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Nine of the physiological leaf spot mutants were described and investigated linkage relation with marker genes. All of them were governed by single recessive genes respectively and the causal genes were designated as a series of spl (spotted leaves) as  $spl_1, spl_2, ..., spl_9$ .

With eight of them except for  $spl_9$ , the linkage groups were determined as follows:  $spl_1$ —a linkage group corresponding to A type of trisomics which never corresponded to any of twelve linkage groups published by Nagao and Takahashi, @&-linkage group X,  $spl_3$ —XI,  $spl_4$ —I,  $spl_5$ —IV,  $spl_6$ —III,  $spl_7$  and  $spl_8$ —IX.

# INTRODUCTION

Several mutants for physiological leaf spots, which is characterized by reddish or blackish brown spots and discolorations of leaves, stems and sometimes glumes were reported in rice and causal genes of them have been designated as a series of bl (Jones, 1952; Nagao and Takahashi, 1963; Nagao et **al.**, 1964; Takahashi **et al.**, 1968).

On the other hand, the authors reported some mutants showing physiological leaf spots and designated the causal genes as a series of spl (spotted leaves) in order to avoid the confusions of them with the bl mutants reported previously and to include any mutants for physiological leaf spots into a series of gene symbol regardless of the color of leaf spots. Namely, they are  $spl_1$  (Iwata and Omura, 1975),  $spl_2$  (Omura and Iwata, 1972) and  $spl_3$ ,  $spl_4$ and  $spl_3$ (Iwata and Omura, 1977).

This paper deals with nine mutants of the physiological leaf spots including these.

#### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The mutants used are shown in Table 1. All of them are governed by single recessive genes, respectively.

Two mutants,  $spl_1$  and  $spl_2$ , are originated from spontaneous mutation. Four,  $spl_3$ ,  $spl_4$ ,  $spl_5$  and  $spl_7$ , were induced in the gamma-field of Institute of Radiation Hreeding, National Institute of Agricultual Science, and  $spl_9$  is also a induced mutant by irradiation and was introduced from Division of Genetics, National Institute of Agricultural Science. Two,  $spl_6$  and  $spl_8$ , were

Strain number	Original variety	Source	Gene symbol
HO 698	Banshinriki-byogata <sup>1)</sup>	Spontaneous	spl <sub>1</sub>
HO 696	Katsumonbyo <sup>1)</sup>	"	$spl_2$
M 41	Norin 8	r-ray (chronic)	spl <sub>3</sub> spl4 spl5 spl6
M 114	"	î îi	spl
M 87	"	//	spl <sub>5</sub>
CM 20	Kinmaze	Chemicals	$\hat{spl_6}$
M 64	Norin 8	r-ray (chronic)	spl <sub>7</sub>
CM 207	Kinmaze	Chemicals	spi <sub>8</sub>
LT 26	Norin 8	r-ray (acute)	spl <sub>9</sub>

Table 1. List of physiological leaf spot mutants used and their causal genes.

<sup>1)</sup> Not original variety but name of mutant line.

- induced by a chemical mutagen, N-nitroso-N-methylurea, at Kyushu University. The phenotypic characteristics of the mutants are as follows.
  - *spl*<sub>1</sub>: Large reddish brown spots on leaves and stems, of which appearance begins in the seedling stage and continues to heading time.
  - spl<sub>2</sub>: Partial discoloration of leaves and stems. It appears from the seedling stage, but it is not so obvious in this stage and become more distinct in the tillering stage. Somewhat poor viability,
  - $spl_{3}$ ,  $spl_{5}$  and  $spl_{7}$ : Relatively small reddish brown spots scattering over the whole surface of leaves. They appear from tillering stage to heading time. Their phenotypes are so resemble that it is difficult to distinguish each other.
  - *spl*<sub>4</sub>: Relatively large reddish brown spots scattering on leaves, but not so much spots as  $spl_3$ ,  $spl_3$  and  $spl_7$ .

Linkage group	Gene symbol	Character	Reference
I	$\begin{array}{c} wx \\ dp_1 \end{array}$	waxy endosperm depressed palea 1	Nagamatsu and Omura (1962) "
III	eg lax d A"	extra glume lax panicle tillering dwarf anthocyanin activator	Iwata and Omura (1971a) " Nagao and Takahashi (1963)
IV	d <sub>6</sub> g Rc	lop-leaved dwarf long empty glumes brown pericarp	11 11 11
IX	$al_{K-2}$ $nl_1$ ri	albino Kyushu-2 neck leaf 1 verticillate arrangement of rachis	Iwata and Omura (1978) Nagao and Takahashi (1963) "
х	$d_{\scriptscriptstyle W} \ gh_2$	"Waisei-shirasasa" dwarf gold hull 2	Iwata and Omura (1971b) "
XI	${bc_1\atop dl}$	brittle <b>culm</b> 1 drooping leaf	" "

Table 2. List of marker genes and their linkage groups.

- $spl_6$ : Relatively large reddish brown spots on leaves and it is similar to  $spl_4$ .
- $spl_s$ : Fine striped spots of reddish brown on whole surface of leaves, it appears after tillering stage.
- *spl*<sub>9</sub>: Small blackish brown spots on leaves and stems but not so thick, and it appears after heading time.

The mutant strains were crossed with linkage testers having marker genes shown in Table 2, and the linkage relations were tested in  $F_2$ . In some cases, doubly recessive plants obtained from the above crosses were used for crossing. When the linkage was detected, the recombination value was estimated from the segregations in  $F_2$  and in some cases in  $F_3$  progenies by the method of maximum likelihood. The weighted mean was calculated when the recombination values were estimated from  $F_2$  in both phase and  $F_3$ .

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

 $spl_1$ : As shown in Table 3, the  $spl_1$  exhibited trisomic segregation in a cross with A type of trisomics (Iwata and Omura, 1975). Namely, a observed ratio of normal to  $spl_1$  in  $F_2$  derived from trisomic  $F_1$  plants was about 13: 1 that fitted well to a theoretical ratio of trisomic segregation being between 44: 1 and 3: 1. On the other hand, a segregation of  $F_2$  derived from disomic  $F_1$  plants of the same cross fitted well to 3: 1 ratio. So, it is concluded that the  $spl_1$  composes a linkage group with three genes,  $rl_1$ ,  $d_B$  and  $nal_2$ , reported previously, though the group does not correspond to any of the groups published by Nagao and Takahashi (1963).

Table 3. Trisomic	and	disomic	segregations	of	$spl_1$ in $F_2$ of cross with A
type of trisomics.					

<b>F</b> <sub>1</sub> plants	Obs	erved numbe	er	$\chi^{z}$ for	Ratio of domi.: rece.			
	Dominant	Recessive	Total	χ² for 3 1	Theoretical Observed			
Trisomic	440	33	473	81.946***	8: 1-44: 1 13.3: 1			
Disomic	365	118	483	0.084	3: 1			

\*\*\* Significant at 0.1% level.

 $spl_2$ : A linkage relation was observed between  $spl_2$  and  $gh_2$ . From  $F_2$  data shown in Table 4, the recombination values of  $spl_2-gh_2$  were estimated at 17.5% from coupling phase, 15.2 % from repulsion phase and thus weighted mean of 16.8 % was obtained from them. It has been proved that  $gh_2$  locates on the chromosome 8 corresponding to the linkage group X by the translocation method and that gh, links with  $d_W$  with intensity of 31.2 % (Iwata and Omura, 1971 b). However, a clear linkage relation was not observed between  $spl_2$  and  $d_W$ , showing the recombination value of 47.8%. Therefore, the sequence of the three genes at the map of the linkage group X may be  $spl_2-gh_2-d_W$  (Fig. 1).

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Gene pair	Phase	No. of		Segregati	1	Recombination	?		
Gene pan	rnase <sub>c</sub>	ross	AB	Ab	aB	ab	Total	value (%)	$\chi^2_{\scriptscriptstyle [3]}$
spl <sub>2</sub> -gh <sub>2</sub>	coup.	2	246 (244.6	28 6) (29. 2)	30 ) (29.2)	61 (62 <sub>4</sub> 1)	365	17.5±2.2	0.098
	Rep.	5	446 (421.8)	198 (203.7)	186 (203.7)	(4. 8)	834	15.2±3.4	3.218
	Weighted	mean						16.8±1.9	
$spl_2-d_W$	coup.	4	391 (387.0)	120 (123. 8)	125	45 (46.5)	681	47.8±2.8	0.216
	Rep.	2	206 (198.4)	58	74	18 (20, 4)	356	<b>47.</b> 8±4.1	2.636
	Weighted	mean				•		47.8±2.3	
	sp	12 12						<u></u>	

Table 4. Linkage relations between  $spl_2$  and genes belonging to the linkage group X.

Fig. 1. Linkage map of the group X.

 $spl_3$ : The linkage relations were found in  $F_2$  of crosses between  $spl_3$  and such two genes as dl and bc, belonging to the linkage group XI. From  $F_2$  data shown in Table 5, the recombination values of  $spl_3-dl$  were estimated at 15.8 % in coupling phase, 19.1% in repulsion phase and thus their weighted mean of 16.5%. The recombination value of  $spl_3-bc_1$  was estimated at

Table 5. Linkage relations between  $spl_a$  and genes belonging to the linkage group XI.

Gene pair		DLN	<b>o.</b> of	2	Segregat	Recombination				
	Phase	C <sub>ross</sub>	AB	Ab	aB	ab	Total	value (%)	$\chi^2_{(3)}$	
spl <sub>3</sub> -dl		coup.	7	941 (914.1)	103 (98.4)	$-\frac{88}{(98, 4)}$	- 218	1,350	15.8±1.1	3.968
		Rep.	10	1,183 (1, 139. 0)	506 (539.5)	531 (539.5)	(20. 0)	2,238	19.1±2.0	3.058
	1	Weighted	mea	n					16.5±1.0	-
spl <sub>3</sub> -bc <sub>1</sub>	]	Rep.	1	101 (99.4	28 ) (37.1	45 ) ( <b>37.1)</b>	8 (8.4)	182	43.0±6.0	3.960

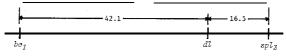


Fig. 2. Linkage map of the group XI.

43.0 % from the data of repulsion phase. Because the linkage intensity between dl and bc, is about 40 % (Iwata and Omura, 1971 b), the sequence of the three genes at the map of the linkage group XI is probably  $bc_1$ -dl- $spl_3$  (Fig. 2).

 $spl_4$ : Intimate linkage relations were observed between  $spl_4$  and such two genes as  $dp_1$  and wx belonging to the linkage group I. As shown in Table 6, linkage intensities of  $spl_4-dp_1$  were estimated from  $F_2$  in coupling phase and two kinds of  $F_3$  lines from  $F_2$  plants in repulsion phase showing such phenotypes as  $spl_4+dp_1$  and  $spl_4dp_1+$  at 3.0 %, 0.8 % and 3.4 %, respectively. The weighted mean was calculated at 2.5 % from these values. The linkage intensity of  $spl_4-wx$  was also estimated from  $F_2$  in repulsion phase at 2. 3 %. The linkage relation between  $dp_1$  and wx with intensity of 2.2 % have been recognized previously (Nagamatsu and Omura, 1962). Therefore, it is obvious that the three genes,  $spl_4, dp_1$  and wx, are nearly located each other at the map of the linkage group I, notwithstanding the sequence of them is not yet confirmed.

C		Ite	ems		Segr	egation	mode			Recombinatio	$\gamma^{n} \chi^{2}_{(3)}$
Gene pair		hase	No. of cross	++	$+dp_{1}$	<i>spl</i> , + 11	$spl_4dp_1$	Т	otal	value (%)	λ(3)
$spl_4-dp_1$	$F_2$	Coup.	8	961 (950.5)	(19.	(19.	(304.		,293	3.0±0.5	3.606
		Rep.	2	205 (214.5)	$     \begin{array}{c}       102 \\       (107.3)     \end{array} $	(107.3)	(0)		429	<b>≑</b> 0	2.706
	F3	from <b>I</b>	F <sub>2</sub> plant	s Seg		Non-se	eg.	Т	otal		
		$l_{4}^{+} dp_{1}^{+} l_{4} dp_{1}^{+})$		<b>1</b> 5		59 71			60 76	$0.8 f 0.8 \\ 3.4 \pm 1.5$	
	We	ighted	mean							$2.5 \pm 0.4$	
	г	hase	No. of	wx+ w	r <u>x+</u> 1	vx+ wx	WX	WX	Tota	1	
	г	nase	cross	+ 8	pl <sub>4</sub> -	⊢ spl₄	+	spl,	1012	11	
spl <sub>4</sub> -wx	F <sub>2</sub>	Rep.	5		76 44 98.6) (40'	1 9 7.0) (9.5)	198 ) (208.5	1 5) (0.1)	833	2.3±0.5	6.234

Table 6. Linkage relations between spl, and genes belonging to the linkage group I.

 $spl_{s}$ : The linkage relationships between the  $spl_{s}$  and such three genes as  $d_{s}$ , g and Rc belonging to the linkage group IV were observed. From  $F_{2}$ 

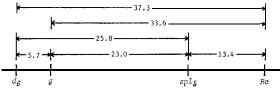


Fig. 3. Linkage map of the group IV.

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Gene	pair Phase	No	. 01	Segregatio	on mod	$e in F_2$		Recombination	$^{1}\chi^{2}_{(3)}$
Gene	pani Filase	cr	oss <sub>AB</sub>	Ab	aB	ab	Total	value (%)	X(3)
$spl_5-d_6$	coup.	4	447 (434.8	92 (3) $678. 2$	(78. 2)	85 (92 هـ) (18 (93)	684	$26.3\pm2.0$	7.670
	Rep.	1	100 (100.9)	(47. 6)	(47. 6)	(1.9)	198	19.8±6.8	0.692
	Weighted	mean		— 83 ——	- 53	- 92 —-		25.8±1.9	
spl <sub>5</sub> -g	coup.	4	456 (442.9)	(70. 1)		(100. 9)	684	23.2±1.9	7.720
	Rep.	1	101 (101.0)	51 (47.5)	<b>44</b> (47. 5)	2 (2. 0)	198	$20.1 \pm 6.8$	0.516
	Weighted	mean		— 17 ——	- 8 -	_ 38 _		23.0±1.8	
spl <sub>5</sub> -Rc	coup.	1	135 (136.1)				198	13.4±2.6	3.299

**Table 7.** Linkage relations between  $spl_5$  and genes belonging to the linkage group IV.

**Table 8.** Linkage relations between  $spl_6$  and genes belonging to the linkage group III.

		Ι	tems		Segre	egation 1	node		Recombination	
Gene pa	ir	Phase	No. of cross	++-	+ eg - 26	$spl_{6} + 31$	<i>spl</i> <sub>6</sub> eg	Total	value (%)	$\chi^2_{(3)}$
spl <sub>6</sub> -eg	$F_2$	Coup.	4	560 (550.0)	( <sup>29</sup> .		(164. 0 Ø)	772	7.8±1.0	1.124
		Rep.	2	225 (220)	110 (110)	105 (110)	(0)	440	<b>≑</b> 0	0.341
	$F_3$	from	F <sub>2</sub> plants	Seg.		Non-seg	•	Total		
		(spl <sub>6</sub> + (spl <sub>6</sub> e	eg) g+)	18 16		66 89		84 105	$12.0\pm 2.8$ 8.3t2.1	
	W	eighte	d mean						8.3±0.9	
		Phase	No. of cross	++	+ lax	$spl_6 + spl_6$	<sup>7</sup> 6 lax - 48 -	Total		
spl <sub>6</sub> -lax	$F_2$	Coup.	1	125 (130.8)	(1.9)	(1.9)	(42.3) 2	177	$2.2 \pm 1.1$	2.070
		Rep.	6	552 (556.0)	264 (275.0)	290 (275.0)	(2. 0)	1,108	8.4±3.0	1.286
	F <sub>3</sub>	from	F <sub>2</sub> plants	Seg.		Non-seg		Total		
		(spl <sub>6</sub> + s <sub>6</sub> (spl <sub>6</sub> l	ılax) ıx <sup>+</sup> )	23		173 113		194 136	5.7±1.9.2±1.92	
	W	eighte	d mean			m			4.9±0.7	
		Phase	No. of cross	AB	Ab	aB	ab 1	Total		
$spl_6-d_{10}$	$\mathbf{F}_2$	Rep.	3	283 (279.0)	130 (138.0)	142 (138.0)	(1. 38	556	8.7±4.2	0.635
spl <sub>6</sub> -A	F2	Coup.	3	287 (309.3)	126 (107.7)	105 (107.7)	(31.3)	556	52.6f3.3	6.220

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data shown in Table 7, the recombination values of  $spl_s-d_s$ ,  $spl_s-g$  and  $spl_s-Rc$  were estimated at 25.8 %, 23.0 % and 13.4 %, respectively. The recombination values of  $d_6-g$ , g-Rc and  $d_6-Rc$  have previously been calculated at 5.7 %, 33.6 % and 37.3 %, respectively (Iwata and Omura, 1971 b). Thus, the sequence of the four genes at the map may be  $d_6-g$ -g- $spl_s-Rc$  (Fig 3).

 $spl_6$ : Regarding  $spl_6$ , the linkage relations were observed with four genes of eg. *lax*,  $d_{10}$  and A belonging to the linkage group III (Table 8). The recombination values of  $spl_6-eg$  were estimated from F<sub>2</sub> in coupling phase and two kinds of F<sub>3</sub> lines from F<sub>2</sub> in repulsion phase at 7.8 %, 12.0 % and 8.3 %, respectively, and resulted in the weighted mean of 8.3 %. The recombination values of  $spl_6-lax$  were estimated at 2.2 % and 8.4 % from F<sub>2</sub> in both coupling and repulsion phase and at 5.7 % and 9.2 % from two kinds of F<sub>3</sub>'s from F<sub>2</sub> in repulsion phase. respectively, and thus their weighted mean of 4.9% was obtained. The recombination values of  $spl_6-d_{10}$  and  $spl_6-A$  were also estimated from F<sub>2</sub> at 8.7 % and 52.6 %, respectively. The arrangement of  $eg-lax-d_{10}-A$ on the group and linkage intensities between them have previously been confirmed (Iwata and Omura, 1971 a). Thus, the sequence of the five genes at the map of linkage group III would be  $eg-spl_6-lax-d_{10}-A$  (Fig. 4).

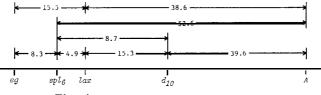


Fig. 4. Linkage map of the group III.

Table 9. Linkage relations between  $spl_7$  and genes belonging to the linkage group IX.

_	Items	U	gation mode		Recombination value $(\%)^{\chi^2_{\zeta32}}$
Gene	pair Phase cross	No. $f + al_{K-2} s$	$pl_7 + spl_7 al_{K-2}$	Total	value $(\%)^{13}$
$spl_7 - al_{K-2}$	<b>F</b> <sub>2</sub> Rep. 1	125 lethal	68 lethal	193	10. 779***
	F <sub>3</sub> from F <sub>2</sub> pla	ints <b>al seg.</b>	al non-seg.	Total	
	$\frac{(spl_{7}^{+} al_{K-2}^{+})}{(spl_{7} al_{K-2}^{+})}$	107 14	52	124 66	$15.0 \pm 3.8$ $11.9 \pm 3.1$
	Weighted mean	n			$13.1\pm 2.4$
	Phase No. of cross	AB Ab	aB ab	Total	
$spl_7-nl_1$	F <sub>2</sub> Rep. 2	194 102 (194) (97)	92 0 (97) (0)	388	<u></u> =0 0.515
spl <sub>7</sub> -ri	<b>F</b> <sub>2</sub> Rep. 2	198 98 (195.0) (96	$\begin{array}{ccc} 8 & 91 & 1 \\ 6. 0) (96. 0) (1. 0) \end{array}$	388	10.4±5.0 0.346

<sup>1)</sup>  $\chi^2$  in this cross was for 3: 1. and then begree of freedom was 1.

\*\*\* Significant at 0.1% level.

 $spl_{r}$ : The linkage relations were observed between  $spl_{r}$  and such three genes as  $al_{i_2}$ ,  $nl_1$  and ri belonging to the linkage group IX (Table 9). Since homozygous plants for the  $al_{K-2}$  gene are lethal at the seedling stage (Iwata and Omura, 1978), only two of phenotypes survived in  $F_2$  of the cross between  $spl_7$  and  $al_{r-2}$  were examined for segregation mode of  $spl_7$ . The mode deviated remarkably from 3: 1 ratio, suggesting a existence of linkage relation between them. The recombination values of 15.0 % and 11.9 % were estimated from the progeny test of F<sub>2</sub> plants having the phenotypes of  $spl_7^+al_{K-2^+}$  and  $spl_7al_{K-2^+}$ , respectively, and their weighted mean of 13.1% was obtained. Between  $spl_7$  and  $nl_1$ , a very close linkage relation was assumed from the fact that non of the doubly recessive plant had been observed in  $F_2$  in the cross of repulsion phase, though the recombination value could not be given. In the cross between  $spl_{7}$  and ri, only one of doubly recessive plant had been observed in F<sub>2</sub> in repulsion phase and thus a linkage intensity was estimated at 10.4 %. Although it needs additional data for confirming a accurate sequence of the four genes, the order of  $al_{1,2}-nl_{1}-spl_{7}-ri$  at the map of linkage group IX was adopted tentatively.

 $spl_s$ : Phenotypic characteristics of  $spl_s$  having fine striped spots of reddish brown on leaves is different clearly from that of any other spl genes described in this paper, and the linkage relation was observed between  $spl_s$  and  $spl_7$ with the intensity of 13.6 % from  $F_2$  in the cross of repulsion phase (Table 10). Consequently, it is considered that  $spl_s$  also belongs to the linkage group IX.

Table 10.	Linkage	relation	between	<i>spl</i> <sup>8</sup> and <i>spl</i> <sup>7</sup> .
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Phase	<b>No.</b> of	S	egregati	on mod		Recombination	$\chi^2_{ ext{(3)}}$	
rnase	cross	+ +-	$+ spl_7$	* •	spl <sub>8</sub> spl <sub>7</sub>	Total	value (%)	A[3]
Rep.	1	107	49 (52.	56 - (52.3)	-1-(0, 0)	213	13.6±6.7	
		(107.5)	3)		9)			0.473

+	spl <sub>9</sub>	Total	$\chi^2$ for 3: 1
151	44 49	195	0.617
146		195	0.002
147	47	191	0.393
141	40	188	0.000
148		188	1.390
150	45	194	0.557
146	39	191	0.211
152		191	2.138
1,181	352	1,533	3.397

**Table 11.** Segregations for normal vs. physiological leaf spots  $(spl_9)$  in  $F_2$  lines between linkage testers and a mutant strain (LT 26) showing physiological leaf spots.

 $spl_9$ : Blackish brown spots of this mutant is unique in feature. Segregation modes of normal to this character in  $F_2$  were accordant with a ratio

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of 3: 1, indicating that the character was controlled by a single recessive gene,  $spl_9$  (Table 11). However, the linkage group to which  $spl_9$  belongs is so far unknown.

As described above, the linkage studies with nine of spl genes expressing spotted leaf were made in this paper, and with eight of them the linkage groups to which they belonged were proved. Three genes,  $spl_3$ ,  $spl_5$  and  $spl_7$ were so similar that they could not be distinguished by their phenotypic feature, nevertheless they were controlled by different genes and belonged to different linkage groups. The same was observed between  $spl_4$  and  $spl_6$ . Therefore, it is well considerable that there are many mutants even if they have similar phenotype. A hundred and one of spotted leaf mutants have been collected in our laboratory, so the identification of genes and the linkage analysis are carrying on.

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