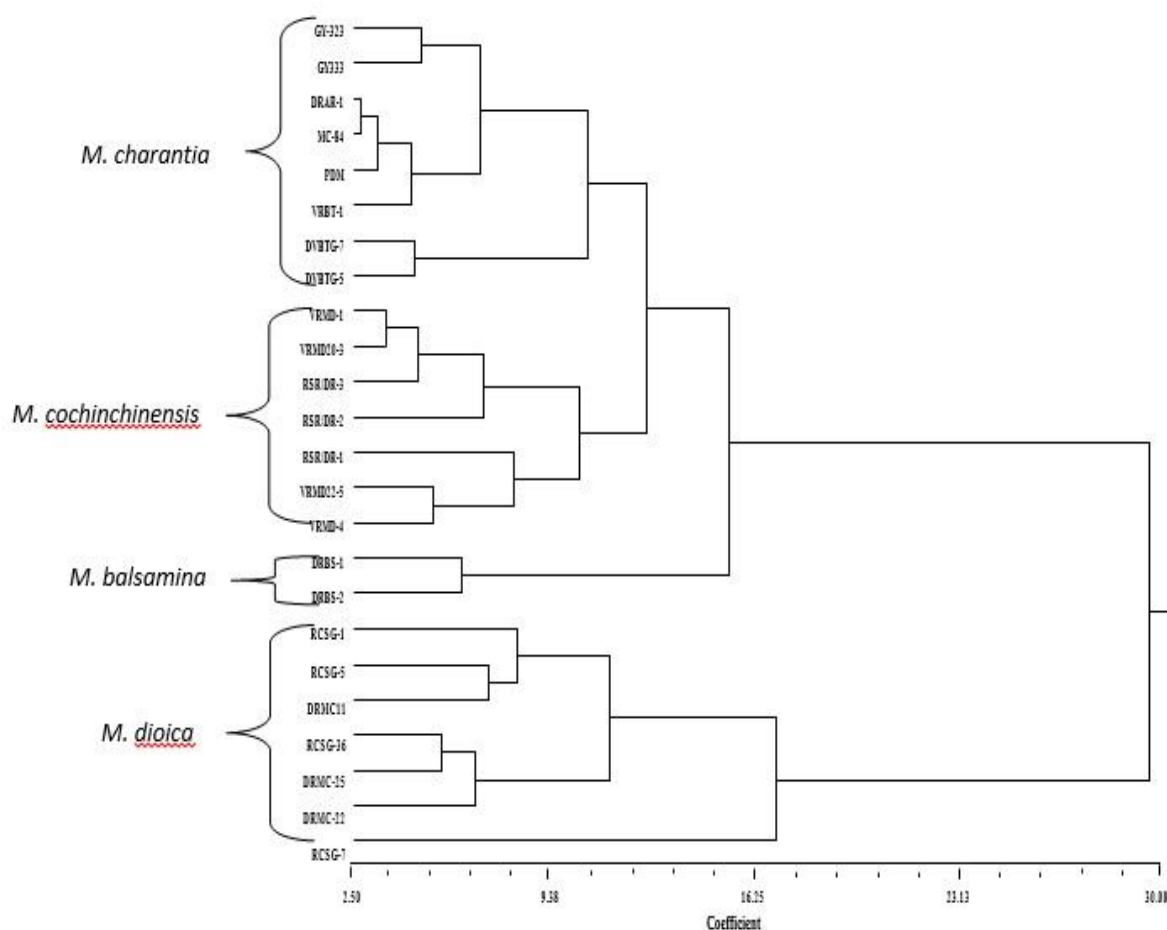
## Results

### Morphological evaluation based on quantitative traits

The mean value of 15 quantitative traits recorded for 24 genotypes representing four different species of genus *Momordica* (Supplementary Table S1) and high morphological diversity among these accessions is not surprising. The day of flower anthesis and edible maturity is maximum (79.5 and 101.2) in DRMC-25 and minimum (32.5 and 40.5 respectively) is recorded in Gy-333. In addition, the fruit length is recorded highest (18.98) in DVBTG-5, whereas, it is minimum (4.15) in VRMD-20-3. The genotype DRMC-22 shows maximum fruit weight and seed per fruit (126.35 and 24, respectively), while it is minimum in VRMD-22-5 and DRBS-1 (10.87 and 9) and genotype RSR/DR-3 shows high seed number per fruit. The maximum yield per plant is recorded in RCSG-1 (2.255 kg) and minimum in VRMD-1 (0.365 kg). The genotype VRMD-20-3 shows highest fruits per plant (41.25) and is minimum (10.25) in DRBS-1.

### Cluster analysis based on quantitative traits

Dendrogram obtained from cluster analysis of the distance matrix from the mean value of the 15 quantitative traits for the 24 genotypes (Fig. 1) groups all the accessions into two major clusters and separates at a distance of 29.00. Perusal of the dendrogram reveals two major clusters. All the accessions of *M. charantia* (Gy-323, Gy-333, DRAR1, MC84, PDM, VRBT1, DVBTG7 and DVBTG5); *M. cochinchinensis* (VRMD1, VRMD203, RSRDR3, RSRDR2, RSRDR1, VRMD225 and VRMD4) and *M. balsamina* (DRBS1 and DRBS2) constituted distinct groups within the major cluster. The second major cluster consisted of all accessions of *M. dioica*. However, RCSG-7 was distinct from others six genotypes and formed a distinct sub-cluster.



**Figure 1:** UPGMA dendrogram of *Momordica* accessions generated from mean values of 15 quantitative traits used for cluster analysis based on Nei and Ligenetic distance matrix.

### Molecular variation and species relationships

The sequence of the RAPD, ISSR and SSR primers used for the molecular genetic fingerprinting of the four *Momordica* species and the basic bands produced by each primer, number of polymorphic bands and percentage of polymorphism produced by each primer are represented in supplementary Table S2, S3 and S4, respectively. The basic band statistics of obtained from the various set of primers in different combination is also given in table 2. The probability of chance identity of two accessions was  $5.66 \times 10^{-247}$  indicating the high efficiency of markers in differentiating the accessions.

Genetic diversity within and among species assessed using Nei's genetic diversity and Shannon information index is given in table 3 and supplementary Table S5.

This high level of polymorphism can easily be attributed to the accessions representing diverse species in the study. The results are not incongruent with earlier studies (Dey et al. 2006 and Behera et al. 2008) due to non-inclusion of accessions representing such diverse species. Rasu et al. (2007) included one accession of *M. dioica* as an out-group to study diversity in *M. charantia* using RAPD markers.

**Table2:** Analysis of banding pattern generated by the RAPD, SSR and ISSR marker and comparative analysis of different marker systems.

Component	RAPD	SSR	ISSR	RAPD +SSR	RAPD +ISSR	SSR+ISSR	RAPD+SR+ISSR
No.ofprimers	50	16	35	66	85	51	101
No.ofmarkers	264	63	273	327	537	336	600
No.ofmarkersperprimer	5.28	3.93	7.8	9.21	13.08	11.73	16.49
Polymorphicmarkers	255	61	270	316	525	331	586
Polymorphicmarkersper primer	5.10	3.81	7.71	4.80	6.18	6.50	5.80
Polymorphism(%)	96.6	95.62	99.03	96.11	97.81	97.32	97.08
Assayefficiencyindex	5.1	3.81	7.71	8.91	12.81	11.52	16.62
Markerindex	72.93	75.73	78.70	148.66	151.63	154.43	227.36
Averageresolvingpower	3.244	1.933	4.957	5.177	8.201	6.89	10.134
AveragePIC	0.755	0.792	0.794	1.547	1.549	1.586	2.341
CorrelationbetweenRP and PIC	0.053	0.521	0.083	0.574	0.136	0.604	0.657
SizeofPCRproducts(bp)	300-3000	150-500	300-3000	150-3000	300-3000	150-3000	150-3000

**Table 3:** Nei's genetic diversity and Shannon's information index values within the species.

Momordica sp. Name	Sample size	Number of polymorphic loci (%)	Nei's genetic diversity		Shannon's information index		Hs and Ht*	
			Mean	St.Dev	Mean	St.Dev	Mean	St.Dev
<i>M.charantia</i>	8	153 (25.37)	0.0999	0.1838	0.1454	0.2616	0.0999	0.0338
<i>M.cochinchinensis</i>	7	274 (45.44)	0.1572	0.1959	0.2357	0.2811	0.1572	0.0384
<i>M.dioica</i>	7	235 (38.97)	0.1448	0.1999	0.2136	0.2854	0.1448	0.0400
<i>M.balsamina</i>	2	108 (17.91)	0.0742	0.1590	0.1803	0.2321	0.0742	0.0253
<i>Momordica</i> sp.	24	589 (97.68)	0.3136	0.1274	0.4808	0.1622	0.3511	0.0186

Ht value is for complete set of 24 accessions depicting the diversity in the set of accessions included in the study.

The above results clearly distinguish both monoecious species from the dioecious ones and the species within both groups. Unique markers distinguishing both the groups and some species-specific markers could also be identified through the study (supplementary Table S6). Seventeen markers could be identified differentiating monoecious and dioecious species, while 85 amplicons specific to one of the four *Momordica* species were identified. These results highlight the potential of molecular markers in identifying accessions at species level and accessing the genetic diversity of accessions both within and across species.

## Discussion

### Morphological evaluation based on quantitative traits

Several species of genus *Momordica* occur in India. Among them *M.charantia*, *M.dioica*, *M.cochinchinensis* and *M.balsamina* are distributed across various agro-climatic zones of India. The accessions included in this study were collected from their respective zones, representing four species: two each of monoecious and dioecious nature (Table 1).

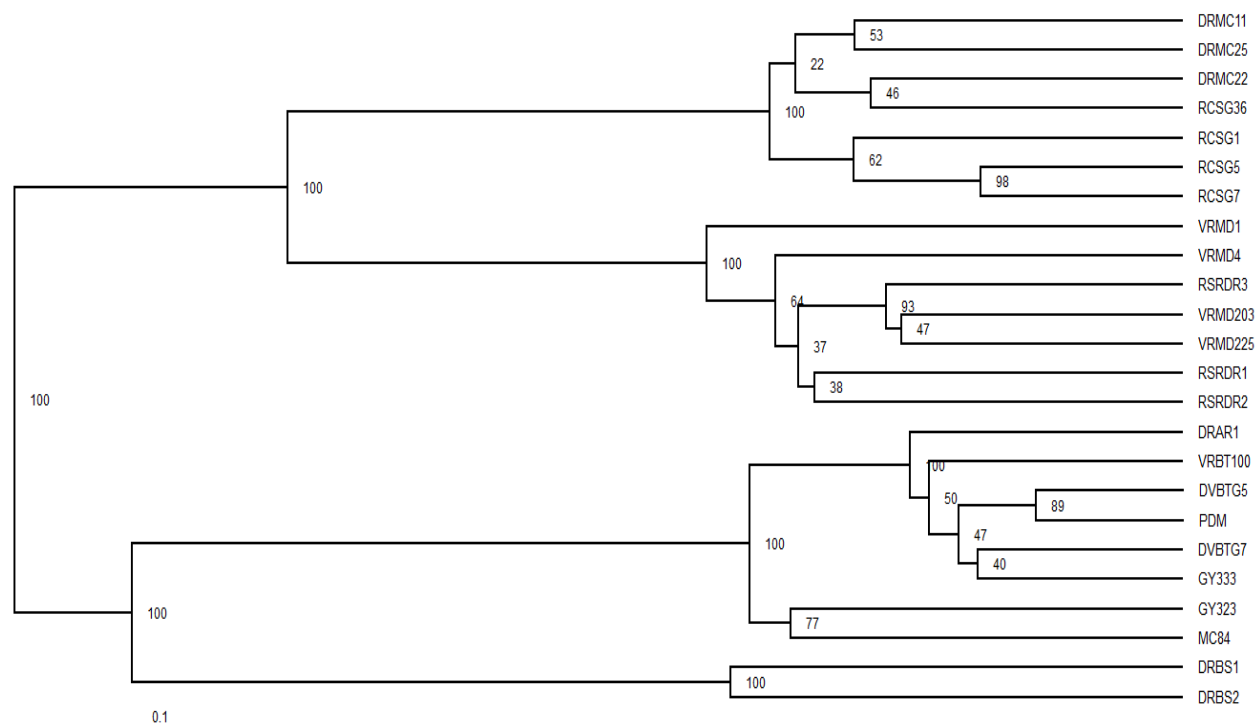
### Cluster analysis based on quantitative traits

The dendrogram obtained from cluster analysis of the distinct matrix formed the mean value of fifteen quantitative traits clearly exhibits distinction among accession of four *Momordica* species represented in the study. Further, *M.dioica* forms distinct clusters while the other three species group in separate cluster forming different groups of each species within the cluster. This could probably be because the traits evaluated during the study did not involve those features of floral biology. This clustering pattern of species could not establish any correlation between the clustering patterns with the geographical distribution of the accessions. Dey et al. (2006) also could not establish any such correlation for *M.charantia* accessions. However, non-congruence of the results with previous study (Dey et al., 2006) could be due to inclusion of more number of species in the study and recording of different quantitative traits for analysis. The results are in partial congruence with Bharathi et al. (2012) on relatedness of species demonstrated through crossability.

The morphological traits recorded in this study, could efficiently cluster all the accessions representing a species, these traits can be highly effective in diversity analysis of a set of germplasm and in developing core set of the germplasm representing maximum diversity across the species. Kumari et al. (2010) have advocated use of strategy of identifying highly variable descriptors for capturing maximum genetic diversity in the core set. Among *M. charantia* accessions, two gynoeious lines (Gy-323, Gy-333) recorded early days to flower anthesis and days to edible maturity indicating earliness and early harvest. These lines also exhibit maximum fruit per plant, fruit weight and yield per plant indicating their potential to develop high yielding gynoeious variety in future breeding programme (Rama et al., 2002, Dey et al., 2006, Behera et al., 2008 and Shukla et al., 2015). However, plants respond and adapt differently to selection pressures imposed by distinct agroclimatic zones (Singh et al., 1998). These results highlight the potential of quantitative traits in distinguishing accessions at species level. Rasu et al., 2007 also reported similar distinction of species using RAPD markers.

### Molecular variation and species relationships

The genetic relationship among the four species is assessed based on Jaccard's similarity coefficient from the pooled data from different marker systems and dendrogram is generated using un-weighted pair group method with arithmetic averages (UPGMA). The robustness of nodes in the dendrogram is assessed by bootstrap analysis by analyzing the data with 1000 replications (Fig. 2) using FreeTree and TreeView softwares. The perusal of the dendrogram shows two distinct clusters of monoecious and dioecious species with bootstrap value of 100 at node. The first major cluster includes the accession from *M. cochinchinensis* with *M. dioica* species while the second consists of accession from *M. charantia* with *M. balsamina*. The result also supports the diversity analysis of plastids, mitochondria and nuclear DNA, where *M. dioica* and *M. cochinchinensis* are nested in a clade (Schaefer and Renner, 2010). The bootstrap values at the nodes differentiating species are high to a level of 100 for *M. cochinchinensis* and *M. dioica*, *M. charantia* and *M. balsamina*. The clustering pattern clearly divides 4 groups, each representing a single species included in this study. The bootstrap values range from 37 to 100 for *M. cochinchinensis*; 22 to 100 for *M. dioica* and 40 to 100 for *M. charantia* representing high level of diversity in accession of these species. The two accessions of *M. balsamina* included in this study were highly diverse from each other with bootstrap value of 100 for node connecting them.



**Figure 2:** UPGMA dendrogram of *Momordica* accessions with bootstrap values from Jaccard's similarity coefficient obtained from molecular data analysis.



The perusal of dendrogram generated from the molecular data through 1000 replication for bootstrap reveals resolution of four distinct clusters each representing a species with intermediate to high bootstrap values at the nodes revealing high genetic heterogeneity among the accessions of the species. Similar results of high genetic diversity within species have been reported (Dey et al., 2006; Rasu et al., 2007; Behera et al., 2008; Dalam et al., 2012 and Jiet al., 2012).

Based on molecular data, 101 primers generated 600 scorable amplicons across four species, of which 586 polymorphic amplicons exhibiting 97.08% polymorphism among the samples. This high level of polymorphism can be attributed to the accessions representing diverse species in the study. The results are not incongruent with earlier studies (Dey et al., 2006; Behera et al., 2008 and Dalam et al., 2012) due to non-inclusion of accessions representing such diverse species. Rasu et al. (2007) included one accession of *M. dioica* as an out-group to study diversity in *M. charantia* using RAPD markers.

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In the present study, morphological diversity based on quantitative traits and molecular diversity showed some correspondence in the clustering pattern of accessions representing a species. All the species could be distinguished clearly, while more traits related to floral biology of the species were required to distinguish species morphologically in the study. The potentiality of gynoeious lines for earliness and yield attributes is evident and can be effectively exploited in future breeding programs. Though accessions of same species grouped together in both morphological and molecular analysis, molecular markers were more efficient than morphological parameters in not only differentiating the accessions at species level but also distinguishing monoecious and dioecious species.

## Supplementary Table

**Supplementary Table S1:** Morphological performance of *Momordica* sp. genotypes measured for 15 quantitative traits

Accessions	Days to flower anthesis (Days)	Edible maturation	Branches /Plant	Plant height (cm)	Fruit diameter (cm)	Fruit length (cm)	Fruit /Plant	Fruit weight (g)	Seeds /Fruit	Petiole length (cm)	Pedicle length (cm)	Node to 1st male flower	Node to 1st female flower	Internodal length (cm)	Yield /Plant (kg)
<b><i>Mcharantia</i></b>															
GY-323	34.2	44.2	9	95.3	2.96	15.29	20.75	44.5	15	5.6	9.8	7.2	11.3	10.2	1.98
GY33	32.5	40.5	11	110.5	2.65	18.75	16.25	38.35	12	6.3	10.2	8.3	12.1	9.5	1.85
DRA-R-1	47.3	52.6	7	115.4	3.33	16.66	14.47	36.56	16	5.4	9.5	9.4	13.2	11.2	1.26
VRB-T-100	39.4	49.8	13	125.2	3.47	15.33	13.65	34.06	18	5.1	8.7	7.6	10.5	8.9	1.43
MC-84	41.7	52.2	10	113.4	3.12	10.25	15.23	35.55	14	3.2	9.1	8.8	12.5	7.9	1.66
DVB-TG-7	45.5	50.5	9	145.2	3.26	12.6	11.82	40.25	16	4.6	12.2	5.6	9.8	9.9	1.82

DVB TG-5	42.3	54.1	15	15 3.6	2.62	18. 98	12. 65	30. 28	12	5.5	10. 5	7.8	10.2	11. 3	1.3 4
PDM	49.1	58.6	6	11 4.5	4.11	9.5 5	10. 52	35. 32	13	6.2	13. 9	9.4	13.7	10. 5	0.9 8
<b><i>M.cochinchinensis</i></b>															
RCS G-1	58.5	73.6	20	19 0.5	4.35	7.5 2	24. 55	112 .5 5	20	4.9	15. 6	18.3	25.4	15. 5	2.2 5
RCS G-7	55.5	70.2	18	21 0.5	3.98	6.5 3	36. 58	89. 54	19	3.7	13. 2	20.1	23.5	12. 3	1.9 8
RCS G-5	63.2	81.5	19	16 5.3	4.85	5.1 4	21. 35	96. 25	18	5.6	14. 6	21.4	27.4	15. 7	1.4 5
RCS G-36	75.8	90.5	19	14 4.5	4.65	4.9 5	18. 45	114 .5 6	16	5.9	15. 8	19.8	26.5	11. 2	2.1 0
DRM C-22	68.9	88.6	14	13 5.6	3.25	5.1 1	16. 87	126 .3 5	24	4.5	15. 6	14.5	18.4	14. 7	1.5 6
DRM C-25	79.5	101.2	21	15 4.8	3.88	4.6 8	21. 54	118 .4 7	19	4.7	12. 1	11.1	18.5	13. 6	1.3 4
<b><i>M.dioica</i></b>															
VRM D-1	50.5	65.4	11	11 9.8	2.64	4.5 4	32. 54	12. 54	19	3.6	13. 4	12.5	14.7	11. 2	0.3 6
RSR/ DR-1	54.6	68.5	13	16 5.6	2.95	4.6 2	39. 21	19. 58	16	3.3	8.9	10.2	13.5	8.6	0.4 5
RSR/ DR-2	60.2	75.6	9	11 4.5	2.54	4.3 5	18. 95	16. 54	18	3.2	9.5	9.8	12.4	9.5	0.5 4
RSR/ DR-3	41.2	62.1	14	11 0.5	2.22	4.2 9	26. 56	14. 25	24	2.1	9.7	8.7	10.4	7.2	0.7 4
VRM D-20-3	43.2	66.3	10	11 3.2	3.24	4.1 5	41. 25	11. 24	16	3.9	6.4	12.5	16.5	6.7	0.6 5
VRM D-22-5	55.8	62.5	16	14 5.6	3.11	5.1 1	35. 89	10. 87	13	4.5	7.8	9.6	13.2	8.5	0.5 5
DRM C11	60.5	86.2	19	16 9.5	3.26	8.5 3	19. 55	115 .6 4	14	3.7	8.4	8.5	12.4	4.9	1.5 6
VRM D-4	55.4	68.5	12	12 9.6	2.98	3.6 5	40. 25	18. 11	11	4.9	7.8	9.1	11.2	5.5	0.4 8
<b><i>M.balsamina</i></b>															
DRB S-1	35	44.3	6	65. 8	1.98	5.8 2	10. 25	28. 51	9	3.6	6.8	6.5	8.5	5.8	0.5 8
DRB S-2	41	53.6	9	85. 3	1.85	6.8 9	13. 65	30. 55	12	2.4	9.4	5.4	6.7	3.5	0.8 5
<b>Mean</b>	51.3 1	65.05	12.9 2	13 3.0 7	3.22	8.4 7	22. 20	51. 27	16. 00	4.43	10. 78	10.92	14.68	9.7 4	1.2 5
<b>S.D.</b>	12.6 2	16.16	4.60	33. 19	0.78	5.0 2	10. 08	40. 48	3.8 0	1.16	2.8 6	4.62	5.74	3.2 5	0.6 0

**Supplementary Table S2:**DetailsofRAPDprimersselectedforthe study

Primers	Sequence5`to3`	AT(°C)	GC (%)	Total bands	Polymorphic bands(%)	Rp	PIC
OPAF-04	TTGCGGCTGA	33	60	8	8 (100)	5.667	0.749
OPAF-06	CCGCAGTCTG	33	70	4	3 (75)	2.167	0.651
OPAF-11	ACTGGGCCTC	34	70	4	4 (100)	2.917	0.613
OPAF-12	GACGCAGCTT	33	60	4	4 (100)	2.250	0.723
OPAF-15	CACGAACCTC	33	60	3	3 (100)	0.167	0.786
OPAG-03	TGCGGGAGTG	33	70	3	3 (100)	1.833	0.865
OPAG-04	GGAGCGTACT	33	60	3	3 (100)	2.167	0.860
OPAG-06	GGTGGCCAAG	33	70	4	4 (100)	2.833	0.849
OPAG-10	GGTTGGAGAC	33	60	7	7 (100)	3.750	0.686
OPAG-11	TTACGGTGGG	34	60	4	4 (100)	2.417	0.749
OPAG-12	CTCCCAGGGT	34	70	4	4 (100)	3.667	0.706
OPAG-15	CCCACACGCA	34	70	4	4 (100)	2.500	0.715
OPC-06	GAACGGACTC	33	60	3	3 (100)	3.000	0.856
OPC-08	TGGACCGGTG	34	70	5	5 (100)	1.917	0.619
OPC-14	TGCGTGCTTG	33	60	3	3 (100)	5.167	0.760
OPC-16	CACACTCCAG	33	60	8	8 (100)	2.333	0.940
OPF-16	GGAGTACTGG	33	60	5	5 (100)	4.583	0.542
OPH-10	CCTACGTCAG	34	60	7	7 (100)	2.500	0.396
OPK-20	GTGTCGCGAG	33	70	5	5 (100)	4.167	0.843
OPL-07	AGGCGGGAAC	33	70	6	6 (100)	1.167	0.985
OPL-08	AGCAGGTGGA	33	60	5	4 (100)	4.306	0.839
OPL-14	GTGACAGGCT	33	60	6	6 (100)	3.500	0.793
OPL-16	AGGTTGCAGG	33	60	7	7 (100)	4.917	0.654
OPL-20	TGGTGGACCA	33	60	10	9 (90)	5.833	0.795
OPM-12	GGGACGTTGG	33	70	7	7 (100)	4.167	0.788
OPM-14	AGGGTCGTTC	34	60	6	6 (100)	1.083	0.237
OPN-08	ACCTCAGCTC	33	60	4	4 (100)	1.500	0.832
OPN-12	CACAGACACC	33	60	4	4 (100)	3.083	0.724
OPN-14	TCGTGCGGGT	33	70	4	4 (100)	3.250	0.870
OPO-06	CCACGGGAAG	33	70	6	6 (100)	4.167	0.792
OPO-10	TGTGCCCCGAA	33	60	6	6 (100)	1.750	0.947
OPY-03	ACAGCCTGCT	33	60	4	4 (100)	5.500	0.758
OPY-04	GGCTGCAATG	33	60	7	7 (100)	2.917	0.740
OPY-06	AAGGCTCACC	34	60	4	4 (100)	5.417	0.733
OPY-07	AGAGCCGTCA	33	60	7	7 (100)	5.250	0.770
OPY-08	AGGCAGAGCA	33	60	8	8 (100)	2.583	0.928
OPY-09	AGCAGCGCAC	34	70	5	5 (100)	2.833	0.701
OPY-14	GGTCGATGTG	33	60	4	4 (100)	2.333	0.592
OPY-15	AGTCGCCCTT	34	60	4	4 (100)	2.917	0.639
OPY-16	GGGCCAATGT	34	60	5	5 (100)	1.917	0.634
OPY-17	GACGTGGTGA	33	60	3	3 (100)	5.500	0.717
OPY-18	GTGGAGTCAG	33	60	8	8 (100)	2.750	0.857
OPZ-01	TCTGTGCCAC	33	60	5	5 (100)	4.250	0.767
OPZ-06	GTGCCGTTCA	33	60	4	1 (25)	2.583	0.590
OPZ-11	GGGTCTCGGT	33	70	6	6 (100)	3.417	0.724
OPZ-12	TCAACGGGAC	34	60	2	2 (100)	1.333	0.889
OPL-19	GAGTGGTGAC	33	60	5	5 (100)	3.917	0.841
OPZ-13	GACTAAGCCC	33	60	8	8 (100)	4.167	0.911
OPZ-14	TCGGAGGTTC	34	60	5	2 (100)	2.500	0.907
OPL-18	ACCACCCACC	33	70	11	11 (100)	5.417	0.895
				264	255 (96.59)		

**Supplementary Table S3:**DetailsofISSRprimersselectedforthe study

Primers	Sequence5'to3'	Tm (°C)	GC (%)	Total bands	Polymorphic band(%)	Rp	PIC
UBC880	GGAGAGGAGAGGAGA	55.6	60	14	14(100)	6.083	0.862
UBC834	AGAGAGAGAGAGAGACYT	54.5	47	10	10(100)	5.333	0.873
UBC856	ACACACACACACACACCTA	55.6	47	12	11(91.66)	5.833	0.651
UBC810	GAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAT	54.5	47	10	10(100)	4.167	0.727
UBC840	GAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAYT	57.5	47	9	9 (100)	5.333	0.881
UBC843	CTCTCTCTCTCTCTCTRA	53.2	47	9	9 (100)	4.083	0.906
UBC811	GAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAC	60.0	53	8	8 (100)	3.250	0.892
UBC888	BDBCACACACACACACA	60.0	50	12	12(100)	4.917	0.802
UBC861	ACCACCACCACCACCACC	60.0	67	10	10(100)	7.000	0.860
UBC835	AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGYC	54.5	53	9	8 (88.88)	3.833	0.820
UBC825	ACACACACACACACACT	50.0	47	11	11(100)	3.667	0.825
UBC866	CTCCTCCTCCTCCTCCTC	54.5	67	10	10(100)	5.667	0.732
UBC841	GAGAGAGAGAGAGAGACTC	57.5	53	9	9 (100)	4.750	0.802
UBC813	CTCTCTCTCTCTCTCTT	54.5	47	8	8 (100)	5.833	0.883
UBC887	DVDTCTCTCTCTCTCTC	60.0	50	7	6 (85.71)	4.833	0.794
UBC822	TCTCTCTCTCTCTCTCA	54.5	47	9	9 (100)	4.917	0.824
UBC892	TAGATCTGATATCTGAATTCCC	53.2	36	9	9 (100)	1.667	0.534
UBC855	ACACACACACACACACCTT	57.5	47	9	9 (100)	6.417	0.865
UBC884	HBHAGAGAGAGAGAGAG	53.2	50	5	5 (100)	2.833	0.828
UBC848	CACACACACACACACAAGG	57.5	53	7	7 (100)	9.500	0.731
UBC842	GAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAYG	60.0	53	8	8 (100)	7.083	0.783
UBC890	VHVGTTGTGTGTGTGTGT	57.5	50	8	8 (100)	4.083	0.844
UBC824	TCTCTCTCTCTCTCTCG	54.5	53	6	6 (100)	5.083	0.787
UBC853	TCTCTCTCTCTCTCTCRT	55.6	47	7	7 (100)	6.250	0.781
BC854	TCTCTCTCTCTCTCTCAGG	57.5	53	6	6 (100)	3.500	0.869
UBC891	HVHTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTG	57.5	50	5	5 (100)	5.333	0.768
UBC809	AGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAGG	57.5	53	5	5 (100)	5.250	0.712
UBC815	CTCTCTCTCTCTCTCTG	54.5	53	7	7 (100)	6.583	0.830
UBC836	AGAGAGAGAGAGAGACYA	54.5	47	7	7 (100)	5.500	0.867
BC850	GTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTCTC	60.0	53	5	5 (100)	4.500	0.720
UBC812	GAGAGAGAGAGAGAGAA	50.0	47	3	3 (100)	2.583	0.607
UBC814	CTCTCTCTCTCTCTCTA	54.5	47	6	6 (100)	5.417	0.562
UBC886	VDVCTCTCTCTCTCTCT	54.5	50	5	5 (100)	5.750	0.800
UBC844	CTCTCTCTCTCTCTCTRG	50.0	53	4	4 (100)	2.417	0.898
UBC895	AGAGTTGGTAGCTCTTGATC	57.5	45	4	4 (100)	4.250	0.898

R-Wobble(A+G),H-Wobble(A+C+T),Y-Wobble(C+T),Y~Q-3'Wobble(C+T),D-Wobble (A+G+T),V-Wobble(A+C+G),B-Wobble(C+G+T)

**Supplementary Table S4:** DetailsofSSRprimers(Wangetal.,2010)selectedforthe study

Primers	PrimerSequence(5'.....3')	Tm (°C)	GC (%)	Total bands	Polymorphic bands(%)	Rp	PIC
S24	F:GCTCTGCGTTTCATTCTTCA R:TGAACCCTCAGACTCAAATCTC	60	46	5	4 (80)	3.250	0.961
N6	F:GGGAATTCTCAAAGAGCCAGA R:TGGCACACTCTGCATGAAAT	57	46	4	4 (100)	0.750	0.786
N24	F:GCTCTGCGTTTCATTCTTCA R:TGAACCCTCAGACTCAAATCTC	57	46	6	6 (100)	1.333	0.581
S13	F:TTGGTTGTGGTGCTGAGTTC R:GATGTAGGGGTTGGGTTGAT	57	50	5	5 (100)	3.917	0.864
	F:GTCTTCCAGGTTGGGAACAG	59	53	10	10(100)	0.653	0.859

N1	R: ATCTGGTTCCTCGGGAGATT						
S15	F:GGGTAGTGGAATGATGGGTT R:TAGTGTTTTCTGTGAGGGAGG	57	50	5	5 (100)	1.917	0.886
S33	F: ATTTAGTGGGGCGGGTAGT R:TGGATGAGCATGTTAGGGATC	54	50	4	4 (100)	2.500	0.701
N9	F: ATCCATCCCCACAAGTTGAA R:CCATAAGGATATGTTTGCATGG	60	43	2	1 (50)	0.833	0.413
S18	F:GGGTAGTGGAATGATGGGTT R:TAGTGTTTTCTGTGAGGGAGG	58	50	3	3 (100)	1.667	0.825
S32	F:CTAAATCACGCAAACCCATC R:GAGCAAAAGACTGAGGAAAAC	54	43	4	4 (100)	3.250	0.891
S9	F:TTCCCATTCACAGATCACTCC R:CCACCAAATTCAAGAACCAC	57	48	2	2 (100)	1.500	0.734
N5	F:CGTCGCTCTCACAAGAGATAAG R:TTTGGTGGAATCCCCTATT	59	45	2	2 (100)	1.333	0.722
S20	F:CCCCTTCTAATCACAACCAA R:GGCCTAATTTCTGCCCTTT	58	46	3	3 (100)	1.917	0.886
N12	F:CAGAGGGGTGGTTCCTCTTT R:CCACATGGATGATCGAGAGA	59	53	3	3 (100)	2.250	0.920
S12	F:CAGAGGGGTGGTTCCTCTTT R:CCACATGGATGATCGAGAGA	57	53	3	3 (100)	2.083	0.814
S26	F:GAACGCCCTGTGACTTTAGC R:TTTCGTCTTCCAATGAGCC	58	51	2	2 (100)	2.750	0.829
				<b>63</b>	<b>61(95.62)</b>	<b>1.993</b>	<b>0.792</b>

**Supplementary Table S5:** Nei's coefficient for genetic diversity (above diagonal) and Nei and Licoefficient for genetic distance (below diagonal) among the species.

	<i>M.charantia</i>	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i>	<i>M.dioica</i>	<i>M.balsamina</i>
<i>M.charantia</i>	---	0.543	0.5728	0.7085
<i>M.cochinchinensis</i>	0.6107	---	0.7362	0.6924
<i>M.dioica</i>	0.5572	0.3111	---	0.7062
<i>M.balsamina</i>	0.3446	0.3675	0.3479	---

**Supplementary Table S6:** Primers with species-specific bands with their molecular size

Uniquemarkers	<i>Momordica</i> species identified with molecular size (bp)
<b>RAPD Primers</b>	
OPM-14	<i>M.dioica</i> (650), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (900)
OPL-07	<i>M.dioica</i> (950)
OPL-08	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (850)
OPAF-12	<i>M.charantia</i> (400)
OPH-10	<i>M.dioica</i> (750), <i>M.charantia</i> (400)
OPAG-012	<i>M.charantia</i> (500), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (950)
OPAF-04	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (890)
OPAF-11	<i>M.charantia</i> (1250), <i>M.dioica</i> (350)
OPC-16	<i>M.charantia</i> (900)
OPC-08	<i>M.charantia</i> (850)
OPZ-11	<i>M.balsamina</i> (1300)
<b>SSR Primers</b>	
N01	<i>M.charantia</i> (200, 250)
N24	<i>M.charantia</i> (320)
S13	<i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (220)
S32	<i>M.charantia</i> (500)
S18	<i>M.dioica</i> (240)

S33	<i>M.dioica</i> (425)
S33	<i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (380)
S33	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (250)
<b>ISSRMarkers</b>	
UBC866	<i>M.charantia</i> (700,1300), <i>M.dioica</i> (800), <i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (550)
UBC822	<i>M.charantia</i> (700,900,1400), <i>M.dioica</i> (1100), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (330,400,800), <i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (550)
UBC834	<i>M.dioica</i> (1500), <i>M.charantia</i> (260,275,500), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (250)
UBC887	<i>M.charantia</i> (1500), <i>M.dioica</i> (700,750,1200), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (700), <i>M.dioica</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (500)
UBC842	<i>M.charantia</i> (500,680,1200,1500), <i>M.dioica</i> (500,750), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (700), <i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (480)
UBC836	<i>M.dioica</i> (1000), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (540,800), <i>M.dioica</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (275,500), <i>M.balsamina</i> (260)
UBC886	<i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (1000), <i>M.dioica</i> (750,900), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (600), <i>M.charantia</i> (500)
UBC888	<i>M.charantia</i> (2400), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (250,2000), <i>M.dioica</i> (250,1000,1700)
UBC890	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (500,1500), <i>M.dioica</i> (660), <i>M.balsamina</i> (430)
UBC840	<i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (250)
UBC855	<i>M.charantia</i> (2500), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (575)
UBC841	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (280), <i>M.dioica</i> (250)
UBC848	<i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (1500), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (900), <i>M.dioica</i> (500)
UBC812	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (300)
UBC825	<i>M.balsamina</i> (590,1270), <i>M.charantia</i> (530,1100), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (645), <i>M.dioica</i> (600)
UBC861	<i>M.dioica</i> (1400), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (300,400,750,900), <i>M.dioica</i> (300,335)
UBC892	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (300,1600)
UBC843	<i>M.dioica</i> (800), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (400)
UBC884	<i>M.charantia</i> (200,600), <i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (530)
UBC855	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (200,700,750), <i>M.charantia</i> (450), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (300)
UBC891	<i>M.charantia</i> (250)
UBC815	<i>M.dioica</i> (800,1300), <i>M.charantia</i> (900,1200)
UBC809	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (600), <i>M.charantia</i> , <i>M.dioica</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (425,500), <i>M.dioica</i> (300)
UBC891	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (750), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (300)
UBC844	<i>M.charantia</i> (900), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (500)
UBC880	<i>M.dioica</i> (1300), <i>M.charantia</i> (335,750), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (573)
UBC856	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (300,1300), <i>M.dioica</i> (250), <i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (240)
UBC853	<i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (1500), <i>M.dioica</i> (750,1100), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (500)
UBC813	<i>M.dioica</i> (1300), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (1000), <i>M.charantia</i> (400)
UBC810	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> (1200), <i>M.charantia</i> (250,275,730), <i>M.balsamina</i> (250)
UBC814	<i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (400)
UBC835	<i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.balsamina</i> (200,1000), <i>M.charantia</i> (600), <i>M.dioica</i> (250)
UBC811	<i>M.charantia</i> (1600), <i>M.cochinchinensis</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (1500), <i>M.charantia</i> and <i>M.dioica</i> (300,635), <i>M.dioica</i> (700)

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