

Breeding for Nitrogen use Efficiency: Lessons from Genomic Prediction Experiments Based on a Broad-based Population of Upland Rice

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Abstract

In the context of subsistence farming in Madagascar, upland rice producers have limited access to mineral fertilizers and yields remain very low. Genetic improvement of yield through the nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) component is an avenue explored in breeding programs. A recent GWAS study carried out on an upland rice diversity panel allowed to detect genomic regions involved in NUE variability, nevertheless these regions explained only a moderate part of the total genetic diversity observed in the panel. We investigated the potential of genomic prediction for NUE in order to optimize the FOFIFA-CIRAD upland rice breeding program for this trait. We evaluated the predictive ability of genomic prediction using two validation experiments. The first consisted of a standard cross-validation with 5-fold subdivision of the diversity panel (DP) and the second consisted of an independent experiment involving a breeding population (BP) derived from the DP. The DP was structured into five genetic clusters of different sizes and with some degree of admixture, while the BP was composed of two main clusters. The best predictive ability for NUE was obtained in cross-validation within the DP. The predictive ability in the independent validation experiment was weak (r = 0.25), about three times less than those obtained in the cross-validation. The low kinship between DP and BP, different genetic structures and slightly different LD patterns probably explains the low predictive ability observed across population prediction. Practical implications for the Malagasy upland rice breeding program are discussed.

Keywords: Genomic Prediction; Nitrogen use Efficiency; Upland Rice

Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa L.*) is one of the most important food crops worldwide [1]. Its improvement for higher yield in sustainable agriculture systems is also vital to meet energy and nutritional needs of the growing world population [2]. In Madagascar, upland rice cultivation is developing in the high plateau area where soil fertility is generally low [3]. The use of mineral fertilizer is uniformly low because of its high cost in a subsistence farming context [4]. As a consequence, animal manure is often the only source of fertilizer [5]. There is an urgent need to find alternatives to increase yields without massive use of mineral fertilizers. One option consists in improving the nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) of the rice crop [6].

NUE plays a central role in low-input systems [7]. NUE is usually defined as grain yield per unit of N supplied by soil and by fertilizer [8]. NUE and its components are complex quantitative traits and the study of their relationship with other simpler morphological or physiological traits could help understand the mechanisms involved in NUE and identify ways to improve selection efficiency. Genetic variability of both N uptake efficiency and N utilization efficiency has been demonstrated in a large number of crops. A genome-wide association study (GWAS) for 16 NUE-related agronomic traits and yield components using a diversity panel (DP) of 190 mainly japonica varieties and a set of 38,390 SNPs was conducted [10]. Few association signals were identified for NUE corresponding to two haplotype groups and one isolated SNP on chromosomes 6, 7 and 11, explaining 9.5%, 9.6% and 10.4% of phenotypic variation, respectively.

In such a context, genomic selection (GS) should be considered for breeding rice varieties with improved NUE because it encompasses all marker information and can therefore better capture variation that arises from low effect QTLs [11,12] . GS was defind as a combination of genetic markers covering the entire genome with different statistical methods to maximize the efficiency of selection [13]. The principle of GS is (i) to combine molecular markers and phenotypes of individuals within a calibration population where the effects of all markers are estimated simultaneously and then (ii) to predict the genomic estimated breeding value (GEBV) for individuals of the breeding population that are only genotyped [14]. The GEBV is then used to select the best candidates to generate new elite material. Several methods are available to build prediction models [15-17]. They differ in the assumptions about marker effects and the variance of these effects on the observed trait variation. The general conclusion of several empirical studies is that there are no perfect statistical methods [18]. Beyond the statistical methods, the predictive ability of genomic predictions also depends on the characteristics of the target populations (markers density and their distribution in the genome, size and structure of the calibration population, relatedness between calibration and validation populations, respective populations' LD, minor allele frequency) and traits (heritability and correlations between traits) [18-20].

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GS is expected to accelerate genetic gain for traits such as yield potential, adaptation to climate change constraints and resource use efficiency including nitrogen [21]. GS studies in rice have mainly explored the cross-validation approach within diversity panels for different target traits in more or less advanced generations or lines (Table 1). However, the across-population genomic predictions were explored in rice. The prediction equation was calibrate on diversity panel to predict 97 advanced lines from biparental crosses between 31 founders sampled among 284 DP accessions [20].The breeding population was advanced following a pedigree breeding process until F₅ to F₇. Reasonably high predictive abilities were obtained, i.e. 0.54 for panicle weight and 0.33 for nitrogen index. Then, with calibration population consisted of 228 accessions and the validation population consisted of 95 advanced lines (F5-F7), the predictive ability of GEBV between populations was quite high ranging from 0.43 (FL-As) to 0.48 (CG-As). Such results were obtained because the relationship between the two populations were sufficiently strong [23].

Here, we report an empirical study that evaluates the predictive ability of GS to predict NUE, using an upland rice diversity panel to calibrate the model, and advanced lines from a synthetic multiparent population to validate the model. We explored the potential of GS using both cross-validation and across population genomic prediction experiments. We sampled 184 accessions from the working collection of the upland rice breeding program, hereafter called diversity panel (DP) [10]. used by and 198 advanced breeding lines, from a synthetic population, hereafter referred to as the breeding population (BP). We (1) evaluated the predictive ability of genomic prediction for yield and NUE through crossvalidation within the DP, (2) analyzed the phenotypic characteristics (genetic variance, heritability, correlations between traits) of the BP, in comparison with the DP and (3) assessed the ability of the calibration developped on the DP to predict the breeding value in the BP. We finally discussed our results in the lights of some wellknown breeding practices.

Materials and Methods

Plant material

The plant material is composed of two populations of diverse geographic origins (tropical and temperate japonica subspecies).

The first population corresponds to a subsample of the diversity panel (DP) [10].it includes 184 accessions and represents the working collection of the upland rice breeding program of the National Centre of Applied Research and Rural Development (FOFIFA) and French Agricultural Research Centre for International Development (CIRAD). Eighty accessions of the DP are of Malagasy origin and 104 are of diverse geographical origins, including Brazil, Colombia, Ivory Coast, China and other Asian countries. DP accessions constitute the basis of the bi-parental crosses that form the starting point of the pedigree breeding scheme within the breeding program. The DP is representative of the global diversity of tropical japonica subspecies [10].

The second population, corresponds to advanced lines from a synthetic multi-parent population and is defined as the Breeding Population (BP)composed of 198 S_{4.6} lines representing a sample of a dvanced lines derived from a synthetic population. The population (PCT 11) segregating for a recessive genic male sterility (ms) gene [18]. and twelve founders from the DP used as males. First, the 12 founders were crossed to male sterile plants of PCT 11 in isolated plots. Fully filled seed were harvested from male sterile plants in order to obtain F1 seed being 100% heterozygous at the ms locus.

At the F₂ generation, equal numbers of seeds from each cross were bulked together. Bulked seed were sown to allow random mating through open pollination. After two cycles of random mating, four generations of single-seed progeny (SSD) were run to obtain several hundred S_{3.4} plants, that constituted the starting point to (1) produce S_{4.5} and S_{4.6} progenies for field phenotyping and (2) sample a single S_{5.6} seed for each S_{3.4} line for the genotyping.

Plant material	Phenotypic traits	Number of markers	Applied statistical methods	Precision of GEBV	Main conclusions	References
278 in F_2	GY, TL, TGW and GP	250 000	GBLUP, LASSO and SSVS	GY: 0.09-0.13 TL: 0.21-0.23 TGW: 0.67-0.69 GP: 0.35-0.37	The GBLUP tends to perform better if the trait is largely polygenic, compared to the other two genomic prediction models	[22]
354 in S _{3:4}	DFI, PH, PW and GY	8,336	RR-BLUP, GBLUP, BRR, Lasso and BL	DFI: 0.18 - 0.40 PH: 0.46 - 0.62 PW:0.20-0.45 GY: 0.16 - 0.46	The predictive ability of GEBV is affected by the correlation between the calibration and validation population, trait inheritance, prediction models, LD, MAF, and the composition of the calibration population	[18]
284 in F_5 - F_7	DFI, PW and NI	43,686	GBLUP, RKHS and BayesB	DFI: 0.51-0.65 PW: 0.54-0.62 NI: 0.52-0.57	The predictive ability of the prediction varies considerably depending on the composition of the calibration population, the trait, LD and the frequency of minor alleles (MAF)	[20]
228 in F ₅ -F ₇	FL-As, CG-As/ FL-As and CG-As	22,370	GBLUP, BayesA and RKHS	FL-As:0.45 CG-As/FL-As:0.33 CG-As:0.53	Excluding the most redundant SNP markers based on LD information had a limited effect on predictive ability. The level of predictive ability was similar to levels reported in the literature.	[23]
1495 in F ₁	GY, GN, TGW, PH, GL and GW	102 795	GBLUP	GY: 0.54 GN: 0.62 TGW: 0.54 PH: 0.58 GL: 0.92 GW: 0.87	The accuracy is better when the two populations are linked. The accuracy of the GEBV is of the same order of magnitude as the heritability of traits	[24]

Table 1: Research in Genomic Selection of rice.

Phenotypic traits: CG-As, dehulled grain; DFI, Flowering date; FL-As, Flag Leaf; GL, Grain Length; GN, Grain Number; GP; Grains per Panicle; GW, Grain Width; GY, Grain Yield; NI, Nitrogen Index; PB, Primary Branches per panicle; PH, Plant Height; PL, Panicle Length; PN, Panicles per Plant; PW, Panicle Weight; SB, Secondary Branch; SP, Seeds per Panicle; TGW, Thousand Grain Weight; TL, Tillering; ZN, grain zinc concentration.

Experimental site and phenotyping

Field phenotyping was conducted at Ivory in the Mid-West region of Madagascar located at 19° 33'27"S, 46° 24'43"E at 960 m altitude, in red ferralitic soils, especially deficient in nitrogen (N). The DP was phenotyped during two successive rainy seasons, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016, for 16 NUE-related agronomic traits and yield components as described in [10]. The BP was phenotyped for the same traits in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

The field experiments consisted in four augmented alpha-lattice designs with two complete replications each. Replications were subdivided into a number of blocks depending on the population size and the dimensions of the available field. The two checks varieties (Nerica 4 and WAB 880-1-32-1-1-P2-HB-1) were replicated in each block. In the DP phenotyping experiments, two nitrogen treatments were applied within each block, half of which was under high nitrogen (HN) treatment (120 kg/hm² N) and half under low nitrogen (LN) treatment (0 kg/hm² N). In year-1, the size of each subplot was 1.8 m \times 2.4 m (108 hills or holes made for sowing seeds) for the first replication and 1.4 m \times 2.0 m (70 hills) for the second replication. In year-2, the size of each subplot was $1.8 \text{ m} \times 1.6 \text{ m}$ (72 hills) in the first replication and 1.2 m \times 1.6 m (48 hills) in the second replication [10]. In the BP phenotyping experiments, only the LN treatment (0 kg/hm² N) was applied. In year-1, the size of each subplot was 1.6 m x 2.0 m (80 hills) for the two repetitions. In year-2, the subplot size was 1.6 m x 2.0 m (80 hills) for the first replication and 1.4 m x 2.0 m (70 hills) for the second replication. Field preparation started with ox plowing followed by hand surfacing of the soil. In the context of subsistence farming, we considered only the LN condition in the analysis because it represents the farmers' current fertilization practices for upland rice. Four to six rice seeds were sown per hill with 20 cm \times 20 cm spacing between hills. In the DP, right before sowing, the same base dressing of cattle manure (5 000 kg/hm²), triple superphosphate (69 kg/hm² P₂O₅), potassium sulfate (62.4 kg/ hm² K₂O) and dolomite (500 kg/hm²) was applied to each hill in all the plots [10]. In the BP, right before sowing, the same base dressing was applied except for triple superphosphate (150 kg/hm² P_2O_5) and potassium sulfate (130 kg/hm² K₂O).

The target traits for both DP and BP were time (in days) from sowing to flowering (DFl), thousand grain weight (TGW), grain yield (GY), grain nitrogen content (GNC) and nitrogen use efficiency (NUE). DFl was recorded as the number of days after sowing, when 50% of the plants in the plot has flowered. TGW was calculated from the weight of 200 harvested grains after 72 hours of oven drying at 60°C. GY was recorded by weighing dried grains in grams of each plot and extrapolating in kg/ha. GNC was measured in grinded grains, using near infrared spectrometry (NIRS) and a calibration equation developed by [10]. NUE was estimated as GY/ nitrogen supply [8].

Analysis of phenotypic data

For each population, the experiments from the two different years were analyzed together. The whole phenotypic data processing was based on the PROC MIXED procedure (SAS 9.4; SAS Institute Inc, Cary), including a model-based diagnostic analysis to identify and, if necessary, eliminate influential individuals (plots), as described by and [18,20,24].

The same mixed linear model was run on the cleaned data from the DP and the BP. The model was:

where:	
$Y_{_{\mathrm{ci}jk\mathrm{l}}}$	observed phenotypic value of genotype i in block k, nested in repetition j of year l,
μ	experiment mean
A	effect of year l
R _{jl}	effect of repetition j nested in year l
T _c	effect of check c
(arb) _{jkl}	effect of block k nested in repetition j of year l, with $(arb)_{ikl} \sim (0, \sigma_{bl}^2)$
g(T) _{ci}	effect of genotype i nested in check c, with $g(T)_{ci} \sim (0, \sigma_g^2)$. For plots receiving either check (Nerica 4 or WAB), $g(T)_{ci} = 0$, or $g(T)_{ci} \neq 0$ otherwise
gy(T) _{cil}	interaction between genotype i and year l nested in check c, with gy(T) _{cil} ~ (0, σ_{gy}^2). As for g(T) _{ci} , for plots receiving either check, gy(T) _{cil} = 0, orgy(T) _{cil} \neq 0 otherwise.

 $Y_{ciikl} = \mu + A_l + R_{il} + T_c + (arb)_{ikl} + g(T)_{ci} + gy(T)_{cil} + e_{ciikl}$

 e_{cijkl} residual, with $e_{\text{cijkl}} \sim (0, \sigma_{e}^{2})$

The variance components allowed to estimate the broad sense heritability (H^2) [25]:

with n_{y_p} being the harmonic number of years and n_p , being the harmonic number of plots across years, respectively.

Genotyping and genotypic data

Genotypic information for the DP was retrieved [10]. The BP population was genotyped specifically to fulfill the objective of the present study. Seeds of each $S_{4.6}$ progeny originating from each S_4 line of the BP were grown at the Cirad greenhouse (Montpellier, France). DNA was extracted from 30 mg of young leaves of a single $S_{4.6}$ plant for each $S_{3.4}$ line three weeks after seedling [26]. Two hundred ng of the extracted DNA was used with Apek I enzyme to obtain a DNA fragment library to perform genotyping by sequencing (GBS). The GBS methodology consists in digesting genomic DNAs with a restriction enzyme, ligating adapters comprising barcodes, pooling all these fragments, amplifying by PCR this pool, and estimating the quality of bank before sequencing it [27]. The complete sequence of Nipponbare rice (Os-Nipponbare-Reference-IRGSP-1.0) was used as a reference for alignment with Bowtie2 using default parameters.

The SNP calling was done with Tassel GBS pipeline v5.2.37 without any filtering. The molecular information was stored and managed through a web-based tool, Gigwa-Genotype investigator for genomewide analyses [28,29]. A first filtering was applied to the datasets from the two populations simultaneously to obtain SNPs, with minor allele frequency (MAF) higher than 1% and maximum missing data below 20%. Missing data were imputed separately per population using BEAGLE 5.0 R40B [30]. then filtered for heterozygosity (Ho \leq 30%), minor allele frequency (MAF \geq 1%) and imputation rate (\leq 20%). A total of common 87,089 SNPs to the two populations was finally obtained [30].

Genetic characterization of the populations

Populations were characterized individually using 87,089 SNPs: First, minor allele frequency (MAF), observed heterozygosity (Ho) and the kinship between/within population were calculated with Tassel software version 5.0. Then, diversity tree was drawn on Darwin version 6.0.14 [31]. to provide a visualization of the structure among and within populations. Next, we used Fst to determine the degree of differentiation between DP and BP. Fst calculation was done with hierfstat [32]. A filter on MAF >5% on the 87,089 SNPs was performed and allowed the selection of 46,055 SNPs. Then, the removal of strictly redundant SNPs allowed to refine the SNP set to 29,847 SNPs to reduce the size of the genotypic matrix and the computation time without information loss. Afterwards, the Landscape and Ecological Association Studies (LEA) package was used to analyze the structure within and among populations [33]. We arbitrary used the probability threshold of 0.6 to assign individuals to the different genetic groups. An individual was assigned to a cluster if the associated probability is greater than 0.6, otherwise it was classified as admixed and placed in cluster 9. Finally, linkage disequilibrium (LD) was calculated with LDcorSV package in the R environment [34,35]. LD was calculated using the 29,847 SNPs dataset.

Genomic prediction methods

Two incidence matrices, of size 46,055 SNPs and 29,847 SNPs, were used for genomic predictions. Two kernel-based methods were used to predict GEBV as they are computationally more efficient than their initial formulation counterparts in the context of "small-n-large-p" problem [16]. One was the Genomic Best Linear Unbiased Predictor method (GBLUP) that utilizes the well-known genomic relationships matrix G, as kernel. The GBLUP method was implemented using the Expectation-Maximization convergence algorithm and the genomic matrix G = XX', X being the centered genotype matrix containing values of -1, 0 and +1, with N × P dimension, where N is the number of entries and P the number of markers [20,36,37]. The second method was the Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Space method (RKHS), uses a Gaussian kernel to connect the genotypes and phenotypes and is defined as $K = k(x_i, x_i) = \exp(-||x_i - x_i||^2/h)$, where x_i and x_i are the genotypic vectors of individuals i and j respectively, h is a bandwidth parameter which controls how fast the relationship between two genotypes decays as the distance between the corresponding pairs of marker vectors increases [38]. The choice of the bandwidth parameter can be optimized by applying a cross-validation or a Bayesian approach treating h as a random variable. K matrix is able to approximate any arbitrary function including the multiplicative linear function used to model epistatic inheritance [16,39]. The genomic prediction model can be described by the following equation:

$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{g} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$

where Y is an $n \times 1$ vector of observation, X is the incidence matrix for the fixed effects, β is the vector of non-genetic fixed effects, the part X β includes only the global mean μ and when the structure is taken into account in the model one adds μ plus the structure matrix, Z is the genotypic matrix of size N (individuals) \times P (markers), g is the vector of random regression coefficients of accessions and ε is the vector of residuals.

Assessment of genomic prediction ability

Cross-validation experiments: Firstly, cross-validation experiments were performed with 5-fold subdivision of the DP, with 147 accessions in the calibration set and 37 accessions in the validation set. Each cross-validation experiment was replicated 100 times using 100 independent partitions of the accessions into the training set and validation set. For each independent partition, the correlation between the predicted and the observed phenotype was calculated, so as to obtain 100 correlations for each cross-validation experiment. The predictive ability of each cross-validation experiment was computed as the mean value of the 100 correlations. Once a model was calibrated, it was

used to predict GEBV of the validating set. The same partition was used for the 5 phenotypic traits considered, the 2 prediction models and the 2 SNP datasets.

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Secondly, the predictive ability was specifically estimated for the 12 founders of the BP, using the remaining 172 accessions as the calibration set.

Finally, the cross-validation experiment was also performed within the BP and its predictive ability estimated and compared with the one of DP.

Prediction across-populations: In this experiment, the prediction models were trained with the phenotypic and genotypic data of the 184 DP accessions and then served to predict GEBV for the BP accessions; the correlation between the predicted and the observed phenotypes of the 198 BP accessions was calculated.

Analysis of factors affecting the predictive ability of GEBVs

We were interested in identifying factors and combinations of factors that influence significantly the variation of predictive ability. In the case of the cross-validation experiment, the analysis distinguished two categories of effects: (a) effects due to the controlled factors and (b) effects due to the unpredictable part of the process. The analysis is based on the following ANOVA models:

First, the model (1) decomposed the overall variation into two components: between-scenario (MS_{ms}) and within-scenario (e_{mse}). The scenario was the only explanatory factor and the model was run using conventional single factor ANOVA. Four scenarios were defined for each trait (2 prediction methods × 2 SNP datasets). If scenarios differed significantly, then the model (2) decomposed further the overall variation, still using ANOVA. The model (2) decomposed the variation into all possible effects. Because the two-way interaction could represent significant sources of variation, the F tests for main effects and associated p-values could be inflated. To prevent this inflation, the main effects were also tested using the interaction mean square as the error term when the interaction effect was significant.

RESULTS

Phenotypic characteristics of the two populations

The variance components and associated statistics are shown for the five traits in the DP and BP in Table 2. There is a highly significant

	(a) (b)
PA _{mse} =	$\mu + MS_{ms}$ + e_{mse} Model (1)
PA _{mse} =	$\mu + M_s + S_m + MS'_{ms} + e_{mse} $ Model (2)
where:	
PA _{mse}	individual value of predictive ability,
μ	overall mean
MS_{ms}	scenario effect which combines all effects
M_{s}	effect of prediction method, <i>s</i> ∈{GBLUP, RKHS}
S _m	effect of SNP number $m, m \in \{29 \ 847, 46 \ 055\}$
MS' _{ms}	interaction between prediction method and SNP number
e _{mse}	residual, $e_{mse} \sim (0, \sigma_{e}), e \in \{1, 2, 3,, 100\}$

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Population	Component	DFI	TGW	GY	GNC	NUE
	Year ¹	381.55***	7.60**	39.41***	31.35***	0.47 ^{NS}
	Repetition(Year) ¹	2.17 ^{№S}	1.16 ^{NS}	4.07**	18.82***	3.51 [*]
_	Check ¹	0.08 ^{NS}	0.26 ^{NS}	3.42*	0.10 ^{NS}	3.28 [*]
Diversity panel	Genotype ²	27.2382***	15.8094***	347768***	0.0099***	28.8524***
(DP)	Block(year*Rep) ²	0.5707*	0.08819 ^{NS}	146954***	0.0063***	12.4641***
	Genotype*Year ²	5.9885***	1.3474***	103766 [*]	0.0017*	13.6166**
	H ²	0.836	0.925	0.461	0.471	0.437
_	± SE	0.023	0.011	0.063	0.055	0.064
	Year ¹	111.48***	304.35***	548.49***	3.63 ^{NS}	25.38***
	Repetition(Year) ¹	4.33⁺	9.80***	13.61***	9.25***	2.69 ^{NS}
	Check ¹	0.02 ^{NS}	0.27 ^{NS}	6.95**	0.23 ^{NS}	8.56***
Breeding	Genotype ²	37.3015***	9.7258***	44524***	0.0062***	12.0119***
(BP)	Block(year*Rep) ²	2.3134***	0.1159 ^{№s}	44462***	0.0060***	11.2422***
_	Genotype*Year ²	7.6253***	0 ^{NS}	8771.42 ^{NS}	0.0031 ^{NS}	0.6083 ^{NS}
	H ²	0.826	0.911	0.333	0.327	0.333
	± SE	0.023	0.011	0.060	0.065	0.058

Table 2: Variance components and broad sense heritability for five traits in DP and BP populations. The phenotyping was conducted for two years (2014-2015 and 2015-2016 for DP, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 for BP).

¹F- value and test of the fixed effect

²Estimate and Wald test of the random effect

H² = Broad sense heritability of the family means

SE = Standard Error of H²

Significance level : NS = Not significant, * = Significant at p-value between 0.05 and 0.01, ** = Significant at p-value between 0.01 and 0.001, *** = Significant at p-value < 0.001

genetic variance in each population for all the traits . The genetic variance in BP for GY is only 12.5 % that of DP. It reaches 40 to 60% for TGW, GNC and NUE. The year effect is highly significant for most traits except NUE in DP and except GNC in BP. The interaction between genotype and year (G \times Y) is significant for all traits in DP. It is significant only for DFl in BP.

 $\rm H^2$ is high for DFl and TGW and moderate for GNC, GY and NUE in both populations. In terms of genetic correlations between traits, the two populations harbor comparable correlation structure according to Mantel test (correlation of 0.93 with p-value < 0.05, Table 3). GY and GNC traits were weakly correlated, with r = -0.16 and-0.11 at the 5% threshold, in DP and BP respectively. Conversely, correlations between GY and NUE were highly significant (r = 0.96 in BP to 0.98 in DP with p-value < 0.0001). However, DFl, TGW and GNC were slightly and rather negatively correlated with the other traits in both populations.

Genotypic properties of the two populations

Figure 1 shows 382 genotypes consisting of 184 DP accessions including 12 founders of the BP, and 198 BP accessions. Genotypes from the same origins tended to group together. The majority of the accessions (126) belong to the tropical japonica group, 16 to the temperate japonica group, and 42 accessions are admixed. The founders were distributed over the diversity of the DP. The BP is disseminated within the DP.

The genetic differentiation between DP and BP (estimated by F_{st}) was evaluated at only 0.01, meaning that the differentiation between the two populations is almost null. Most of the genetic diversity was found in the populations. They formed together six genetic clusters using LEA

package. Moreover, we artificially assigned most accessions to cluster 9 when any associated probability exceeded 0.6; such accessions were considered highly admixed. This cluster was composed of 96 DP and 115 BP accessions (Figure 2). The DP was under-represented in cluster 1 and fairly evenly distributed among clusters 2 to 6. In contrast, the BP population was better represented in clusters 1, 2 and 5 and under-represented in clusters 3, 4 and 6. Four of the six clusters appeared to be more population specific (clusters 3, 4 and 6, specific to DP and cluster 1 specific to BP). However, they represented only 43.2% of the total accessions (165/382) (Table 4).

The proportion of monomorphic loci calculated on 87,089 SNPs was 2.05% in DP, and 2.45% in BP. It should be noted that the monomorphic rate among the 12 founders (without PCT 11, not genotyped) reaches 34.70%. The analysis of variance showed that DP and BP differed very highly significantly (p value < 0.0001) for both MAF (10.2% for DP and 9.7% for BP) and Ho (1.8% for DP and 3.2% for BP).

Regarding kinship coefficients, the distribution was flatter and more spread out around zero within DP, meaning that some paired accessions were unrelated, while others were highly related (min=-0.597 and max=4.915). In contrast, the kinship coefficients associated with the BP were more concentrated around zero, meaning that a higher proportion of the population was unrelated with another member of the population (min=-0.416, maxi=3.754). When considering paired accessions from the two populations, the same kind of distribution was observed as within the BP population, which means a weak mean relationship between the two populations (Figure S1).

Finally, the average linkage disequilibrium (LD) in the 12 chromosomes for distances between 0 to 25 kb was 0.59 for the DP

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Table 3: Genetic correlation between traits in (a) diversity panel and (b) breeding population.									
(a) Variables	DFI	TGW	GY	GNC	NUE				
DFI	1	-0.191	-0.121	-0.170	-0.155				
TGW	-0.191	1	0.064	-0.082	0.068				
GY	-0.121	0.064	1	-0.108	0.983				
GNC	-0.170	-0.082	-0.108	1	-0.100				
NUE	-0.155	0.068	0.983	-0.100	1				
(b) Variables	DFI	TGW	GY	GNC	NUE				
DFI	1	-0.302	-0.235	0.117	-0.229				
TGW	-0.302	1	0.228	-0.078	0.218				
GY	-0.235	0.228	1	-0.160	0.965				
GNC	0.117	-0.078	-0.160	1	-0.195				
NUE	-0.229	0.218	0.965	-0.195	1				

Values in bold are different from 0 with a significance level alpha = 0.05.



Unweighted neighbor-joining tree was based on simple matching distances constructed from the genotypic information of 184 accessions from the DP (pink), 12 founders of the BP (black) and 198 genotypes from the BP (green).



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Populations	Cluster 1	Cluster 2	Cluster 3	Cluster 4	Cluster 5	Cluster 6	Cluster 9	Total			
BP	39	3			41		115	198			
DP		15	13	10	29	21	96	172			
Parents			2	1	2	1	6	12			
			Nerica 3	Sucupira	B22	IRAT 13	Exp 206				
			Nerica 10		FOFIFA 116		FOFIFA 154				
							IAC 1205				
							SEBOTA 330				
							WAB 878 6-12-1-1-P1-HB				
							PRIMAVERA				

 Table 4: Population structure given by the LEA package with the numbers of accessions belonging to the different clusters.

Parental genotype names through the clusters are indicated in the table.



Figure 3: Patterns of decay in linkage disequilibrium in diversity panel (DP, purple) and in the breeding population (BP, green). The curve represents the average r² among the 12 chromosomes and the bars represent the associated standard deviation across chromosomes.

and 0.57 for the BP (Figure 3). The r^2 reached half its initial value at a distance of 275-300 kb for both populations. The r^2 was equal to 0.2, for a distance of 750 kb in the DP and 600 kb in the BP. The r^2 reached 0.1, for pairwise distances of 2,200 kb in DP and 1,400 kb in BP. The LD decreases slower in DP than in BP.

Predictive ability of genomic prediction in cross-validation experiment

Each data point on the figure represents the average predictive ability (AvPA) of a scenario while each vertical bar represents the corresponding standard deviation obtained over the 100 replications. Overall, AvPA ranged from 0.46 to 0.76. There were some differences of AvPA between traitsWith strong heritability on the TGW trait (0.925), its AvPA was very high. (Figure 4).

Differences between scenarios were significant only for NUE (Table 5), for which the prediction model effect was significant at p-value < 0.0001 and the interaction between model and SNP number was significant at p-value = 0.022. The interaction was then used as error term to test the main effects; this resulted in no significant difference between the two genomic prediction models anymore. For all traits, a low fraction of total variation was explained by the linear model (R^2 between 0.3% and 5.6%), meaning that most

variation was driven by the random sampling of the cross-validation process.

Positive relationships (0.46 for RHKS with p-value = 0.21 and 0.54 for GBLUP with p-value = 0.16) were observed between average predictive ability and trait heritability but not significant (Figure S2).

When the GEBV of the 12 founder accessions was predicted using model trained with the remaining 172 accessions of the DP (Figure 5), high predictive ability, ranging from 0.59 to 0.86 were obtained.

On the other hand, the cross-validation experiment within BP showed very low AvPA for all traits (Figure S3).

Predictive ability of genomic prediction across-populations using DP as calibration set

Four scenarios were considered in this non-replicated genomic prediction experiment, by combining two genomic prediction models and two SNP matrices (Figure 6). The breeding population prediction ability (BPPA) was defined as the prediction ability when BP was to be predicted using the calibration developed on the DP. BPPA varied from 0.06 to 0.27. The RKHS model resulted in slightly higher BPPA than GBLUP. The across populations prediction was much less accurate than cross validation within the DP.



Figure 4: Predictive ability in a 5-fold cross validation experiment in the DP for five traits with two statistical methods (GBLUP, RKHS) and two SNP numbers. 100 repetitions were applied.

									De	efault F test	
Trait	R ²	CV	RMSE	Mean	Source	DF	SS	MS	F value	p-value	
FL	0.003	27.841	0.168	0.604	Scenarios	3	0.036	0.012	0.420	0.737	NS
					Error	396	11.213	0.028			
					Corrected Total	399	11.249				
					Model	1	0.023	0.023	0.820	0.365	NS
					SNP number	1	0.012	0.012	0.430	0.513	NS
					Model*SNP number	1	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.902	NS
GNC	0.019	26.080	0.173	0.664	Scenarios	3	0.226	0.075	2.510	0.059	NS
					Error	396	11.887	0.030			
					Corrected Total	399	12.113				
					Model	1	0.167	0.167	5.550	0.019	*
					SNP number	1	0.057	0.057	1.880	0.171	NS
					Model*SNP number	1	0.002	0.002	0.080	0.775	NS
GY	0.003	20.866	0.125	0.599	Scenarios	3	0.016	0.005	0.340	0.794	NS
					Error	396	6.181	0.016			
					Corrected Total	399	6.197				
					Model	1	0.003	0.003	0.160	0.689	NS
					SNP number	1	0.005	0.005	0.320	0.573	NS
					Model*SNP number	1	0.009	0.009	0.550	0.459	NS
NUE	0.056	22.502	0.125	0.555	Scenarios	3	0.364	0.121	7.790	<.0001	***
					Error	396	6.173	0.016			
					Corrected Total	399	6.538				
					Model	1	0.277	0.277	17.780	<.0001	***
					SNP number	1	0.005	0.005	0.330	0.564	NS
					Model*SNP number	1	0.082	0.082	5.250	0.022	*
TGW	0.012	16.451	0.164	0.997	Scenarios	3	0.128	0.043	1.590	0.192	NS
					Error	396	10.652	0.027			
					Corrected Total	399	10.780				
					Model	1	0.047	0.047	1.750	0.187	NS
					SNP number	1	0.002	0.002	0.080	0.774	NS
					Model*SNP number	1	0.079	0.079	2.930	0.088	NS

 Table 5: ANOVA of factors affecting variation of the AvPA in the cross validation experiment within the diversity population (DP) considering 20 scenarios.

 Sources of variation were: models (GBLUP and RKHS) and SNP numbers (29 847 and 46 055). R²coefficient of determination.







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Discussions

Reducing fertilizer inputs and improving nitrogen use efficiency (NUE) are the main objectives of plant nutrition research [40]. These two challenges contribute to preserving the environment and improving sustainable and productive agriculture [41]. There have been continuous improvements of NUE over the years along with increases in crop yield as in wheat, maize, barley or rice [7,42-45].

In rice, GWAS results explain only a small proportion of the genetic variability available for NUE [10]. In this study, we explored the potential of genomic selection to improve NUE prediction with the aim to include this strategy in rice breeding programs targeting this trait.

Three research points will be discussed in this section for the improvement of NUE and Yield related traits in upland rice: (i) the potential of genomic prediction to select good candidates for initiating new breeding populations, (ii) the phenotypic and genotypic characteristics of the breeding population (BP) that directly descended from a subset of DP and (iii) the predictive ability of the BP obtained from the diversity panel (DP).

Predictive ability of genomic prediction in the diversity panel

The diversity panel considered in our study is a broad-based panel. The vast majority of varieties belong to the japonica subspecies. Most of them belong to the tropical and temperate japonica groups and are already adapted to local conditions [10]. Moreover, The moderate to high predictive ability obtained by cross validation within the diversity panel highligt the relevance of the genomic calibration developped to identify new NUE donors within the tropical and temperate janopinca groups.

The first five genotypes with good GY in the DP are G3158 (EXP 304), G3156 (EXP 302), G3229 (SCRID090 72-3-1-3-5-1--), G3228 (SCRID090 60-1-1-2-4-1-2), and G3203 (NERICA 3). Four of these lines were derived from the FOFIFA/CIRAD breeding program and one from Africa rice. The lines that exhibited good performance for NUE are G3158 (EXP 304), G3203 (NERICA 3), G3223 (PCT 4\SA\4\1>330-2-3-2-M 5-4-3-1-5), G3156 (EXP 302), and G3229 (SCRID090 72-3-1-3-5-1). Three of these lines were from the FOFIFA/CIRAD breeding program, while PCT4 line was from CIAT. The genetic correlation between the two traits (GY and NUE) is strong (0.98).

Our results from cross-validation with DP are consistent with those found by other authors working on different self-pollinated species such as rice, wheat, sorghum and cross-pollinated maize [20,46-50].

The predictive ability of the GEBV followed the same trend as the trait heritability, [18]. Both genomic prediction models are well suited to use relationships between accessions to construct efficient prediction models, as shown by several authors [51-53].

Phenotypic and genotypic comparison of the two populations

Phenotypic variation was largely influenced by accession, year and accession \times year (G \times Y) interaction, within each population. We found high significant genetic variance in the two populations at p-value < 0.001 in the two populations, for almost all traits.

We recall that DP is a working collection which is an artificial population because it contains elite lines from several selection programs and historical lines from the Malagasy program. The BP was developed from DP by selecting a subsample of accessions (12 out of 184) and recombining them during 2 generations of random mating (using a thirteenth founder, PCT 11, as female) followed by 4 generations of SSD for generation advancement. The 12 founders were retained primarily for their adaptation to midlands conditions. This sampling first reduced the genetic diversity, with a nearly 17-fold higher rate of monomorphic loci (34.70%) than in the entire DP (2.05%). Fortunately, the PCT 11 founder, which has contributed half of the BP genome, was a broad-based synthetic population PCT 11 re-expanded the BP genetic base and reduced the monomorphic rate to as low as 2.45%.

Both populations showed very weak genetic differentiation (Fst = 0.01).. However, the structure and kinship analyses showed significant differences between them: DP presented a stronger structure than the BP, and the distribution of kinship coefficients in DP was flatter and less centered around zero than in BP. These parameters are known to impact the LD patterns and predictive ability [54].

Across-population prediction and practical implications for the rice breeding programs

When the DP was used as a calibration population to predict GEBV of the BP, the prediction abilities ranged from 0.06 to 0.27, meaning that the mean prediction ability for each trait was drastically reduced compared to cross-validation within DP. This reduction could probably be explained by the weak relationships between the two population considered their contrasting genetic structures. The slightly different LD patterns have contributed a theoretical basis to the importance of relationships between populations in the predictive ability of genomic prediction. Indeed, many experimental results also showed that the prediction ability of GS should be based primarily on close relationships between the calibration and validation data sets [55-58].

In our study, the synthetic PCT 11 population alone contributed half of the genome because it is the only female parent, whereas the 12 male parents contributed theoretically only 4.2% each. PCT 11 was not genotyped in the study even though six inbred lines derived from it were included in the DP and genotyped (Table S1). In addition, phenotyping was performed on S_{4.5} and S_{4.6} progenies directly derived from the respective S_{3.4} reference lines, while genotyping was performed two generations later, by sampling a single plant per S_{4.6} progeny. These complex procedures reduced the genetic relationships between genotyped plants and phenotyped progenies within BP, as well as between BP and DP, which potentially explained the weak predictive ability of genomic prediction in the BP and across population.

In upland rice, good performances of across populations genomic prediction could be obtained in the context of either (1) biparental crosses and pedigree selection to predict advanced F_5 - F_7 lines [20,23] or (2) synthetic populations with a broad genetic base and early generations selection of the target population [18]. Simulation and empirical studies of GS showed sufficient accuracies to generate rapid gains in early generations selection, because all individuals to be predicted are linked with a sufficient number of close ancestors [59]. Beyond those early generations selection, allele frequency changes, recombination, and inbreeding make analytical prediction of gain impossible [60-63].

Conclusion

BP can be valuable for a sustainable genetic improvement of NUE. It is hoped that genomic prediction models can be as promising as in previous case studies if the genotypic and phenotypic data are referred to the same genetic unit ($S_{3:4}$ seeds). We propose to genotype again the S_6 generation, using a bulk of $S_{4:6}$ progeny to infer the $S_{3:4}$ genotype. Then, prediction equations can be reconstructed to predict the GEBV of $S_{3:4}$ progenies.

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This will allow to select and recombine the best BP accessions to develop a new population. The ms alleles that still segregate should make seed management and handling easier and should be used routinely to optimize recombination within the population. Such strategy is already used in recurrent selection programs. Considering the whole breeding process, GS has great potential to accelerate the genetic gain per unit of time and cost through early phenotyping and selection within segregating units before actual phenotypes are measured. In this perspective, prediction models could be calibrated as soon as $S_{0.2}$ are produced.

For the time being, breeders can already use the results of crossvalidation on the upland rice diversity panel in the upland rice breeding program. In the DP, we have detected genotypes that have high levels of NUE.

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Supplemental Figure 1: Relationship between the diversity panel and the breeding population (a) and the kinship within BP and between the two populations (DP and BP) (b) The comparison of kinship distributions within the BP and between the two populations (DP and BP) was highly significant with p-value < 0.0001.



Supplemental Figure 2: Relationship between predictive ability in the DP and their heritability (a) GBLUP model, (b) RKHS model. Both correlations were statistically not significant with p-value = 0.16 for the GBLUP model and a p-value = 0.21 for the RKHS.



Supplemental Figure 3: Results of predictive ability in a 5-fold cross validation experiment in the breeding population (BP) for 5 phenotypic traits obtained with two statistical methods (GBLUP, RKHS). Once the model was calibrated, it was used to predict the genetic value of the validation set, and a correlation was estimated between observed phenotype and predicted phenotypes. This process was repeated 100 times. The mean correlation gives the predictive ability.

Population	GID	Genotype	Country	Research center	Group	Founder of BP
	G3122	С 537В	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	temperate-japonica	
	G3123	С507 1373-1-b-2	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	temperate-japonica	
	G3124	C630 139-46-2-3-3-b-1-1-1	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3125	С630 38-4-1-b-3-2-1-b-b	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	0	
	G3127	CAIAPO	Brazil		tropical-japonica	
	G3128	CHA LOY OE	Thailand		temperate-japonica	
	G3130	CIRAD 141	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3131	CIRAD 392	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3132	CIRAD 394	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3134	CIRAD 409	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3135	CIRAD 447	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3136	CIRAD 488	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3137	CNA 4123	Brazil	EMBRAPA	tropical-japonica	
	G3139	CNA 4137	Brazil	EMBRAPA	tropical-japonica	
Diversity nonel	G3140	CNA4196	Brazil	EMBRAPA	tropical-japonica	
Diversity panel (DP)	G3141	CNA-IREM 190	Brazil	EMBRAPA	tropical-japonica	
	G3142	CT 13582-15-5-M	Colombia	CIAT	tropical-japonica	
	G3143	Cuiabana	Brazil		tropical-japonica	
	G3144	CURINCA	Brazil		0	
	G3145	DANGREY	Bhutan		tropical-japonica	
	G3146	Daniela	Brazil		tropical-japonica	
	G3147	DOURADO PRECOCE	Brazil		tropical-japonica	
	G3148	EARLY MUTANT IAC 165	Brazil		tropical-japonica	
	G3149	Estrela	Brazil		temperate-japonica	
	G3150	EXP 003	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3151	Exp 006	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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	G3153	EXP 013	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3154	Exp 202	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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	G3161	EXP 910	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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	G3169	FOFIFA 171	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	temperate-japonica	
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	G3174	FOFIFA 62	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3175	GUARANI	Brazil		tropical-japonica	
	G3176	HD 1-4	France	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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	G3179	IR 53236-275-1	Philippines	IRRI	tropical-japonica	
	G3180	IR 66421-105-1-1	Philippines	IRRI	0	
	G3181	IRAT 109	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3182	IRAT 112	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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	G3185	IRAT 212	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3186	IRAT 234	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3187	IRAT 265	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3188	IRAT 367	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3189	IRAT 380	Brazil	CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
	G3190	IREM 239	Brazil		tropical-japonica	
	G3191	KUROKA	Japan		tropical-japonica	

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G3194	NABESHI	Taiwan		temperate-japonica	
G3195	NERICA 1	Ivory Coast	AFRICARICE	tropical-japonica	
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G3207	NERICA 8	Ivory Coast	AFRICARICE	tropical-japonica	
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G3214	PCT 11 x CNA7 42-3-2	Colombia	CIAT	tropical-japonica	
G3215	PCT 11 x CNA7 73-2-5	Colombia	CIAT	tropical-japonica	
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G3217	PCT 4 Mad2007\0\1 18-21-5-2-3	Colombia	CIAT	0	
G3218	PCT 4\0\0\1>5-M-1-6	Colombia	CIAT	0	
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G3223	PCT 4\SA\4\1>330-2-2-3-2-M 5-4-4-3-1-5	Colombia	CIAT	tropical-japonica	
G3224	PCT 5\PHB\1\0.PHB\1.PHB\1.PHB\1>78-26-2-M	Colombia	CIAT	tropical-japonica	
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G3229	SCRID090 72-3-1-3-5-1	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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G3231	SCRID091 10-1-3-2-5-3-2	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
G3232	SCRID091 11-1-4-3-2-4-3	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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G3253	SCRID241 1-1-1-1	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
G3254	SCRID242 22-1-2	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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G3272	SCRID278 42-2-3	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	0	
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	G3297	WAB 758 1-1-HB-4	Ivory Coast	AFRICARICE	tropical-japonica	
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	G3305	yunlu 64	China	YAAS	tropical-japonica	
	G3306	yunlu 65	China	YAAS	tropical-japonica	
	G3307	YUNLU 7	China	YAAS	temperate-japonica	
	G3308	yunlu N°50	China	YAAS	0	
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G2996	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	0	
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G3015	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	0	
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G3039	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
G3045	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
G3046	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	0	
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G3072	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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G3092	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	0	
G3093	Madagascar	FOFIFA-CIRAD	tropical-japonica	
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Supplemental Table 1: The 184 accessions in the diversity panel and 198 genotypes in breeding population with their main characteristics.