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10 11 12 13 14 **SUMMARY (236 words)** 15

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17 Goat grasses (*Aegilops spp.*) contributed to the evolution of bread wheat and
18 are important sources of genes and alleles for modern wheat improvement.
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20 However, their use in alien introgression breeding is hindered by poor
21 knowledge of their genome structure and a lack of molecular tools. The analysis
22 of large and complex genomes may be simplified by dissecting them into single
23 chromosomes via flow cytometric sorting. In some species this is not possible
24 due to similarities in relative DNA content among chromosomes within a
25 karyotype. This work describes the distribution of GAA and ACG microsatellite
26 repeats on chromosomes of the U, M, S and C genomes of *Aegilops*, and the
27 use of microsatellite probes to label the chromosomes in suspension by
28 fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISHIS). Bivariate flow cytometric analysis of
29 chromosome DAPI fluorescence and fluorescence of FITC-labelled
30 microsatellites made it possible to discriminate all chromosomes and sort them
31 with negligible contamination by other chromosomes. DNA of purified
32 chromosomes was used as a template for PCR using COS markers with known
33 positions on wheat A, B and D genomes. Wheat-*Aegilops* macrosyntenic
34 comparisons using COS markers revealed significant rearrangements in the U
35 and C genomes, while the M and S genomes exhibited structure similar to
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4 wheat. Purified chromosome fractions provided an attractive resource to
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6 investigate the structure and evolution of the *Aegilops* genomes, and the COS
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8 markers assigned to *Aegilops* chromosomes will facilitate alien gene
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10 introgression into wheat.
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18 Bivariate flow cytometric analysis of DNA content and FITC-labelled
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20 microsatellites enabled all the chromosomes in the U, M, S and C genomes of
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22 *Aegilops* to be discriminated and purified. Mapping COS markers with known
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24 position in the wheat genome to flow-sorted *Aegilops* chromosomes revealed
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26 significant evolutionary rearrangements in the U and C genomes, but not in the
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28 M and S genomes. COS markers assigned to *Aegilops* chromosomes will
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30 facilitate alien introgression breeding in wheat.
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33 34 35 36 37 **INTRODUCTION (1264 words)** 38

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40 Bread wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L., $2n=6x=42$, AABBDD genome) plays a
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42 fundamental role in the human diet. The pressure to produce enough food for
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44 the growing world population under a changing climate underlines urgent need
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46 for new high-yielding varieties with improved stress tolerance and quality-
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48 related traits. Breeding such varieties may be facilitated by employing new
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50 biotechnological tools and utilizing the extant genetic diversity among the wild
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52 relatives of wheat (Feuillet et al., 2008).
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4 The genus *Aegilops* (goatgrass) belongs to the tribe *Triticeae* and comprises
5 eleven diploid, ten tetraploid and two hexaploid species (Van Slageren 1994).
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7 The U, M, S and C genomes were identified in nineteen (eight diploid and
8 eleven polyploid) *Aegilops* species (Kilian et al., 2011). These species represent
9 a rich source of genes and gene complexes that can be utilized in wheat
10 improvement *via* chromosome-mediated gene transfer. For example, *Ae.*
11 *umbellulata* Zhuk. (2n=2x=14, UU) and *Ae. comosa* Sm. in Sibth. & Sm.
12 (2n=2x=14, MM) are known sources of important agronomic traits such as
13 tolerance to biotic (BYDV, Cereal cyst nematode, Hessian fly, Leaf rust, Stripe
14 rust, Tan spot, and Powdery mildew) and abiotic stresses (Drought, Frost, Heat,
15 Salt, Zn-deficiency), nutritional and bread-making quality (Molnár et al., 2004;
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35 *Ae. speltoides* Tausch. (2n=2x=14, SS) is the closest relative to the wheat B
36 genome (Dvorak et al., 1998) and is an attractive source of genes providing
37 tolerance against Leaf rust, Stem rust and Powdery mildew and for other traits,
38 such as grain hardness protein, heat tolerance and tolerance to manganese
39 toxicity (Schneider et al., 2008; Kilian et al., 2011). The genome of *Ae.*
40 *markgrafii* (Greuter) Hammer (2n=2x=14, CC) codes for resistance genes
41 against leaf rust and powdery mildew, genes for high protein and lysine content,
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6 wheat, resulting in addition, substitution and translocation lines containing
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8 chromosomes and chromosome segments from *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*,
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10 *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii* (Jiang et al., 1994; Friebe et al., 1996;
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12 Schneider et al., 2008, Kilian et al., 2011). Despite the valuable genetic
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14 variation within the wild relatives of wheat, and successful introgression of some
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16 favorable genes, the potential of alien gene transfer has been largely
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18 underutilized in wheat breeding.
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26 laborious and time-consuming development of alien introgression lines. The
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28 main tools for their selection and characterization are low-throughput
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30 cytogenetic methods, such as C-banding (Fiebe et al., 1996), fluorescence *in*
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34 Harrison 2000; Schneider et al., 2005) and genomic *in situ* hybridization (GISH,
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36 Schwarzacher et al., 1989; Le et al., 1989). However, the potential of FISH to
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38 identify alien chromosomes and their segments is limited by small number of
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40 suitable probes, low throughout and inability to detect very small introgressions.
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48 genetic maps of *Aegilops* is limited by small number of molecular markers
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50 suitable for high-throughput screening (Zhang et al., 1998). In recent decades,
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52 wheat-specific RFLP (Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism), SSR
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54 (Simple Sequence Repeat), AFLP (Amplified Fragment Length Polymorphism)
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4 and COS (Conserved Orthologous Set) markers were tested in *Aegilops*
5 species (Peil et al., 1998; Schneider et al., 2010; Rey et al., 2015). Nagy et al.
6 (2006) used S-SAP (Sequence-Specific Amplification Polymorphism)
7 technology to produce 14 and 30 genome-specific markers for *Ae. umbellulata*
8 and *Ae. biuncialis* ($2n=4x=28$, $U^bU^bM^bM^b$), respectively. More recently, Diversity
9 Arrays Technology (DArT) markers and microarray hybridization-based
10 sequence-independent marker systems were used to develop a high-density
11 genetic map of wheat \times wild emmer (Peleg et al., 2008). The advent of next
12 generation sequencing (NGS) technologies led to the development of SNP-
13 based platforms for wheat genotyping (Rey et al., 2015). However, low
14 representation of wild wheat relatives in the SNP design may limit the utility of
15 these platforms in alien introgression breeding (Winfield et al., 2015) and new
16 genomic resources need to be generated from wild relatives of wheat.
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35 Poor knowledge of syntenic relationships between wheat and *Aegilops*
36 chromosomes is another obstacle hampering the use of wild genetic diversity in
37 wheat breeding. Collinearity between the homoeologous wheat and alien
38 chromosomes may be interrupted as a consequence of evolutionary
39 chromosome rearrangements in the *Aegilops* genomes (Devos et al., 1993,
40 Zhang et al., 1998). Thus, genes on alien chromosome segments do not
41 compensate for the loss of wheat genes and this may have a negative effect on
42 agricultural performance of the wheat-alien translocations. Clearly, better
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4 development of new molecular resources and tools are needed if the extant
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6 genetic diversity of wild *Aegilops* species is to be better utilized.
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10 The analysis of large *Triticeae* genomes can be simplified by dissecting them
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12 into individual chromosomes by flow cytometric sorting (Doležel et al., 2007). As
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14 demonstrated in bread wheat, barley and rye, flow-sorted chromosomes are
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16 suitable for next generation sequencing (NGS) to establish linear gene order
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18 and assess gene synteny with other species (Mayer et al., 2011; Martis et al.,
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20 2013; IWGSC 2014). High purity of flow-sorted chromosome fractions makes
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22 them an ideal template for PCR-based analyses and to assign molecular
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24 markers to *Aegilops* chromosomes (Molnár et al., 2011b). Using gene-based
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26 COS markers and chromosomes flow-sorted from wheat-*Aegilops* introgression
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28 lines, Molnár et al. (2013) assigned 132 and 156 loci to the M- and U-genome
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30 chromosomes, respectively, of *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. biuncialis* and
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32 *Ae. geniculata*. The genomic position of orthologue unigene EST-contigs, which
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34 were used to design the COS markers, made it possible to investigate syntenic
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36 relationships between the U and M genomes of *Aegilops* and wheat using
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38 *Brachypodium* and rice as references. Unfortunately, in some species, flow
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40 cytometric chromosome analysis and sorting based on DAPI fluorescence alone
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42 fails to discriminate and sort all chromosomes. Thus, only chromosomes 1U, 3U
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44 and 6U could be purified from *Ae. umbellulata* and only 1U^b from *Ae. biuncialis*,
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46 while the remaining chromosomes could only be sorted in groups (Molnár et al.,
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48 2011b). This limitation prevented a detailed comparative analysis with wheat
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11 To overcome this problem, Giorgi et al. (2013) developed a method termed
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13 FISHIS (FISH in suspension), which fluorescently labels specific microsatellite
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15 sequences on chromosomes in suspension. Some microsatellites, such as GAA
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17 and ACG motifs, form large clusters on chromosomes of *Aegilops* species and
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19 are detectable on mitotic metaphase spreads using FISH (Molnár et al., 2011a),
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21 providing an opportunity to employ these repeats for fluorescent labelling of
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23 chromosomes prior to flow cytometry. Encouraged by the results obtained by
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25 genomics analyses of chromosomes flow-sorted from cereal crops, and
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27 motivated by the need to support alien introgression breeding of wheat, we set
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29 out to expand chromosome genomics in *Aegilops* and develop molecular tools
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38 Here we report on the use of two microsatellite repeats, GAA and ACG, as
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40 probes for FISH to identify mitotic chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae.*
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42 *comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii*. The same microsatellite repeat
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44 probes were used to fluorescently label chromosomes in suspension prior to
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46 flow-cytometric analysis to facilitate sorting all chromosomes from diploid
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48 progenitors of the U, M, S and C genomes of *Aegilops*. DNA amplified from
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50 flow-sorted chromosomes was used for PCR with COS markers to obtain
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52 insights into the macrosyntenic relationships between the genomes of *Aegilops*
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54 and bread wheat at chromosome level.
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RESULTS (1829 words)

Chromosomal distribution of GAA and ACG repeats

In order to investigate the potential of GAA and ACG repeats as probes for fluorescent labelling chromosomes in suspension and to provide additional chromosomal landmarks for identification of *Aegilops* chromosomes and chromosome segments, sequential FISH was carried out on mitotic metaphase plates of *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii* using probes for the two microsatellites and probes for tandem repeats pSc119.2, Afa family and 18S rDNA (Fig. 1). The karyotypes obtained are shown in Fig. 2 and detailed in Table S1. Only minor differences in fluorescent labelling patterns were observed between this work and the results obtained by Badaeva et al. (1996ab) (Table S1), and we could identify all chromosomes in the diploid *Aegilops* species. The labelling efficiency (i.e. the number and intensity of hybridization signals) of the microsatellite probes (Table S2), showed significant intragenomic differences among the four *Aegilops* species. No differences in FISH labelling patterns were observed between the two accessions of *Ae. markgrafii* (MvGB428 and MvGB607).

Flow sorting of mitotic chromosomes after FISHIS

When suspensions of mitotic chromosomes from diploid *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii* were analyzed for the distribution of DAPI fluorescence intensity (flow karyotypes), narrow peaks were obtained, giving better chromosome resolution as compared to our previous work (Molnár

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4 et al., 2011b, 2014, 2015). This was probably due to the fact that we used a BD
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6 FACS Aria II SORP flow sorter in this study, which employs a gel-coupled flow
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10 former system is more efficient in collecting fluorescence light pulses and
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12 provides better stability of the fluid stream.
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19 representing chromosomes 1U, 6U and 3U, respectively, and one composite
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21 peak IV containing the chromosomes 2U, 4U, 5U and 7U (Fig. 3a). The
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23 bivariate flow karyotype obtained after FISHIS with a probe for GAA motif
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25 consisted of seven clearly separated populations corresponding to the seven
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27 chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata* (Fig. 3b). The chromosomes were assigned to
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29 the chromosome populations by FISH with probes for pSc119.2, Afa family and
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31 18S rDNA on chromosomes flow-sorted onto microscope slides (Table S3).
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33 Better resolution of chromosome populations after bivariate flow karyotyping
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35 resulted in high purity (88-98%) of sorted chromosome fractions (Table 1).
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42 Bivariate flow karyotyping in *Ae. comosa* after FISHIS with a probe for GAA
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44 (Fig. 4a) revealed three chromosome populations (IV, VI and VII) representing
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46 chromosomes 6M, 3M and 7M, respectively (Fig. S1). The three chromosomes
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48 could be sorted with a purity of 96.7%, 94.2% and 93.3%, respectively. On the
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50 other hand, populations of 1M and 4M, and 2M and 5M overlapped, resulting in
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52 lower purities (1M: 44.8%, 4M: 53.8%, 5M: 86.5%, 2M: 62.6%). To improve
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54 chromosome discrimination, double FISHIS was employed with probes for GAA
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4 and ACG (Fig. 4b). This resulted in better separation of the chromosome
5 populations and allowed chromosomes 1M, 2M, 4M and 5M to be sorted at
6 purities of 79.6%, 73.6%, 78.4% and 90.2%, respectively (Fig. S1, Table S3).
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11 Importantly, the purity of the sorted 3M, 6M and 7M fractions also improved
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18 As the combined use of GAA and ACG microsatellite repeats for FISHIS had a
19 positive effect on bivariate flow karyotyping in *Ae. comosa*, the same approach
20 was used in *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii*. Differences in the abundance of
21 GAA and ACG motifs between chromosomes were large enough to allow
22 separation of all S- and C-genome chromosomes (Fig. 5). FISH analysis on
23 flow-sorted chromosomes of *Ae. speltoides* showed that the populations of
24 chromosomes 1S, 3S and 5S, on which GAA and ACG repeats are less
25 abundant (Fig. 2), were allocated in regions III, V and IV of the bivariate flow
26 karyotype, characterized by lower FITC fluorescence intensity (Fig. 5a; Fig. S2;
27 Table S3). On the other hand, chromosome 4S, which has strong and complex
28 GAA and ACG hybridization patterns, was assigned to the population with the
29 highest level of FITC fluorescence (Fig. 5a; region I).
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46 Two accessions of *Ae. markgrafii* (MvGB428 and MvGB607) were used to
47 secure enough seed to allow replications of the experiments. FISH on flow-
48 sorted chromosome fractions showed that chromosomes 4C, 6C and 7C, which
49 had complex, strong microsatellite hybridization patterns (Fig. 2), were
50 represented by populations VII, III and I, respectively, on bivariate flow
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4 karyotype (Fig. 5b), while chromosomes 1C, 2C, 3C and 5C, which had lower
5 GAA and ACG content, were assigned to populations with lower FITC
6 fluorescence intensity (Fig. 5b; Fig. S3). With the exception of chromosomes 2S
7 and 7C, which could be sorted at purities of 84.4% and 80.9%, respectively,
8 bivariate flow cytometry after FISHIS with probes for GAA and ACG permitted
9 complete sets of chromosomes from *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii* to be
10 sorted at purities exceeding 93% and 90%, respectively (Table 1, Table S3).
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24 Stimulated by the positive results, we checked the utility of bivariate flow
25 cytometry to purify chromosome arms of *Aegilops* from wheat-*Ae. umbellulata*
26 ditelosomic addition lines. Chromosome suspensions of wheat (*T. aestivum* cv.
27 Chinese Spring)-*Ae. umbellulata* double ditelosomic addition lines CSDtA2US
28 (Figure 6a), CSDtA2UL (Figure 6b) and CSDtA7UL (Figure 6c) were labelled by
29 FISHIS with a probe for GAA. Chromosome arms 2US, 2UL and 7UL of *Ae.*
30 *umbellulata* could be easily discriminated from wheat chromosomes on bivariate
31 flow karyotypes (Figure 6a-c; Fig. S4), allowing these arms to be sorted at high
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46 47 **Assignment of COS markers to U, M, S and C chromosomes**

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49 COS markers designed from wheat ESTs for which chromosome deletion bin
50 map positions are known were assigned to *Aegilops* U-, M-, S- and C-genome
51 chromosomes using PCR, with DNA amplified from flow-sorted chromosomes
52 as a template (Table S4). Of the 123 COS markers, 100 amplified PCR
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4 products from genomic DNA of at least one of the four *Aegilops* species
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6 (Supplementary Data S1). The 100 markers resulted in a total of 544 PCR
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10 *umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and in the two accessions of *Ae.*
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12 *markgrafii*, respectively).
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17 Because each of the *Aegilops* chromosomes has a major location in one of the
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19 populations on bivariate flow karyotype (Table 1; Table S3), the highest amount
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21 of PCR product obtained with a COS marker identified the population with the
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23 locus-carrying chromosome (Supplementary Data S1; Table S3). However, if
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25 the amounts of PCR product were similar in two different chromosome
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27 populations, it was not possible to discriminate between the intragenomic
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29 duplication and a false positive chromosomal assignment. Thus, COS markers
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31 which gave differences of less than 10% between the PCR product amounts of
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33 two different chromosome populations were excluded from further analysis. In
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35 total, 466 PCR products (225 polymorphic and 241 non-polymorphic with
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37 respect to wheat) were assigned to *Aegilops* chromosomes (Supplementary
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46 Out of 118 loci assigned to U-genome chromosomes of diploid *Ae. umbellulata*
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48 (Table S5), 63 loci (53.38%) were polymorphic relative to wheat cv. GK
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50 Öthalom. In *Ae. comosa*, where 114 loci were mapped to M-genome
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52 chromosomes, 53 loci (46.49%) were polymorphic. Of the 120 loci assigned to
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54 S-genome chromosomes of *Ae. speltoides*, 56 loci (46.66%) showed size
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5 chromosomes of *Ae. markgrafii* were polymorphic. Chromosome-specific COS
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polymorphism. Finally, 53 (46.49%) of the 114 loci mapped to C-genome chromosomes of *Ae. markgrafii* were polymorphic. Chromosome-specific COS markers with significant (≥ 5 bp) length polymorphism between wheat cv. GK and *Aegilops* species (Table 2) will be suitable for marker-assisted selection of wheat-*Aegilops* introgression lines.

Wheat-*Aegilops* homology at chromosome level

Using the genetic map data and the deletion bin positions of the source ESTs (Supplementary Data S2), the 100 COS markers assigned to *Aegilops* chromosomes were physically mapped on wheat B, A and D genomes (Figure 7, Figure S5-6). This provided an overview of the genome relationships between wheat and *Aegilops* species (Figure 7, Figure S5-6).

The coverage of wheat B-genome chromosomes 3B, 5B, 6B and 7B with COS markers (16, 15, 15 and 20 markers / chromosome, respectively) was better as compared to the remaining chromosomes (1B, 2B and 4B with 12, 11 and 10 markers, respectively). Similar results were obtained for the A-genome chromosomes and to some extent for the D-genome chromosomes, where 17, 15 and 20 markers were specific for chromosomes 3D, 6D and 7D, respectively (Figure S5 and S6). Based on the presence or absence of COS markers on the same homoeologous group chromosomes in wheat and *Aegilops*, genetic relationships were quantified using the Jaccard similarity coefficients (Table S6) (Kosman and Leonard 2005).

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4 At the whole genome level, the structures of the S-genome chromosomes of
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6 *Ae. speltoides* and the M genome of *Ae. comosa* were the most similar to
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8 wheat, followed by the U genome of *Ae. umbellulata*, while the structure of the
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10 C genome in *Ae. markgrafii* differed considerably. At chromosome level, the
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12 group 1 and group 5 chromosomes of *Aegilops* species generally showed
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14 greater macrosynteny with wheat than the remaining chromosome groups
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16 (Table S6).
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21 The chromosomal locations of orthologous genes revealed structural
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23 relationships between the U-genome chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata* and the
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25 A, B and D genomes of wheat. For example, COS marker *c746642*, specific for
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27 wheat (W) chromosome group 2 (W2), was located on chromosome 6U, COS
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29 marker *c755442* specific for W3 was located on 7U, four markers indicated
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31 homology between the short arms of W4 and 6U, while two markers indicate
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33 that intercalary part of the long arm of W6 is related to 4U. Another part of the
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35 W6 long arm, represented by five markers, was found to be homologous to 2U
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44 Chromosomes of *Ae. comosa* exhibited greater synteny with wheat than those
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46 of *Ae. umbellulata*. However, some rearrangements were observed relative to
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48 wheat. One COS marker indicated presence of a W5 fragment on 2M and four
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50 markers suggested a homology between W7 and 3M (Figure 7, Figure S5-6).
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53 As expected, the S genome of *Ae. speltoides* was closely related to wheat.
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55 However, two COS markers indicated genome rearrangements between W2
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4 and 3S, while two markers specific for W4 were found on 6S. Homology
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6 between the long arm of W6 and 4S was indicated by three markers and
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8 between W6 and 3S by two markers (Figure 7, Figure S5-6).
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13 In *Ae. markgrafii*, chromosomes 1C and 5C exhibited the greatest synteny with
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15 wheat homoeologous groups, although three markers indicated the presence of
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17 a W5-specific region on chromosome 2C. It seems that the long arms of 2B and
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19 3B, and the short arm of 4B are related to 7C. Five markers located on the long
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21 arm of 4B and four markers specific for different parts of 2B were detected on
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23 chromosome 4C, indicating their homology. Twelve markers specific for 6B
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25 were located on chromosome 2C, while eleven markers indicated homology
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27 between 7B and 3C.
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33 Table 3 provides a complete list of conserved genomic regions between
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35 hexaploid wheat genomes and chromosomes from the U, M, S and C genomes
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37 of diploid *Aegilops* species as identified in the present work.
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44 **DISCUSSION (2459 words)**

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47 The exploitation of *Aegilops* species for wheat improvement has been the
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49 subject of research for more than a century. Yet, with a few exceptions, the
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51 large genetic diversity of *Aegilops* remains untapped (Schneider et al., 2008;
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53 Kilian et al., 2011). The present work aims to contribute to the efforts to change
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55 this by developing approaches to simplify the analysis of *Aegilops* genomes,
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4 describing relationships between (sub)genomes of bread wheat and genomes
5 of four *Aegilops* species, and developing markers to facilitate exploitation of
6 important traits in wheat breeding programs.
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12 We demonstrate that it is possible to dissect the large U, M, S and C genomes
13 of *Aegilops* into individual chromosomes representing 12.0% - 15.8% of the
14 whole genome. This should facilitate the analysis and mapping these complex
15 genomes whose 1C values exceed 4Gbp (U: ~4,938 Mbp, M: ~6,044 Mbp, S:
16 ~5,036 Mbp, C: ~4,528 Mbp), and which comprise high proportion of repetitive
17 DNA (57% and 61% for *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. tauschii*, respectively) (Kilian et
18 al., 2011; Shangguan et al., 2013). Slicing the genomes into single
19 chromosomes provides a powerful approach to perform structural and functional
20 genome analysis (Doležel et al., 2014; Rey et al., 2015).
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35 Chromosome samples are traditionally stained by DAPI and classified
36 according to their relative DNA content using flow cytometry. Only
37 chromosomes whose DAPI fluorescence intensity differs from other
38 chromosomes in a karyotype can be discriminated and purified (Doležel et al.,
39 1992). As many species have chromosomes of similar size, individual
40 chromosomes cannot be easily discriminated based on DAPI staining alone.
41 Thus, only group 5 chromosomes could be sorted from *Ae. tauschii* and *Ae.*
42 *speltoides* (Molnár et al., 2014), chromosome 4C from *Ae. markgrafii* (Molnár et
43 al., 2015) and chromosomes 1U, 3U and 6U from *Ae. umbelulata* (Molnár et al.,
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4 To overcome the difficulty to sort particular chromosomes, Vrána et al. (2015)
5 suggested dissecting composite chromosome peaks representing several
6 chromosomes into smaller sections enriched for the chromosomes of interest,
7 while Cápál et al. (2015) developed a protocol for sequencing single flow-sorted
8 chromosomes. While useful for certain applications, these approaches do not
9 allow particular chromosomes to be sorted at high purity and/or in large
10 numbers. On the other hand, labelling specific DNA sequences by FISH should
11 facilitate discrimination of otherwise indistinguishable chromosomes and their
12 sorting in large numbers (Lucretti et al., 2014). The present results show that
13 the distribution of GAA and ACG hybridization signals differs within the U, M, S
14 and C genomes. These results are on line with previous observations that
15 microsatellite trinucleotide repeats (GAA, AAC, ACG) provide diagnostic
16 landmarks to identify chromosomes in cereals such as wheat, barley and rye
17 (Kubaláková et al., 2005; Cuadrado et al., 2008) and in *Aegilops* species with
18 the U and M genomes (Molnár et al., 2011a). The GAA and ACG karyotypes
19 obtained in the present study show that the microsatellites provide useful
20 chromosomal landmarks also in *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii*.
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45 FISHIS (Giorgi et al., 2013) to label the microsatellite repeats on chromosomes
46 in suspension to improve chromosome discrimination and facilitate
47 chromosome sorting in *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae.*
48 *markgrafii*. Relative positions of populations representing individual
49 chromosomes on bivariate flow karyotypes DAPI vs. microsatellite-FITC agreed
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4 well with the number and intensity of GAA or ACG bands observed on mitotic
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10 In *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii*, FISHIS with the GAA probe
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12 alone did not discriminate the complete chromosome complements. This was
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14 achieved by dual FISHIS with probes for GAA and ACG, which increased the
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16 FITC signal diversity and improved discrimination of individual chromosomes.
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18 These results indicate that FISHIS with an appropriate mix of probes for
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20 microsatellite repeats may improve discrimination of individual chromosomes,
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22 even if the probes are labeled with the same fluorochrome. This approach could
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24 increase the potential of chromosome genomics in Triticeae and perhaps also in
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26 other species.
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33 Contamination of sorted chromosome fractions by other chromosomes or
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35 chromosome fragments is common in flow cytometric chromosome sorting
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39 demonstrated that bivariate flow karyotyping after FISHIS not only increased the
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41 number of *Aegilops* chromosomes that could be discriminated and sorted, but
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43 also increased the purity in flow-sorted fractions. This is in line with the
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45 observations of Giorgi et al. (2013).
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50 The range of applications of flow-sorted chromosomes keeps expanding
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4 mapping (Staňková et al., 2015), development of DNA markers (Bartoš et al.,
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6 2008), and physical mapping on DNA arrays (Mayer et al., 2011). Shot-gun
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8 NGS represents a particularly important application of flow-sorted
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10 chromosomes and has been the foundation of many international genome
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12 sequencing projects, including barley, rye and bread wheat (Mayer et al., 2011;
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14 Martis et al., 2013; IWGSC 2014).
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20 The ability to purify chromosomes from the U, M, S and C genomes of *Aegilops*
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22 and production of microgram DNA amounts from them opens avenues for the
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24 application of chromosome genomics in *Aegilops* to support alien introgression
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26 breeding. For example, Tiwari et al. (2014) flow-sorted short arm of
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28 chromosome 5M⁹ from a wheat-*Ae. geniculata* ditelosomic addition line and
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30 sequenced it by Illumina technology. Out of the 2,178 5M⁹S-specific SNPs
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32 identified, forty-four were validated by KASP assay and used to identify 5M⁹S-
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34 specific chromosome segments in released wheat germplasm lines. These
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36 results highlighted the importance of DNA samples derived from wild wheat
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38 relatives and their suitability for NGS and development of high-throughput
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46 Alien gene transfer induced by homoeologous recombination (Riley and
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48 Chapman 1958; Sears 1977) depends on chromosome collinearity and may be
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50 hampered by irregularities in meiotic pairing of alien chromosomes with their
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52 wheat homoeologues due to structural rearrangements (Ceoloni et al., 1988;
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4 of knowledge on the evolutionary relationships between wheat and *Aegilops*
5 hampers alien gene transfer, for example due to non-compensating
6 translocations, (Friebe et al., 1996; Ceoloni and Jauhar 2006). The knowledge
7 of wheat-*Aegilops* macrosyntenic relationships is also important to support
8 targeted development of molecular markers specific for *Aegilops* chromosome
9 regions potentially responsible for agronomic traits of interest (Burt and
10 Nicholson 2011) and to minimize the amount of undesirable alien chromatin.
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22 Wheat-*Ae. umbellulata* macrosyteny was investigated using RFLP-based
23 genetic map of *Ae. umbellulata* (Zhang et al., 1998; Devos and Gale 2000) and
24 at least eleven rearrangements were found that differentiated U-genome
25 chromosomes from the D genome of wheat. Later, Molnár et al. (2013) used
26 wheat-specific COS markers on wheat-*Aegilops* addition lines and flow-sorted
27 chromosomes to describe relationships between wheat genome and the U and
28 M genomes of diploid and polyploid *Aegilops*. The present work extends the
29 comparative analysis of wheat and *Aegilops* to the S and C genomes of *Ae.*
30 *speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii*. We used complete sets of chromosome-derived
31 DNA samples to assign COS markers to *Aegilops* chromosomes and compare
32 the structure of the *Aegilops* U, M, S and C genomes with the A, B and D
33 genomes of hexaploid wheat. Polymorphic markers assigned to U-, M-, S- or C-
34 genome chromosomes will be useful to support the transfer of alien
35 chromosomes or chromosome arms into wheat.
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In the present work, all group 2 COS markers were located on 2U, except for marker *c746642* in the terminal bin of W2L, which was located on 6U in agreement with Zhang et al. (1998). According to Gale and Devos (1998), W3 was homoeologous to 3U (represented by 8 RFLP markers) and 7U (based on two RFLP markers). We also detected most of the W3 markers (10 COS markers) on 3U. However, one marker specific for the terminal part of the short arm of W3 was located on 7U. According to Zhang et al. (1998) and Gale and Devos 1998), the short arm of W4 was related to 6U, while the long arm to 4U and 5U. In this work, COS markers specific for the short arm of W4 were also located on 6U, while those specific for the intercalary bin of the long arm were

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4 assigned to 4U. However, in contrast to Zhang et al. (1998), we did not detect
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6 any W4 COS markers on chromosome 5U.
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12 we did not observe homoeology with 4U as the most distal part of the long arm
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14 of W5 was not represented by COS markers. W5 was also found to be closely
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16 related to chromosome 5M of *Ae. comosa*, while one marker suggested a
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18 relationship with 2M. A homoeology between W5 and 5M⁹ of *Ae. geniculata* was
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20 also observed by Tiwari et al. (2015) who showed that approximately 72% of
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22 the annotated 5M⁹ genes had sequence identity to wheat genes on
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24 chromosomes 5A, 5B and 5D. Chromosomes 5S and 5C were also found to be
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37 particular, have segmental homoeology to the short arm of *Ae. umbellulata*
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39 chromosome 6U, and long arms of 4U and 6U (Zhang et al. 1998; Gale and
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43 (three W6 COS markers were detected on each of 6U and 4U), but unlike the
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45 earlier results, five W6 markers suggested a relationship with 2U. Mapping the
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47 group 6 COS markers revealed significant homoeology of W6 chromosomes to
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49 chromosome 6M of *Ae. comosa*, and less pronounced homoeology to
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4 Gale and Devos (1998) noted that the short arm and a significant part of the
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6 long arm of W7 was homoeologous to 7U, the distal part of W7 long arm was
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8 related to 6U, while the terminal part was homoeologous to chromosome 4U of
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10 *Ae. umbellulata*. On line with these observations we detected three of the five
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12 W7 short arm markers, and nine of the thirteen W7 long arm markers on 7U,
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14 while three markers from the distal bins of W7 long arm were found on 6U. For
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16 the group 7 chromosomes, the wheat-*Aegilops* macrosynteny was highest in
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18 *Ae. speltoides*, and lower in *Ae. comosa*, while no synteny was found between
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20 W7 and the chromosome 7C of *Ae. markgrafii*.
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26 We have detected previously unknown wheat-*Ae. umbellulata* genome
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28 relationships. For example, COS marker *c755444* specific for the proximal bin
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30 of the W3 long arm was assigned to 6U and W6 marker *c750237* was assigned
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32 to 5U. We detected such local breaks in the wheat-*Aegilops* genome
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34 relationships also in *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii*. These
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36 results are consistent with the observations of Dobrovolskaya et al. (2011) who
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38 observed local synteny perturbations between *Ae. speltoides* and wheat.
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40 However, 76 out of 90 markers mapped in *Ae. speltoides* were assigned to
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42 chromosomes homoeologous with wheat, confirming that the species is highly
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44 syntenic with wheat (IWGSC 2014).
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50 According to Jaccard similarity coefficients estimated in this work, the S
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52 genome of *Ae. speltoides* and the M genome of *Ae. comosa* are structurally
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6 are on line with previous phylogenetic studies in which *Ae. umbellulata* and *Ae.*
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8 *markgrafii* formed a closer sub-cluster on the *Aegilops-Triticum* clade, indicating
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10 greater genetic similarity, relative to *Ae. comosa* and *Ae. speltoides* (Petersen
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12 et al., 2006; Mahelka et al., 2011).
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17 Evolutionary genome rearrangements in *Ae. markgrafii* relative to wheat as
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19 described in the present study indicate a need to rename four C-genome
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21 chromosomes. As twelve out of nineteen W6 COS markers identified homology
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23 between chromosomes 2C and W6 ($J_{W6,2C}$: 0.800), we suggest renaming
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25 chromosome 2C to 6C. Eleven out of fifteen markers indicated homology
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27 between 3C and W7 ($J_{W7,3C}$: 0.611), and thus we suggest renaming 3C to 7C.
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29 Similarly, five markers mapped to chromosome 7C were specific to W2 ($J_{W2,7C}$:
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31 0.454), and five to W4, so chromosome 7C could be renamed 2C. Finally, out of
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33 three markers identified on chromosome 6C, two were related to W7 and one to
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35 W3 indicating a need to rename 6C to 7C or 3C. However, we note that the low
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37 number of markers per chromosome allowed only macro-level comparisons and
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39 a more detailed comparative analysis is needed before changing the
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41 chromosome nomenclature of *Ae. markgrafii*. Sequencing DNA from flow-sorted
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43 U, M, S and C genome chromosomes and comparison of their gene content
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45 with that of wheat chromosomes (IWGSC 2014) could provide detailed
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4 This work represents an important step forward in developing chromosome
5 genomics for wild relatives of wheat. FISH karyotypes will facilitate identification
6 of *Aegilops* chromatin transferred to wheat. Bivariate flow karyotyping after
7 FISHIS makes it possible to dissect the genomes of four important gene
8 sources for cultivated wheat, *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and
9 *Ae. markgrafii* into single chromosomes. This provides an opportunity for
10 detailed characterization of their genomes, including gene content, allele
11 discovery and targeted development of gene-based markers from specific
12 genomic regions. The knowledge of homoeologous relationships between
13 wheat and *Aegilops* species at chromosome-level will be an important guide for
14 targeted development of markers and for planning introgression breeding
15 programs. COS markers assigned to chromosomes of the *Aegilops* species will
16 be useful in pre-breeding programs to select chromosome segments carrying
17 agronomically useful genes in *T. aestivum* – *Aegilops* recombinant lines.
18 Altogether, these results promise to accelerate genomic studies on wild
19 relatives of bread wheat and support pre-breeding studies that are required to
20 meet the future challenges of food security and sustainable agriculture.
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46 47 **EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURES (1250 words)**

48 49 **Plant material**

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53 Seeds of *Aegilops umbellulata* Zhuk. accession AE740/03 ($2n=2x=14$; UU)
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55 were kindly provided by the Institute of Plant Genetics and Crop Plant Research
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4 (Gatersleben, Germany). The accessions of *Ae. comosa* Sm. in Sibth. & Sm.
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6 MvGB1039 (2n=2x=14, MM), *Ae. speltoides* Tausch. MvGB905 (2n=2x=14, SS)
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8 and *Ae. markgrafii* (Greuter) Hammer MvGB428 and MvGB607 (2n=2x=14, CC)
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10 are maintained at the Martonvásár Cereal Genebank (Hungary). Wheat
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12 (*Triticum aestivum* L.) cv. Chinese Spring-*Ae. umbellulata* ditelosomic addition
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14 lines 2US, 2UL and 7UL (Friebe et al., 1995) were kindly provided by Dr. Bernd
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16 Friebe (Wheat Genetics Resource Center, Kansas State University, USA).
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18 Accessions of *Secale cereale* L. cv. 'Petkus', *Ae. tauschii* Coss. MvGB605,
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20 *Oryza sativa* L. cv. 'Bioryza' and *T. aestivum* L. cv. 'GK Öthalom' were also
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22 used in the present study and were obtained from the Cereal Research Non-
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31 **Flow cytometric chromosome analysis and sorting**

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34 Suspensions of intact mitotic metaphase chromosomes were prepared from
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36 synchronized root tips of young seedlings following Vrána et al. (2000) and
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38 Kubaláková et al. (2005). The chromosome samples were fluorescently labelled
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40 by FISHIS using oligonucleotides 5'-FITC-GAA₇-FITC-3' and/or 5'-FITC-ACG₇-
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42 FITC-3' (Sigma) and counterstained by DAPI (4',6-diamidino 2-phenylindole) as
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44 described by Giorgi et al. (2013). Bivariate flow karyotyping and chromosome
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46 sorting were done on a FACSAria II SORP flow cytometer and sorter (Becton
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48 Dickinson Immunocytometry Systems, San José, USA). Chromosome samples
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50 were analyzed at rates of 1500–2000 particles per second, and bivariate flow
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6 chromosome fractions was determined according to Molnár et al. (2011b).
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8 Briefly, approximately one thousand chromosomes were sorted from each
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10 chromosome population identified on bivariate flow karyotype into a 15 µl drop
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12 of PRINS buffer supplemented with 5% (w/v) sucrose on a microscope slide
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14 (Kubaláková et al. 1997). The slides were air-dried and used for FISH with
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16 probes for pSc119.2, pTa71 and Afa family repetitive DNA sequences.
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24 Three batches of 30,000 chromosomes each were sorted from each
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26 chromosome population identified on bivariate flow karyotypes. The
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28 chromosomes were treated with proteinase K, after which their DNA was
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30 purified and amplified by multiple displacement amplification (MDA) using an
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32 Illustra GenomiPhi V2 DNA Amplification Kit (GE Healthcare, Chalfont St. Giles,
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34 United Kingdom) as described by Šimková et al. (2008). Three independent
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36 MDA products from each sorted chromosome fraction were pooled into one
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38 sample to reduce amplification bias (Table S1) and used as template for PCR
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40 reaction with primers for COS markers.
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46 47 **Fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH)**

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53 Germany) and digoxigenin-11-dUTP (Roche), respectively, using PCR (Nagaki
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55 et al., 1995; Contento et al., 2005). 18S unit of 45S ribosomal RNA gene was
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4 amplified using PCR from genomic DNA of rice (Chang et al., 2010) and
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6 labelled with 50% biotin-16-dUTP and 50% digoxigenin-11-dUTP. GAA and
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8 ACG microsatellites were amplified from genomic DNA of *T. aestivum* and
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10 labelled with digoxigenin-11-dUTP (Roche) and biotin-16-dUTP (Roche),
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12 respectively, using PCR. Digoxigenin and biotin were detected using anti-
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29 Axiolmager M2 fluorescence microscope system equipped with an AxioCam
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31 MRm CCD camera (Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany), and the images were
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33 compiled with AxioVision v4.8 software (Zeiss) as described by Mikó et al.
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35 (2015). After capturing FISH signals on metaphase plates, the slides were
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37 washed and re-hybridized with GAA and ACG microsatellite probes at 42°C
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45 46 **COS marker analysis**

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49 Genomic DNA was prepared according to Cseh et al. (2013) from *Ae.*
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51 *umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii* MvGB428 and
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53 MvGB607, which were also used for flow cytometric analyses, and from wheat
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55 cv. 'GK Öthalom'. PCR with primers for 123 COS markers (Quraishi et al., 2009;
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4 Supplementary Data S1) specific for wheat homoeologous groups I - VII, was
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6 performed in 12 μ L reaction volumes as described by Molnár et al. (2014) using
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8 a touchdown reaction profile: 94°C (2 min); 10 cycles of 94°C (0.5 min), Ta +5°C
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10 (0.5 min) decreased in 0.5°C increments for every subsequent set of cycles,
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12 72°C (1 min); 30 cycles of 94°C (0.5 min), Ta°C (0.5 min), 72°C (1 min); hold at
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14 72°C (2 min). PCR products were separated using a Fragment Analyzer
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16 Automated CE System equipped with a 96-Capillary Array Cartridge (effective
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18 length 33 cm) (Advanced Analytical Technologies, Ames, USA) and analyzed
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20 with PROsize v2.0 software. The annealing temperature (Ta) for each COS
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22 marker, together with data on the PCR amplicons, are included in
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33 A deletion bin map was constructed for each wheat chromosome showing
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35 positions of the COS markers (Quraishi et al., 2009). To order the markers
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39 2009, Supplementary Data S2) were used as queries in BLASTn searches to
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47 2.8e⁻⁰⁸, identity % > 58.44 and alignment length > 100bp were considered
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(Supplementary Data S2).

Visualization of wheat–*Aegilops* orthologous relationships

In order to visualize wheat-*Aegilops* homoeologous relationships, a genetic map and physical deletion bin map of wheat were constructed showing positions of the mapped COS markers. Separate maps were drawn for the B, A, and D genomes of wheat (Figs. 7, S5, S6). The deletion bins were divided into as many parts as the number of COS markers located in the bins. The marker-specific bin parts were color-coded to show the homoeologous group location of the markers. For each homoeologous group (1 - 7), five wheat chromosome bin maps were displayed, one for a wheat genome (B or A and D) and one each for the *Aegilops* genomes U, M, S and C. This allowed to visualize the homoeologous group positions of the relevant wheat chromosome segments in the genomes of wheat and *Aegilops*. Moreover, a table was assembled showing the number of wheat homoeologous group-specific COS markers located on each of the *Aegilops* chromosome (Table 3). This highlighted wheat genomic regions related to a given chromosome in *Aegilops*.

Calculation of Jaccard similarity coefficients

Pairwise similarity between the structure of chromosomes within the same homoeologous groups of wheat and *Aegilops* species was determined using Jaccard's coefficient $J_{(i1,i2)} = a/(a+b+c)$ (Kosman and Leonard 2005). For a given

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4 homoeologous group A, a = the number of markers present on group A
5 chromosomes for both wheat and a corresponding *Aegilops* species; b = the
6 number of markers where species i_1 (i.e. wheat) has a band on the group A
7 chromosome, but i_2 (i.e. *Aegilops*) does not; c = the number of markers where
8 the *Aegilops* species i_2 has a band on the group A chromosome, but i_1 (wheat)
9 does not. Jaccard's coefficients were calculated for each homoeologous group I
10 - VII between wheat and each *Aegilops* species, and the similarity values are
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4 **Figure S1.** Identification of chromosomes flow-sorted from *Ae. comosa* using
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11 **Figure S2.** Identification of chromosomes flow-sorted from *Ae. speltoides* using
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17 **Figure S3.** Identification of chromosomes flow-sorted from *Ae. markgrafii* using
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23 **Figure S4.** Identification of chromosome arms 2US, 2UL and 7UL flow-sorted
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30 **Figure S5.** Wheat-*Aegilops* orthologous relationships from the genomic
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37 **Figure S6.** Wheat-*Aegilops* orthologous relationships from the genomic
38 perspective of D-genome chromosomes.
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44 **Table S1.** Karyotypic description of *Aegilops* chromosomes with probes
45 pSc119.2, Afa family and 18S rDNA.
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50 **Table S2.** Labelling efficiency of GAA and ACG repeats for *in situ* hybridisation
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4 **Table S3.** Chromosome assignment to populations on bivariate flow karyotypes
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11 **Table S4.** DNA yields after the multiple displacement amplification of DNA from
12 flow-sorted chromosome fractions.
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17 **Table S5.** The number of COS marker loci assigned to U, M, S and C genome-
18 chromosomes of *Aegilops* species.
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24 **Table S6.** Jaccard similarity coefficients (J) calculated between the same
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31 **Data S1.** PCR products of COS markers amplified from wheat and *Aegilops*
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Tables

Table 1: The effect of flow cytometric chromosome analysis method on the number of discriminated and sorted chromosomes and purity in flow-sorted chromosome fractions.

Method	<i>Ae. umbellulata</i>			<i>Ae. comosa</i>			<i>Ae. speltoides</i>			<i>Ae. markgrafii</i>		
	Chr	% of the genome	Purity (%)	Chr.	% of the genome	Purity (%)	Chr.	% of the genome	Purity (%)	Chr.	% of the genome	Purity (%)
Monoparametric (DAPI)	1U	12.9	98.9 [#]	- [#]			5S	13.8	89.8 ^{###}	4C	12.4	91.3 ^{####}
	3U	13.3	86.4 [#]	-			-			-		
	6U	13.4	74.1 [#]	-			-			-		
Biparametric (DAPI + FITC)	1U	12.9	98.9	1M	14.7	79.6	1S	13.8	98.8	1C	13.1	91.8
	2U	14.3	88.7	2M	13.1	73.6	2S	15.2	84.4	2C	15.8	94.4
	3U	13.3	96.4	3M	15.6	96.7	3S	15.5	95.7	3C	15.1	89.6
	4U	15.5	90.1	4M	12.6	78.0	4S	13.1	93.0	4C	12.4	97.9
	5U	15.1	93.2	5M	14.2	90.2	5S	13.8	99.2	5C	15.5	90.7
	6U	13.4	94.2	6M	13.6	99.6	6S	13.4	97.1	6C	12.0	91.9
	7U	15.2	98.0	7M	15.8	98.4	7S	14.9	99.0	7C	15.7	80.1

[#], ^{###}, ^{####}: data from Molnár et al. 2011b, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

Table 2. COS markers showing polymorphic (≥ 5 bp) PCR amplicons between wheat and *Aegilops* species, which are considered suitable for identification of introgressions of the U-, M-, S- and C-genome chromosomes from *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii* into hexaploid wheat. The size (in bp) of the chromosome-specific loci is shown in brackets.

Homoeologous group in <i>Aegilops</i>	<i>Ae. umbellulata</i> (UU)	<i>Ae. comosa</i> (MM)	<i>Ae. speltoides</i> (SS)	<i>Ae. markgrafii</i> (CC)
1	c757212 (244), c735941 (238), c743018 (298, 310), c726029 (418), c743346 (275), c737520 (327), c744747 (320), c758392 (379, 390),	c757212 (285), c735941 (238), c743346 (277), c737520 (327), c744747 (317),	c757212 (280), c735941 (227, 239), c743018 (305, 317), c743346 (278), c737520 (330), c744747 (317),	c757212 (285), c735941 (237), c743018 (298, 310), c743346 (274), c737520 (327), c744747 (320), c751053 (498), c765452 (357),
2	c740970 (207), c757237 (190, 194), c767104 (443), c741435 (201), c760549 (430), c742110 (194, 198), c742079 (374),	c740970 (207), c757237 (230, 233), c762599 (267, 269),	c720763 (323, 326),	c756721 (307), c765220 (298, 302, 310), c744766 (239), c747871 (655), c724406 (628), c741435 (588), c760549 (428), c753637 (442), be496986 (629), c771657 (888), c748987 (260), c754211 (288, 291),
3	c752137 (399, 410), c805553 (442, 451), c772427 (371), c757460 (633), c756279 (308), c755305 (263)	c805553 (450), c772427 (371), c751053 (502), c752685 (597), c771860 (374), c740781 (413), c756279 (285), c761505 (1374), c750237 (517), c732202 (232), c740257 (280), c748987 (260),	c757237 (228), c746642 (654), c805553 (450), c751053 (595), c739776 (323), c741435 (468),	c767104 (422), c805553 (442, 451), 760830 (300, 305), bf484254 (556), c747342 (655), c745166 (243), c740257 (280),
4	c759427 (557, 552), c765452 (310, 322), c724406 (633), be496986 (716),	c743018 (298, 310), c733078 (458), c765452 (310, 322), c760004 (697), bf484254 (536)	c770094 (432), c742110 (561),	c740970 (207), c757237 (225, 228), c757460 (654),
5	c762599 (269), c743567 (588), c758334 (630), c728956 (340), c756721 (308), c771643 (370), c748436 (873), c749645 (354, 362), c765220 (300, 304, 313), c732202 (322),	c743567 (585), c756721 (295), c748436 (745), c749645 (316, 326), c765220 (297, 301, 309), c732202 (254),	c762599 (267, 269), c743567 (585), c758334 (630), c756721 (311), c744654 (328), c748436 (810), c724685 (674), c749645 (348, 356), c765220 (299, 304, 312),	c762599 (264, 269), c743567 (585), c758334 (622), c748436 (795), c749645 (339, 348),
6	c746642 (673), c771614 (286), c760004 (690), c744766 (238), c747871 (657), c753637 (424), c760754 (430), c771657 (836),	c744766 (254), c747871 (660), c724406 (700), c760549 (430), c753637 (424), be496986 (647),	c740781 (412), c765452 (304, 308), c760004 (177), c737067 (470), c744766 (251), c747871 (660), c724406 (694), c760549 (428),	c743137 (514),

	<i>c754211 (281, 287), c743137 (478),</i>		<i>c753637 (514), be496986 (633),</i>	
7	<i>c760830 (300, 305), bf484254 (568), c759439 (849), c747342 (663), c745166 (243),</i>	<i>c760830 (300, 305), be494425 (531), c759439 (851), c747342 (668), c754211 (281, 287, 290), c743137 (514),</i>	<i>c760830 (300, 305), bf484254 (568), c732202 (644), c771657 (819), c741119 (760), c747342 (696), c745166 (243), c740257 (280), c769080 (349), c753911 (165), c754211 (289, 292), c743137 (515),</i>	<i>c720763 (308, 311), c746642 (694), c744070 (215), c765452 (309, 313, 321), c760004 (685),</i>

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Table 3. Genomic regions conserved between hexaploid wheat and U, M, S and C genome-chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. Markgrafii*, respectively. The number of COS markers representing wheat homoeologous regions is shown in parentheses.

Homoeologous group in <i>Aegilops</i> chromosomes		<i>Ae. umbellulata</i>	<i>Ae. comosa</i>	<i>Ae. speltoides</i>	<i>Ae. markgrafii</i>
1		W1 (12) W3 (1)	W1 (10)	W1 (12)	W1 (10) W3 (4)
2	2US	W2 (2) W6 (5)	W2 (7) W5 (1)	W2 (4) W3 (2)	W5 (3) W6 (12) W7 (4)

	2UL	W2 (5)			
3		W3 (10) W7 (1)	W3 (15) W4 (1) W6 (1) W7 (4)	W2 (2) W3 (13) W6 (2)	W2 (1) W3 (2) W6 (1) W7 (11)
4		W4 (5) W6 (3)	W1 (2) W4 (7) W7 (1)	W4 (7) W6 (3) W7 (1)	W2 (4) W3 (1) W4 (4)
5		W5 (14) W6 (1) W7 (1)	W5 (12) W7 (2)	W5 (14)	W5 (10) W7 (1)
6		W2 (1) W3 (1) W4 (3) W6 (3) W7 (4)	W6 (10)	W2 (1) W3 (1) W4 (2) W6 (8)	W3 (1) W7 (2)
7	7US	W7 (1)	W7 (12)	W7 (18)	W1 (1) W2 (5) W3 (2) W4 (5)

	7UL	W3 (1) W7 (11)			

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7 **Figure legends (654 words)**
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9 **Figure 1.** FISH on mitotic metaphase plates of *Aegilops markgrafii* with probes
10 for GAA (green) and ACG (red) microsatellites (a - c), and with probes for 18S
11 rDNA (yellow) and pSc119.2 repeat (green) (d). Chromosomes were
12 counterstained by DAPI (grey). Bar = 10 μ m.
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20 **Figure 2.** Representative karyotypes of *Aegilops umbellulata* (AE740/03), *Ae.*
21 *comosa* (MvGB1039), *Ae. speltoides* (MvGB905) and *Ae. markgrafii*
22 (MvGB428) after FISH with repetitive DNA probes. The signals of GAA and
23 ACG probes were visualized as green and red, respectively, while the probes
24 for 18S rDNA (yellow), Afa family repeat (red) and pSc119.2 repeat (green)
25 were detected simultaneously. Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI
26 (grey).
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38 **Figure 3.** Flow cytometric analysis and sorting of *Ae. umbellulata*
39 chromosomes. (a) Distribution of fluorescence intensity (flow karyotype)
40 obtained after the analysis of DAPI-stained suspensions of mitotic
41 chromosomes. Monovariate flow karyotype comprises peaks I – III representing
42 chromosomes 1U, 6U and 3U, respectively, and a composite peak of the
43 remaining four chromosomes. (b) Bivariate (DAPI vs. GAA-FITC) flow
44 karyotyping and sorting in *Ae. umbellulata*. FISHIS with probes for GAA
45 resolved seven chromosome groups (I - VII colored regions). (c - i)
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8 *umbellulata* could be sorted at purities 88% - 98%. Bar = 20 μ m.
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13 **Figure 4.** Bivariate flow karyotyping and flow sorting of *Ae. comosa*
14 chromosomes. (a) FISHIS with probes for GAA resolved only three
15 chromosome groups (IV, VI and VII colored regions) specific for chromosomes
16 3M, 6M and 7M. (b) Dual FISHIS with probes for GAA and ACG resolved all
17 seven M-genome chromosomes of *Ae. comosa*, which could be flow sorted at
18 purities of 73% - 99%. Chromosomes were assigned to the colored regions by
19 FISH using probes for 18S rDNA (yellow), Afa family (red) and pSc119.2
20 (green). Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (grey).
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34 **Figure 5.** Bivariate flow karyotyping and flow sorting of chromosomes from (a)
35 *Ae. speltoides* and (b) *Ae. markgrafii*. Dual FISHIS with probes for GAA and
36 ACG resolved all S-genome and C-genome chromosomes, which could be flow-
37 sorted at purities of 84% - 99% and 80% - 97%, respectively. Chromosomes
38 were assigned to the colored regions by FISH using probes for 18S rDNA
39 (yellow), Afa family (red) and pSc119.2 (green). Chromosomes were
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53 **Figure 6.** Bivariate flow karyotyping after FISHIS with a probe for GAA and flow
54 sorting *Ae. umbellulata* chromosome arms from wheat (*T. aestivum* cv. Chinese
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4 CSDtA2UL and CSDtA7UL. (a) FISHIS allowed discrimination of the
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6 homoeologous genomes A, D and B of hexaploid wheat (blue and green boxes,
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8 respectively) and populations representing 2US (a), 2UL (b) and 7UL (c).
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10 Chromosome arms 2US, 2UL and 7UL were identified using FISH with probes
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12 for Afa family (green) and pSc119.2 (red) and could be sorted at purities of
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14 94.9%, 90.3% and 88.3%, respectively. Chromosomes were counterstained by
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22 **Figure 7.** Visualization of wheat–*Aegilops* orthologous relationships from the
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24 perspective of wheat B-genome chromosomes. Genetic map positions of the
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26 source ESTs of the COS markers are indicated on the left, while the physical
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28 positions on the deletion bin map are indicated on the right. Each marker
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30 assigned to chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata* (U), *Ae. comosa* (M), *Ae.*
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32 *speltoides* (S) and *Ae. markgrafii* (C) is positioned to its known bin position and
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34 ordered within each chromosomal bin by the cM value of the marker-containing
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36 scaffold obtained from the Genome Zipper of the corresponding wheat
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38 chromosome arm. The wheat deletion bins were divided into windows according
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40 to the number of markers and each window was color-coded to visualize the
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42 marker position on the homoeologous groups of *Triticum/Aegilops*
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44 chromosomes. When a marker mapped to two chromosomes within a genome,
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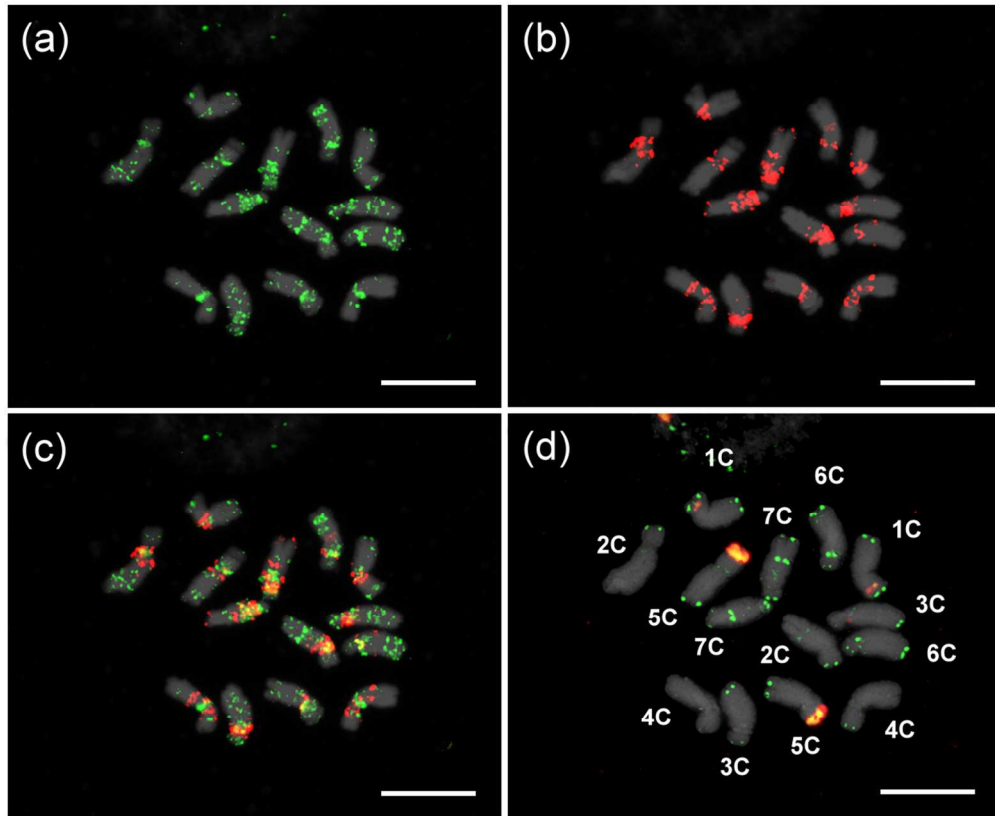


Figure 1. FISH on mitotic metaphase plates of *Aegilops markgrafii* with probes for GAA (green) and ACG (red) microsatellites (a - c), and with probes for 18S rDNA (yellow) and pSc119.2 repeat (green) (d). Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (grey). Bar = 10 μ m.

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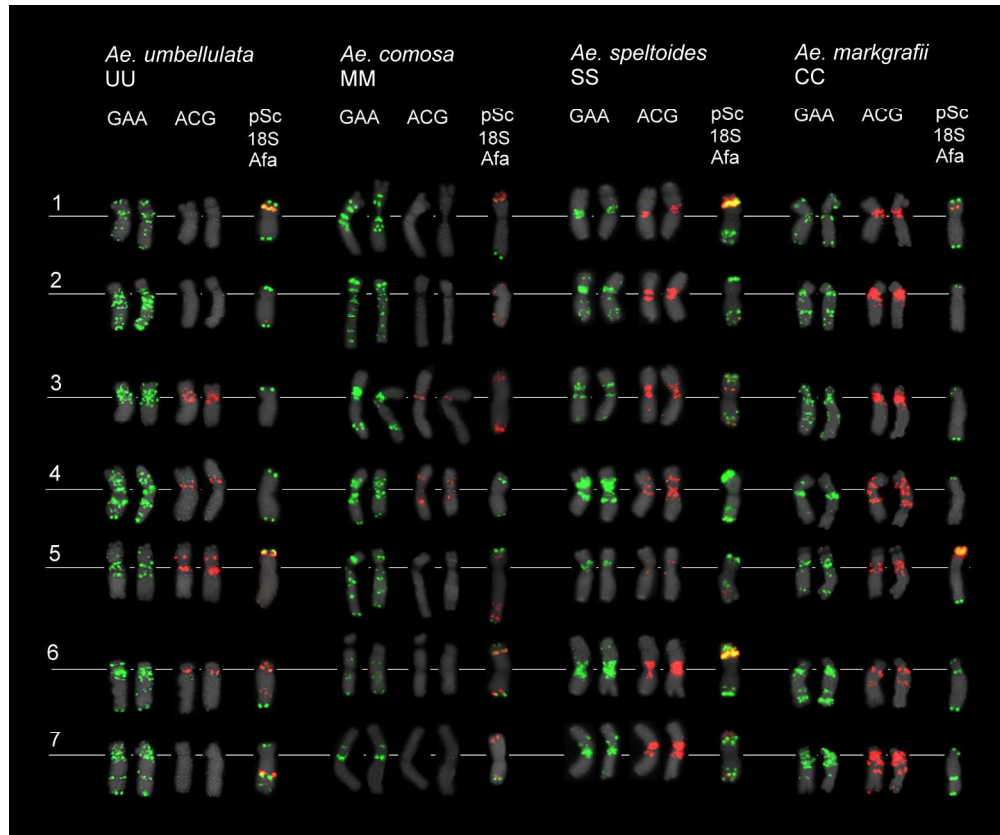


Figure 2. Representative karyotypes of *Aegilops umbellulata* (AE740/03), *Ae. comosa* (MvGB1039), *Ae. speltoides* (MvGB905) and *Ae. markgrafii* (MvGB428) after FISH with repetitive DNA probes. The signals of GAA and ACG probes were visualized as green and red, respectively, while the probes for 18S rDNA (yellow), Afa family repeat (red) and pSc119.2 repeat (green) were detected simultaneously. Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (grey).

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Table S1. Main hybridization loci identified by FISH probes for pSc119.2, Afa family and 18S rDNA on mitotic chromosomes of U, M, S and C genomes of *Ae. umbellulata* AE740/03, *Ae. comosa* MvGB1039, *Ae. speltoides* MvGB905 and *Ae. markgrafii* MvGB607, respectively, Differences between the present study and karyotypes described by Badaeva et al. (1996ab) are highlighted in bold.

Chr.	<i>Ae. umbellulata</i>	<i>Ae. comosa</i>	<i>Ae. speltoides</i>	<i>Ae. markgrafii</i>
1	telomeric pSc119.2 signal and 18S rDNA signal on satellite, telomeric pSc119.2 signal on 1UL	Afa signal on satellite, weak 18S rDNA, telomeric pSc119.2 signal on long arm	Afa and strong 18S rDNA signals on satellite, strong telomeric and subtelomeric pSc119.2 signals on long arm	telomeric pSc119.2 signal and weak 18S rDNA signal on satellite, telomeric pSc119.2 signal on long arm
2	telomeric pSc119.2 signals on 2US and 2UL	telomeric Afa signal on short arm, telomeric and subtelomeric Afa signals on long arm	telomeric pSc119.2 signals on short arm and telomeric and subtelomeric positions of long arm	weak telomeric pSc119.2 signal on short arm
3	telomeric pSc119.2 signals on 3US, lack of telomeric pSc119.2 signals on 3UL	weak subtelomeric afa signals on short arm and strong telomeric signal on long arm	telomeric and subtelomeric pSc119.2 signals and intercalary Afa signal on short arm , telomeric, subtelomeric and intercalary pSc119.2 signals on long arm	weak telomeric pSc119.2 signal on short arm and strong telomeric signal on long arm
4	telomeric pSc119.2 signals on 4US and 4UL	subtelomeric pSc119.2 signal short arm, telomeric signal on long arm	Strong telomeric pSc119.2 signals on short and long arms and on intercalary position of long arm	weak telomeric pSc119.2 signal on short arm, lack of telomeric pSc119.2 signal on 4CL
5	pSc119.2 and 18S rDNA signals on satellite	telomeric pSc119.2 signals and subtelomeric Afa signals on short and long arms	telomeric pSc119.2 signal on short arm and on intercalary position on long arm, weak intercalary Afa signals on long arm	strong 18S rDNA signal on satellite, telomeric pSc119.2 signal on long arm
6	centromeric and intercalary Afa signals and telomeric pSc119.2 signal on 6UL, lack of intercalary pSc119.2 signals on 6UL	weak pSc119.2 and 18S rDNA signals on satellite, telomeric pSc119.2 and subtelomeric Afa signals on long arm	strong pSc119.2 and 18S rDNA signals on satellite, telomeric and subtelomeric pSc119.2 signals on long arm	telomeric pSc119.2 signals on short and long arms and on the centromere
7	telomeric pSc119.2 signal on short arm and intercalary and subtelomeric signals on long arms, extra intercalary Afa signals on 7UL	telomeric Afa signal on short arm, subtelomeric pSc119.2 and Afa signals on long arm	weak Afa signal on telomere and subtelomeric pSc119.2 signals on short arm and on telomeric and subtelomeric positions of long arm	telomeric pSc119.2 signals on short and long arms and on intercalary position of long arm

Table S2. Intragenomic differences in the efficiency of labelling by FISH with microsatellite repeats GAA and ACG on the U-, M-, S- and C-genome chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata* AE740/03, *Ae. comosa* MvGB1039, *Ae. speltoides* MvGB905 and *Ae. markgrafii* MvGB607, respectively. The labelling efficiency (low, intermediate and strong) described the number and intensity of the microsatellite hybridization loci.

Chr.	<i>Ae. umbellulata</i>		<i>Ae. comosa</i>		<i>Ae. speltoides</i>		<i>Ae. markgrafii</i>	
	GAA	ACG	GAA	ACG	GAA	ACG	GAA	ACG
1	*	-	***	-	**	*	*	*
2	***	-	***	-	**	**	**	**
3	***	***	***	*	*	**	**	**
4	***	**	***	*	***	**	*	***
5	*	***	**	-	*	*	**	*
6	**	*	*	-	***	***	***	*
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*, **, ***: low, intermediate and strong labelling efficiency, respectively

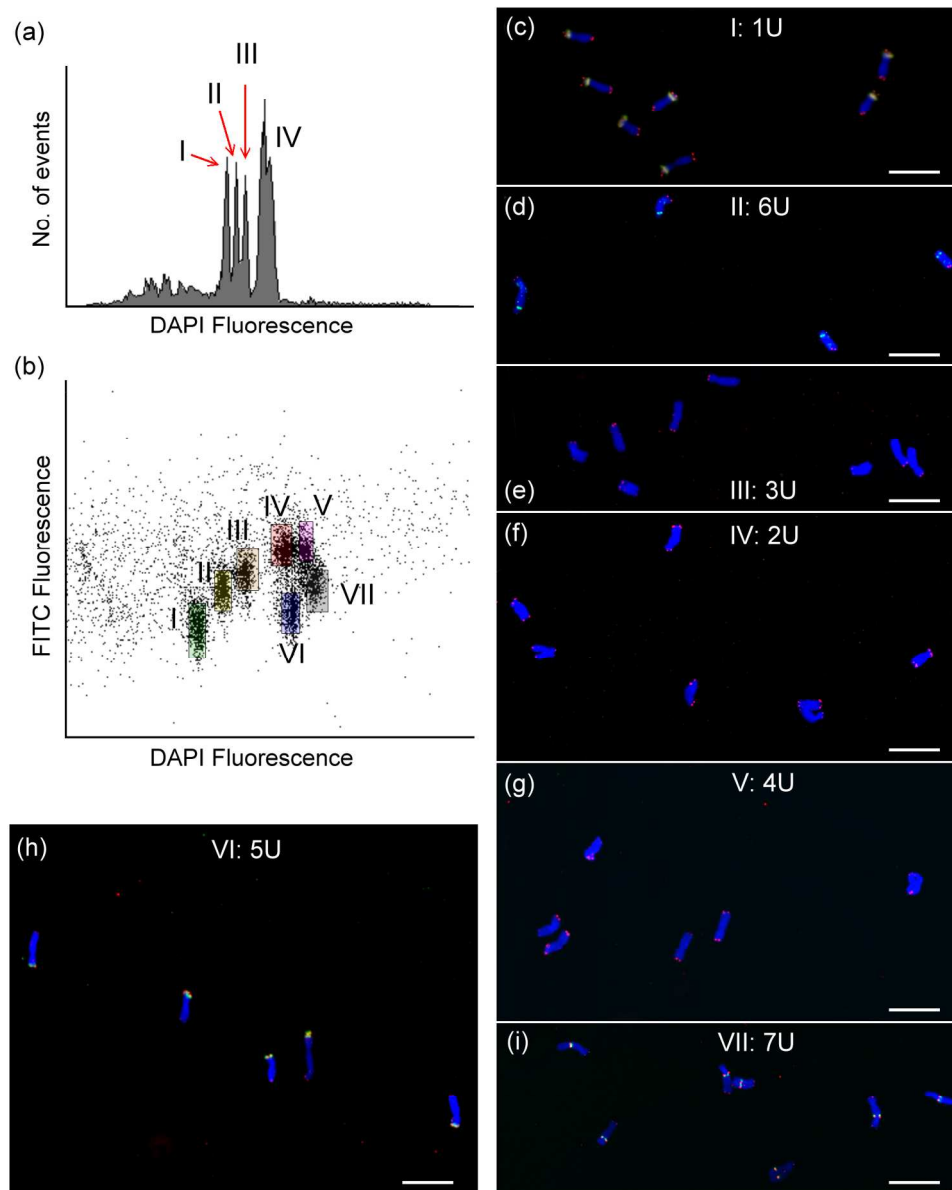


Figure 3. Flow cytometric analysis and sorting of *Ae. umbellulata* chromosomes. (a) Distribution of fluorescence intensity (flow karyotype) obtained after the analysis of DAPI-stained suspensions of mitotic chromosomes. Monovariate flow karyotype comprises peaks I – III representing chromosomes 1U, 6U and 3U, respectively, and a composite peak of the remaining four chromosomes. (b) Bivariate (DAPI vs. GAA-FITC) flow karyotyping and sorting in *Ae. umbellulata*. FISHIS with probes for GAA resolved seven chromosome groups (I – VII colored regions). (c – i) Chromosomes were flow-sorted from the colored regions I – VII onto microscope slides and identified by FISH with probes for DNA repeats pSc119.2 (red), Afa family (green) and 18S rDNA (yellow). All seven chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata* could be sorted at purities 88% – 98%. Bar = 20 μ m.

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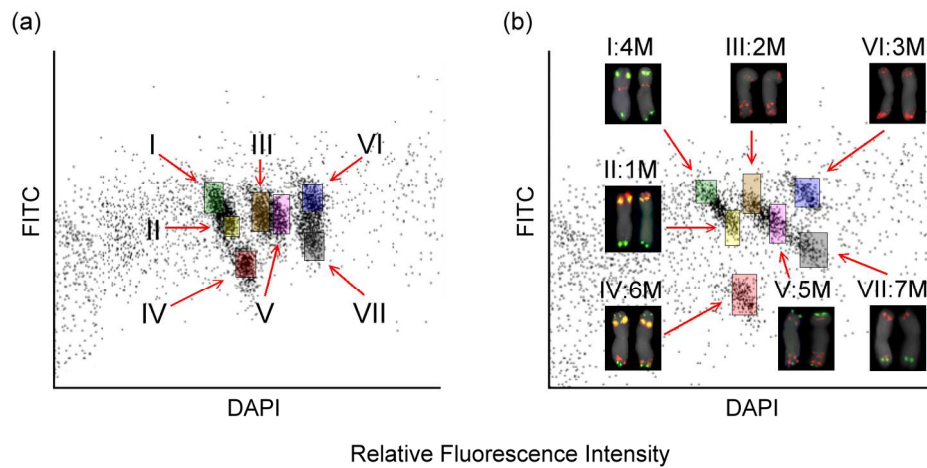


Figure 4. Bivariate flow karyotyping and flow sorting of *Ae. comosa* chromosomes. (a) FISHIS with probes for GAA resolved only three chromosome groups (IV, VI and VII colored regions) specific for chromosomes 3M, 6M and 7M. (b) Dual FISHIS with probes for GAA and ACG resolved all seven M-genome chromosomes of *Ae. comosa*, which could be flow sorted at purities of 73% - 99%. Chromosomes were assigned to the colored regions by FISH using probes for 18S rDNA (yellow), Afa family (red) and pSc119.2 (green). Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (grey).

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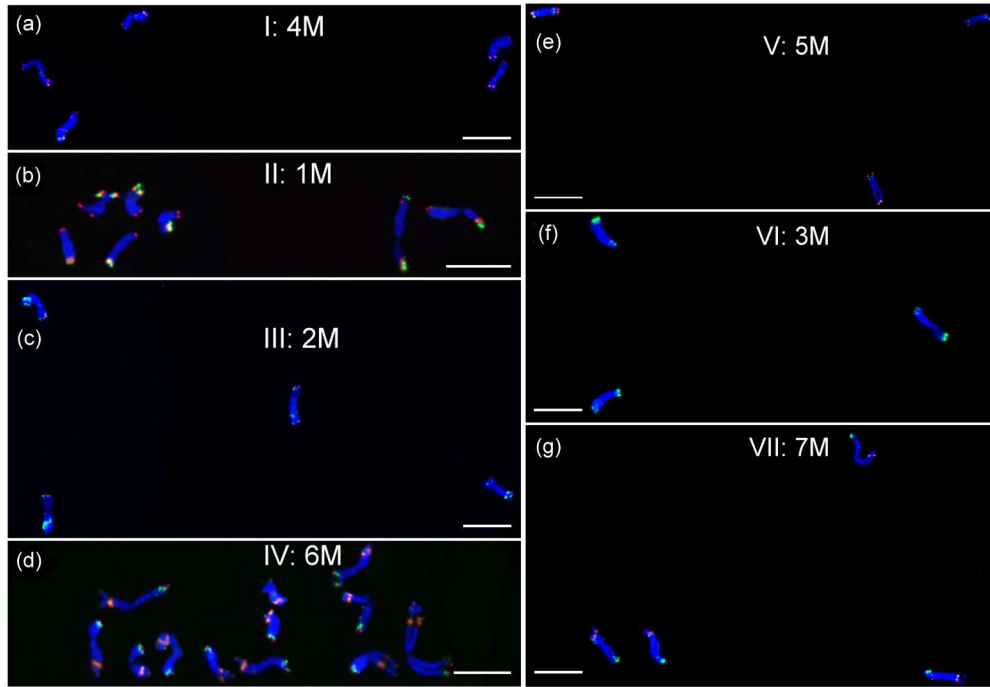


Figure S1. Representative images of chromosomes flow-sorted from colored regions I - VII on bivariate flow karyotype of *Ae. comosa* after FISH with DNA repeats pSc119.2 (red), Afa family (green) and 18S rDNA probe (yellow). Bar = 20 μ m

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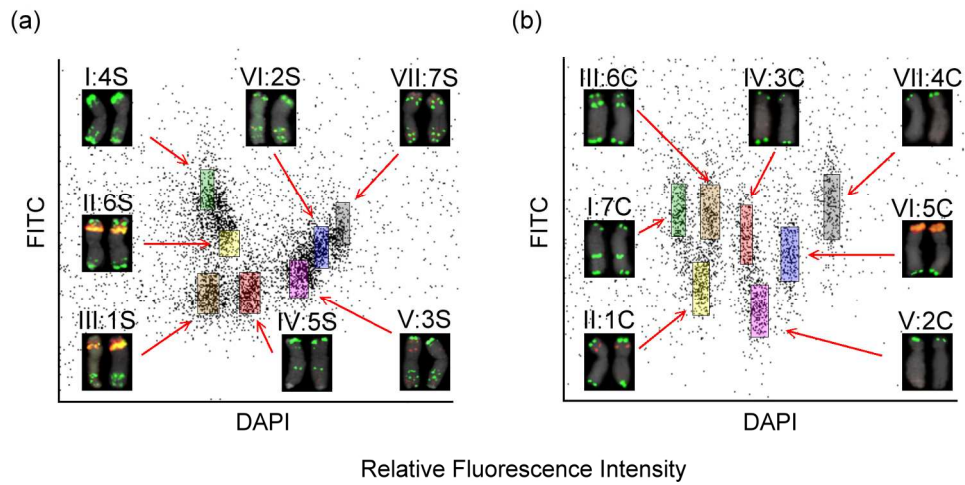


Figure 5. Bivariate flow karyotyping and flow sorting of chromosomes from (a) *Ae. speltooides* and (b) *Ae. markgrafii*. Dual FISHIS with probes for GAA and ACG resolved all S-genome and C-genome chromosomes, which could be flow-sorted at purities of 84% - 99% and 80% - 97%, respectively. Chromosomes were assigned to the colored regions by FISH using probes for 18S rDNA (yellow), Afa family (red) and pSc119.2 (green). Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (grey).

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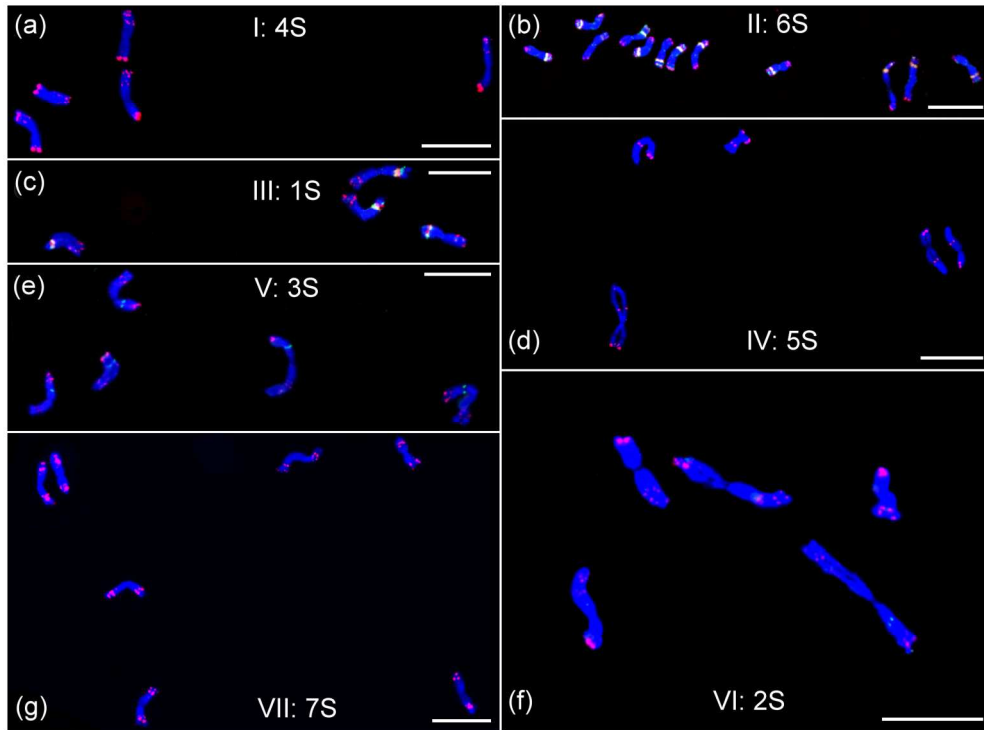


Figure S2. Representative images of mitotic chromosomes flow-sorted from colored regions I - VII on bivariate flow karyotype of *Ae. speltoides* after FISH with DNA repeats pSc19.2 (red), Afa family (green) and 18S rDNA probe (yellow). Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (blue). Bar = 20 μm

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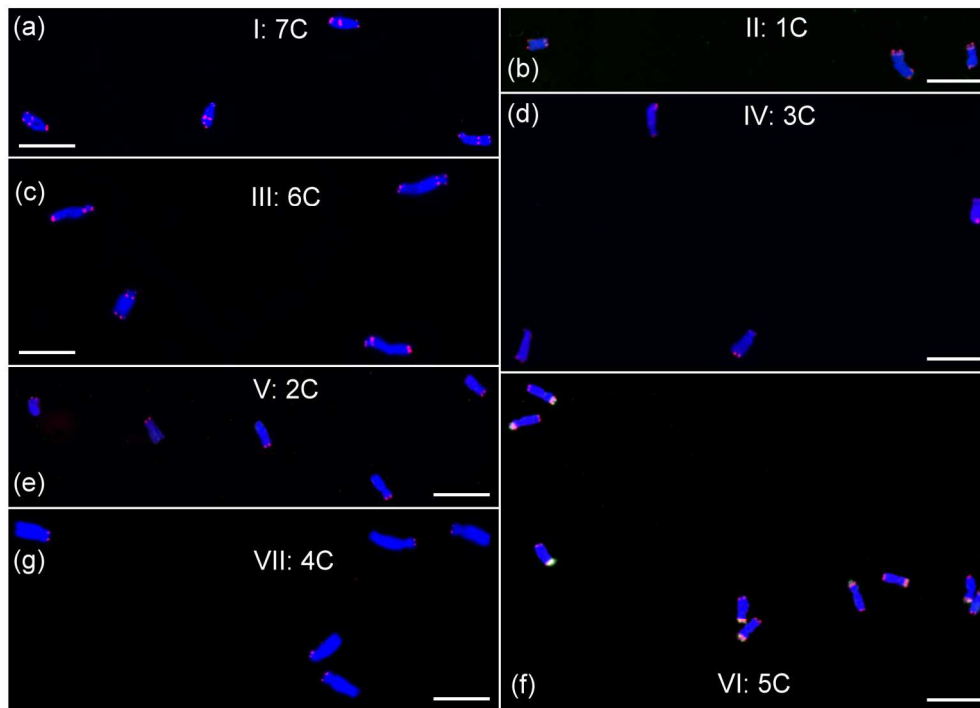


Figure S3. Representative images of mitotic chromosomes flow-sorted from colored regions I - VII of bivariate flow karyotype of *Ae. markgrafii* after FISH with DNA repeats pSc119.2 (red), Afa family (green) and 18S rDNA probe (yellow). Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (blue). Bar = 20 μm

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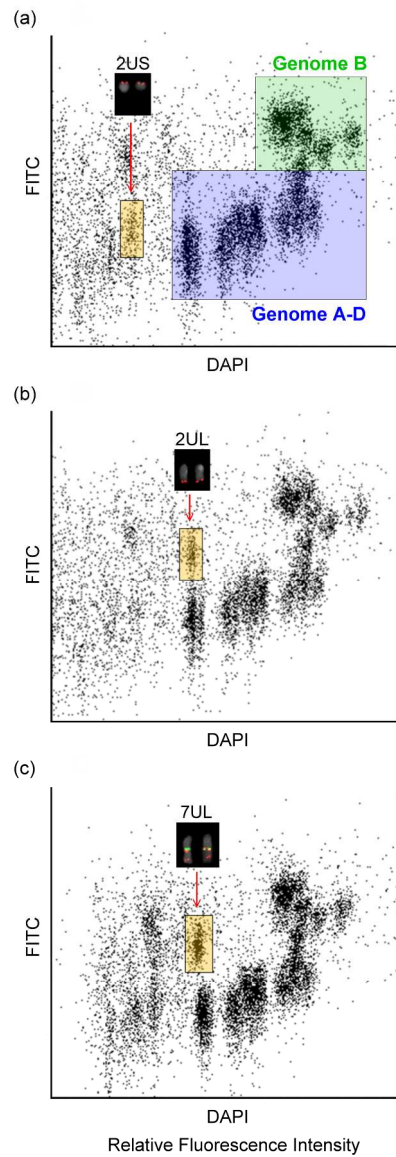


Figure 6. Bivariate flow karyotyping after FISHIS with a probe for GAA and flow sorting *Ae. umbellulata* chromosome arms from wheat (*T. aestivum* cv. Chinese Spring)-*Ae. umbellulata* double ditelosomic addition lines CSDtA2US, CSDtA2UL and CSDtA7UL. (a) FISHIS allowed discrimination of the homoeologous genomes A, D and B of hexaploid wheat (blue and green boxes, respectively) and populations representing 2US (a), 2UL (b) and 7UL (c). Chromosome arms 2US, 2UL and 7UL were identified using FISH with probes for Afa family (green) and pSc119.2 (red) and could be sorted at purities of 94.9%, 90.3% and 88.3%, respectively. Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (grey).

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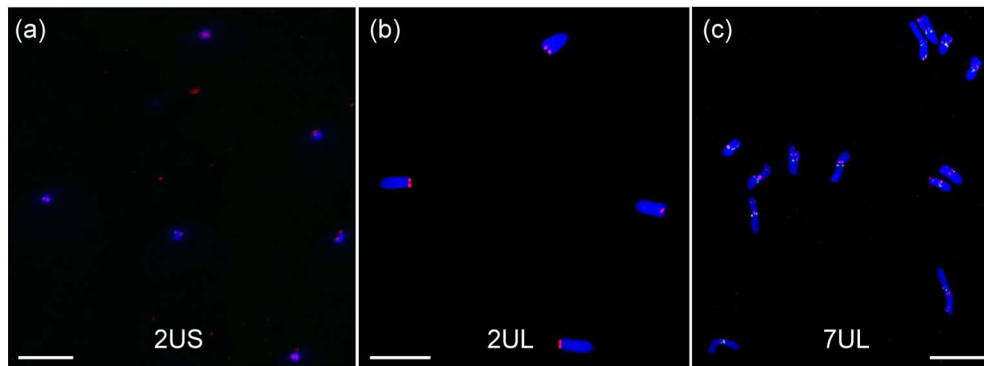


Figure S4. Representative images of chromosome arms 2US, 2UL and 7UL flow-sorted from colored regions on bivariate flow karyotype of wheat (*T. aestivum* cv. Chinese Spring)-*Ae. umbellulata* double ditelosomic addition lines CSDtA2US, CSDtA2UL and CSDtA7UL, respectively, after FISH with DNA repeats pSc119.2 (red) and Afa family (green). Chromosomes were counterstained by DAPI (blue). Bar = 20 μ m

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Table S3 Assignment of chromosomes to the populations on bivariate flow karyotypes of *Aegilops umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii*. The numbers give the relative proportion (in per cent) of specific chromosome types in individual groups. The highest chromosome concentrations are highlighted in bold.

Species	Genome	Chr.	Chromosome population on bivariate flow karyotype						
			I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
<i>Ae. umbellulata</i>	U	1	98.9	1.9	-	-	-	-	-
		2	-	-	1.2	88.72	0.93	0.25	-
		3	-	3.8	96.4	-	-	-	-
		4	-	-	-	11.28	90.16	0.25	1.91
		5	-	-	-	-	2.1	93.28	-
		6	1.1	94.2	2.0	-	-	-	-
		7	-	-	0.4	-	6.79	6.2	98.09
No. of chromosomes analyzed			197	209	250	399	427	387	262
<i>Ae. comosa</i>	M	1	21.34	79.6	-	-	-	-	-
		2	0.6	0.61	73.6	-	9.72	-	-
		3	-	-	-	0.33	-	96.73	0.39
		4	78.04	19.75	-	-	-	-	-
		5	-	-	26.4	-	90.28	-	-
		6	-	-	-	99.6	-	1.08	1.17
		7	-	-	-	-	-	2.17	98.4
No. of chromosomes analyzed			164	162	114	295	350	184	256
<i>Ae. speltoides</i>	S	1	-	-	98.8	0.8	-	-	-
		2	-	-	0.29	-	4.87	84.4	0.95
		3	-	-	-	-	95.7	11.15	-
		4	93.06	0.56	-	-	-	-	-
		5	-	2.26	0.59	99.2	-	-	-
		6	6.93	97.16	-	-	-	-	-
		7	-	-	0.29	-	-	4.38	99.05
No. of chromosomes analyzed			375	353	334	254	164	251	211
<i>Ae. markgrafii</i>	C	1	15.74	91.8	6.75	2.29	-	-	-
		2	-	-	-	5.74	94.4	9.0	-
		3	-	2.04	-	89.6	1.73	-	-
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	97.9
		5	-	-	-	-	3.11	90.7	1.39
		6	4.16	4.89	91.9	2.29	0.69	0.3	-
		7	80.09	1.22	1.26	-	-	-	0.69
No. of chromosomes analyzed			216	245	237	174	289	333	287

Table S4. DNA yields after multiple displacement amplification (MDA) of flow-sorted chromosome fractions.

<i>Ae. umbellulata</i>		<i>Ae. comosa</i>		<i>Ae. speltoides</i>		<i>Ae. markgrafii</i>	
Chr.	μg DNA (after MDA)	Chr.	μg DNA (after MDA)	Chr.	μg DNA (after MDA)	Chr.	μg DNA (after MDA)
1U	6.85	1M	3.13	1S	3.55	1C	6.05
2U	5.0	2M	6.77	2S	6.17	2C	8.28
2US	3.95	3M	5.57	3S	2.3	3C	7.67
2UL	6.36	4M	5.76	4S	7.24	4C	7.07
3U	3.87	5M	7.18	5S	6.3	5C	7.89
4U	6.04	6M	2.55	6S	5.43	6C	2.96
5U	6.26	7M	3.91	7S	5.08	7C	7.84
6U	6.68	-	-	-	-	-	-
7UL	4.41	-	-	-	-	-	-
7U	3.04	-	-	-	-	-	-

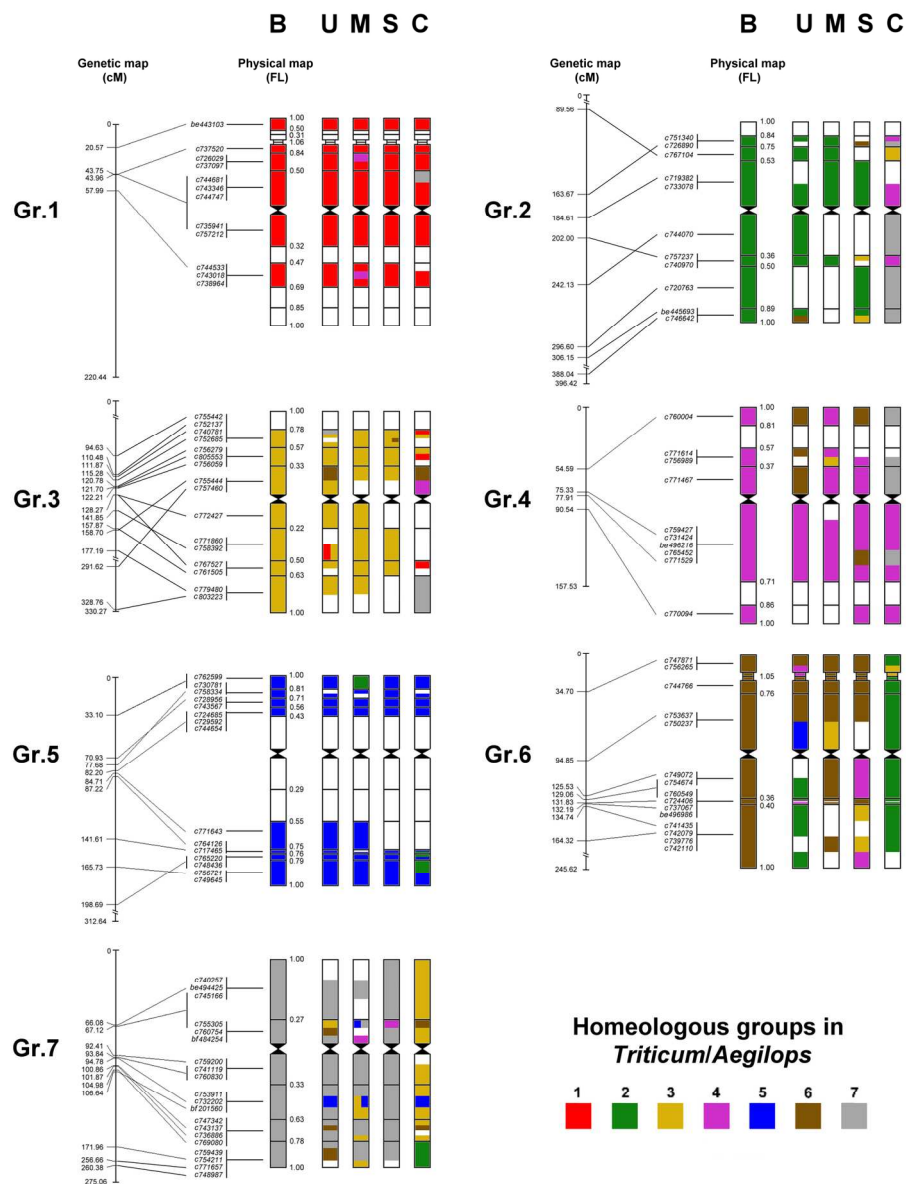


Figure 7. Visualization of wheat–*Aegilops* orthologous relationships from the perspective of wheat B-genome chromosomes. Genetic map positions of the source ESTs of the COS markers are indicated on the left, while the physical positions on the deletion bin map are indicated on the right. Each marker assigned to chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata* (U), *Ae. comosa* (M), *Ae. speltoides* (S) and *Ae. markgrafii* (C) is positioned to its known bin position and ordered within each chromosomal bin by the cM value of the marker-containing scaffold obtained from the Genome Zipper of the corresponding wheat chromosome arm. The wheat deletion bins were divided into windows according to the number of markers and each window was color-coded to visualize the marker position on the homeologous groups of *Triticum/Aegilops* chromosomes. When a marker mapped to two chromosomes within a genome, the marker-window was double color-coded. Marker windows and chromosome bins without markers were colored white.

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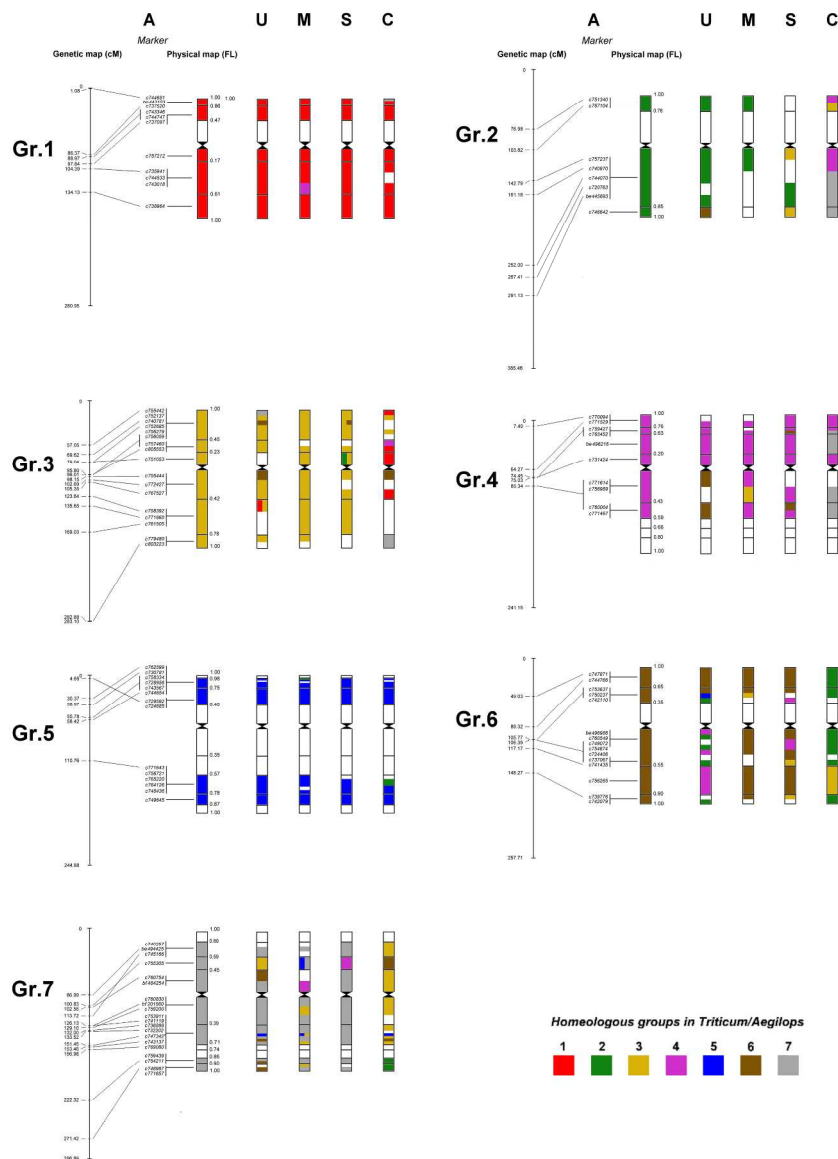


Figure S5. Visualization of wheat-*Aegilops* orthologous relationships from the genomic perspective of wheat A-genome chromosomes. The genetic map positions of the source ESTs of the COS markers are indicated on the left while the physical positions on the deletion bin map are indicated on the right. Each marker assigned to chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata* (U), *Ae. comosa* (M), *Ae. speltoides* (S) and *Ae. markgrafii* (C) is positioned to its known bin position and ordered within a chromosomal bin by the cM value of the marker-containing scaffold obtained from the Genome Zipper of the corresponding wheat chromosome arm. Wheat deletion bins were divided into windows according to the number of markers and each window was color-coded to visualize the marker position on the homeologous groups of *Triticum/Aegilops* chromosomes. When a marker mapped to two chromosomes within a genome the marker-window was double color-coded. Marker windows and chromosome bins without markers were colored in white.

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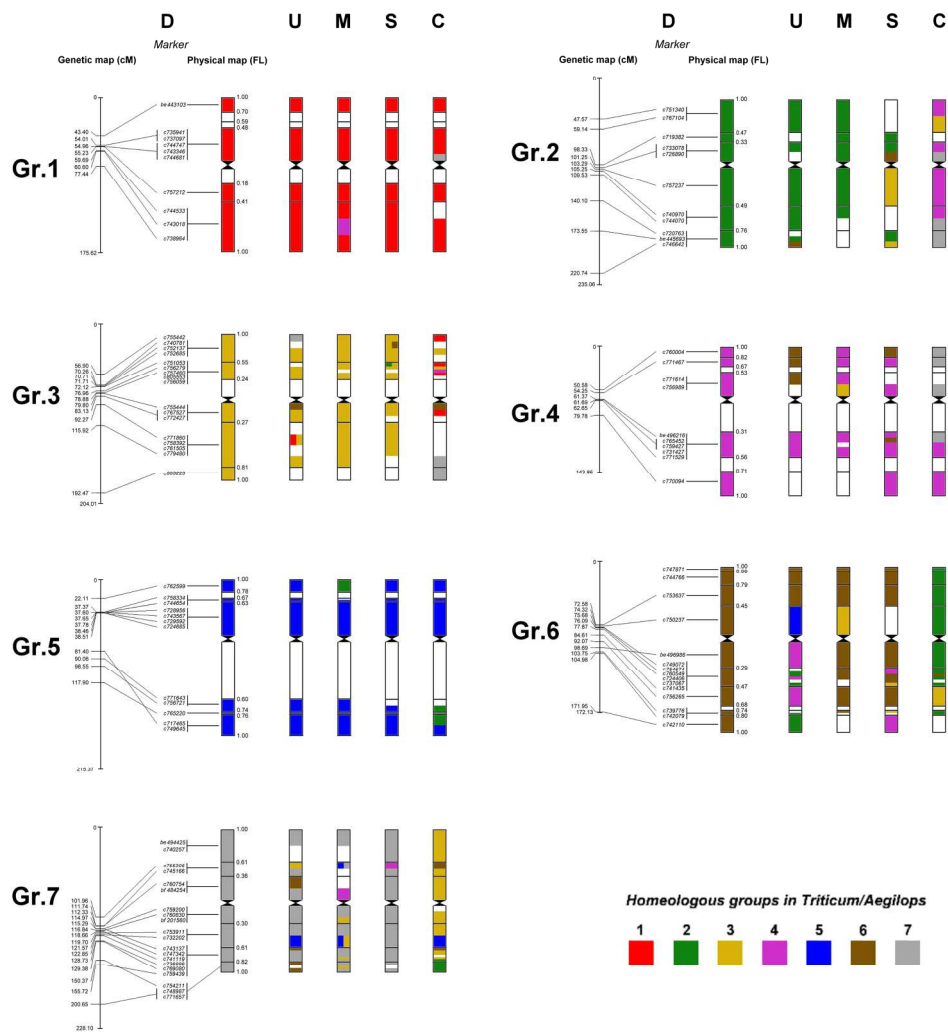


Figure S6. Visualization of wheat-*Aegilops* orthologous relationships from the genomic perspective of wheat D-genome chromosomes. The genetic map positions of the source ESTs of the COS markers are indicated on the left while the physical positions on the deletion bin map are indicated on the right. Each marker assigned to chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata* (U), *Ae. comosa* (M), *Ae. speltoides* (S) and *Ae. markgrafii* (C) is positioned to its known bin position and ordered within a chromosomal bin by the cM value of the marker-containing scaffold obtained from the Genome Zipper of the corresponding wheat chromosome arm. Wheat deletion bins were divided into windows according to the number of markers and each window has been color-coded to visualize the marker position on the homeologous groups of *Triticum/Aegilops* chromosomes. When a marker mapped to two chromosomes within a genome the marker-window was double color-coded. Marker windows and chromosome bins without markers were colored in white.

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Table S5. The number of COS marker loci assigned to U, M, S and C genome-chromosomes of *Ae. umbellulata*, *Ae. comosa*, *Ae. speltoides* and *Ae. markgrafii*.

Hom. Group		<i>Ae. umbellulata</i>	<i>Ae. comosa</i>	<i>Ae. speltoides</i>	<i>Ae. markgrafii</i>
1		18	12	16	18
2	2US	8	11	8	26
	----- 2UL	7			
3		17	27	20	22
4		10	13	12	11
5		23	22	22	15
6		16	10	14	4
7	7US	1	19	28	18
	----- 7UL	18			

Table S6. Jaccard similarity coefficients (J) calculated between the chromosomes belonging to the same homoeologous group in wheat and *Aegilops* species. The calculation is based on the number of markers that are present or absent on the same homoeologous group chromosome in *Aegilops* relative to wheat.

<i>Ae. umbellulata</i>		<i>Ae. comosa</i>		<i>Ae. speltoides</i>		<i>Ae. markgrafii</i>	
Chr.	J	Chr.	J	Chr.	J	Chr.	J
1U	1.000	1M	0.833	1S	1.000	1C	0.909
2U	0.777	2M	1.000	2S	0.444	2C	0.000
3U	0.714	3M	0.882	3S	0.764	3C	0.153
4U	0.555	4M	0.700	4S	0.700	4C	0.400
5U	1.000	5M	0.857	5S	0.933	5C	0.714
6U	0.250	6M	0.666	6S	0.533	6C	0.000
7U	0.666	7M	0.666	7S	0.947	7C	0.000
Total	0.715		0.784		0.783		0.282

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