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## ACADEMIC ABSTRACT

Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] is the leading protein meal source, primarily used to feed non-ruminant animals, such as poultry and swine. Additionally, soy products have garnered huge popularity as a high-quality plant-based protein source in vegetarian diets worldwide. Among soluble carbohydrates, sucrose positively impacts feed efficiency and the natural sweetness of soy products. In contrast, raffinose and stachyose (RFOs) create unpleasant intestinal conditions and reduce feed efficiency in non-ruminant animals. Therefore, this research focused on three main topics, including i) the identification of novel genetic resources for high sucrose and low stachyose content via genome-wide association study (GWAS), ii) the discovery of novel quantitative trait loci (QTL) and variants for high sucrose content via QTL mapping, and iii) the evaluation of environmental stability and genetic effect of soybean lines differing in allele combinations between raffinose synthase (RS) and D-myo-inositol-3-phosphate synthase 1 (MIPS1) mutations for soluble carbohydrates. Through GWAS, seven significant single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) for sucrose content were identified across chromosomes (Chrs.) 2, 8, 12, 17, and 20, whereas 13 significant SNPs for stachyose content were identified across Chrs. 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15. Among the candidate genes, *Glyma.08g361200* and *Glyma.17g258100* for sucrose content and *Glyma.05g025300* and *Glyma.13g077900* for stachyose content were highlighted based on functional annotations, protein-protein interactions, and RNA-seq Atlas database. For QTL mapping, a high sucrose germplasm, PI 506593, was selected from the previous GWAS analysis and used as a donor parent in two bi-parental mapping populations. The QTL mapping pinpointed a major QTL region on Chr. 8 at the physical interval of 40,597,410 – 42,861,364 bp. The whole-genome

sequencing (WGS) analysis using parental lines identified unique variants in 31 candidate genes within the major QTL region based on Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1 reference genomes. Among those candidate genes, *Glyma.08g294300*, *Glyma.08g297000*, and *Glyma.08g300400* were closely associated with sucrose metabolism. Lastly, the environmental stability test and overall genetic effects of known mutant lines for high sucrose and low RFOs demonstrated that the *mips1* mutant lines had significantly higher sucrose and lower RFOs content than other lines with *rs2* and *rs3* mutations across the environments. The three different germination tests showed that the germination rates of mutant lines with *rs2W331*- and *mips1* mutations were either statistically similar or significantly greater than the check. Given the limited genetic resources and functional germplasms for desirable soluble carbohydrate profiles, this research provided valuable genetic information to maximize animal feed efficiency and market preference for soy products.

# **CHAPTER 1**

## Literature Review

## **The journey of soybean to the world**

The history of modern cultivated soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] began from wild soybean (*Glycine soja* Sieb. & Zucc.) in East Asia, although the precise information regarding regions and times is still ambiguous. Hymowitz (1970, 2004) proposed that soybean domestication first took place in the eastern half of north China during the Shang dynasty, approximately from 1700 to 1100 B.C. Until the first century A.D., soybean was spread out to different regions in China and peninsular Korea because of the population movement resulting from the degeneration of Chinese dynasties and the consolidation of new territories (Hymowitz, 2004; Wilson, 2008). Other studies supported another hypothesis that the domestication of modern cultivated soybean began 6,000 – 9,000 years ago (Carter et al., 2004; Kim et al., 2012). Recent archeological discoveries using molecular marker data suggested more precise regional origins of soybean, such as the Huanghe River (Yellow River), the Yangtze basin (Southern China), and northern and central China, considered the primary gene centers (Guo et al., 2010; Li et al., 2010; Wang et al., 2016). While the single-origin hypothesis of soybean domestication has been widely accepted, several studies using chloroplast or nuclear microsatellite markers in wild and cultivated soybeans have suggested the multiple-origin hypothesis in East Asia (Xu et al., 2002; Abe et al., 2003; Sedivy et al., 2017). Also, Fang et al. (2016) analyzed the chloroplast genomes of 302 wild, landraces, and modern soybeans, showing multiple maternal lines had been involved during soybean domestication. In addition, gene pools in chloroplast and nuclear genomes of Korean and Japanese soybeans were significantly different (Xu et al., 2002; Abe et al., 2003; Zhou et al., 2015). Moreover, the genetic diversity and population structure analysis showed that the *G. max* landraces from China

were genetically different from those from Korea and Japan (Li and Nelson, 2001; Lee et al., 2011). It suggested the possibility that *G. soja* had been initially grown in multiple origins, including China, Korea, and Japan, and domesticated independently (Xu et al., 2002). Despite all the scientific evidence based on archeological, molecular, and genomic studies, further studies will be required to clarify the history of soybean domestication.

From the 1st to 16th centuries, soybean has been continuously disseminated to other Asian countries, including Japan, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Thailand, and Nepal (Hymowitz, 1990). In the late 16th century, soybean was first introduced in the Western hemisphere in Europe by missionaries and sailors, and they were planted in botanic gardens in France and England throughout the 17th and 18th centuries (Singh and Hymowitz, 1999). In 1765, Samuel Bowen, an English entrepreneur, farmer, and seaman, brought soybean seeds from China to the U.S. and cultivated the first soybean crop in the U.S. (Hymowitz and Harlan, 1983). Soybean was continuously brought from China to the U.S. by various individuals, such as scientists, seed dealers, merchants, and military expeditions (Singh and Hymowitz, 1999). Although the first cultivation of soybean in Latin America was estimated to start between 1565 and 1815, the first written reference about soybean was published by Gustavo D'Utra in 1882 (Shurtleff and Aoyagi, 2004). After several thousands of years of journey, soybean has become one of the most important legume crops, currently being planted on almost 130 million hectares across the world, and the global soybean production reached around 360 million metric tons (USDA, 2022; Soystats, 2023).

### **The economic impact of soybean**

During the last decades, soybean has been established as one of the most important legume crops, providing high-quality protein and oil for human and animal consumption. The economic impact of the overall soybean industry has been significant in the U.S. (Vieira and Chen, 2021). In 2022, the U.S. soybean contributed over \$124 billion to the U.S. economy, equivalent to almost 0.6% of the U.S. GDP (Gross Domestic Product) (LMC International, 2023). Furthermore, soybean is the most economically valuable crop in Brazil, which is the world's leading soybean producer. The economic value of soybean in Brazil was almost 350 billion BRL (equivalent to \$71 billion) in 2022, which supported 1.4 million employees across the country (Czapp, 2023). Global soybean production is mainly consumed in three categories: 1) direct human food (20%), 2) animal feed (76%), and 3) industry usage (4%) (Ritchie, 2021). The largest portion of soybean production is consumed by animals, including poultry (37%) and swine (20%) (Ritchie, 2021). Recently, the number of companion pet owners seeking plant-based pet foods, such as soybean-based products (soy products), has been growing due to animal welfare, ethical, and moral concerns (Yoosefzadeh-Najafabadi et al., 2022). The pet industry contributes a significant portion of the U.S. economy, of which approximately 66% of U.S. households own a pet and spend almost \$58.1 billion annually on pet food and treats. In addition, as the global aquaculture business has been expanding to meet the growing fish demands, soybean has been highlighted as a promising source of high-quality and low-cost protein feed for fish (He et al., 2020; Yang et al., 2022a). As human foods, soy products, including tofu and edamame, have recently garnered more attention from the global vegan population as a high-value protein substitute for animal meats (Qin et al., 2022). Soybean oil is a dominant vegetable oil in the U.S. market, accounting for almost 56% of the U.S. vegetable oil

consumption (SoyStats, 2023). Internationally, soybean oil ranked second place (29%) after palm oil (34%) in global vegetable oil consumption in 2022 (SoyStats, 2023). For industry usage, soybean oil has been highlighted in the biodiesel industry as a nontoxic and low-cost alternative due to its renewable and environmentally friendly traits (Uysal et al., 2017; Gebremariam and Marchetti, 2018). Also, there was a massive investment of \$100 million from USDA for biodiesel infrastructure to support the sustainability of the biodiesel market (USDA, 2020). Currently, Brazil accounts for 51% of world soybean exports, followed by the U.S. (38%) and Argentina (3%), while China accounts for 70% of world soybean imports, followed by Mexico (3%) and Japan (3%) (SoyStats, 2023; TrendEconomy, 2023).

### **Seed compositional traits for soymeal**

The unique quality of soybean seed composition has made soybean an economically important and most-produced legume crop globally (Semba et al., 2021; Vieira and Chen, 2021). Soybean seeds are typically composed of three main components: protein (40%), oil (20%), and carbohydrates (35%) on a dry-weight basis (Hsu et al., 1973; Liu, 1997). To maximize its utility and value, soybean is usually processed to separate oil from other components, which are called soymeal, mainly protein and carbohydrates (Singer et al., 2023). Soymeal is the leading source of high-quality protein supplementary with all nine essential amino acids (histidine, isoleucine, leucine, lysine, methionine, phenylalanine, threonine, tryptophan, and valine) for animal feeds (Singer et al., 2023). More importantly, soymeal meets three fundamental requirements in animal feeding programs, which are 1) having one or more essential nutrients, 2) being available to meet

the demand of regular usage on a large scale, and 3) being cost-effective to use (Dozier and Hess, 2011).

Another important soymeal component is soluble carbohydrates, which are responsible for metabolizable energy (ME) efficiency in animal feeds. Soybean seeds typically contain up to 15% soluble carbohydrates on a dry-weight basis (Feng et al., 2005), which have three main components: sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose. Sucrose is the only nutritionally beneficial component readily digestible to produce ME, while raffinose and stachyose (raffinose family of oligosaccharides, RFOs) are considered antinutrients reducing ME efficiency in animal feeds (Jo et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2023). Since the ME of sucrose (3,900 kcal/kg) is significantly greater than that of starch (2,918 – 3,396 kcal/kg), the U.S. animal growers recommend optimized feeding formulations with higher sucrose concentrations (John, 2008; Ostezan et al., 2023). However, RFOs are indigestible in monogastric animals, including poultry, swine, dogs, and cats, due to the lack of  $\alpha$ -galactosidase in their gastric systems to break down the  $\alpha$ -1,6-glycosidic bonds of RFOs. Indigested RFOs pass through the upper gut and are fermented by anaerobic microbes in the lower gut (Le et al., 2020). It produces unwanted gastric discomforts, such as diarrhea and flatulence, resulting in a significant loss of ME efficiency (Coon et al., 1990; Le et al., 2020).

### **Soybean-based foods (Soy foods)**

Although soy foods have been widely consumed in Asia for centuries, they became known relatively late in Western countries (Messina and Messina, 2010). In recent decades, soy foods have rapidly become the most popular plant-based protein source in Western

diets for ethical, ecological, and health purposes (Messina and Messina, 2010; Rizzo and Baroni, 2018). Also, vegetarians value the ease of incorporating soy foods into their plant-based diets (Messina and Messina, 2010). The main soy foods commercialized in the markets include tofu, soy milk, miso, natto, soy flour, and edamame. Tofu, made from soybean protein, is gelatinous and readily digestible, improving nutrient absorption in the human body (Huang et al., 2022). The high global demand for tofu products has recently led to efforts to improve its taste (Joo and Cavender, 2020; Shi et al., 2020). Soy milk is produced through several aqueous extraction processes, including soaking, mechanical grinding, extracting the insoluble fraction, and pasteurizing the milk solution (Davy and Vuong, 2022). Soy milk contains fats, carbohydrates, proteins, vitamins, minerals, isoflavones, and soy saponins. It is widely consumed to replace cow's milk due to its fewer allergic reactions and additional nutritional benefits (Qin et al., 2022; Storz et al., 2023). Miso and natto (known as 'Chungkookjang' in Korea) are traditional soy foods in Japan, made by fermenting whole beans for around six months and 2 – 4 days, respectively (Lee et al., 2019a; Allwood et al., 2021). The fermentation efficiently enhances the nutritional value of soybean by increasing the number of bioactive peptides and food-grade hydrolyzed proteins, resulting in various health benefits, such as strengthening immune systems, effects of anti-cancer, anti-inflammatory, anti-genotoxic, anti-oxidant, and fibrinolytic, lowering blood pressure (Lee et al., 2019a). Due to the health benefits of soybean, soy flour has been added to wheat flour to improve bread quality (Teleky et al., 2020). Vegetable soybean, called edamame, is a food-grade soybean harvested when seeds are fully developed while the pods are still green (Moseley et al., 2021; Khan et al., 2023). Edamame is a versatile high-protein ingredient mainly used in soups, stews, salads, and

snacks, and it is the second most consumed soy food in the U.S. after soy milk (Yu et al., 2021; Khan et al., 2023). Edamame typically contains a higher level of sugar, protein, minerals, and vitamins with a larger seed size than grain soybean (Khan et al., 2023). Among other traits, sucrose content contributes to the natural sweetness of soy foods. Thus, soybean with elevated sucrose content is desirable primarily for various soy foods (Rosset et al., 2012; Lee et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2023).

### **Biosynthesis of sucrose**

In photosynthesis, plants produce triose phosphates through carbon fixation in the Calvin cycle in the chloroplast. Then, two triose phosphate molecules are used to produce fructose 1,6-bisphosphate (F1,6BP) by aldolase in the cytosol. With the catalyzation of hexose phosphatase, F1,6BP is metabolized to fructose 6-phosphate (F6P), subsequently producing glucose 6-phosphate (G6P), which is primarily used for UDP-glucose formation (Cheikh and Brenner, 1992; Ruan, 2014; Stein and Granot, 2019). Two essential substrates, F6P and UDP-glucose, are used in sucrose-phosphate production, and sucrose-phosphate is subsequently converted into sucrose (disaccharide) by sucrose phosphate phosphatase (Ruan, 2014; Stein and Granot, 2019). Sucrose, the final product of photosynthesis, is then loaded into the phloem and transported from the leaf (source cells) to non-photosynthetic tissues (sink cells), such as roots, modified leaves, and seeds (Patil et al., 2015).

### **Biosynthesis of galactinol and myo-inositol**

Galactinol is an important intermediate used as a donor of the galactosyl group, which is leading a carbon chain elongation in the biosynthesis of RFOs. Galactinol is

synthesized from uridine 5'-diphosphate-galactose (UDP-galactose) and myo-inositol by the catalyzation of galactinol synthase (UDP-galactose:inositol galactosyltransferase) (Saravitz et al., 1987). Myo-inositol is an essential substrate in galactinol biosynthesis and plays a key role in plant growth development, cell wall biosynthesis, communication between cells, and plant hormone transportation (Irvine and Schell, 2001). The sole synthetic source of myo-inositol backbone (D-myo-inositol-3-phosphate) is converted from G6P by the catalyzation of D-myo-inositol-3-phosphate synthase (MIPS) (Loewus and Murthy, 2000; Redekar et al., 2020).

### **Biosynthesis of raffinose family of oligosaccharides, RFOs**

The biosynthesis of raffinose (trisaccharide) uses sucrose as a main substrate and is catalyzed by raffinose synthase to produce raffinose. Raffinose synthase (RS) executes an initial chain elongation by transferring one galactosyl group of galactinol to sucrose (Peterbauer and Richter, 2001). Likewise, the second chain elongation is executed by stachyose synthase by transferring another galactosyl group to raffinose to produce stachyose (tetrasaccharide) (Peterbauer and Richter, 2001). The galactosyl group is connected by  $\alpha$ -1,6-glycosidic bonds during the chain elongation (Kumar et al., 2010).

### **Environmental impacts on soluble carbohydrates**

Previous studies elucidated the effects of growing conditions on seed composition traits, including carbohydrates, protein, oil, and fatty acids in soybean (Nian et al., 1996; Piper and Boote, 1999; Thomas et al., 2003; Pipolo et al., 2004; Hou et al., 2006; Lee et al., 2009; Kumar et al., 2010; Bilyeu and Wiebold, 2016; Jo et al., 2018). Under various

environmental factors, vegetative growth, flowering timing, reproductive stages, and seed maturation can be influenced by gene expression changes and enzyme activity during overall plant growth (Vicente-Carbajosa and Carbonero, 2005; Cho et al., 2017). For soluble carbohydrates, two factors, temperature and soil moisture content during the pod-filling stages, were reported to be significantly associated with the accumulation of soluble carbohydrates (Bellaloui, 2012; Bilyeu and Wiebold, 2016; Jo et al., 2018; Wijewardana et al., 2019; Du et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2021). The temperature during the pod-filling stages was negatively associated with soybean sucrose content (Bilyeu and Wiebold, 2016; Jo et al., 2018). However, the association between temperature and RFOs is still uncertain. Kumar et al. (2010) and Jo et al. (2018) reported that RFOs content was genotype-dependent across environments, while Bilyeu and Wiebold (2016) observed that the temperatures during pod-filling stages positively correlated with RFOs content. Also, several studies showed a soil moisture deficit increased sucrose and raffinose content and decreased stachyose content in soybean (Bellaloui, 2012; Wijewardana et al., 2019; Du et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2023).

### **Functional mutations for desirable soluble carbohydrate profiles**

The desirable profile of increased sucrose and reduced RFOs content was observed in the plant introduction (PI) 200508 in the USDA Soybean Germplasm Collection (Kerr and Sebastian, 2000). PI 200508 was found to contain a three-base pair deletion within the raffinose synthase 2 coding regions (RS2, *Glyma.06g179200*, Wm82.a2.v1), resulting in one amino acid deletion (tryptophan, W) at a highly conserved position 331 (*rs2W331*-; Kerr and Sebastian, 2000; Dierking and Bilyeu, 2008; Skoneczka et al., 2009). A missense

mutation in the RS2 coding sequence was later found in an ethyl-methanesulfonate (EMS) mutant line using reverse genetics by Targeting Induced Local Lesions IN Genomes (TILLING) (Dierking and Bilyeu, 2009). This mutation changed one amino acid from threonine (T) to isoleucine (I) at position 107 (*rs2T107I*) (Dierking and Bilyeu, 2009). Later, Hagely et al. (2013) found that the ultra-low RFOs content was achieved with the presence of synonymous RS3 (*Glyma.05g003900*, Wm82.a2.v1) variant alleles (*rs3snp5/rs3snp6*) and RS2 mutations together. However, only variant alleles of RS3 had no significant effects on the soluble carbohydrate profile (Jo et al., 2018). With chemical mutagenesis, Sebastian et al. (2000) developed a mutant line LR33 carrying a single base pair substitution in a conserved region of D-myo-inositol-3-phosphate synthase 1 (MIPS1) gene (*Glyma.11g238800*, Wm82.a2.v1). Although MIPS1 mutation significantly increased sucrose content and reduced RFOs, MIPS1 mutant lines showed detrimental effects on agronomic traits, including germination rate, during the field experiments (Meis et al., 2003; Chappell et al., 2006). Years later, Saghai Maroof and Buss (2008) developed a soybean line V99-5089, which was derived from a cross of V71-370 × PI 87013. The line contained a natural variant of MIPS1 and showed a desirable soluble carbohydrate profile (> 11% sucrose and < 1% RFOs). Moreover, the nucleic acid sequence analysis revealed that the MIPS1 mutation in V99-5089 differed from that in LR33. To date, three genes, *Glyma.05g003900* (RS3), *Glyma.06g179200* (RS2), and *Glyma.11g238800* (MIPS1), have been widely used in marker-assisted selection breeding to achieve desirable soluble carbohydrate profiles.

### **Previous QTL mapping studies for soluble carbohydrates**

Quantitative trait loci (QTL) mapping has been employed to identify genomic loci governing complex traits using segregating bi-parental populations. This approach requires two distinct parents for a trait of interest to create F<sub>2</sub>, backcross (BC), recombinant inbred lines (RILs), and near-isogenic lines (NILs) population. Recently, multi-parent populations called multi-parent advanced generation intercross (MAGIC), chromosome segment substitution lines (CSSLs), and nested-association mapping populations have been used for QTL mapping (Bandillo et al., 2013; Ogawa et al., 2016; Bessho-Uehara et al., 2017; Frangoso et al., 2017). A genetic linkage map is constructed based on the molecular markers tightly linked to QTL to localize genomic regions associated with the traits of interest. In soybean, QTL mapping has been widely used to identify genomic regions that control complex quantitative traits, such as seed compositions (Rani et al., 2023). Compared to protein and oil, soluble carbohydrates have garnered less attention from soybean breeders. To date, bi-parental mapping studies have reported 248 QTL related to protein and 322 QTL related to oil. However, only 52 QTL related to soluble carbohydrates have been reported, including 37 QTL for sucrose and 15 QTL for RFOs. (Soybase.org). Maughan et al. (2000) reported 17 sucrose-related QTL on chromosomes (Chrs.) 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 19, and 20 using 149 F<sub>2.4</sub> RILs from an interspecific cross between a large-seeded breeding line and a *G. soja* line. Kim et al. (2005) identified QTL related to sucrose and RFOs on Chrs. 2, 11, and 19, with common QTL on Chr. 2 and 19. Later, Kim et al. (2006) identified QTL on Chrs. 2, 6, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 19 using two bi-parental populations sharing the same high sucrose donor line (Keunolkong), of which five QTL for sucrose and RFOs on Chrs. 12, 14, 15, and 16 were located in the same genomic regions. A major QTL for sucrose and RFOs was identified on Chr. 11 using a population derived from a cross

between a large-seeded breeding line (V71-370) and *G. max* line (PI 87013) (Saghai Maroof and Buss, 2008). Skoneczka et al. (2009) used two F<sub>2</sub>-derived bi-parental populations (crosses PI 87013 × PI 200508 and PI 243545 × PI 200508) to identify another major QTL on Chr. 6 for increased sucrose and reduced RFOs. Later, Wang et al. (2014) identified three sucrose- and four RFOs-related QTL on Chrs. 7, 11, 12, and 20, of which a QTL on Chr. 11 was located on the same genomic region with the QTL that Saghai Maroof and Buss (2008) identified. Zeng et al. (2014) first used high-density SNP markers and identified three sucrose-related QTL on Chrs. 5, 9, and 16, accounting for 46, 10, and 8% phenotypic variations, respectively. Akond et al. (2015) identified three and 11 QTL for sucrose and RFOs, respectively, across Chrs. 1, 3, 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, and 16 using 92 F<sub>5:7</sub> RILs from a cross of MD96-5722 × Spencer. To date, many bi-parental mapping studies using different donor parents and larger marker sets have been conducted to identify QTL related to soluble carbohydrates (Lee et al., 2016; Patil et al., 2018; Salari et al., 2021; Knizia et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023).

### **Previous genome-wide association studies (GWAS) for soluble carbohydrates**

Genome-wide association study (GWAS) is an alternative strategy to QTL mapping to reveal the genetic architecture underlying complex quantitative traits of interest in plant breeding, including seed compositions, disease resistance, and yield traits. GWAS requires diverse plant germplasms from different origins and maturity groups (MG) with a large set of genetic marker data (Korte and Farlow, 2013). The basic approach of GWAS is to discover an association between genetic markers and a trait of interest across diverse germplasm accessions using statistical methodologies (Korte and Farlow, 2013). To date,

GWAS has been successfully applied in soybean research to discover and characterize important traits, including seed protein and oil (Hwang et al., 2014; Li et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2021), amino acids (Lee et al., 2019b; Yuan et al., 2021), fatty acids (Liu et al., 2020; Sung et al., 2021), disease resistance (Vuong et al., 2015; Ravelombola et al., 2020; Vieira et al., 2022; McDonald et al., 2023), abiotic stress tolerance (Kaler et al., 2017; Wu et al., 2019; Saleem et al., 2022), agronomic traits (Ayalew et al., 2022; Cao et al., 2022; Yang et al., 2022b), and root system (Seck et al., 2020; Rathore et al., 2022; Kim et al., 2023). GWAS for sucrose and RFOs in soybean is relatively new compared to the QTL mapping study, and only a few studies have implemented GWAS for soluble carbohydrates. Vaughn et al. (2014) conducted the first GWAS using two diverse panels to elucidate the genetic architecture of soluble carbohydrates. This study identified three sucrose- and two stachyose-associated SNP markers on Chrs. 5, 9, 15, 18, and 20 using Near Infrared Spectroscopy (NIRS) (Vaughn et al., 2014). Sui et al. (2020) used 178 soybean germplasms, including landraces and cultivars, as a diverse panel to conduct GWAS with a compressed mixed linear model (CMLM) in GAPIT (Lipka et al., 2012). This study identified five quantitative trait nucleotides (QTNs) associated with sucrose content across Chrs. 4, 6, 7, 11, and 12. Among 60 candidate genes located near five QTNs, ten genes were closely associated with sucrose content based on the gene-based association: one gene with known function and nine novel genes regarding sucrose metabolism (Sui et al., 2020). Ficht et al. (2022) later conducted GWAS using 266 historical, breeding, and elite materials as a panel to improve the knowledge of QTL associated with sucrose content in soybean. GWAS analyses were conducted using a fixed and random model circulating probability unification (FarmCPU; Liu et al., 2016) in the rMVP package (Yin et al., 2020) in R

software (Ficht et al., 2022). This study identified seven significant QTL on Chrs. 1, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, and 14, of which a major gene responsible for sucrose synthase was found on Chr. 6 (Ficht et al., 2022). In 2023, three comprehensive GWASs for soluble carbohydrates were conducted by Hu et al. (2023), Riaz et al. (2023), and Wang et al. (2023). Hu et al. (2023) employed a general linear model (GLM) and mixed linear model (MLM) for GWAS using 323 PI lines of early maturity groups 0 and 00 to identify significant SNPs for fructose, glucose, sucrose, raffinose, stachyose, and total soluble carbohydrate content. With SoySNP50K BeadChips, Hu et al. (2023) identified 17 sucrose-related QTL (Chrs. 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15, 18, and 20), 11 raffinose-related QTL (Chrs. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 14, and 15), and 11 stachyose-related QTL (Chrs. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 12, 14, and 18). A total of five candidate genes for sucrose (two genes), raffinose (two genes), and stachyose (one gene) were identified based on further analysis, including gene ontology (GO) and Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) (Hu et al., 2023). Riaz et al. (2023) used a diverse panel consisting of 473 accessions originating from 11 countries for GWAS. This study initially identified four stable and novel SNPs on Chrs. 3, 6, 9, and 14 using three GWAS models: GLM, FarmCPU, Bayesian-information, and linkage-disequilibrium iteratively nested keyway (BLINK; Huang et al., 2019). Twenty-three putative genes within the 20 Kbp flanking genomic regions of those stable SNPs showed high gene expression levels, of which the one on Chr. 6 had the highest expression in pod shells (Riaz et al., 2023). Wang et al. (2023) conducted GWAS using 189 edamame accessions. The accessions were harvested at R6-R7 growth stages (Fehr, 1971) and phenotyped by high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC). Using MLM, a total of 45 SNPs and 41

candidate genes (four genes with known effects and 37 novel genes) were found to be associated with sucrose content in edamame (Wang et al., 2023).

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## CHAPTER 2

Novel genetic resources associated with sucrose and stachyose content through genome-wide association study in soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.]

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## ABSTRACT

The nutritional value of soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] for animals is influenced by soluble carbohydrates, such as sucrose and stachyose. Although sucrose is nutritionally desirable, stachyose is an antinutrient causing diarrhea and flatulence in non-ruminant animals. We conducted a genome-wide association study (GWAS) of 220 soybean accessions using 21,317 single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) from the SoySNP50K iSelect Beadchip data to identify significant SNPs associated with sucrose and stachyose content. Seven significant SNPs were identified for sucrose content across chromosomes (Chrs.) 2, 8, 12, 17, and 20, while thirteen significant SNPs were identified for stachyose content across Chrs. 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15. Among those significant SNPs, three sucrose-related SNPs on Chrs. 8 and 17 were novel, while twelve stachyose-related SNPs on Chrs. 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15 were novel. Based on Phytozome, STRING, and GO annotation, 17 and 24 candidate genes for sucrose and stachyose content, respectively, were highly associated with the carbohydrate metabolic pathway. Among these, the publicly available RNA-seq Atlas database highlighted four candidate genes associated with sucrose (*Glyma.08g361200* and *Glyma.17g258100*) and stachyose (*Glyma.05g025300* and *Glyma.13g077900*) content, which had higher gene expression levels in developing seed and multiple parts of the soybean plant. The results of this study will extend knowledge of the molecular mechanism and genetic basis underlying sucrose and stachyose content in soybean seed. Furthermore, the novel candidate genes and SNPs can be valuable genetic resources that soybean breeders may utilize to modify carbohydrate profiles for animal and human usage.

## INTRODUCTION

Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] is one of the most economically valuable crops, providing high protein meal and vegetable oil for human and animal diets worldwide. Annually, almost 76% of global soybean production is used to feed livestock for the meat and dairy industries (Ritchie and Roser, 2021). In comparison, 20% and 4% of production are directly used for the human diet and biofuel industry, respectively (Ritchie and Roser, 2021). In 2021, the U.S., the world's second soybean producer, produced almost 46 million metric tons of soybean meal, which was fed to poultry (61.2%), swine (18.0%), dairy (13.4%), beef (5.1%), and others (2.3%) (American Soybean Association, 2021). Recently, soy-based products have garnered more attention from the global vegan population as a high-value protein substitute for animal meats (Qin et al., 2022). Also, the number of companion pet owners who prefer plant-based pet foods, such as soybean, over animal-based products has been growing due to animal welfare, ethical, and moral concerns (Yoosefzadeh-Najafabadi et al., 2022). In the U.S., the pet industry is an important market that has been booming for decades, of which approximately 66% of the U.S. households own a pet and spend almost 58.1 billion dollars on pet food and treats annually (APPA, 2023).

Soybean seed typically consists of 40% protein, 20% oil, and 15% soluble carbohydrates on a dry weight basis (Hsu et al., 1973). While soybean meal is high in crude protein content with well-balanced amino acids for animal feeds, some antinutrients in soluble carbohydrates significantly reduce feed efficiency for non-ruminant animals, including poultry, swine, dogs, cats, and humans (Jo et al., 2018; Cunicelli et al., 2019; Jo et al., 2019). Sucrose is the only soluble carbohydrate nutritionally beneficial to produce

metabolizable energy. In contrast, raffinose and stachyose make up the raffinose family of oligosaccharides (RFOs), known as antinutrients causing diarrhea and flatulence in non-ruminant animals (Liu, 1997; Guillon and Champ, 2002; Karr-Lilienthal et al., 2005). Non-ruminant animals lack  $\alpha$ -galactosidase in their digestive systems, in which undigested RFOs pass through the upper intestine and are fermented by anaerobic microbes in the lower intestine. This produces methane, hydrogen, and carbon dioxide that cause gastric discomfort and a significant loss of energy efficiency from the soybean meal (Coon et al., 1990; Le et al., 2020; Salari et al., 2021). Since the largest soybean meal consumers are non-ruminant animals, developing new soybean cultivars with high sucrose and low RFOs is crucial to improve digestibility and feed efficiency. In addition, increased sucrose content in soybean seeds is also essential to improve the sweet flavor of soy-based products, such as tofu, edamame, and soymilk (Rosset et al., 2012; Sui et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2023).

Compared to other seed compositional traits in soybean, such as oil and protein, a relatively smaller number of quantitative trait loci (QTL) for soluble carbohydrates have been identified and reported through genetic linkage analysis. Historically, Maughan et al. (2000) first reported 17 QTL related to sucrose across chromosomes (Chrs.) 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 19, and 20 using 149 F<sub>2</sub> individuals from an interspecific cross between *G. max* and *G. soja*. Other studies in South Korea reported four sucrose- and two oligosaccharides-related QTL on Chrs. 2, 11, and 19 and Chrs. 2 and 19, respectively. Two common QTL on Chrs. 2 and 19 were found for both traits in the recombinant inbred line (RIL) population (Kim et al., 2005). A year later, Kim et al. (2006) identified two sucrose- and four oligosaccharides-related QTL on Chrs. 12 and 16 and Chrs. 6, 12, 16, and 19, respectively. Two QTL on Chrs. 12 and 16 were identified for both traits. Skoneczka et al. (2009)

analyzed two F<sub>2</sub> populations and identified a major QTL on Chr. 6 for sucrose and stachyose, which explained 76% and 88% of the phenotypic variations, respectively. Saghai Maroof and Buss (2008) found a major QTL related to both sucrose and stachyose on Chr. 11. Using the F<sub>2</sub> population derived from the same high sucrose soybean line used by Saghai Maroof and Buss (2008), Wang et al. (2014) identified three sucrose-related QTL on Chrs. 7, 11, and 20 and two stachyose-related QTL on 11 and 12. The QTL on Chr. 11 was in the same genetic region reported by Saghai Maroof and Buss (2008). Zeng et al. (2014) reported three novel QTL on Chrs. 5, 9, and 16, explaining 46%, 10%, and 8% of sucrose variation, respectively. Akond et al. (2015) found three sucrose- and four stachyose-associated QTL on Chrs. 3, 9, and 15 and 1, 6, 12, and 14, respectively. Patil et al. (2018) identified three QTL on Chrs. 6, 16, and 20, and a major QTL on Chr. 8 for sucrose using an interspecific population derived from a cross between *G. max* and *G. soja* accessions.

Genome-wide association study (GWAS) is a valid alternative to genetic linkage analysis to understand the genetic basis of quantitative traits by examining a significant association between genetic markers and a trait of interest. To date, GWAS has been successfully applied in soybean research to discover and characterize key traits, such as seed protein and oil (Hwang et al., 2014; Li et al., 2019; Zhang et al., 2021), amino acids (Lee et al., 2019; Yuan et al., 2021), fatty acids (Liu et al., 2020; Sung et al., 2021), disease resistance (Vuong et al., 2015; Ravelombola et al., 2020; Vieira et al., 2022; McDonald et al., 2023), abiotic stress tolerance (Kaler et al., 2017; Wu et al., 2019; Saleem et al., 2022), agronomic traits (Ayalew et al., 2022; Cao et al., 2022; Yang et al., 2022), and root system (Seck et al., 2020; Rathore et al., 2022; Kim et al., 2023). However, only a few studies have

implemented GWAS for soluble carbohydrates in soybean seeds (Lu et al., 2022; Xu et al., 2022).

In this study, a diverse panel of 220 soybean accessions and 21,317 polymorphic single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) were used to conduct GWAS to identify significant marker-trait associations for sucrose and stachyose through a mixed linear model (MLM). Among the three main soluble carbohydrates, raffinose was excluded from this study due to the little phenotypic variation and non-Gaussian distribution in the accession panel. The gene function, protein interaction, biochemical pathway, and gene expression of potential candidate genes associated with sucrose and stachyose content were further studied.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### ***Accession panel selection and field experimental design***

A diverse panel of 220 soybean plant introductions (PIs) was selected based on the 100-seed weight ( $> 23$  g) and relevant maturity groups (MGs) from the USDA-ARS Soybean Germplasm Collection (<https://www.ars-grin.gov/>) (Supplementary Table 1). The panel included four MGs, III, IV, V, and VI, that originated from six countries (China, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United States). The panel was grown at the Arkansas Agricultural Research and Extension Center (36.06 °N 94.16 °W) in Fayetteville, AR, and the Rice Research and Extension Center (34.47 °N 91.41 °W) in Stuttgart, AR, in 2014 (FAY\_14 and STU\_14, respectively) and 2015 (FAY\_15 and STU\_15, respectively). Each accession was planted in single 3-m rows spaced 75 cm apart in a randomized complete block design (RCBD) with two replications. In 2020 and 2021, the accessions were grown at the Fisher Delta Research, Extension, and Education Center (FDREEC) (36.42 °N 89.70 °W) in Portageville, MO (POR\_20 and POR\_21) and the Bradford Research and Extension Center (BREC) (38.89 °N 92.19 °W) in Columbia, MO (COL\_21). Ten seeds of each accession were planted in 75 cm wide rows in hill plots spaced 30 cm apart at the FDREEC and 60 cm apart at the BREC. The experiments at FDREEC and BREC were planted in a RCBD design with two replications.

### ***Soluble carbohydrates phenotyping***

Soybean seeds of each accession in each replication were harvested at maturity. Ten seeds were sampled per plot to quantify soluble carbohydrates in the Soybean Genetics & Genomics Laboratory under the supervision of Dr. Henry Nguyen at the University of

Missouri, Columbia. The content of soluble carbohydrates was measured using the established High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) protocol described by Valliyodan et al. (2015). Briefly, around 1 g of soybean seeds was ground using Thomas Wiley Mini-Mill (Arthur Thomas Co., Chadds Ford, PA, USA) fitted with a 20-mesh screen. The soybean powder was then lyophilized for 48 hours using a Labconco freeze-dry system (Labconco, Kansas City, MO, USA). Precisely, 90.25 ( $\pm$  0.15) mg of dried soybean powder was mixed with 900 mL HPLC-grade water in a 2 mL centrifuge tube. Each tube was incubated at 55°C, agitated at 200 rpm for an hour, and then vortexed for 30 seconds. After 20 minutes under room temperature, 900 mL HPLC-grade acetonitrile was added to each tube. Next, the suspension was centrifuged for 30 minutes at a  $14.0 \times 1000 \text{ min}^{-1} \times g$  speed. The supernatant was diluted five times with 65% HPLC-grade acetonitrile to prepare the final sample. The final samples were loaded on the Agilent HPLC-ELSD (Evaporative Light Scattering Detection) 120 series (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA), equipped with the Prevail Carbohydrate ES columns (5 mm  $250 \times 4.6$  mm) and guard columns ( $7.5 \times 4.6$  mm) (Grace Davison Discovery Sciences, Deerfield, IL, USA). Standard mixtures were prepared in HPLC-grade water with 50, 100, 300, 500, and 1000 mg/mL concentrations to create calibration curves.

### ***Statistical analysis***

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was conducted using the GLM procedure of SAS software version 9.4 with ‘Genotype’ within ‘Maturity group’ as fixed effects and ‘Environment’, ‘Maturity group’, ‘Genotype  $\times$  Environment’, and ‘Replication’ as random effects. The best linear unbiased prediction (BLUP) was computed using the *lmer* function

in R software to minimize the effects of environmental variation and used as an additional environment in GWAS analysis. Pearson's correlation coefficients between sucrose and stachyose were calculated using the *chart.Correlation* function in R software across environments and within each environment. The significant difference in mean values across seven environments between favorable and unfavorable alleles was determined using the PROC ANOVA function in the SAS software.

### ***Genotype data processing***

The SoySNP50K iSelect Beadchip data for the 220 PI lines were obtained from Soybase (<https://www.soybase.org/>). The SNPs with a minor allele frequency (MAF) less than 0.05 were removed using GAPIT (Lipka et al., 2012). A total of 21,317 SNPs were used for GWAS in this study. The number of filtered SNPs mapped across 20 soybean chromosomes ranged from 693 on Chr. 20 to 1,677 on Chr. 18, with an average of 1,066 SNPs (Supplementary Figure 1).

### ***Population structure analysis and linkage disequilibrium estimation***

Population structure was analyzed using the STRUCTURE software version 2.3.4 (Pritchard et al., 2000). The hypothetical number of subpopulations (K) from 2 to 9 was set with five independent iterations. For each run, the burn-in iteration and Markov Chain Monte Carlo replication were set at 10,000 and 25,000, respectively. Principal component analysis (PCA) was performed using TASSEL software version 5.0 (Bradbury et al., 2007). The Linkage disequilibrium (LD) block was calculated by computing correlation coefficients ( $r^2$ ) for all pairwise marker comparisons and visualized using Haploview

software to identify potential candidate genes (Barrett et al., 2005). The kinship matrix was also generated by centered-IBS methods using TASSEL software.

### ***Genome-wide association study***

Principal components (PCs) and a kinship matrix were incorporated in MLM as covariates to correct for population structure and cryptic relatedness. The MG was additionally used as a categorical covariate since the MG effects were significant on sucrose and stachyose based on ANOVA. The significant threshold of SNP-trait association at a  $P$ -value =  $1.0 \times 10^{-3}$  was suggested to identify consistent and significant SNPs across all environments. The GWAS was conducted for each environment and BLUP. Significant SNPs were determined when the SNP was identified in three or more environments. If multiple significant SNPs were detected within the same LD block, the most consistent SNP with the highest  $-\log_{10}(P)$  value was selected.

### ***The gene function, protein interaction, and biochemical pathway of candidate genes***

All potential candidate genes within the LD block of each significant SNP were obtained using *Glycine max* cv. Williams 82 reference-genome gene models version 2.0 in Soybase. Also, the predicted amino acid sequences of the potential candidate genes were obtained from Soybase and used to study the protein interaction network using the STRING database (<https://string-db.org/>) (Szklarczyk et al., 2019). Relevant candidate genes were selected based on the metabolic studies of carbohydrates. The most adjacent candidate gene was selected if no relevant candidate gene was found within the LD block. Gene ontology (GO) annotation was obtained to confirm the biological processes, cellular components,

and molecular functions of the relevant candidate genes using Database for Annotation, Visualization and Integrated Discovery (DAVID) bioinformatics resources (<http://david.ncifcrf.gov/>) (Sherman et al., 2021).

### ***Tissue-specific gene expression analysis***

The RNA-Seq Atlas data, publicly available on Soybase (<http://soybase.org/soyseq/>), were used to compare the gene expression levels between the relevant candidate genes in 14 different soybean plant tissues, including young leaf, flower, 1-cm pod, pod shell 10 days after flowering (DAF), pod shell 14 DAF, seed 10 DAF, seed 14 DAF, seed 21 DAF, seed 25 DAF, seed 28 DAF, seed 35 DAF, seed 42 DAF, root, and nodule (Severin et al., 2010). The raw gene expression counts were normalized using a Reads Per Kilobase of transcript per Million mapped reads (RPKM) method. Highly expressed candidate genes were determined based on at least two gene expression levels of more than 10 RPKM in developing seed tissues (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/>). Another large set of RNA-Seq databases of gene-level transcript abundances (<https://soyatlas.venanciogroup.uenf.br/>) was used for additional exploration in the differential gene expression across 19 parts of the soybean plant, including cotyledon, embryo, endosperm, epicotyl, flower, hypocotyl, leaf, nodule, petiole, pod, radicle, root, seed, seed coat, seedling, shoot, suspensor, unknown, and whole plant (Almeida-Silva et al., 2023). The raw gene expression counts were normalized using a Transcripts Per Million (TPM) method. Highly expressed candidate genes were determined based on the total gene expression level of more than 1000 TPM across all parts (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/>).

## RESULTS

### *Evaluations of phenotypic data*

The panel of 220 soybean accessions was tested for sucrose and stachyose content in seven environments. A summary of the phenotypic values of each environment is shown in Table 1. The highest mean value for sucrose was 7.3% in POR\_20, with a range of 4.5% - 9.5%, while the lowest was 5.8% in STU\_15, with a range of 4.1% - 8.4%. The coefficients of variation (CV) ranged from 11.0% (POR\_20) to 14.4% (STU\_14), and Shapiro-Wilk (w) values ranged from 0.974 (STU\_15) to 0.995 (FAY\_15). The highest mean value for stachyose was 4.5% in STU\_14, with a range of 2.2% - 6.3%, while the lowest mean was 3.5% in FAY\_15, with a range of 1.0% - 5.6%. The CV ranged from 16.2% (POR\_21) to 25.5% (FAY\_15), and Shapiro-Wilk (w) values ranged from 0.940 (STU\_15) to 0.991 (FAY\_15). Pearson's correlations among environments for sucrose content varied from 0.26 (between STU\_14 and POR\_21) to 0.77 (between FAY\_14 and STU\_14) (Supplementary Figure 2). Pearson's correlations among environments for stachyose content varied from 0.64 (between STU\_14 and POR\_21 and between STU\_15 and COL\_21) to 0.93 (between FAY\_15 and POR\_20). Also, Pearson's correlation between sucrose and stachyose content was estimated to be significantly negative in three environments (FAY\_14, FAY\_15, and STU\_15) and significantly positive in one environment (STU\_14) (Supplementary Table 2). The ANOVA showed significant effects for 'Genotype' within maturity groups, 'Environment', 'Maturity group', and 'Genotype × Environment' for sucrose and stachyose content but no significant effect for 'Replication' (Supplementary Table 3).

### ***Population structure***

The cryptic relatedness among 220 soybean accessions, estimated by kinship matrix and visualized in the heat map, indicated two distinct subpopulations (1 and 2) (Figure 1A). The PCA plot demonstrated that the two components accounted for 29.1% (PC1) and 8.4% (PC2) of genetic variation, which differentiate the two subpopulations (Figure 1B). The first subpopulation had 116 accessions with origins from China (4), Japan (79), North Korea (1), South Korea (22), Taiwan (6), and the United States within MG III (30), IV (43), V (21), and VI (22). The second subpopulation had 104 accessions with origins from China (2), Japan (2), North Korea (5), and South Korea (95) within MG III (1), IV (100), V (2), and VI (1). STRUCTURE analysis also suggested that the optimal number of subpopulations (K) was two among all genotypes (Figure 1C).

### ***Association study for sucrose and stachyose content***

Manhattan and quantile-quantile (Q-Q) plots for each environment for sucrose and stachyose content are shown in Figures 2 and 3, respectively. Across all environments, a total of 88 and 89 SNPs were associated with sucrose and stachyose content, respectively (Supplementary Table 4).

Seven out of 88 SNPs, identified in three or more environments for sucrose content, were considered significant SNPs. The seven significant SNPs were located on Chrs. 2 (ss715581183), 8 (ss715602502), 12 (ss715613179), 17 (ss715627820 and ss715627853), and 20 (ss715636857 and ss715637428) (Figure 2; Table 2). The SNP ss715602502 located at 47,286,262 bp on Chr. 8, identified in five environments (FAY\_14, FAY\_15, STU\_15, COL\_21, and BLUP), was the most consistent SNP for sucrose content. The SNPs

ss715613179 located at 5,486,355 bp on Chr. 12 were identified in four environments: FAY\_15, COL\_21, POR\_21, and BLUP. The SNP ss715627853 located at 41,440,620 bp on Chr. 17 were also identified in four environments: FAY\_14, COL\_21, POR\_21, and BLUP (Table 2; Supplementary Table 4). The highest  $-\log_{10}(P)$  value (5.2) was found on the SNP ss715627853 on Chr. 17. The MAF of the significant SNPs ranged from 0.05 (ss715627820) to 0.39 (ss715636857) (Table 2).

Thirteen out of 89 SNPs, identified in three or more environments for stachyose content, were considered significant SNPs. The thirteen significant SNPs were located on Chrs. 2 (ss715583079 and ss715583119), 5 (ss715592340, ss715592442, and ss715591198), 8 (ss715601133), 9 (ss715603880 and ss715639178), 10 (ss715606330), 13 (ss715614101 and ss715615716), 14 (ss715617675), and 15 (ss715622806) (Figure 3; Table 2). The SNP ss715592442 located at 2,369,980 bp on Chr. 5, identified in seven environments (FAY\_14, STU\_14, FAY\_15, STU\_15, POR\_20, COL\_21, and BLUP), was the most consistent SNP for stachyose content. The SNP ss715583119 located at 44,448,179 bp on Chr. 2 for stachyose content was identified in six environments: FAY\_14, FAY\_15, STU\_15, POR\_20, COL\_21, and BLUP (Table 2; Supplementary Table 4). The highest  $-\log_{10}(P)$  value (5.0) was found on the SNP ss715592442 on Chr. 5. The MAF of the significant SNPs ranged from 0.08 (ss715606330) to 0.47 (ss715639178) (Table 2).

### ***Allelic effect of significant SNPs for sucrose and stachyose content***

The allelic effects of significant SNPs for sucrose and stachyose content were tested using mean values of favorable and unfavorable alleles across seven environments (Figure 4). An allele conferring higher sucrose content was designated a favorable allele. In contrast,

an allele conferring lower stachyose content was designated a favorable allele. The favorable alleles of five SNPs, ss715581183 (Chr. 2), ss715613179 (Chr. 12), ss715627820 (Chr. 17), ss715627853 (Chr. 17), and ss715637428 (Chr. 20), were related to significantly higher sucrose content than unfavorable alleles ( $P$ -value  $< 0.001$ ) (Figure 4A). However, two SNPs, ss715602502 (Chr. 8) and ss715636857 (Chr. 20), showed no significant difference between favorable and unfavorable alleles for sucrose content. The favorable alleles of eight SNPs, ss715583079 (Chr. 2), ss715583119 (Chr. 2), ss715601133 (Chr. 8), ss715603880 (Chr. 9), ss715606330 (Chr. 10), ss715614101 (Chr. 13), ss715617675 (Chr. 14), and ss715622806 (Chr. 15), were related to significantly lower stachyose content than unfavorable alleles ( $P$ -value  $< 0.001$ ) (Figure 4B). However, the five SNPs, ss715592340 (Chr. 5), ss715592442 (Chr. 5), ss715591198 (Chr. 5), ss715639178 (Chr. 9), and ss715615716 (Chr. 13), showed no significant difference between favorable and unfavorable alleles for stachyose content. SNPs having no significant allelic effects, however, still showed favorable phenotypic trends across environments (Supplementary Figure 3). To evaluate the pyramiding effects of favorable alleles of significant SNPs, the variations of sucrose and stachyose content across seven environments were compared in the different numbers of favorable alleles (Table 3). The results showed that sucrose contents ranged from  $5.7\% \pm 0.7$  (none) to  $7.9\% \pm 0.4$  (six favorable alleles), and stachyose contents ranged from  $2.0\% \pm 0.2$  (13 favorable alleles) to  $5.3\% \pm 0.0$  (one favorable allele).

### ***Prediction of potential candidate genes for sucrose and stachyose content***

A total of 107 and 155 genes located within the LD blocks of significant SNPs were considered potential candidate genes for sucrose and stachyose, respectively

(Supplementary Table 5). The estimated size of LD blocks varied from 6 to 528 Kbp with an average of 186 Kbp, which is slightly longer than that of previously tested cultivated soybeans (~150 Kbp) (Lam et al., 2010) (Supplementary Table 5).

Out of 107 genes, 17 relevant candidate genes for sucrose content were closely associated with carbohydrate metabolism (Table 4). Since no candidate gene related to carbohydrate metabolism was located within the LD block of ss715637428 for sucrose content, the most adjacent candidate gene to the significant SNP, *Glyma.20g099600*, was selected. The largest number of relevant candidate genes (seven) were found in the LD block of ss715602502 on Chr. 8 related to three sugar transporter-related genes, *Glyma.08g360400*, *Glyma.08g360500*, and *Glyma.08g361200*, and four other genes, *Glyma.08g356800*, *Glyma.08g357200*, *Glyma.08g358700*, and *Glyma.08g358800*, that interact with carbohydrate metabolism-related proteins (polygalacturonase, 1D- myo-inositol 3-kinase, mannosyl-oligosaccharide  $\alpha$ -1,3-glucosidase, and UDP-sugar pyrophosphorylase, respectively). Also, four genes, *Glyma.12g072800*, *Glyma.20g017400*, *Glyma.20g018000*, and *Glyma.20g018200*, are involved in carbohydrate metabolism, while five genes, *Glyma.02g129200*, *Glyma.17g257800*, *Glyma.17g258100*, *Glyma.17g260300*, and *Glyma.17g260400*, have functional interactions with carbohydrate metabolism-related proteins.

Furthermore, GO annotation of the 17 relevant candidate genes for sucrose content confirmed six biological processes, including GO:0045490 (pectin catabolic process), GO:0006012 (galactose metabolic process), GO:0008643 (carbohydrate transport), GO:0006096 (glycolytic process), GO:0006004 (fucose metabolic process), and GO:0005975 (carbohydrate metabolic process) (Supplementary Table 6). Seven molecular

functions were also confirmed, including GO:0030570 (pectate lyase activity), GO:0004335 (galactokinase activity), GO:0051119 (sugar transmembrane transporter activity), GO:0005366 (myo-inositol:proton symporter activity), GO:0004340 (glucokinase activity), GO:0005536 (glucose binding), and GO:0042973 (glucan endo-1,3-beta-D-glucosidase activity) (Supplementary Table 6).

Out of 155 genes, 24 relevant candidate genes for stachyose content were closely associated with carbohydrate metabolism (Table 4). Since a stachyose-associated significant SNP, ss715639178, showed no LD block range, the most adjacent gene, *Glyma.09g124300*, was selected as a candidate gene. Also, due to no candidate gene related to carbohydrate metabolism within the LD blocks of ss715603880 and ss715615716, the most adjacent genes, *Glyma.09g044100* and *Glyma.13g077900*, were selected, respectively. The largest number of relevant candidate genes (four) were found in the LD block of ss715614101 on Chr. 13, where carbohydrate metabolism-related genes, *Glyma.13g128300* (sugar kinase), *Glyma.13g128400* (sugar kinase), *Glyma.13g132700* (D-myo-inositol (1,4,5)-trisphosphate degradation), and *Glyma.13g133800* (UDP-glucuronate decarboxylase), are located. Also, nine genes, *Glyma.02g255100*, *Glyma.05g024800*, *Glyma.05g025300*, *Glyma.05g025400*, *Glyma.05g026800*, *Glyma.08g028600*, *Glyma.10g040700*, *Glyma.14g113100*, and *Glyma.15g275400*, are involved in carbohydrate metabolism, while eight genes, *Glyma.02g255400*, *Glyma.02g258000*, *Glyma.02g258200*, *Glyma.05g027100*, *Glyma.05g166800*, *Glyma.10g040000*, *Glyma.15g275300*, and *Glyma.15g276700*, have functional interactions with carbohydrate metabolism-related proteins.

Furthermore, GO annotation of the 24 relevant candidate genes for stachyose content confirmed seven biological processes, including GO:0006486 (protein glycosylation), GO:0009969 (xyloglucan biosynthetic process), GO:0019323 (pentose catabolic process), GO:0006012 (galactose metabolic process), GO:0019252 (starch biosynthetic process), GO:0042732 (D-xylose metabolic process), and GO:0005975 (carbohydrate metabolic process) (Supplementary Table 6). Seven molecular functions were also confirmed, including GO:0016757 (glycosyltransferase activity), GO:0008107 (galactoside 2-alpha-L-fucosyltransferase activity), GO:0004335 (galactokinase activity), GO:0019200 (carbohydrate kinase activity), GO:0048040 (UDP-glucuronate decarboxylase activity), GO:0030247 (polysaccharide binding), and GO:0004650 (polygalacturonase activity) (Supplementary Table 6).

### ***Tissue-specific gene expression analysis for relevant candidate genes***

Two genes, *Glyma.08g361200* and *Glyma.17g258100*, related to sucrose content had distinctively higher gene expression levels of 160 and 273 RPKM, respectively, than other candidate genes in the developing seeds from Seed 10 DAF to Seed 42 DAF (Figure 5A). Furthermore, these two genes showed the highest total TPM values (1,041 and 1,061 TPM, respectively) across 19 plant parts in soybean (Figure 5B). *Glyma.17g258100* especially had considerably higher gene expression levels in seed and seed coats, while the gene expression of *Glyma.08g361200* was distributed throughout the plant. The gene expression data of *Glyma.12g072800* and *Glyma.17g260300* (Figure 5A) and *Glyma.08g358800* and *Glyma.12g072800* (Figure 5B) was not available.

Four genes, *Glyma.05g025300*, *Glyma.09g044100*, *Glyma.13g077900*, and *Glyma.13g133800*, related to stachyose content, showed relatively higher gene expression levels (58, 76, 99, 71 RPKM, respectively) than other candidate genes in the developing seeds from Seed 10 DAF to Seed 42 DAF (Figure 5C). *Glyma.05g025300* had the highest total gene expression level (1,625 TPM), followed by *Glyma.13g077900* (1,450 TPM) across 19 plant parts in soybean (Figure 5D). *Glyma.05g025300* had higher gene expression levels in leaf and shoots, while *Glyma.13g077900* had a higher gene expression level in the epicotyl (embryonic shoot). The gene expression data of *Glyma.13g128400* and *Glyma.14g113100* (Figure 5C) and *Glyma.05g026800*, *Glyma.09g124300*, *Glyma.13g128400*, and *Glyma.14g113100* (Figure 5D) was not available.

## DISCUSSION

In the current study, the sucrose and stachyose content showed significant phenotypic variations across the environments studied (Table 1). Similar to other seed composition traits, such as protein and oil, soluble carbohydrates are also influenced by diverse environmental factors, especially temperature during pod-filling stages (Bandillo et al., 2015; Bilyeu and Wiebold, 2016). In a previous study, Bilyeu and Wiebold (2016) reported cooler temperatures during pod-filling stages increased sucrose content while decreasing stachyose content in soybean. Among the environments studied, the POR\_20 showed relatively cooler temperatures compared to the others during the pod-filling stages, while the STU\_15 showed relatively warmer temperatures than the others (Supplementary Figure 4). The sucrose content of the POR\_20 was the highest, and that of the STU\_15 was the lowest, which followed the well-known relationship between temperature and sucrose content (Jo et al., 2018; Jo et al., 2019). On the other hand, the trend of stachyose content across environments was less influenced by temperature conditions, which the result was in good agreement with earlier reports by Kumar et al. (2010); Jo et al. (2018), who concluded that stachyose content was more genotype dependent. In future investigations, more geographically dispersed locations will be required to extensively test potential environmental influences on soluble carbohydrates.

Assessing multiple environment phenotypic datasets, a subset of 24 soybean accessions with either/both high sucrose and/or low stachyose content was selected for further genetic analysis and breeding applications (Table 5). Accessions PI 536547 B, PI 561288, and PI 549065 exhibited desirable soluble carbohydrate profiles with high sucrose (> 7.7%) and low stachyose content (< 2.3%), which are greatly beneficial to human and

animal consumption (Jo et al., 2018; Sui et al., 2020). Field evaluations conducted in 2014 and 2015 showed these PI lines had larger seed sizes ( $> 29.0$  g per 100 seeds) and high protein content ( $> 42.0\%$ ) on a dry weight basis. In particular, larger seed sizes and high sucrose and high protein content are essential quality parameters in soy-food production, including edamame, miso, and tofu (Konovsky et al., 1994; Zeipina et al., 2017; Jegadeesan and Yu, 2020). Interestingly, the soybean accessions with higher sucrose in this panel mainly originated from Japan. This indicated the historical selection in Japan was conducted based on the taste of soybean products for human uses, such as edamame, miso, natto, soy sauce, and tofu, of which sucrose is a main contributor to the sweetness of soybean products (Kaga et al., 2012; Rosset et al., 2012; Sui et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2023).

The current bottleneck of narrowed genetic diversity has been addressed by soybean breeders for decades. Breeding and commercializing soybean cultivars with desirable soluble carbohydrate profiles has been slowed due to the limitation of genetic sources, although the importance has been continuously expressed to meet global demand. In addition to those PI lines mentioned above, we employed two additional accessions, PI 506937 and PI 506593, with desirable carbohydrate profiles for developing bi-parental mapping populations in an on-going effort to characterize the genetic architecture of carbohydrate composition traits. We anticipated these PI lines could be useful as novel genetic resources for breeders to develop new specialty soybean cultivars with modified soluble carbohydrate content.

For decades, different analysis models have been developed and utilized for GWAS. Among these, MLM is one of the most popular models, which incorporates population structure and kinship as covariates to reduce false positives and increase the statistical

power in identifying significant marker-trait associations (Yu et al., 2005; Ficht et al., 2022). In the current study, the MG effect was significant on sucrose and stachyose content (Supplementary Table 3). Therefore, the corresponding MG of each genotype was additionally incorporated as a categorical covariate to reduce the potential bias derived from the MG differences (Supplementary Table 1). The relatively smaller panel size (< 300) could be a limitation for GWAS, although it contains four MGs and six origins. To declare a significant SNP, we tested a typical Bonferroni Correction using a stringent threshold ( $-\log_{10}(P) = 5.6$ ); however, no significant SNP was detected. Thus, a general consensus value of 0.001 ( $-\log_{10}(P) = 3.0$ ) was used as a significant cut-off value to detect significant SNPs (Hwang et al., 2014).

Using phenotypic data of each environment and estimated BLUP, seven significant SNPs for sucrose content were identified across five chromosomes (Chrs. 2, 8, 12, 17, and 20) (Figure 2 and Table 2). Among them, four SNPs were confirmed to be close to previously reported sucrose-related genomic regions. Hu et al. (2023) reported a significant SNP ( $-\log_{10}(P) = 3.3$ ) associated with fructose, which was located in the same region as ss715581183 at 13,523,639 bp on Chr. 2. Fructose is one of the monosaccharides that comprise the sucrose molecule. Lu et al. (2022) reported a significant SNP ( $-\log_{10}(P) = 8.8$ ) associated with total soluble carbohydrate at 5,036,567 bp on Chr. 12, which was mapped approximately 449 Kbp downstream of ss715613179 (5,486,355 bp). Total soluble carbohydrates were positively correlated with sucrose in soybean (Hou et al., 2009). Also, Kim et al. (2006) reported a sucrose-related QTL ('Seed Sucrose 3-4' at Soybase, LOD = 8.4) associated with the marker Satt442 at 6,390,806 - 6,391,062 bp on Chr. 12, which is mapped approximately 904 Kbp upstream of ss715613179. Based on only 110 markers

used by Kim et al. (2006), the distance of less than a million bp between the two markers was considered significant. Patil et al. (2018) reported a sucrose-related QTL, qSUC\_20 (LOD = 3.8), at 2,386,021 - 2,558,940 bp on Chr. 20, which was mapped approximately 478 Kbp upstream of ss715636857 (1,907,881 bp). Wang et al. (2023) also reported a sucrose-related SNP ( $-\log_{10}(P) = 2.9$ ) at 34,981,501 bp on Chr. 20, which was mapped approximately 690 Kbp upstream of ss715637428 (34,286,637 bp). Another marker, Satt270 (35,362,576 - 35,362,794 bp), on Chr. 20 was reported as an associated marker to a sucrose-related QTL (LOD = 1.9). It was mapped approximately 1 Mbp upstream of ss715637428 (Wang et al., 2014). Three SNPs, ss715602502 on Chr. 8, ss715627820 and ss715627853 on Chr. 17, are novel for sucrose content in soybean.

Thirteen significant SNPs for stachyose content were identified across eight chromosomes (Chrs. 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, and 15) (Figure 3; Table 2). Unlike sucrose, only one SNP was confirmed to be close to the previously reported stachyose/oligosaccharides-related genomic regions. Kim et al. (2005) reported a stachyose-related QTL marker ('Seed Oligosaccharide 1-1' at Soybase, LOD = 7.7) associated with the marker Satt546 at 40,699,300 - 40,699,539 bp on Chr. 2, which was mapped approximately 3.5 Mbp downstream of ss715583079 (44,214,908 bp). The other 12 SNPs identified in this study have not been previously reported and were considered novel SNPs for stachyose content in soybean. Historically, soybean breeding programs have been more interested in sucrose than stachyose, resulting in more than twice as many sucrose-related QTL/SNPs published in the Soybase (<https://soybase.org>).

In the current study, ss715602502 on Chr. 8 was the most consistent SNP significantly associated with sucrose content, followed by ss715613179 on Chr. 12 and

ss715627853 on Chr. 17 (Figure 2; Supplementary Table 4). However, ss715602502 had no significant allelic effect on sucrose content (Figure 4A). This phenomenon has been explained by the fact that not all variants are causally associated with a trait, and the association can be indirect (MacArthur et al., 2014; Gallagher and Chen-Plotkin, 2018; Schaid et al., 2019). Despite no significant allelic effect of ss715602502, the estimated LD block contained seven candidate genes underlying carbohydrate transport/metabolism (Table 4; Supplementary Tables 5 and 6). Among these, two genes, *Glyma.08g360400* and *Glyma.08g360500*, were reported to belong to the SWEET (Sugars Will Eventually be Exported Transporters) gene family (SWEET25 and SWEET26, respectively), which play essential roles in transporting glucose molecules across a membrane (Patil et al., 2015). The most consistent significant SNP for stachyose content, ss715592442 on Chr. 5, was identified in seven environments. The SNP ss715583119 on Chr. 2 was identified in six environments (Figure 3; Supplementary Table 4). Like sucrose, ss715592442 and ss715583119 had no significant allelic effect on stachyose content. The estimated LD blocks contained carbohydrate metabolism-related genes, including glycosyltransferase family 64 protein c4 (*Glyma.05g026800*), sucrose synthase (*Glyma.05g027100*), glycosyltransferases (*Glyma.02g258000*), and clathrin propeller repeat (*Glyma.02g258200*) (Figure 4B; Table 4). The biological process of *Glyma.02g258200* is to route acidic  $\alpha$ -galactosidases to protein storage vacuoles, and it is known to facilitate the accumulation of RFOs during seed development in pea (Blöchl et al., 2008). Therefore, integrative post-GWAS analyses, including protein interaction, metabolic pathway, biological function, cellular component, and molecular function, are crucial to comprehensively understand the variants/candidate genes identified in GWAS (Jia et al., 2011).

Two candidate genes associated with sucrose, *Glyma.08g361200* and *Glyma.17g258100*, showed high gene expression levels in the developing seed tissues and total expression levels across 19 different parts of the soybean plant (Figures 5A, B). The molecular function of *Glyma.08g361200* is myo-inositol:proton symporter activity, which is responsible for transferring myo-inositol from one side of a membrane to the other (Supplementary Table 6). Myo-inositol is essential for galactinol biosynthesis, and galactinol plays a key role in the chain elongation of sucrose to RFOs (Saravitz et al., 1987; Irvine and Schell, 2001). However, no information was available for *Glyma.17g258100* in the GO database. Instead, based on Phytozome and STRING database, it is responsible for gibberellin-regulated protein and protein interaction with xyloglucan endotransglucosylase/hydrolase (Table 4). Xyloglucan endotransglucosylase/hydrolase catalyzes the cleavage of the main chain of xyloglucan molecules until only glucose, xylose, and galactose are produced, of which glucose is an essential component of the sucrose metabolism (Buckeridge, 2023).

Two candidate genes, *Glyma.05g025300* and *Glyma.13g077900*, showed high total gene expression levels for stachyose content in developing seed tissues and total expression levels across 19 different parts of the soybean plant (Figures 5C and 5D). Unlike sucrose, these genes showed relatively higher gene expression levels in leaf, shoot, and epicotyl (embryonic shoot) than in seed and seed coats. This suggested that stachyose content may be affected by genes expressed not only in the developing seed but also in aerial parts, including leaf and shoot. The raffinose synthase 3 gene (*Glyma.05g003900*, Wm82.a2.v1), widely used in soybean breeding programs to reduce RFOs, also has the highest expression level in shoots, followed by petioles and leaves in soybean (Supplementary Figure 5). The

gene, *Glyma.05g025300*, is responsible for the carbohydrate metabolic process (GO:0005975), while *Glyma.13g077900* is responsible for the proton-transporting V-type ATPase (GO:0033179) (Supplementary Table 6). In plants, V-type ATPase plays an important role in regulating signaling events in response to diverse environmental stimuli (Elmore and Coaker, 2011). Therefore, this confirmed that stachyose is also known to play an important role in protection against abiotic stress, such as salinity, cold, and drought in plants (Mundree et al., 2002; ElSayed et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2019; Yan et al., 2022).

To date, three major genes, *Glyma.05g003900* (raffinose synthase 3, RS3), *Glyma.06g179200* (raffinose synthase 2, RS2), and *Glyma.11g238800* (D-myo-inositol-3-phosphate synthase 1, MIPS1), primarily responsible for increased sucrose and reduced RFOs, have been identified. Even though molecular markers related to these genes have been utilized for marker-assisted selection (MAS) breeding, a limited number of soybean cultivars for human and animal consumption have been developed and commercialized. Recently, Benson Hill, Inc. (<https://bensonhill.com/>) announced the release of a new soybean cultivar with ultra-high protein and low RFOs content, coupled with other improved agronomic traits. In this study, we reported new genomic regions harboring candidate genes associated with increased sucrose and reduced stachyose, which did not overlap with the known genes, RS2, RS3, and MIPS1. Therefore, the promising soybean germplasms and novel genetic sources newly identified in this study would be critical to broadening germplasm resources and enriching our understanding of the genetic architecture for the development of new soybean cultivars for animal feed efficiency and natural sweetness in human consumption. Future studies, including genome-editing

technologies, a fine-mapping strategy, and molecular marker development, will be required for the functional validation of the novel findings in this study.

## CONCLUSION

This study identified three and 12 novel SNPs associated with sucrose and stachyose content, respectively, through a GWAS using 220 soybean accessions. Four novel candidate genes for sucrose (*Glyma.08g361200* and *Glyma.17g258100*) and stachyose (*Glyma.05g025300* and *Glyma.13g077900*) content were further identified. We also reported three promising lines (PI 536547 B, PI 561288, and PI 549065) as germplasm resources that can be valuable for developing new soybean cultivars with desirable soluble carbohydrate profiles. The novel discoveries in this study will extend the current knowledge of the genetic basis underlying sucrose and stachyose content in soybean seed. Overall, new genetic resources will benefit soybean breeders in modifying carbohydrate profiles to meet the high demand for animal and human consumption.

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## TABLES AND FIGURES

**Table 1.** Summary of sucrose and stachyose content in seven environments.

Trait	Env <sup>1</sup>	Range (%)	Mean (SE) <sup>2</sup>	CV <sup>3</sup>	Shapiro-Wilk (w)	Skewness	Kurtosis
Sucrose	FAY_14	4.5 - 9.1	6.9 (0.057)b	12.2	0.992	-0.01	3.21
	STU_14	3.9 - 8.9	6.4 (0.062)d	14.4	0.990	0.09	2.84
	FAY_15	4.5 - 8.8	6.7 (0.053)c	11.7	0.995	-0.18	2.97
	STU_15	4.1 - 8.4	5.8 (0.049)f	12.4	0.974	0.56	4.03
	POR_20	4.5 - 9.5	7.3 (0.054)a	11.0	0.989	-0.28	3.45
	COL_21	4.1 - 9.0	6.1 (0.056)e	13.5	0.987	0.32	3.18
	POR_21	4.1 - 9.3	6.4 (0.062)d	14.2	0.991	-0.08	2.79
Stachyose	FAY_14	1.1 - 5.6	3.9 (0.061)b	23.2	0.948	-0.85	3.69
	STU_14	2.2 - 6.3	4.5 (0.052)a	16.9	0.984	-0.24	3.46
	FAY_15	1.0 - 5.6	3.5 (0.059)c	25.5	0.991	-0.13	2.88
	STU_15	1.3 - 5.5	3.9 (0.053)b	20.2	0.940	-0.92	4.19
	POR_20	1.4 - 5.4	3.6 (0.051)c	20.9	0.987	-0.27	3.19
	COL_21	2.0 - 5.6	4.1 (0.045)b	16.3	0.984	-0.34	3.21
	POR_21	2.0 - 5.5	4.0 (0.044)b	16.2	0.958	-0.55	3.53

<sup>1</sup>Environments. FAY\_14 (Fayetteville in 2014), STU\_14 (Stuttgart in 2014), FAY\_15 (Fayetteville in 2015), STU\_15 (Stuttgart in 2015), POR\_20 (Portageville in 2020), COL\_21 (Columbia in 2021), POR\_21 (Portageville in 2021). <sup>2</sup>Different alphabet letters within the trait indicate mean values are significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ ; SE indicates a standard error. <sup>3</sup>Coefficients of variation.

**Table 2.** Significant SNPs associated with soybean sucrose and stachyose content identified in three or more environments using a mixed linear model.

Trait	Significant SNP <sup>1</sup>	Chr <sup>2</sup>	Position (bp)	# Env <sup>3</sup>	Allele <sup>4</sup>		-log <sub>10</sub> (P)	MAF <sup>5</sup>
					Favorable	Unfavorable		
Sucrose	ss715581183	2	13,523,639	3	G	T	3.6 - 4.0	0.37
	ss715602502	8	47,286,262	5	G	T	3.1 - 4.8	0.18
	ss715613179	12	5,486,355	4	C	T	3.2 - 4.0	0.33
	ss715627820	17	41,098,767	3	A	G	3.4 - 4.2	0.05
	ss715627853	17	41,440,620	4	T	C	3.5 - 5.2	0.13
	ss715636857	20	1,907,881	3	G	A	3.1 - 3.7	0.39
	ss715637428	20	34,286,637	3	T	C	3.3 - 3.6	0.07
Stachyose	ss715583079	2	44,214,908	3	G	A	3.3 - 3.7	0.12
	ss715583119	2	44,448,179	6	T	G	3.1 - 3.9	0.11
	ss715592340	5	2,207,089	3	G	A	3.0 - 3.4	0.20
	ss715592442	5	2,369,980	7	C	A	3.2 - 5.0	0.18
	ss715591198	5	35,773,064	4	T	G	3.0 - 3.4	0.16
	ss715601133	8	2,382,910	4	T	C	3.1 - 3.4	0.21
	ss715603880	9	3,771,212	3	C	T	3.0 - 4.0	0.32
	ss715639178	9	30,134,957	4	A	G	3.0 - 3.8	0.47
	ss715606330	10	3,541,231	3	C	T	3.0 - 3.6	0.08
	ss715615716	13	18,379,941	5	C	T	3.1 - 3.9	0.09
	ss715614101	13	24,090,619	3	G	A	3.0 - 3.3	0.14
	ss715617675	14	13,187,218	3	C	T	3.3 - 3.9	0.29
	ss715622806	15	51,630,810	3	G	A	3.0 - 3.2	0.31

<sup>1</sup>Single-nucleotide polymorphism. <sup>2</sup>Chromosome. <sup>3</sup>The number of environments where significant SNP was identified, a total number of environments were eight. <sup>4</sup>The allele conferring higher sucrose content was designated a favorable allele, while the allele conferring lower stachyose content was designated a favorable allele. <sup>5</sup>Minor allele frequency.

**Table 3.** The phenotypic variations of sucrose and stachyose content across seven environments in the different numbers of favorable alleles of significant SNPs.

Trait	No. of favorable alleles	No. of genotypes	Mean $\pm$ SD <sup>1</sup>
			(%)
Sucrose	0	10	5.7 $\pm$ 0.7
	1	50	6.5 $\pm$ 0.5
	2	72	6.3 $\pm$ 0.6
	3	45	6.5 $\pm$ 0.4
	4	32	7.0 $\pm$ 0.6
	5	8	7.7 $\pm$ 0.5
	6	3	7.9 $\pm$ 0.4
Stachyose	1	1	5.3 $\pm$ 0.0
	2	3	4.4 $\pm$ 0.8
	3	26	4.1 $\pm$ 0.5
	4	49	4.1 $\pm$ 0.4
	5	82	4.1 $\pm$ 0.6
	6	13	3.9 $\pm$ 0.4
	7	13	3.4 $\pm$ 0.8
	8	10	3.1 $\pm$ 0.5
	9	13	3.5 $\pm$ 0.8
	10	2	3.0 $\pm$ 0.3
	11	3	3.1 $\pm$ 1.3
	12	2	2.2 $\pm$ 0.2
	13	3	2.0 $\pm$ 0.2

<sup>1</sup>Standard deviation.

**Table 4.** The list of candidate genes associated with carbohydrate metabolic pathways, identified within the linkage disequilibrium block of significant SNPs.

Trait	Significant SNP <sup>1</sup>	Chr <sup>2</sup>	Position (bp)	Candidate gene <sup>3</sup>	Function annotation <sup>4</sup>	Protein interaction <sup>5</sup>	
Sucrose	ss715581183	2	13,523,639	<i>Glyma.02g129200</i>	Predicted hydrolases of HD superfamily	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase	
	ss715602502	8	47,286,262	<i>Glyma.08g356800</i>	Pectin lyase-like superfamily protein	Polygalacturonase	
				<i>Glyma.08g357200</i>	Serine-Threonine protein kinase	1D-myo-inositol 3-kinase	
				<i>Glyma.08g358700</i>	WD40 repeat-containing protein	Mannosyl-oligosaccharide alpha-1,3-glucosidase	
				<i>Glyma.08g358800</i>	D-galactose detoxification	UDP-sugar pyrophosphorylase	
				<i>Glyma.08g360400</i>	Sugar efflux transporter for intercellular exchange	12-oxophytodienoic acid reductase	
				<i>Glyma.08g360500</i>	Sugar efflux transporter for intercellular exchange	12-oxophytodienoic acid reductase	
				<i>Glyma.08g361200</i>	Sugar (and other) transporter	Sucrose transport protein SUC3 isoform	
		ss715613179	12	5,486,355	<i>Glyma.12g072800</i>	Glycolysis I and II	- <sup>6</sup>
		ss715627820	17	41,098,767	<i>Glyma.17g257800</i>	Hexokinase	Glucose-6-phosphate isomerase
				<i>Glyma.17g258100</i>	Gibberellin regulated protein	Xyloglucan endotransglucosylase/hydrolase	
		ss715627853	17	41,440,620	<i>Glyma.17g260300</i>	Peroxidase	Glycosyltransferases
				<i>Glyma.17g260400</i>	Rare lipoprotein A (RlpA)-like double-psi beta-barrel	Polygalacturonase precursor	
		ss715636857	20	1,907,881	<i>Glyma.20g017400</i>	GDP-fucose protein O-fucosyltransferase	O-fucosyltransferase 23 isoform
				<i>Glyma.20g018000</i>	GDP-glucose biosynthesis	UTP--glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase isoform X2	
			<i>Glyma.20g018200</i>	Glycosyl hydrolases family 17	Glycosyltransferases		
	ss715637428	20	34,286,637	<i>Glyma.20g099600</i>	Methionyl-tRNA synthetase	Leucine--tRNA ligase	
Stachyose	ss715583079	2	44,214,908	<i>Glyma.02g255100</i>	Glycosyl transferase	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase	
				<i>Glyma.02g255400</i>	Hs1pro-1 N-terminus	O-fucosyltransferase 20	
	ss715583119	2	44,448,179	<i>Glyma.02g258000</i>	Response to freezing	Glycosyltransferases	
				<i>Glyma.02g258200</i>	Clathrin propeller repeat	Phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-trisphosphate 3-phosphatase	
	ss715592340	5	2,207,089	<i>Glyma.05g024800</i>	Galactosyl transferase	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase	
			<i>Glyma.05g025300</i>	Ribulose-phosphate 3 epimerase family	Probable ribose-5-phosphate isomerase		
			<i>Glyma.05g025400</i>	Xyloglucan fucosyltransferase	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase		

ss715592442	5	2,369,980	<i>Glyma.05g026800</i>	Xylogalacturonan $\beta$ -1,3-xylosyltransferase	Glycosyltransferase family 64 protein c4
			<i>Glyma.05g027100</i>	alpha/beta-Hydrolases superfamily protein	Sucrose synthase
ss715591198	5	35,773,064	<i>Glyma.05g166800</i>	Mitochondrial outer membrane protein 25	Fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase
ss715601133	8	2,382,910	<i>Glyma.08g028600</i>	UDP- $\alpha$ -D-galacturonate biosynthesis II (from D-galacturonate)	UDPglucose--hexose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase / UDP-sugar pyrophosphorylase 1
ss715603880	9	3,771,212	<i>Glyma.09g044100</i>	Uncharacterized conserved protein	Condensin-2 complex subunit
ss715639178	9	30,134,957	<i>Glyma.09g124300</i>	Photosynthesis	-
ss715606330	10	3,541,231	<i>Glyma.10g040000</i>	Glutathione S-transferase	Alpha-1,3-glucosyltransferase
			<i>Glyma.10g040700</i>	Xyloglucan biosynthesis	Xyloglucan 6-xylosyltransferase 2
ss715615716	13	18,379,941	<i>Glyma.13g077900</i>	Vacuolar H <sup>+</sup> -ATPase V0 sector	V-type h <sup>+</sup> -transporting ATPase subunit d
ss715614101	13	24,090,619	<i>Glyma.13g128300</i>	Sugar Kinase	DNA repair protein xrcc4
			<i>Glyma.13g128400</i>	Sugar Kinase	DNA repair protein xrcc4
			<i>Glyma.13g132700</i>	D-myo-inositol (1,4,5)-trisphosphate degradation	Inositol polyphosphate 6-/3-/5-kinase
			<i>Glyma.13g133800</i>	UDP-glucuronate decarboxylase	UDP-sugar pyrophosphorylase 1
ss715617675	14	13,187,218	<i>Glyma.14g113100</i>	Polysaccharide binding	-
ss715622806	15	51,630,810	<i>Glyma.15g275300</i>	Triose-phosphate Transporter family	Glucose-1-phosphate adenyltransferase
			<i>Glyma.15g275400</i>	Glycosyl hydrolases family 28	Pectinesterase
			<i>Glyma.15g276700</i>	Uncharacterized protein family	Glucan endo-1,3-beta-glucosidase a6

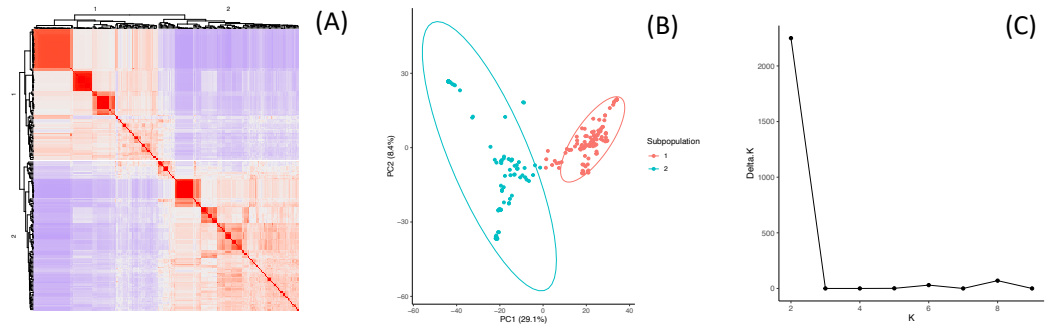
*Note) The most adjacent candidate gene was selected if there was no candidate gene associated with the carbohydrate metabolic pathway.*

<sup>1</sup>Single-nucleotide polymorphism. <sup>2</sup>Chromosome. <sup>3</sup>Gene model: *Glycine max* cv. Williams 82 reference-genome gene models version 2.0. <sup>4</sup>Phytozome database. <sup>5</sup>STRING database. <sup>6</sup>Not available.

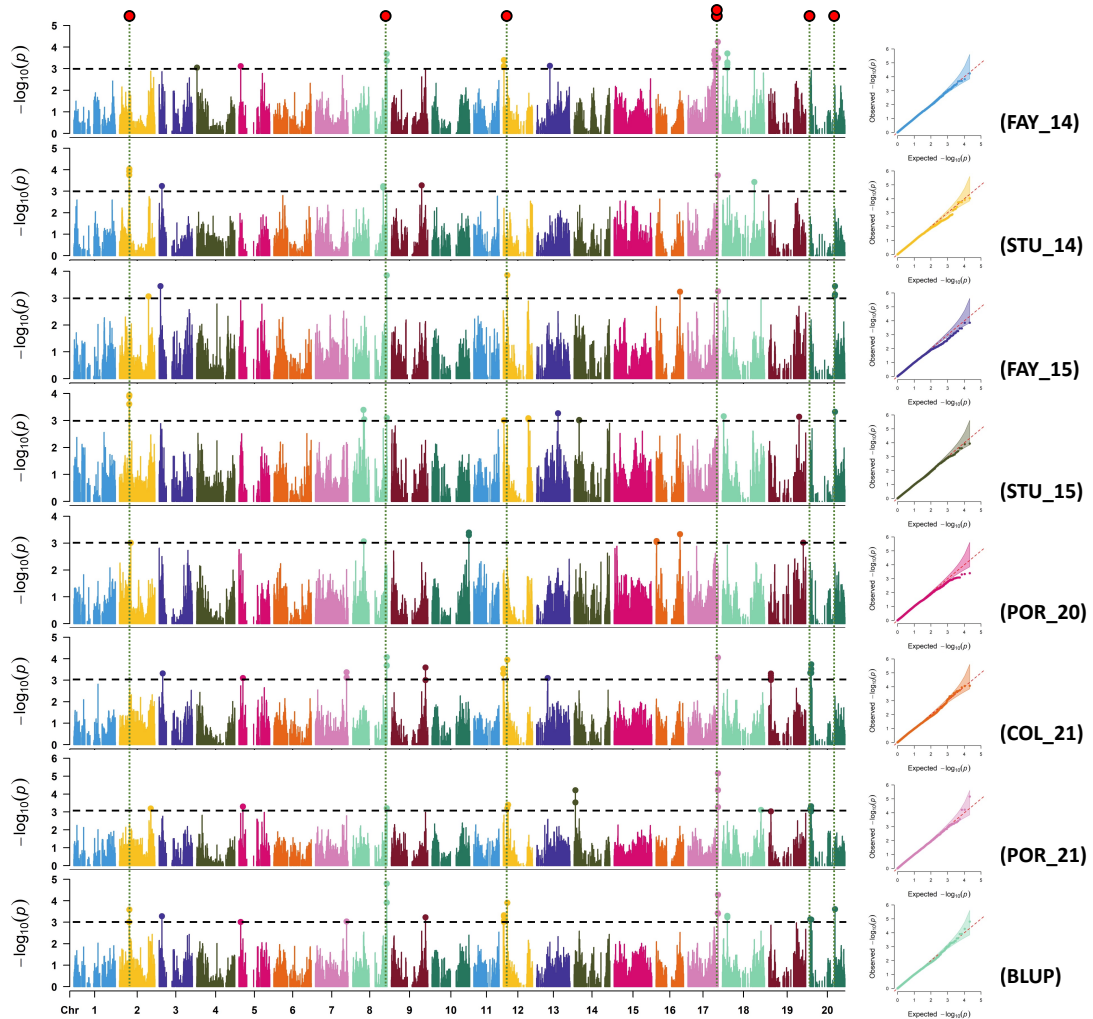
**Table 5.** The list of promising soybean germplasm resources to modify soluble carbohydrate profiles for human and animal uses.

Name	Maturity Group	Origin	Sucrose <sup>1</sup>	Stachyose <sup>1</sup>	Protein <sup>2</sup>	Seed size <sup>2</sup>
			Mean $\pm$ SD <sup>3</sup> (%)			(g/100 seeds)
PI 506530	VI	Japan	8.8 $\pm$ 0.6	4.1 $\pm$ 0.5	40.6 $\pm$ 1.7	26.0 $\pm$ 3.9
PI 506903	IV	Japan	8.6 $\pm$ 0.4	3.9 $\pm$ 0.4	40.9 $\pm$ 1.9	32.6 $\pm$ 1.7
PI 506937	IV	Japan	8.2 $\pm$ 0.5	3.5 $\pm$ 0.7	36.7 $\pm$ 1.6	28.7 $\pm$ 2.5
PI 229343	IV	Japan	8.0 $\pm$ 0.6	4.0 $\pm$ 0.5	39.2 $\pm$ 1.7	31.5 $\pm$ 2.1
PI 507449	IV	Japan	7.9 $\pm$ 0.6	2.6 $\pm$ 0.8	46.0 $\pm$ 1.8	26.8 $\pm$ 2.2
PI 507438	VI	Japan	7.8 $\pm$ 0.7	3.8 $\pm$ 0.8	40.1 $\pm$ 2.1	28.7 $\pm$ 2.6
PI 398925	VI	South Korea	7.8 $\pm$ 0.7	5.1 $\pm$ 0.4	42.1 $\pm$ 1.8	23.1 $\pm$ 1.9
PI 536547 B	III	Taiwan	7.8 $\pm$ 0.5	1.9 $\pm$ 0.5	43.4 $\pm$ 1.4	29.7 $\pm$ 3.1
PI 506593	VI	Japan	7.7 $\pm$ 0.9	4.8 $\pm$ 0.5	41.1 $\pm$ 2.1	24.9 $\pm$ 3.5
PI 561288	IV	Taiwan	7.7 $\pm$ 0.8	2.3 $\pm$ 0.7	42.7 $\pm$ 1.0	30.3 $\pm$ 3.9
PI 548486	VI	Japan	7.7 $\pm$ 0.7	5.0 $\pm$ 0.6	42.2 $\pm$ 2.5	28.2 $\pm$ 2.5
PI 416892	III	Japan	7.7 $\pm$ 0.6	3.8 $\pm$ 0.6	44.9 $\pm$ 1.4	32.8 $\pm$ 2.9
PI 507523	III	Japan	7.7 $\pm$ 0.6	2.5 $\pm$ 0.5	46.3 $\pm$ 1.0	31.4 $\pm$ 2.1
PI 549065	IV	Japan	7.7 $\pm$ 0.5	2.1 $\pm$ 0.5	43.0 $\pm$ 1.2	33.7 $\pm$ 3.3
PI 424590 A	IV	South Korea	7.6 $\pm$ 0.5	3.8 $\pm$ 0.7	38.9 $\pm$ 1.2	27.4 $\pm$ 1.3
PI 561292 B	IV	Taiwan	7.2 $\pm$ 0.5	2.2 $\pm$ 1.0	42.7 $\pm$ 1.0	33.0 $\pm$ 3.2
PI 507273	III	Japan	6.9 $\pm$ 0.6	2.5 $\pm$ 0.7	40.7 $\pm$ 1.2	23.1 $\pm$ 1.6
PI 506801 B	III	Japan	6.8 $\pm$ 0.7	2.3 $\pm$ 0.7	43.2 $\pm$ 1.5	28.0 $\pm$ 0.9
PI 507487	III	Japan	6.8 $\pm$ 0.6	2.4 $\pm$ 0.6	43.4 $\pm$ 1.5	28.7 $\pm$ 2.1
PI 196162	III	Japan	6.8 $\pm$ 0.3	2.5 $\pm$ 0.5	42.7 $\pm$ 0.6	25.2 $\pm$ 1.2
PI 506800 A	III	Japan	6.7 $\pm$ 0.6	1.8 $\pm$ 0.4	45.3 $\pm$ 1.1	29.8 $\pm$ 0.8
PI 506800 B	III	Japan	6.6 $\pm$ 0.5	2.1 $\pm$ 0.6	43.8 $\pm$ 1.2	29.2 $\pm$ 1.4
PI 506799	III	Japan	6.4 $\pm$ 0.7	2.2 $\pm$ 0.7	44.1 $\pm$ 1.4	28.1 $\pm$ 1.2
PI 506801 A	III	Japan	5.5 $\pm$ 0.5	2.1 $\pm$ 0.5	45.4 $\pm$ 1.2	26.2 $\pm$ 0.9

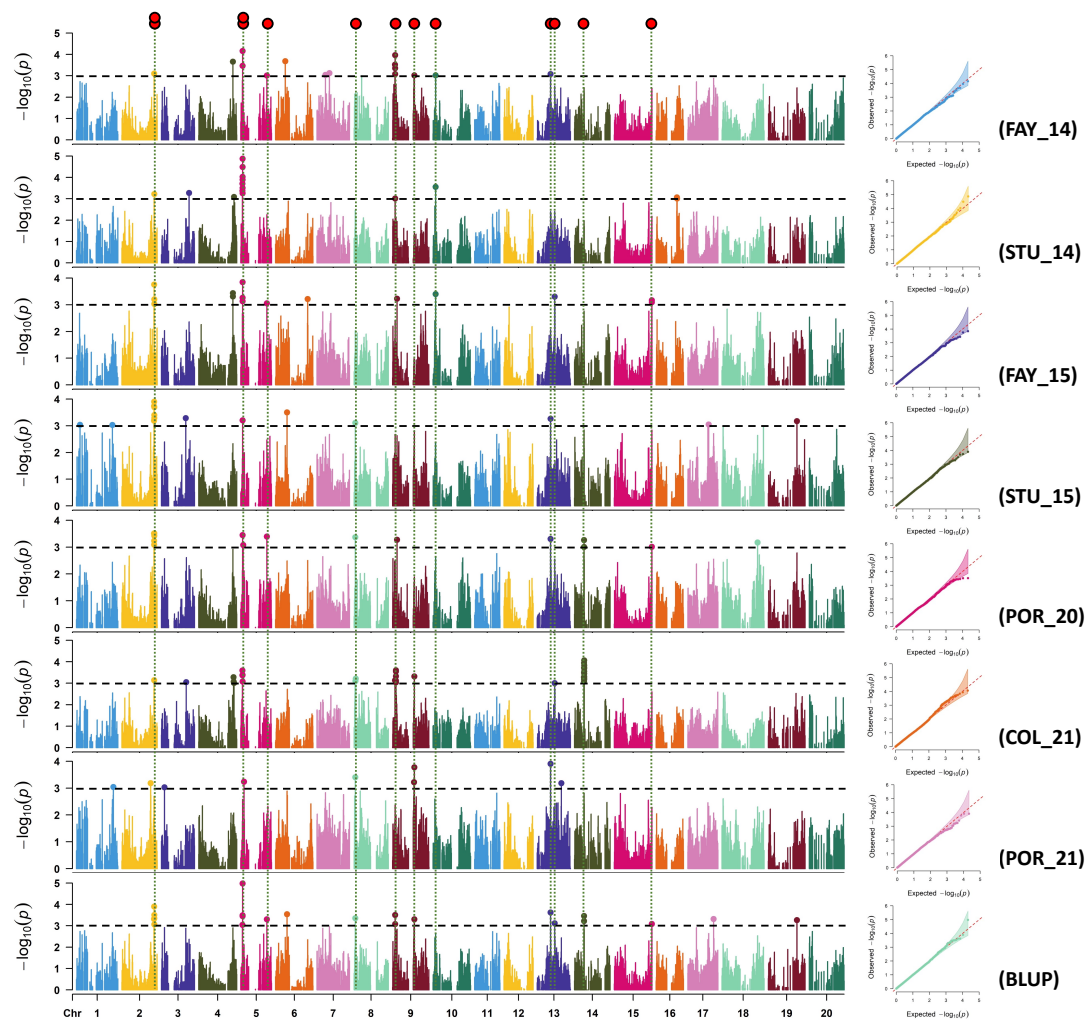
<sup>1</sup>Traits evaluated across all locations (FAY\_14, STU\_14, FAY\_15, STU\_15, POR\_20, COL\_21, and POR\_21). <sup>2</sup>Traits evaluated only across limited locations (FAY\_14, STU\_14, FAY\_15, and STU\_15). <sup>3</sup>Standard deviation.



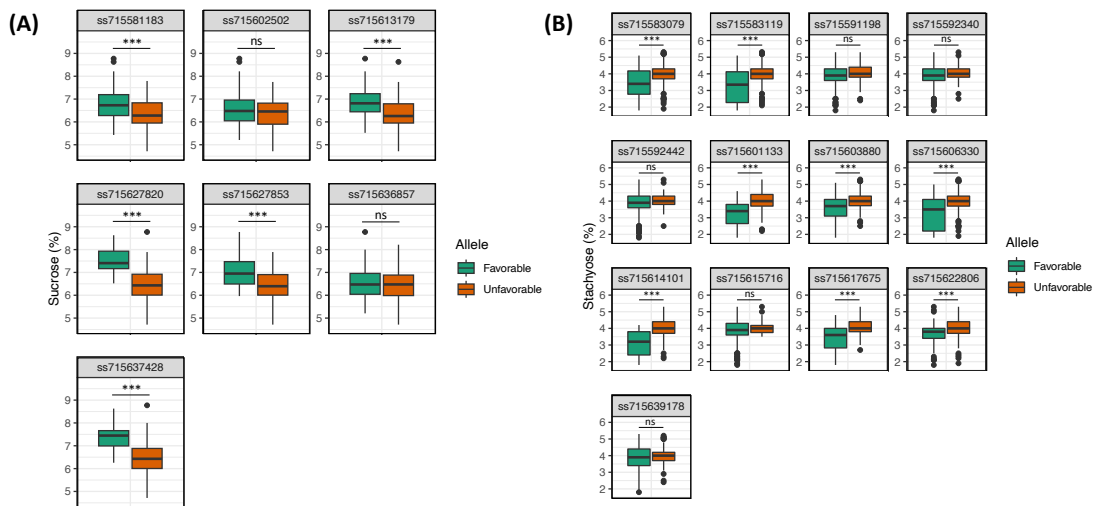
**Figure 1.** Kinship and population structure analysis of 220 soybean accessions. (A) Kinship matrix visualized in the heat map. (B) PCA plot of the 220 soybean accessions. (C) The optimal number of subpopulations (K) in the accession panel.



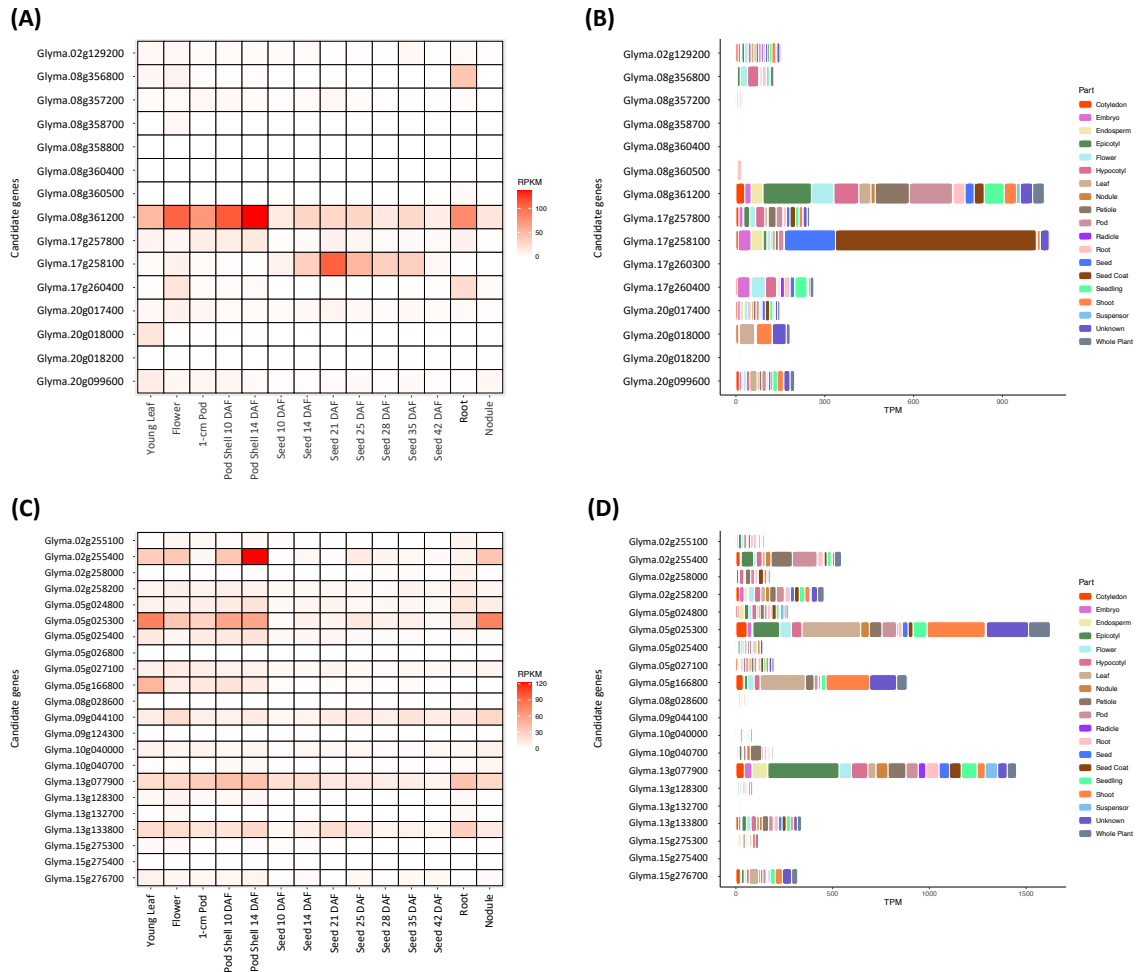
**Figure 2.** Manhattan and quantile-quantile plots of sucrose for FAY\_14 (Fayetteville in 2014), STU\_14 (Stuttgart in 2014), FAY\_15 (Fayetteville in 2015), STU\_15 (Stuttgart in 2015), POR\_20 (Portageville in 2020), COL\_21 (Columbia in 2021), POR\_21 (Portageville in 2021), and BLUP (across seven environments, an additional environment). SNP markers detected in three or more environments were considered significant SNPs using GWAS threshold  $-\log_{10}(P) > 3$  (red dots on the top).



**Figure 3.** Manhattan and quantile-quantile plots of stachyose for FAY\_14 (Fayetteville in 2014), STU\_14 (Stuttgart in 2014), FAY\_15 (Fayetteville in 2015), STU\_15 (Stuttgart in 2015), POR\_20 (Portageville in 2020), COL\_21 (Columbia in 2021), POR\_21 (Portageville in 2021), and BLUP (across seven environments, an additional environment). SNP markers detected in three or more environments were considered significant SNPs using GWAS threshold  $-\log_{10}(P) > 3$  (red dots on the top).



**Figure 4.** Allelic effect of significant SNPs for sucrose (A) and stachyose (B) content using mean values of favorable and unfavorable alleles across seven environments. The allele conferring higher sucrose content was designated a favorable allele, while the allele conferring lower stachyose content was designated a favorable allele. ns, no significant; \*, significant level  $p < 0.05$ ; \*\*, significant level  $p < 0.01$ ; and \*\*\*, significant level  $p < 0.001$ .



**Figure 5.** Gene expression levels of the potential candidate genes in 14 different tissues and 19 parts of soybean plant for sucrose content (A and B, respectively) and stachyose content (C and D, respectively). The raw gene expression counts were normalized using a Reads Per Kilobase of transcript per Million mapped reads (RPKM) and a Transcripts Per Million (TPM) method.

## CHAPTER 3

Discovery of novel variants for sucrose content via QTL mapping and whole-genome sequencing analysis in soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.]

## ABSTRACT

Sucrose in soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] is nutritionally valuable for animal feed efficiency and plays a vital role in the sweetness of soy products. In this study, two recombinant inbred line (RIL) populations derived from the same donor parent, PI 506593, were used for quantitative trait loci (QTL) analysis employing BARCSoySNP6K Illumina Infinium BeadChips for seed sucrose content across three growing environments. Whole-genome sequencing (WGS) analysis based on two reference genome assemblies, Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1, was implemented to discover novel variants in candidate genes. The analysis identified 11 sucrose-related QTL regions on chromosomes (Chrs.) 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 13. Among them, four QTL (*qSUC\_08.1*, *qSUC\_08.2*, *qSUC\_08.3*, and *qSUC\_08.4*) were clustered on Chr. 8 based on Wm82.a2.v1. We considered this cluster a major QTL region conferring high sucrose content in PI 506593. Within the major QTL region, 44 candidate genes with unique variants present only in PI 506593 were found based on WGS analysis using Wm82.a2.v1 genome assembly. A subsequent WGS analysis using Wm82.a5.v1 genome assembly confirmed that only 31 candidate genes overlapped between Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1. GO enrichment analysis and functional annotations were further investigated for the 31 candidate genes. Three genes, *Glyma.08g294300*, *Glyma.08g297000*, and *Glyma.08g300400*, were identified to be responsible for sucrose metabolism-related enzymes, including galactosyltransferase, the regulation of the carbohydrate metabolic process, and glycosyltransferase, respectively. The novel variants of candidate genes identified in this study will provide new genetic resources to improve seed sucrose content for animal feed and human consumption.

## INTRODUCTION

Soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] is the leading protein meal source, accounting for 70.7% (244 million metric tons) of global protein meal consumption, followed by rapeseed (*Brassica napus* L.) (12.1%) in 2022 (<http://soystats.com>). Soybean meal is primarily used to feed non-ruminant animals, such as poultry and swine, as a main source of high-quality protein in feed formulations (Pope et al., 2023). Soybean meal meets three fundamental requirements in animal feeding programs, which are 1) having one or more essential nutrients; 2) being available to meet the demand of regular usage on a large scale; and 3) being cost-effective to use (Dozier and Hess, 2011). In addition to protein, soluble carbohydrates are another vital component in animal feed regarding metabolizable energy (ME) efficiency. Soybean seeds generally contain up to 15% soluble carbohydrates on a dry-weight basis (Feng et al., 2005). The three main components consisting of soluble carbohydrates are sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose, of which sucrose normally accounts for the largest portion of soluble carbohydrates in cultivated soybean seeds (Sui et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2023a).

Among soluble carbohydrates in soybean, sucrose is the only nutritionally beneficial component, which is readily digestible by non-ruminant animals and turns into the source of ME (Parsons et al., 2000; John, 2008; Jo et al., 2018; Wang et al., 2023a). Animal feeding programs recommend feed formulations with high sucrose content because sucrose has a significantly higher ME value (3,900 kcal/kg) than starch (2,918 - 3,396 kcal/kg) (John, 2008; Ostezan et al., 2023). Additionally, as the global vegetarian population has been increasing in recent decades, soy products have garnered popularity as a substitute for meat protein in vegetarian diets (Simeone et al., 2022; Wang et al., 2023b). Sucrose is a pivotal contributor to natural sweetness in soy food products, such as

edamame, miso, natto, tofu, and soymilk (Rosset et al., 2012; Sui et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2023a). In addition, the various health benefits of soy products have been well-studied in public health and functional food science, which include maintaining bone health and preventing heart disease, osteoporosis, and some cancers (Messina and Messina, 2010; Lee et al., 2019a; Chuang et al., 2021). Therefore, developing high sucrose soybean cultivars has been targeted in breeding programs for animal feed efficiency and natural sweetness to satisfy customers' preference for soy products.

Quantitative trait loci (QTL) mapping strategies have been widely used to identify genomic regions governing complex quantitative traits (Rani et al., 2023). Compared to protein and oil, sucrose content has garnered relatively less attention from soybean breeders. To date, 248 protein-related and 322 oil-related QTL have been reported from bi-parental QTL mapping studies. However, only 37 QTL for sucrose have been reported in Soybase (Soybase.org. Accessed on December 19, 2023). Maughan et al. (2000) first reported 17 sucrose-related QTL on chromosomes (Chrs.) 5, 7, 8, 13, 15, 19, and 20 using an interspecific cross between a large-seeded breeding line and a wild soybean (*G. soja*) line. Kim et al. (2005, 2006) identified a total of 17 sucrose-related QTL on Chrs. 2, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 19 using two  $F_{2:10}$  recombinant inbred line (RIL) populations sharing the same high sucrose donor line (Keunolkong). A major QTL for sucrose was identified on Chr. 11 in V99-5089, derived from a cross between V71-370 and PI 87013 (Saghai Maroof and Buss, 2008). Skoneczka et al. (2009) used two  $F_{2:3}$  populations to identify another major QTL on Chr. 6 for high sucrose, which was derived from PI 200508. Later, three sucrose-related QTL on Chrs. 7, 11, and 20 were identified by Wang et al. (2014), of which QTL on Chr. 11 was the same QTL that Saghai Maroof and Buss (2008) previously identified.

Zeng et al. (2014) identified three sucrose-related QTL on Chrs. 5, 9, and 16. There have been more QTL mapping studies conducted for sucrose content in soybean seeds using different donor parents and larger marker datasets (Akond et al., 2015; Lee et al., 2016; Patil et al., 2018; Salari et al., 2021; Knizia et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023).

However, only a few variants and genes for high sucrose content have been successfully employed in soybean breeding programs. A three-base pair deletion leading to an amino acid deletion (*rs2W331-*) and a missense mutation (*rs2T107I*) in raffinose synthase 2 (RS2, *Glyma.06g179200*, Wm82.a2.v1) coding regions were responsible for increased sucrose and reduced raffinose and stachyose content (Kerr and Sebastian, 2000; Dierking and Bilyeu, 2008, 2009; Skoneczka et al., 2009). Although mutations in RS3 (*Glyma.05g003900*, Wm82.a2.v1) (*rs3snp5/rs3snp6*) alone did not increase the sucrose content, the combination of the RS2 and RS3 mutations significantly increases sucrose content (Jo et al., 2018; Thapa et al., 2019; Hagely et al., 2020). A natural mutation in the D-myo-inositol 3-phosphate synthase 1 (MIPS1) gene (*Glyma.11g238800*, Wm82.a2.v1) derived from V99-5089 was associated with elevated sucrose content and significantly reduced raffinose and stachyose content in soybean (Saghai Maroof and Buss, 2008; Rosso et al., 2011).

Recently, a new high-quality reference genome sequence of Williams 82 (Wm82.a5.v1) was developed using the combination of PacBio HiFi sequencing and Bionano optical mapping (Garg et al., 2023). The Wm82.a5.v1 genome assembly conveys much smaller gaps and scaffold breaks compared to previous versions, such as Wm82.a1.v1.1 (Schmutz et al., 2010), Wm82.a2.v1 (Song et al., 2016), and Wm82.a4.v1 (Valliyodan et al., 2019). The previous reference genome assemblies contained 56,691 gaps

(42.29 Mbp), whereas Wm82.a5.v1 assembly is near gapless (only 14.25 Kbp gaps across the genome), of which ten chromosomes were completely reconstructed without any gaps (Garg et al., 2023). The most recent reference genome sequence data will provide a robust and accurate understanding of the genetic architecture underlying complex quantitative traits of interest.

In this study, a high sucrose germplasm, PI 506593, was crossed with two low sucrose breeding lines, S16-14161 and S16-11651, to develop two bi-parental RIL mapping populations. The populations were evaluated in three field environments to identify sucrose-related QTL using the BARCSoySNP6K Illumina Infinium BeadChips. Furthermore, we compared whole-genome sequence (WGS) data of parental lines aligned to Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1 to identify candidate genes with unique SNP and Indel variants in PI 506593. This study provides valuable information on reliable QTL, candidate genes, and novel variants controlling sucrose content in soybean for improving seed compositional properties for animal feed and human consumption.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

### ***Plant materials***

PI 506593 was selected from the genome-wide association study panel used in Lee et al. (2023) based on the high and stable sucrose content across multiple environments. PI 506593 is a high-sucrose large-seeded (32g 100 seeds<sup>-1</sup>) maturity group VI soybean line originating from Japan (<https://www.ars-grin.gov/>). Two high-yielding low-sucrose lines, S16-14161 and S16-11651 (Chen et al., 2022), developed by the University of Missouri – Fisher Delta Research, Extension, and Education Center (FDREEC), were used to cross with PI 506593.

The crosses of S16-14161 × PI 506593 and S16-11651 × PI 506593 were made in the summer of 2019 at the FDREEC in Portageville, MO, USA. The F<sub>1</sub> and F<sub>2</sub> generations were grown in the East Campus Plant Growth Facility, the University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, USA, and harvested in October 2020. The F<sub>3</sub> and F<sub>4</sub> generations were grown in the soybean winter nursery in Costa Rica until mid-June 2021. Seed generations were advanced using the single-seed descent method. A total of 140 and 207 F<sub>4:5</sub> RILs constituted two mapping populations, named P593\_RIL1 (S16-14161 × PI 506593) and P593\_RIL2 (S16-11651 × PI 506593), respectively, and were subsequently employed for QTL analysis.

### ***Field experiments***

The two RIL populations and the parental lines were evaluated for sucrose content in three field environments. It included the FDREEC, Portageville, MO, USA (36.42 °N 89.70 °W) in 2021 and 2022 (FDREEC\_21 and FDREEC\_22, respectively) and the Bradford Research and Extension Center (BREC), the University of Missouri, Columbia,

MO, USA (38.89 °N 92.19 °W) in 2022 (BREC\_22). Ten seeds of each RIL and parental lines were planted in 75 cm wide rows in hill plots spaced 30 cm apart at the FDREEC and 60 cm apart at the BREC in a randomized complete block design (RCBD) with two replications. Seeds were harvested at maturity for sucrose quantification.

### ***Phenotyping for sucrose content***

The F<sub>5.6</sub> and F<sub>6.7</sub> RIL populations harvested in 2021 and 2022, respectively, were phenotyped for sucrose content. Ten intact soybean seeds (fully matured, spotless, and no damage) were sampled from each plot and used to quantify sucrose content using the established High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC) protocol described by Valliyodan et al. (2015) with minor modifications. Briefly, a powder sample was obtained by grinding seed samples with Thomas Wiley Mini-Mill (Arthur Thomas Co., Chadds Ford, PA, USA) fitted with a 20-mesh screen. The samples were lyophilized for two days using a Labconco freeze-dry system (Labconco, Kansas City, MO, USA). HPLC-grade water of 900 µL was added to 90.25 (± 0.15) mg of each lyophilized sample in a 2 mL centrifuge tube. After incubating tubes at 55°C with 200 rpm agitation for an hour, the tubes were vortexed for 30 seconds. After 20 minutes under room temperature, 900 µL HPLC-grade acetonitrile was added to each tube. Then, the suspension was centrifuged for 30 minutes at a  $14.0 \times 1000 \text{ min}^{-1} \times g$  speed. The supernatant was diluted five times using 65% HPLC-grade acetonitrile to prepare the final samples. The Agilent HPLC-ELSD (Evaporative Light Scattering Detection) 120 series (Agilent, Santa Clara, CA, USA), equipped with the Prevail Carbohydrate ES columns (5 µm 250 × 4.6 mm) and guard columns (7.5 × 4.6 mm) (Grace Davison Discovery Sciences, Deerfield, IL, USA) were used to quantify sucrose

content. The calibration curves were generated using the standard mixtures prepared in HPLC-grade water with 50, 100, 300, 500, and 1000 µg/mL concentrations.

### ***Genotypic data***

The genomic DNA of the F<sub>5:6</sub> RIL populations and parental lines were isolated from the youngest trifoliolate leaves using an established cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB) protocol with minor modifications as previously described (Vuong et al., 2010). Marker genotyping was performed in the Soybean Genomics and Improvement Laboratory, USDA-ARS, Beltsville, MD, using the BARCSoySNP6K Illumina Infinium BeadChips (Illumina Inc., San Diego, CA, USA) (Song et al., 2020). The SNP alleles were called using the Genotyping Module 2.0 in GenomeStudio software (<https://www.illumina.com/>). The physical positions of SNP markers were aligned to Wm82.a2.v1. The WGS data of parental lines were generated using the Illumina NovaSeq PE150 platform at a depth of 30× by Novogene Corporation Inc. (Sacramento, CA, USA). Sequencing libraries with an insert size of ~350 bp were constructed incorporating the standard protocol.

### ***Whole-genome sequence data processing***

The raw Illumina reads were trimmed using Trimmomatic version 0.39 with the following parameters: ILLUMINACLIP:~/Trimmomatic-0.39/adapters/TruSeq\_Adapters.fa:2:30:10 LEADING:10 TRAILING:10 SLIDINGWINDOW:5:20 MINLEN:50 (Bolger et al., 2014). The clean data were aligned to two reference genome assemblies, Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1, using the BWA-MEM command (Li and Durbin, 2009). The genome assemblies and annotation files of

Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1 were obtained from Soybase (<https://www.soybase.org/>) and Garg et al. (2023), respectively. The SAM files were converted to sorted BAM files using the SortSam (parameter: SORT\_ORDER=coordinate) and MarkDuplicates (parameter: VALIDATION\_STRINGENCY=SILENT SORTING\_COLLECTION\_SIZE\_RATIO=0.15) modules of the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) (McKenna et al., 2010). Variant calling was performed using the HaplotypeCaller module. SNP variants and Indels were called using the SelectVariants module in GATK. Variant filtering was performed using the VariantFiltration module to apply stringent filtering to sites with a quality depth (QD) < 2, fisher strand (FS) > 60, mapping quality (MQ) < 40, strand odds ratio (SOR) > 4, mapping quality rank sum (MQRankSum) < -12.5, and read position rank sum (ReadPosRankSum) < -8 for SNPs, and QD < 2, FS > 200, and SOR > 10 for Indels. Variants were annotated using the ANNOVAR tool (Wang et al., 2010). The liftover file containing corresponding gene IDs and their physical positions between Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1 was graciously provided by Dr. Aamir Khan, the co-inventor of Wm82.a5.v1 (Garg et al., 2023).

### ***Genetic map construction and QTL analysis***

A genetic linkage map was constructed for each population using JoinMap version 5.0 software (Van Ooijen, 2018). A logarithm of the odds (LOD) score from 2 to 15 was used to cluster linkage groups. Regression mapping was set for the mapping algorithm, and map distances were calculated using Kosambi's mapping function. QTL analysis was carried out using MapQTL version 6.0 software based on a genetic linkage map, SNP alleles, and phenotypic data (Van Ooijen, 2009). Successive procedures, including interval

mapping (IM), automatic cofactor selection (ACS), and multi-QTL method (MQM), were performed for QTL analysis. The genome-wide LOD threshold was determined using a 1,000 permutation test at the 0.05 probability level of significance, of which the LOD threshold was 3.2 for both populations in this study. The QTL identified in this study were named according to the following rule: *qSUC*\_chromosome.QTL number.

### ***Candidate gene identification***

Among all genes harbored in QTL identified, candidate genes with nonsynonymous SNP and Indel mutations present only in PI 506593 were initially screened using WGS data aligned to Wm82.a2.v1. The WGS data aligned to Wm82.a5.v1 were further used to confirm the presence of mutations in candidate genes. Subsequently, the candidate gene list was narrowed down based on the functional annotations related to sucrose metabolism using Phytozome and Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment analysis. Nucleotide and amino sequences of the final candidate genes of parental lines were compared based on Wm82.a5.v1 using the Jalview version 2.11.3.2 (Waterhouse et al., 2009).

### ***Statistical analysis***

The broad-sense heritability ( $H^2$ ) was calculated using the *H2cal* function in the *inti* R package (<https://rdrr.io/cran/inti/src/R/H2cal.R>). Analysis of variance (ANOVA) was conducted using the PROC MIXED procedure of SAS software version 9.4 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC, USA). Genotype was used as a fixed effect, and Environment, Genotype × Environment interaction, and replication were used as random effects.

## RESULTS

### *Phenotypic variations of sucrose content in two RIL populations*

The sucrose contents of two RIL populations (P593\_RIL1 and P593\_RIL2) across three environments are shown in Table 1. In the P593\_RIL1, sucrose content showed transgressive segregations with a normal distribution (Shapiro-Wilk value from 0.988 to 0.992) in all environments (Table 1). PI 506593 consistently showed higher sucrose content (8.2%) than S16-14161 (5.5%) across environments. P593\_RIL1 had the highest sucrose content in BREC\_22 (8.3%) and the lowest in FDREEC\_21 (6.9%). The coefficient of variation (CV) ranged from 10.4% to 12.9%, and the broad-sense heritability was 0.83. Similarly, the sucrose content of P593\_RIL2 showed normal distributions (Shapiro-Wilk value from 0.975 to 0.996) and transgressive segregations in all environments (Table 1). Also, PI 506593 consistently showed higher sucrose content (8.2%) than S16-11651 (6.5%) in P593\_RIL2 across environments. The sucrose content of P593\_RIL2 also varied across environments, following a similar trend as P593\_RIL1, with the highest mean sucrose content observed in BREC\_22 (7.8%) and the lowest in FDREEC\_21 (6.6%). The CV ranged from 10.0% to 12.6%, and the broad-sense heritability was 0.84. The ANOVA showed that the effects of all factors were significant except the genotype  $\times$  environment interaction effect in P593\_RIL1 (Supplementary Table 1).

### *Genetic linkage map for P593\_RIL1 and P593\_RIL2*

Among 6,000 markers from the BARCSoySNP6K BeadChips, 1,440 (24%) and 600 (10%) markers were polymorphic between the two parents of the P593\_RIL1 (S16-14161  $\times$  PI 506593) and P593\_RIL2 (S16-11651  $\times$  PI 506593), respectively (Table 2). The

polymorphic markers were anchored into 20 chromosomes of the integrated genetic map with a total genetic distance of 2,422.4 cM in the P593\_RIL1 and 2,695.2 cM in the P593\_RIL2. In the P593\_RIL1, the total distance of each chromosome ranged from 74.9 cM (Chr. 7) to 187.5 cM (Chr. 13), and the genetic interval between two neighboring markers averaged from 1.3 cM to 2.6 cM, with an average of 1.7 cM. In the P593\_RIL2, the total distance of each chromosome ranged from 54.2 cM (Chr. 7) to 217.1 cM (Chr. 2), and the average genetic interval between two neighboring markers varied from 2.0 cM to 15.5 cM, with an average of 5.2 cM.

#### ***Identification of QTL associated with sucrose content***

Analyses of the two mapping populations identified 11 sucrose-related QTL on Chrs. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 13 (Table 3). In the P593\_RIL1, six QTL were identified on Chrs. 6 (*qSUC\_06.1* and *qSUC\_06.2*), 8 (*qSUC\_08.1* and *qSUC\_08.2*), 10 (*qSUC\_10.1*), and 13 (*qSUC\_13.1*) and explained 9.1 – 14.9% of the phenotypic variation (Table 3). Among them, *qSUC\_08.1* and *qSUC\_06.1* had the highest LOD values of 5.9 and 5.3 in the FDREEC\_21 and FDREEC\_22, respectively. Only one QTL (*qSUC\_06.2*) was detected with a LOD value of 4.1 in BREEC\_22. The additive effects of each QTL ranged from -0.4 to -0.3, indicating that high sucrose-related alleles were inherited from the donor parent, PI 506593.

In the P593\_RIL2, five QTL were mapped on Chrs. 4 (*qSUC\_04.1*), 5 (*qSUC\_05.1*), 8 (*qSUC\_08.3* and *qSUC\_08.4*), and 13 (*qSUC\_13.2*) and explained 5.5 – 19.7% of the phenotypic variation (Table 3). Among them, *qSUC\_08.3* and *qSUC\_08.4* showed the highest LOD values of 12.1 and 3.8 in FDREEC\_21 and BREEC\_22, respectively, while

*qSUC\_08.4* was the only QTL detected in FDREEC\_22 with a LOD value of 5.3. Similar to the P593\_RIL1, the additive effects of each QTL varied from -0.4 to -0.2, indicating that PI 506593 positively contributed to an increase in sucrose content in the P593\_RIL2. QTL analysis of two populations consistently pinpointed a QTL region on Chr. 8 harboring four QTL (*qSUC\_08.1*, *qSUC\_08.2*, *qSUC\_08.3*, and *qSUC\_08.4*) at the physical interval of 40,597,410 – 42,861,364 bp across all environments (except BREC\_22 in the P593\_RIL1) (Table 3). We considered this region a major QTL conferring high sucrose content in PI 506593 for candidate gene identification.

### ***Candidate gene identification***

Based on Wm82.a2.v1, 175 genes were identified in the major QTL region on Chr. 8. Among these, 44 genes carried 85 nonsynonymous SNPs and 11 Indels that were only present in PI 506593 (Supplementary Tables 2 and 3). The subsequent WGS analysis based on Wm82.a5.v1 revealed that 31 candidate genes overlapped between two genome assemblies, while 13 genes on Wm82.a2.v1 were not found on Wm82.a5.v1. (Figure 1; Supplementary Tables 4 and 5). Based on functional annotations obtained from GO enrichment analysis and Phytozome, three candidate genes, *Glyma.08g294300*, *Glyma.08g297000*, and *Glyma.08g300400*, were responsible for galactosyltransferase, the regulation of carbohydrate metabolic process, and glycosyltransferase activity, respectively, which are closely related to sucrose metabolism (Figure 1; Table 4).

### ***Novel variants of candidate genes***

Based on Wm82.a2.v1, the physical position of *Glyma.08g294300* was from 40,953,540 to 40,957,782 bp (4,243 bp length) on Chr. 8 with seven exons (Figure 2A; Table 4). The sequence alignment between parental lines showed a nonsynonymous SNP substitution from cytosine to adenine (C to A) located at 40,956,342 bp on exon 5 in PI 506593 on Wm82.a2.v1 (Figure 2A). After liftover, the corresponding gene, *Gm\_Wm82\_23224*, was at the physical position of 43,407,555 – 43,415,567 bp (8,013 bp length) with ten exons on Wm82.a5.v1 (Figure 2B; Table 4). Although there was a difference in the number of exons, the identical nonsynonymous SNP substitution (C to A) was still present at 43,410,052 bp on exon 5 of PI 506593 on Wm82.a5.v1 (Figure 2B). This SNP mutation (C1618A) led to one amino acid change at the position of 540 from leucine to isoleucine (L540I) (Figure 2C).

*Glyma.08g297000* was located at the physical position of 41,326,371 – 41,329,183 bp (2,813 bp length) on Chr. 8 with eight exons on Wm82.a2.v1 (Figure 3A; Table 4). A nonsynonymous SNP substitution from adenine to cytosine (A to C) was identified at 41,328,845 bp on exon 8 in PI 506593 on Wm82.a2.v1 (Figure 3A). The corresponding gene on Wm82.a5.v1 was *Gm\_Wm82\_23251*, located at the physical position of 43,779,198 – 43,781,761 bp (2,564 bp length) on Chr. 8 (Table 4). The number of exons were same between *Glyma.08g297000* and *Gm\_Wm82\_23251* (Figure 3B). Furthermore, the identical nonsynonymous SNP mutation (A to C) was present at 43,781,623 bp on exon 8 in PI 506593 on Wm82.a5.v1. This SNP mutation (A1066C) led to one amino acid change at the position of 362 from glutamic acid to aspartic acid (E362D) (Figure 3C).

Based on Wm82.a2.v1, *Glyma.08g300400* was located at the physical position of 41,830,891 – 41,843,406 bp (12,516 bp length) on Chr. 8 with seven exons included

(Figure 4A; Table 4). A nonsynonymous SNP substitution from guanine to adenine (G to A) was identified at 41,838,405 bp on exon 2 in PI 506593 on Wm82.a2.v1 (Figure 4A). The Wm82.a5.v1 corresponding gene was *Gm\_Wm82\_23285*, located at 44,278,415 – 44,283,458 bp (5,044 bp length) with nine exons included (Figure 4B; Table 4). Although the number of exons differed, the identical nonsynonymous SNP substitution (G to A) was found at 44,292,981 bp in exon 2 in Wm82.a5.v1 (Figure 4B). This SNP mutation (G334A) led to one amino acid change at the position of 112 from valine to methionine (V112M) (Figure 4C).

## DISCUSSION

Similar to other seed composition traits in soybean, sucrose content fluctuates due to various environmental factors, such as temperature, precipitation, and air and soil humidity, that affect plant growth, flowering period, and seed development (Tarumingkeng and Coto, 2003; Jo et al., 2018; Lee et al., 2023; Wang et al., 2023a). In this study, the average sucrose content was the highest in BREC\_22 and the lowest in FDREEC\_21 (Table 1). Although many studies elucidated a reversed correlation between temperature and sucrose content (the lower temperature induces the higher sucrose) during pod-filling stages, our study did not thoroughly follow this trend. From late September to October, however, the average temperature of BREC\_22 was the lowest at 15.2°C, while FDREEC\_21 had the highest temperature of 17.8°C based on the weather data from nearby weather stations (<https://www.wunderground.com/>). This observation suggests that the sucrose content of soybean may be more sensitive to lower temperatures during the late reproductive stages (R6 – R7) than during the early pod-filling stages (R3 – R5). Soil moisture is another important environmental factor affecting the sucrose content, although the correlation remains to be clarified (Wijewardana et al., 2019; Du et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2021). We utilized the dew point temperature to determine a correlation between soil moisture and sucrose content in this study. The dew point temperature provides an actual amount of water vapor in the air and positively correlates with soil moisture content (Leelamanie, 2010). In this study, the sucrose content was negatively correlated with the dew point temperature during the pod-filling stages, indicating that lower soil moisture levels induced more sucrose content. This result was consistent with previous studies

showing the negative correlation between soil moisture and sucrose content in soybean (Du et al., 2020; Wang et al., 2023a).

A total of 11 QTL on Chrs. 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, and 13 were identified in two populations across three environments (Table 3). Four QTL (*qSUC\_08.1*, *qSUC\_08.2*, *qSUC\_08.3*, and *qSUC\_08.4*) on Chr. 8 were detected across environments except BREC\_22 in P593\_RIL1, of which *qSUC\_08.4* was detected in both FDREEC\_22 and BREC\_22 (Table 3). Since two populations shared the same donor parent, a genomic region harboring these four QTL on Chr. 8 was considered a major QTL region (the physical interval of 40,597,410 – 42,861,364 bp, Wm82.a2.v1) that underlies the high sucrose trait in PI 506593. This major QTL region was located near the QTL (43,602,528 - 43,670,249 bp) previously identified by Lee et al. (2016) using a population derived from a cross of Keunolkong × Iksan 10 (Supplementary Table 6). However, they did not overlap. Other minor QTL identified on Chrs. 4, 5, 6, 10, and 13 seemed unstable and inconsistent across environments (Table 3). Two QTL, *qSUC\_06.1* and *qSUC\_06.2*, were only identified on Chr. 6 in the P593\_RIL1 at the physical intervals of 16,133,204 – 21,786,787 bp and 21,786,787 – 46,805,251 bp, respectively (Table 3). However, due to the lack of polymorphic markers on Chr. 6, the two QTL constituted more than 50% of the entire chromosome, which spans approximately 30 Mbp. Therefore, most of the QTL previously identified on Chr. 6 were located within this region (Skoneczka et al., 2009; Patil et al., 2018; Liu et al., 2023) (Supplementary Table 6). A minor QTL on Chr. 13 (*qSUC\_13.1*) identified in P593\_RIL1 was located at the physical interval of 25,268,844 – 25,927,261 bp, which was close to the QTL that Maughan et al. (2000) previously identified at the physical interval of 26,196,486 – 28,912,864 bp

(‘Sucrose 1-5’ in Soybase) (Supplementary Table 6). The other minor QTL on Chrs. 4, 5, 10, and 13 were novel (Supplementary Table 6).

In this study, the whole-genome sequencing data of the three parental lines (PI 506593, S16-14161, and S16-11651) constituting the two mapping populations were analyzed for SNP and Indel variants discovery. This genomic information allowed us to narrow down the candidate genes in sucrose-related QTL identified by a conventional bi-parental mapping analysis. Furthermore, this study was the first to employ the latest reference genome, Wm82.a5.v1 (Garg et al., 2023). To date, most of novel genomic findings in soybean research were identified and reported based on the Wm82.a2.v1 assembly version. However, in the WGS analysis, some variants identified in Wm82.a2.v1 were not found on Wm82.a5.v1 (Supplementary Tables 4 and 5). This is because most of the gaps and scaffold breaks in Wm82.a2.v1 were completed in Wm82.a5.v1. Thus, although it was an early stage of the application of Wm82.a5.v1, the comparison in the sequence of parental lines between Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1 provided robust results in identifying the novel variants of candidate genes for sucrose content.

Although only variants and candidate genes in the major QTL on Chr. 8 were fully disclosed in this study, all novel variants and candidate genes in other QTL on Chrs. 4, 5, 6, 10, and 13 were simultaneously investigated and described in Supplementary Tables 3, 4, 5, and 6. Within the major QTL on Chr. 8 of PI 506593, three nonsynonymous SNP substitutions, C1618A, A1066C, and G334A, were identified on *Glyma.08g294300*, *Glyma.08g297000*, and *Glyma.08g300400*, respectively, which are closely related to sucrose metabolism (Table 4). *Glyma.08g294300* encodes galactosyltransferase and is homologous to the *GATL4 – 6* genes, sharing 58 – 60% amino acid similarities in

*Arabidopsis thaliana*. *GALT* genes also encode the galactosyltransferase family protein in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Galactosyltransferase plays a key role in transferring galactose and regulating carbon partitioning between sucrose and raffinose in soybean seeds (Saravitz et al., 1987; Singer et al., 2023). *Glyma.08g297000* is responsible for the regulation of the carbohydrate metabolic process (GO:0006109) and response to sucrose (GO:0009744) (Table 4). Its homologous gene in *Arabidopsis thaliana* is *WR11* (*WRINKLED 1*), which encodes the transcription factor vital for the control of storage compound biosynthesis in *Arabidopsis thaliana*. Also, *WR11* is known to trigger the expression of some sugar-responsive genes (Kong et al., 2019). *Glyma.08g300400* is responsible for transferase activity, transferring glycosyl groups (GO:0016757) and establishing  $\alpha$ -1,6-glycosidic bonds. Its homologous genes in *Arabidopsis thaliana* were *AT2G02910* (73% amino acid similarity) and *AT1G34550* (59% amino acid similarity), of which both genes are known for glycosyltransferase activity based on TAIR (<https://www.arabidopsis.org/>). Given roles in carbohydrate metabolism, the novel variants in three candidate genes may block the conversion from sucrose to raffinose by disturbing the establishment of an  $\alpha$ -1,6-glycosidic bond between sucrose and galactose molecules.

Lastly, we also investigated the occurrence of these novel variants in other soybean germplasms with high sucrose content, namely PI 506937 and PI 561292B, as well as in the high-sucrose experimental lines, KB10-23 1681 0, S17-16989, and R07-2000, which carry known mutations of *rs2W331-/rs3snp6*, *rs2W331-/rs3snp6*, and *mips1*, respectively. Interestingly, the novel variants identified in this study were also found in PI 506937 and PI 561292B, while these variants were not present in KB10-23 1681 0, S17-16989, and R07-2000 (Supplementary Figure 1). It elucidates that the novel variants may be

widespread natural mutations conferring high sucrose content in soybean seeds. Future investigations, including gene transformation (overexpression or knockout) and molecular marker development, will be required to characterize the candidate genes and novel variants associated with sucrose content in soybean seeds.

## CONCLUSION

QTL analysis using two mapping populations derived from the same donor parent, PI 506593, identified a major QTL on Chr. 8 controlling sucrose content in soybean seeds. The candidate gene list was narrowed down by identifying SNP and Indel variants of candidate genes using WGS data aligned to Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1. Three novel SNP variants were found in three candidate genes, *Glyma.08g294300*, *Glyma.08g297000*, and *Glyma.08g300400* in PI 506593. The discovery of novel SNP variants will enhance breeding efficiency in high-sucrose soybean cultivars for animal feed and human consumption.

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## TABLES AND FIGURES

**Table 1.** Phenotypic variations of sucrose content in parents (P1 and P2) and two mapping populations across three environments.

Population <sup>1</sup>	Env <sup>2</sup>	P1	P2	Mean ± SD <sup>3</sup>	Range	Shapiro wilk (w)	Skewness	Kurtosis	Variance	CV (%) <sup>4</sup>	Heritability (H <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>5</sup>
P593_RIL1	FDREEC_21	4.9	7.8	6.9 ± 0.9	4.5 - 9.4	0.991	-0.01	3.02	0.89	12.9	0.83
	FDREEC_22	5.4	8.0	7.2 ± 0.9	5.3 - 10.1	0.988	0.30	3.34	0.75	10.4	
	BREC_22	6.3	8.8	8.3 ± 1.0	5.8 - 10.8	0.992	0.15	3.00	0.93	11.2	
	Mean	5.5	8.2	7.4 ± 0.8	5.1 - 9.4			-			
P593_RIL2	FDREEC_21	5.9	7.8	6.6 ± 0.9	4.4 - 9.1	0.99	0.07	2.61	0.83	12.6	0.84
	FDREEC_22	6.5	8.0	6.9 ± 0.9	3.8 - 9.5	0.996	-0.05	3.24	0.79	11.4	
	BREC_22	7.0	8.8	7.8 ± 0.9	6.1 - 10.8	0.975	0.54	3.1	0.78	10.0	
	Mean	6.5	8.2	7.1 ± 0.8	5.2 - 9.0			-			

<sup>1</sup>P593\_RIL1, a bi-parental mapping population from a cross between S16-14161 (P1) and PI 506593 (P2); P593\_RIL2, a bi-parental mapping population from a cross between S16-11651 (P1) and PI 506593 (P2). <sup>2</sup>FDREEC\_21, Fisher Delta Research Education and Extension Center in 2021; FDREEC\_22, Fisher Delta Research Education and Extension Center in 2022; BREC\_22, Bradford Research Education Center in 2022. <sup>3</sup>SD, standard deviation. <sup>4</sup>CV, the coefficient of variation. <sup>5</sup>H<sup>2</sup>, the broad sense of heritability.

**Table 2.** Distribution of SNP markers across 20 chromosomes.

Chr.	P593 RIL1			P593 RIL2		
	# Markers	Total distance (cM)	Average interval (cM)	# Markers	Total distance (cM)	Average interval (cM)
1	48	114.8	2.4	21	176.1	8.4
2	99	163.2	1.6	14	217.1	15.5
3	74	113.1	1.5	35	81.7	2.3
4	84	131.3	1.6	22	159.4	7.2
5	56	123.3	2.2	18	120.2	6.7
6	75	159.7	2.1	23	115.4	5
7	57	74.9	1.3	27	54.2	2
8	104	141.4	1.4	24	118.5	4.9
9	79	117.6	1.5	31	187.2	6
10	80	143.2	1.8	28	127.4	4.6
11	57	146.2	2.6	23	93	4
12	67	97.8	1.5	18	124.1	6.9
13	82	187.5	2.3	61	176.4	2.9
14	62	82	1.3	51	133.1	2.6
15	62	107.3	1.7	16	81	5.1
16	69	101.2	1.5	39	189.2	4.9
17	83	121.3	1.5	44	102.6	2.3
18	59	75.8	1.3	37	130	3.5
19	74	115.6	1.6	29	125.5	4.3
20	69	105.2	1.5	39	183.1	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1440</b>	<b>2,422.4</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>2,695.2</b>	<b>5.2</b>

**Table 3.** Summary of QTL associated with sucrose content in two mapping populations across three environments.

Population	Environment	QTL <sup>1</sup>	Chr <sup>2</sup>	Marker interval (cM)	Physical interval (bp)	LOD <sup>3</sup>	PVE (%) <sup>4</sup>	Add <sup>5</sup>
P593_RIL1	FDREEC_21	<i>qSUC_08.1</i>	8	112.9 - 114.8	42,146,252 - 42,532,915	5.9	14	-0.4
	FDREEC_21	<i>qSUC_10.1</i>	10	49.9 - 51.5	37,502,435 - 37,995,354	4.5	10.4	-0.3
	FDREEC_21	<i>qSUC_13.1</i>	13	71.5 - 76.7	25,268,844 - 25,927,261	4	9.3	-0.3
	FDREEC_22	<i>qSUC_06.1</i>	6	115.2 - 124.0	16,133,204 - 21,786,787	5.3	14.9	-0.3
	FDREEC_22	<i>qSUC_08.2</i>	8	114.8 - 115.9	42,532,915 - 42,861,364	3.3	9.1	-0.3
	BREC_22	<i>qSUC_06.2</i>	6	124.0 - 131.4	21,786,787 - 46,805,251	4.1	13.9	-0.4
P593_RIL2	FDREEC_21	<i>qSUC_05.1</i>	5	77.5 - 86.1	34,272,637 - 35,101,291	5.2	7.8	-0.3
	FDREEC_21	<i>qSUC_08.3</i>	8	100.8 - 103.2	40,940,261 - 41,834,095	12.1	19.7	-0.4
	FDREEC_21	<i>qSUC_13.2</i>	13	116.9 - 117.1	32,525,645 - 32,570,888	3.7	5.5	-0.2
	FDREEC_22	<i>qSUC_08.4</i>	8	99.7 - 100.8	40,597,410 - 40,940,261	5.3	11.3	-0.3
	BREC_22	<i>qSUC_04.1</i>	4	106.0 - 125.4	46,793,849 - 48,002,103	3.4	6.3	-0.2
	BREC_22	<i>qSUC_08.4</i>	8	99.7 - 100.8	40,597,410 - 40,940,261	3.8	7.1	-0.3

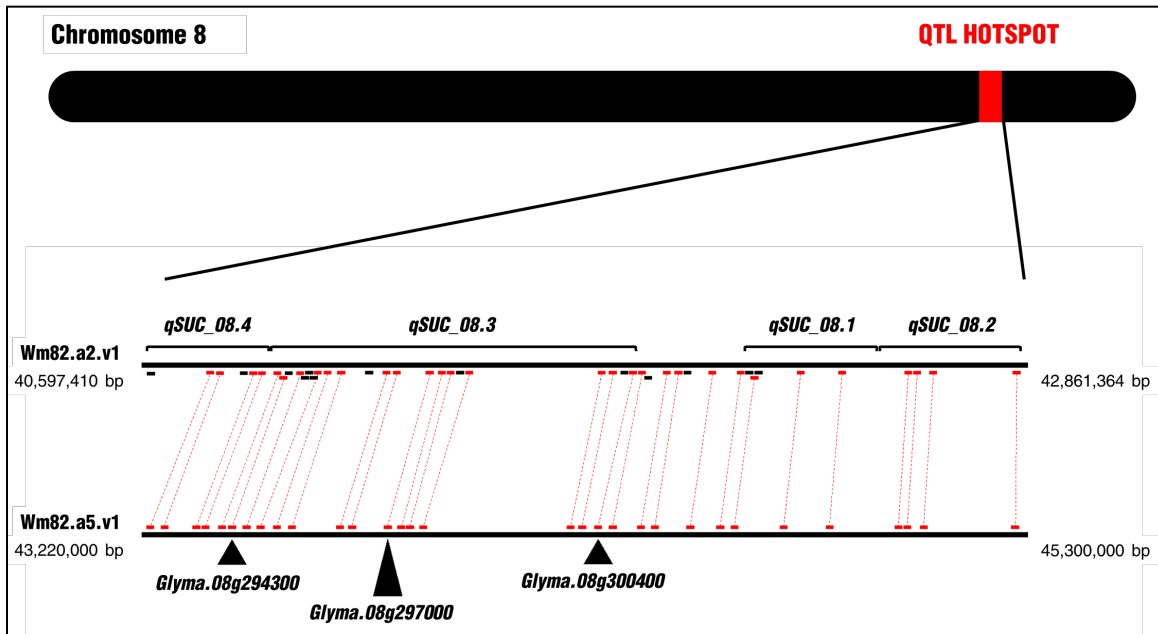
<sup>1</sup>Quantitative Trait Loci. <sup>2</sup>Chromosome. <sup>3</sup>Logarithm of the odds. <sup>4</sup>Percentage variance explained. <sup>5</sup>Additive effect.

**Table 4.** Candidate genes in the major QTL region on Chr. 8 identified on Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1 both.

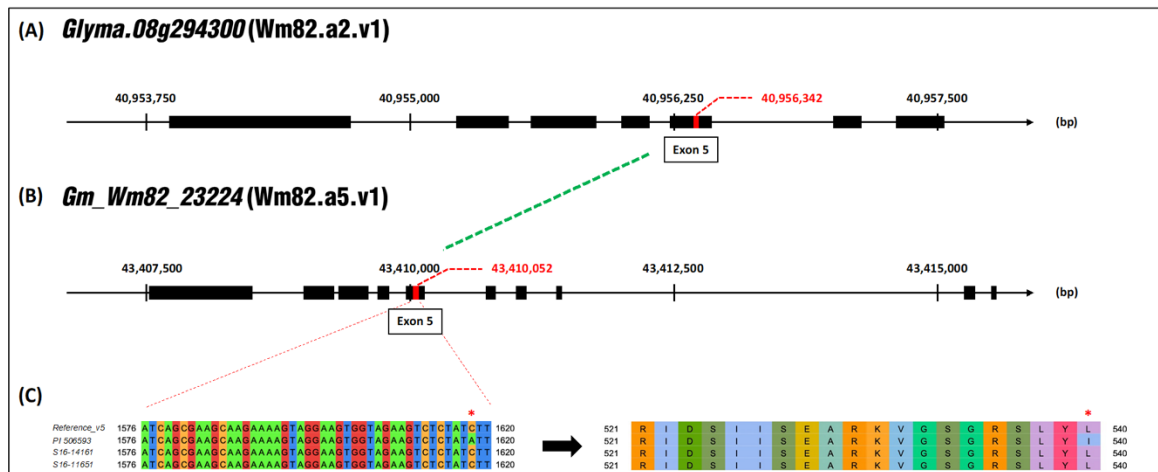
Wm82.a2.v1			Wm82.a5.v1			Annotation
Gene ID	Position	Variant type <sup>1</sup>	Gene ID	Position	Variant type	
<i>Glyma.08G293000</i>	40,766,950 - 40,775,274	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23206</i>	43,220,985 - 43,228,708	SNP	Sin3 family co-repressor
<i>Glyma.08G293100</i>	40,795,741 - 40,800,913	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23209</i>	43,249,676 - 43,259,978	SNP	Sin3 family co-repressor
<i>Glyma.08G293800</i>	40,883,195 - 40,885,068	Indel	<i>Gm_Wm82_23219</i>	43,333,545 - 43,338,512	Indel	_2
<i>Glyma.08G293900</i>	40,887,462 - 40,910,754	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23220</i>	43,341,530 - 43,364,303	SNP	Haloacid dehalogenase-like hydrolase
<i>Glyma.08G294100</i>	40,942,975 - 40,947,622	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23222</i>	43,396,901 - 43,401,240	SNP	N-terminal protein myristoylation
<i>Glyma.08G294300</i>	40,953,540 - 40,957,782	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23224</i>	43,407,555 - 43,415,567	SNP	Galactosyltransferase
<i>Glyma.08G294800</i>	40,993,962 - 41,001,629	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23227</i>	43,447,708 - 43,455,285	SNP	Actin cross-linking protein
<i>Glyma.08G295400</i>	41,026,575 - 41,033,381	SNP/Indel	<i>Gm_Wm82_23230</i>	43,479,691 - 43,485,976	SNP/Indel	TIR domain
<i>Glyma.08G295700</i>	41,062,905 - 41,071,504	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23234</i>	43,516,488 - 43,524,479	SNP	AMP deaminase
<i>Glyma.08G295800</i>	41,100,889 - 41,103,542	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23237</i>	43,554,115 - 43,556,053	SNP	Homeobox associated leucine zipper
<i>Glyma.08G296300</i>	41,215,611 - 41,223,730	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23243</i>	43,668,712 - 43,675,770	SNP	-
<i>Glyma.08G296500</i>	41,241,857 - 41,246,757	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23245</i>	43,694,878 - 43,699,270	SNP	Transcription factor subunit Med10 of Mediator complex
<i>Glyma.08G297000</i>	41,326,371 - 41,329,183	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23251</i>	43,779,198 - 43,781,761	SNP	Regulation of carbohydrate metabolic process
<i>Glyma.08G297400</i>	41,358,747 - 41,363,041	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23255</i>	43,811,714 - 43,815,086	SNP	Protein kinase domain
<i>Glyma.08G297500</i>	41,378,414 - 41,383,832	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23256</i>	43,831,982 - 43,836,271	SNP	IQ calmodulin-binding motif
<i>Glyma.08G297700</i>	41,412,445 - 41,415,775	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23258</i>	43,864,913 - 43,868,558	SNP	-
<i>Glyma.08G299500</i>	41,767,501 - 41,769,958	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23276</i>	44,211,989 - 44,214,205	SNP	Mitochondrial carrier protein
<i>Glyma.08G299800</i>	41,795,912 - 41,796,546	SNP/Indel	<i>Gm_Wm82_23279</i>	44,240,488 - 44,241,228	SNP	Chitinase
<i>Glyma.08G300400</i>	41,830,891 - 41,843,406	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23285</i>	44,278,415 - 44,283,458	SNP	Glycosyltransferase activity

<i>Glyma.08G300500</i>	41,865,484 - 41,867,085	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23287</i>	44,310,063 - 44,311,664	SNP	red, far-red light phototransduction
<i>Glyma.08G301300</i>	41,931,888 - 41,933,603	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23293</i>	44,376,527 - 44,377,790	SNP	Ribosomal protein L34e
<i>Glyma.08G301700</i>	41,962,541 - 41,968,109	SNP/Indel	<i>Gm_Wm82_23298</i>	44,407,335 - 44,411,704	Indel	Homeobox domain
<i>Glyma.08G302400</i>	42,046,386 - 42,051,525	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23302</i>	44,491,765 - 44,496,137	SNP	MIF4G domain
<i>Glyma.08G303000</i>	42,114,246 - 42,121,684	SNP/Indel	<i>Gm_Wm82_23307</i>	44,559,451 - 44,566,133	SNP/Indel	Helicase conserved C-terminal domain
<i>Glyma.08G303500</i>	42,150,074 - 42,151,723	SNP/Indel	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	44,595,014 - 44,596,723	SNP/Indel	Leucine-rich repeat (LRR) family protein
<i>Glyma.08G304300</i>	42,265,594 - 42,273,748	Indel	<i>Gm_Wm82_23320</i>	44,711,920 - 44,718,967	Indel	WD domain, G-beta repeat
<i>Glyma.08G305600</i>	42,374,266 - 42,376,352	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23334</i>	44,821,303 - 44,823,057	SNP	Leucine-rich repeat (LRR) family protein
<i>Glyma.08G307300</i>	42,551,411 - 42,553,771	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23351</i>	44,989,964 - 44,992,324	SNP	Protein kinase domain
<i>Glyma.08G307400</i>	42,556,212 - 42,559,048	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23352</i>	44,994,964 - 44,997,445	SNP/Indel	Protein kinase domain
<i>Glyma.08G307700</i>	42,603,547 - 42,605,822	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23357</i>	45,040,796 - 45,043,149	SNP	Ribosomal L18ae/LX protein domain
<i>Glyma.08G309200</i>	42,818,069 - 42,821,065	SNP	<i>Gm_Wm82_23372</i>	45,255,743 - 45,258,461	SNP	CDP-diacylglycerol biosynthesis I

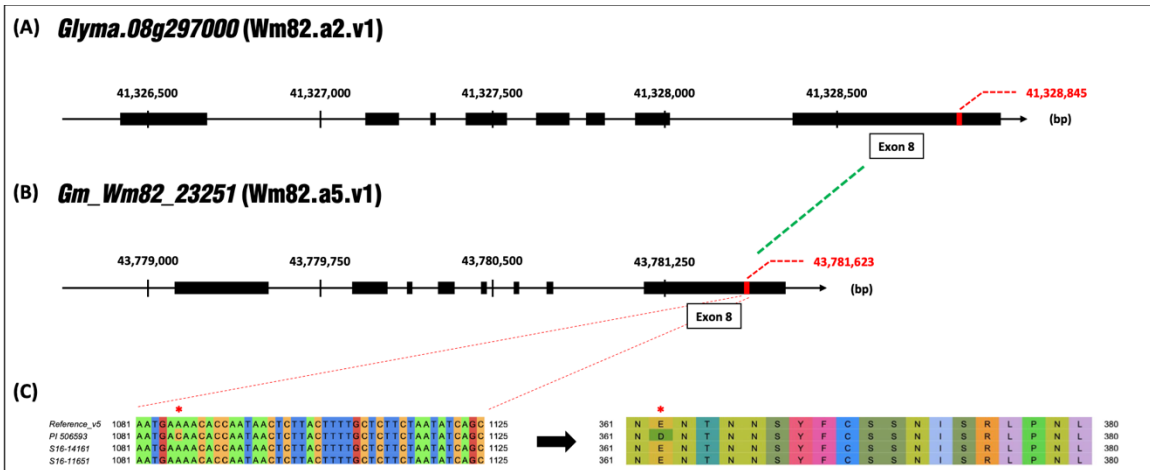
<sup>1</sup>SNP, Single nucleotide polymorphism; Indel, Insertion and deletion. <sup>2</sup>-, Data not available



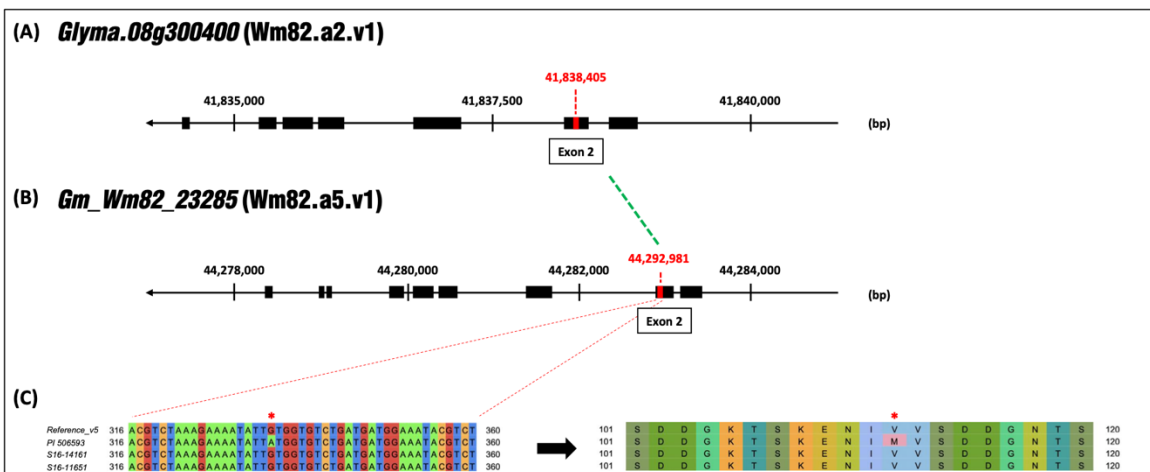
**Figure 1.** A comparison of the physical location of candidate genes between Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1 genome assemblies and three candidate genes closely associated with sucrose metabolism. Candidate genes present in both Wm82.a2.v1 and Wm82.a5.v1 are marked in red, while those only present in Wm82.a2.v1 are marked in black.



**Figure 2.** Location of the variant identified in *Glyma.08G294300* (Wm82.a2.v1) (A) and *Gm\_Wm82\_23224* (Wm82.a5.v1) (B) in PI 506593. Nucleotide and amino acid sequence alignment between parental lines based on Wm82.a5.v1 (C). The red asterisk (\*) indicates the mutation in sequence.



**Figure 3.** Location of the variant identified in *Glyma.08g297000* (Wm82.a2.v1) (A) and *Gm\_Wm82\_23251* (Wm82.a5.v1) (B) in PI 506593. Nucleotide and amino acid sequence alignment between parental lines based on Wm82.a5.v1 (C). The red asterisk (\*) indicates the mutation in sequence.



**Figure 4.** Location of the variant identified in *Glyma.08g300400* (Wm82.a2.v1) (A) and *Gm\_Wm82\_23285* (Wm82.a5.v1) (B) in PI 506593. Nucleotide and amino acid sequence alignment between parental lines based on Wm82.a5.v1 (C). The red asterisk (\*) indicates the mutation in sequence.

## CHAPTER 4

Environmental stability and genetic effect of soybeans differing in mutant allele combinations between *rs* and *mips1* genes for soluble carbohydrate profiles

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## ABSTRACT

Raffinose and stachyose (raffinose family oligosaccharides, RFOs) in soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] are anti-nutritional carbohydrate components. Previous studies identified mutant alleles of raffinose synthase (*rs* 2 and 3 and D-myo-inositol- 3-phosphate synthase 1 (*mips1*) to increase sucrose and reduce RFOs content. Although earlier studies investigated the effects of *rs2* and *rs3* mutations, a *mips1* mutation has not been tested yet. The objectives of this study were (1) to investigate the genetic effects and environmental stabilities of *rs2*, *rs3*, and *mips1* mutations across 18 environments and (2) to evaluate germination rates of genotypes carrying these mutations. Sucrose was significantly affected by all environmental factors (year, location, and planting dates). However, raffinose was not affected by planting dates, and stachyose was only affected by location. The *rs2* mutant allele (*rs2W331-*) and *mips1* showed the highest environmental stability for sucrose and raffinose, respectively. For stachyose, the wild-type check showed the highest environmental stability. The lines with *mips1* mutation showed significantly higher sucrose (11.1%) and lower raffinose (0.5%) and stachyose (0.6%) content than other genotypes across environments. The lines tested in field emergence tests showed no significant difference from the check. Lines with *mips1* and *rs2W331-*, respectively, showed significantly higher germination rates than the check in the accelerated aging test. In contrast, a line with *mips1* showed a significantly higher germination rate than the check in the standard germination test. Desirable carbohydrate allele combinations will facilitate the development of new cultivars with modified carbohydrate profiles that are beneficial to human food and animal feed.

## INTRODUCTION

Due to its nutritional value and versatility, soybean [*Glycine max* (L.) Merr.] has become one of the economically important legume crops globally, producing 20% oil, 40% protein, and 15% soluble carbohydrates on a dry weight basis (Hsu et al., 1973; Liu, 1997). It is primarily used as a source of vegetable protein in foods and animal feed (Jo, 2016; Cunicelli et al., 2019). In 2020, soybean meal consumed in the animal feed industry was approximately 33 million metric tons, accounting for almost 74% of the total soybean meal production (45 million metric tons) in the United States (American Soybean Association, 2021). Poultry and swine accounted for approximately 60% (20 million metric tons) and 20% (6 million metric tons), respectively, of soybean meal consumed in the United States (American Soybean Association, 2021). Poultry and swine, however, are non-ruminant animals and have trouble digesting specific soluble carbohydrate components in soybean meal (Cunicelli et al., 2019; Jo et al., 2018, 2019).

Soluble carbohydrates in soybean seeds mainly comprise sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose; among these, raffinose and stachyose make up the raffinose family of oligosaccharides (RFOs) (Liu, 1997; Guillon and Champ, 2002; Karr-Lilienthal et al., 2005). Sucrose is a nutritionally beneficial component that provides metabolizable energy. In contrast, RFOs are indigestible in non-ruminant animals due to the lack of  $\alpha$ -galactosidase in their monogastric systems to break down the  $\alpha$ -1,6-glycosidic bonds of RFOs. Indigested RFOs pass through the upper gut and are fermented by anaerobic microbes in the lower gut, producing unwanted gastric discomforts, such as diarrhea and flatulence, resulting in a significant loss of energy efficiency in soybean meal (Coon et al., 1990; Le et al., 2020). The incorporation of genes for high sucrose and reduced RFOs is

considered an effective strategy to improve soybean meal quality in animal feed applications.

Significantly reduced RFOs and increased sucrose content were first discovered in the plant introduction (PI) 200508 in the USDA Soybean Germplasm Collection (Kerr and Sebastian, 2000). The desirable carbohydrate profile in PI 200508 was derived from a three-base pair deletion within the raffinose synthase 2 coding region (*RS2*, *Glyma.06g179200*, Wm82.a2.v1), resulting in one amino acid deletion (tryptophan) at a highly conserved position 331 (*rs2W331-*; Kerr and Sebastian, 2000; Dierking and Bilyeu, 2008; Skoneczka et al., 2009). A missense mutation in the *RS2* coding sequence was found in an ethyl-methanesulfonate (EMS) mutant line using reverse genetics by Targeting Induced Local Lesions IN Genomes (TILLING) (Dierking and Bilyeu, 2009). This mutation causes one amino acid change from threonine (T) to isoleucine (I) at position 107 (*rs2T107I*) (Dierking and Bilyeu, 2009). The extremely low RFOs content (approximately 1%) was only achieved by the combination of *RS2* and raffinose synthase 3 (*RS3*, *Glyma.05g003900*, Wm82.a2.v1) variant alleles (*rs3snp5/rs3snp6*) (Jo et al., 2018; Hagely et al., 2020). However, only variant alleles of *RS3* showed no significant effects on the carbohydrate content in soybean (Jo et al., 2018). Sebastian et al. (2000) developed a mutant line, LR33, with a single base pair polymorphism in a conserved region of D-myoinositol-3-phosphate synthase 1 (MIPS1) gene (*Glyma.11g238800*, Wm82.a2.v1) induced by chemical mutagenesis. Although *mips1* conferred the desirable carbohydrate profile, *mips1* mutant soybean lines had significantly lower field emergence than non-*mips1* mutant lines (Meis et al., 2003; Chappell et al., 2006). Later, Saghai Maroof and Buss (2008) developed a soybean line, 'V99-5089' carrying a novel natural variant of *MIPS1* with a

desirable carbohydrate profile (>11% sucrose and <1% RFOs) derived from a cross between ‘V71-370’ and ‘PI 87013’. Also, the nucleic acid sequence analysis showed the mutation in LR33 was not present in V99-5089 (Saghai Maroof and Buss, 2008).

Although genetic background primarily contributes to the phenotypic variation of carbohydrate content in soybean, environmental factors can also affect soybean carbohydrate content (Bellaloui et al., 2010; Jo et al., 2018, 2019). Bilyeu and Wiebold (2016) and Wolf et al. (1982) showed a distinct tendency for increased sucrose and reduced stachyose content in soybean under cooler temperatures during pod-filling stages. Also, late planting increased sucrose content since soybean planted late were generally exposed to cooler temperatures than those planted early (Jaureguy et al., 2013; Bilyeu and Wiebold, 2016). The objectives of this study were (1) to investigate the genetic and environmental effects on the stability of carbohydrate content among ten soybean genotypes carrying six different allele combinations (*rs2W331*-/*RS3*/*MIPS1*, *rs2T1071*/*RS3*/*MIPS1*, *rs2T1071*/*rs3snp6*/*MIPS1*, *rs2W331*-/*rs3snp6*/*MIPS1*, *RS2*/*RS3*/*mips1*, and *RS2*/*RS3*/*MIPS1*) across three geographically dispersed locations with two different planting dates in 2015–2017 and (2) to evaluate the germination rate of four soybean genotypes with different mutant alleles of *RS2*, *RS3*, and *MIPS1* using different test methods, including standard germination, accelerated aging, and field emergence tests.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### *Multi-environmental study*

#### *Plant materials*

Ten soybean lines were selected based on the combination of mutant alleles, including *rs2W331-*, *rs2T107I*, *rs3snp6*, and *mips1*, that affect carbohydrate content (Table 1). These lines were classified into six genotypic groups representing different mutant allele combinations. Two soybean lines developed by Dr. Grover Shannon at the University of Missouri – Fisher Delta Research, Extension, and Education Center (FDREEC), CR13-395 and CR13-397, carry one mutant allele of *RS2* (*rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI*, group 1). The soybean lines with ‘KB’ designation were developed by the University of Missouri (Dr. Kristin Bilyeu). KB10-22#1548 b and KB10-22#1568 b carry one mutant allele of *RS2* (*rs2T107I/RS3/MIPSI*, group 2). KB10-22#1600 0 and KB10-22#1608 0 carry one mutant allele of *RS2* and one mutant allele of *RS3* (*rs2T107I/rs3snp6/MIPSI*, group 3). KB10-23#1681 0 carries one mutant allele of *RS2* and one mutant allele of *RS3* (*rs2W331-/rs3snp6/MIPSI*, group 4). R07-2000 and R07-2001 were developed by the University of Arkansas (Dr. Pengyin Chen) and carry one mutant allele of *MIPSI* (*RS2/RS3/mips1*, group 5). A public cultivar, LD06-7620, carries none of the mutant alleles (*RS2/RS3/MIPSI*, group 6) and was used as a check.

#### *Locations and field experiments*

For three years, 2015–2017, replicated experiments were conducted at three locations: Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station, Fayetteville, AR (36.06 °N 94.16 °W), Agronomy Center for Research and Education, Lafayette, IN (40.43 °N 86.92 °W), and

FDREEC, Portageville, MO (36.42 °N 89.70 °W). About ten seeds of each soybean line were planted in hill plots spaced 61 cm apart between hills. A randomized complete block design (RCBD) was implemented with two replications on two planting dates (early and late plantings at a 3-week interval) at each location. The monthly average temperatures in July, August, September, and October where soybean is under seed development stages (R3–R6; Fehr et al., 1971) were collected from the nearest weather station of each location at <https://www.wunderground.com/>.

### ***Carbohydrate phenotyping***

#### *Sample and standard preparation*

Soluble carbohydrate content was determined by Agilent HPLC-ELSD 1200 series, equipped with the Prevail Carbohydrate ES columns (5 µm 250 × 4.6 mm) and guard columns (7.5 × 4.6 mm) (Valliyodan et al., 2015). Around ten seeds harvested from the hill plot were ground using Thomas Wiley Mini-Mill (Arthur Thomas Co., Philadelphia, PA, USA) fitted with a 20-mesh screen. The ground powder was lyophilized for two days in a Labconco freeze-dry system (Labconco, USA). Dried powder of 90.25 (± 0.15) mg was weighed and mixed with 900 µL HPLC-grade water in 2-mL centrifuge vials. The vials were incubated at 55°C with 200 rpm agitation for 1 hour, followed by a high-speed vortex for 30 seconds. After cooling at room temperature for 20 minutes, 900 µL HPLC-grade acetonitrile was added to each vial. The suspension was centrifuged for 30 minutes at  $14.0 \times 1000 \text{ min}^{-1} \times g$ . The supernatant was diluted five times with 65% HPLC-grade acetonitrile for HPLC analysis. Carbohydrate standards were prepared in HPLC-grade water with the final concentrations of 50, 100, 300, 500, and 1000 µg/mL.

### *HPLC instrumental method*

Two types of mobile phases were prepared: mobile phase A was pure water, and mobile phase B was acetonitrile: acetone mixture of 75:25 (v/v). The flow rate and gradient of phases A and B were optimized for the complete separation of the soluble carbohydrates within 20 minutes. Column temperature remained at 35°C throughout the gradient program. The detector temperature was isothermal at 55°C. The nebulizer pressure was 3.4 bar. Ultra-purity-grade nitrogen (grade 5.0) was used as the nebulizer gas. The sample injection volume was 5 µL.

### *Germination and field emergence tests*

#### *Plant materials*

Standard germination (SG) test, accelerated aging (AA) test, and field emergence test were conducted to evaluate the germination rate of four soybean genotypes, including R07-2000 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*), KB07-15 (*rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI*), 15045-13 (*RS2/rs3-Tilling/MIPSI*), and Williams 82 (*RS2/RS3/MIPSI*). The testing seeds were harvested at the Bradford Research and Extension Center (BREC) in 2021 and stored in the seed storage room (4°C temperature and 36% relative humidity).

#### *Standard germination (SG) test*

The SG test was conducted by Missouri Crop Improvement Association (MCIA) (Columbia, MO 65201, USA) (<https://moseed.org/>) using an established standard protocol. Briefly, 50 seeds of each genotype were planted on a paper substratum as a rolled towel test in eight replications in a germination chamber with a temperature of 25°C and a relative

humidity of 75%–80% under the continuous light duration (AOSA, 2002). After around seven days, the final germination rate was calculated by averaging the germination rates of all replications.

#### *Accelerated aging (AA) test*

The AA test was also conducted by MCI. First, seeds were rapidly aged under a temperature of 41°C and a relative humidity of 90%–95% under continuous light in a water-jacket aging chamber for 72 hours (AOSA, 2002). After aging, seeds were planted on a paper substratum as a rolled towel test with four replications of 50 seeds of each genotype in a germination chamber with a temperature of 25°C and a relative humidity of 75%–80% under continuous light duration. After around seven days, a final germination rate was calculated by averaging the germination rates of all replications.

#### *Field emergence test*

Field emergence test was conducted at the BREC, Columbia, MO and the FDREEC, Portageville, MO. One hundred seeds of each genotype were planted using a RCBD in a 2 m single row with two replications. Seeds were spaced 2 cm long. The final emergence rate was determined by averaging replications after ten days.

#### *Statistical analysis*

##### *Analysis of variance and carbohydrate comparisons*

An analysis of variance (ANOVA) was conducted using ‘*Genotype*’ (individual soybean lines) and ‘*gGroup*’ (genotypic groups) as a fixed effect, respectively, and the

‘Year’, ‘Location’, ‘Planting date’, and the interactions as random effects. The least significant difference (LSD) at  $p$ -value of 0.05 was used to determine the significant difference among means. The ANOVA was conducted using PROC GLM function in the SAS software version 9.4 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC, 2012). The significant difference among means of genotypes and genotypic groups was determined using PROC ANOVA function in the SAS software version 9.4.

#### *Environmental stability analysis*

Eighteen environment codes (E1–E18) were defined based on the combination of years (3), locations (3), and planting dates (2) to compare the environmental stability of genotypes for sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose content (Table 2). The environmental stability of soluble carbohydrate content was analyzed by using a method of ‘Additive Main effect and Multiplicative Interaction’ (AMMI) that integrates ANOVA and principal component analysis (PCA) into a unified approach (Gauch, 1988). The ‘Genotype’ and ‘Environment’ were fitted as additive main effects using a two-way ANOVA, followed by PCA using ‘GEI (Genotype and Environment Interaction)’ as a multiplicative effect (Ajay et al., 2019; Singamsetti et al., 2021). AMMI biplots were constructed based on the main effect of means and the first principal component axis (PCA1). The equation used for AMMI (Singamsetti et al., 2021) is as follows:

$$Y_{ij} = \mu + g_i + e_j + \sum_{k=1}^n \delta_k \alpha_{ik} \gamma_{jk} + \theta_{ij}$$

where,  $Y_{ij}$  is the mean of each carbohydrate component of the ‘Genotype’  $i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots, G$ ) in the environment  $j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, E$ );  $\mu$  is the general mean,  $g_i$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  genotypic effect;

$e_j$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  environmental effect;  $\delta_k$  is the eigenvalue of the PCA axis  $k$ ;  $\alpha_{ik}$  and  $\gamma_{jk}$  are the  $i^{\text{th}}$  genotype  $j^{\text{th}}$  environment PCA scores for the PCA axis  $k$ ;  $\theta_{ij}$  is the residual. The AMMI analysis was conducted using the software R (R Core Team, 2021) and package ‘*metan*’ (Olivoto and Lúcio, 2020).

## RESULT

### *Multi-environmental study*

#### *ANOVA and carbohydrate variation across the environments*

The effects of *Genotype*, *Year*, *Location*, and *Planting date*, and the interactions on each carbohydrate component were determined by ANOVA (Table 3). Among all sources of variation, the effects of *Genotype*, *Location*, and the interactions with *Genotype* were significant for all carbohydrate components. The *Year* effect was only significant for sucrose and raffinose, while the *Planting date* effect was only significant for sucrose ( $p < 0.001$ ). The effect of  $Year \times Location \times Planting date$  was only significant for sucrose and stachyose.

Similarly, the effects of *gGroup*, *Location*, and the interactions with *gGroup* (except for  $Gg \times Y \times L$ ) were significant for all carbohydrate components (Table 4). The *Year* effect was only significant for sucrose and raffinose, while the *Planting date* had only a significant effect on sucrose ( $p < 0.01$ ). The interaction,  $Year \times Location \times Planting date$ , had a significant effect on sucrose and stachyose ( $p < 0.05$ ).

The phenotypic variation of carbohydrate content across three years, three locations, and two planting dates along with monthly average temperatures during pod-filling stages (July – October) were analyzed (Table 5). The year 2016 had relatively warmer temperatures than the years 2015 and 2017 during the pod-filling stages. The sucrose content in 2015 and 2017 was significantly higher than in 2016. Although the stachyose content was not statistically different over the years, the stachyose content in 2015 and 2017 was slightly lower than in 2016. The northernmost location, Lafayette, IN, showed the lowest average temperatures during the pod-filling stages, while Fayetteville, AR, was

the warmest location in 2015 – 2017. The sucrose content in Lafayette, IN was significantly higher than in Fayetteville, AR, and Portageville, MO. The warmest location, Fayetteville, AR, had the lowest sucrose content. The lowest stachyose content was observed in Fayetteville, AR. *Planting date* had a significant effect on sucrose only. The late planting date significantly increased sucrose content, but raffinose and stachyose content were not significantly different between early and late planting dates. Furthermore, the overall phenotypic patterns of each carbohydrate component of genotypes in different years, locations, and planting dates are shown in Figure 1. The most distinct pattern was the higher sucrose contents in the lowest temperature location, Lafayette, IN. Interestingly, higher stachyose contents were mostly observed in Portageville, MO, across three years, although the average temperature was intermediate. The phenotypic variation of raffinose was smaller than that of sucrose and stachyose.

The average soluble carbohydrate contents of ten soybean genotypes across three locations and three years were compared (Figure 2). The sucrose contents of ten genotypes ranged from 5.2% to 11.1% on a dry weight basis (Figure 2A). The two soybean lines in Group 5 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) had significantly higher sucrose contents than the other soybean lines. The sucrose content of line 7 in Group 4 (*rs2W331-/rs3snp6/MIPSI*) was significantly higher than line 1 in Group 1 (*rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI*), line 3 in Group 2 (*rs2T107I/RS3/MIPSI*), and line 10 in Group 6 (*RS2/RS3/MIPSI*). Also, line 7 had a higher sucrose content than line 2 in Group 1 (*rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI*), line 4 in Group 2 (*rs2T107I/RS3/MIPSI*), and two lines in Group 3 (*rs2T107I/rs3snp6/MIPSI*), although it was not significantly different. This indicates that *rs2* and *rs3* combination increased sucrose content more effectively than a single mutation. Furthermore, the allelic effect of

*rs3snp6* for sucrose was significant, but it was also genotype-dependent with *rs2W331*- or *rs2T107I* allele. The wild-type reference, line 10, showed the lowest sucrose content.

The raffinose contents of 10 genotypes ranged from 0.53% to 1.09% on a dry weight basis (Figure 2B). Group 5 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) had a significantly lower raffinose content than other soybean lines, followed by the wild-type reference. Among *rs2* and *rs3* mutant lines, line 1 (*rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI*) had the highest raffinose content, but it was not significantly different than the raffinose content of other genotypes except for line 4 in Group 2 (*rs2T107I/RS3/MIPSI*).

The stachyose contents of ten genotypes ranged from 0.6% to 4.3% on a dry weight basis (Figure 2C). The stachyose contents of two lines in Group 5 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) were significantly lower than the stachyose contents of other soybean lines, followed by line 2 in Group 1 (*rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI*). The single allele effect of *rs2W331*- was significantly higher than *rs2T107I* to reduce stachyose content. Additional *rs3snp6* allele significantly reduced stachyose contents in soybean lines with *rs2T107I*. Also, the combinations of *RS2* and *RS3* mutant alleles, *rs2T107I/rs3snp6/MIPSI* and *rs2W331-/rs3snp6/MIPSI*, were not significantly different from each other in stachyose content, although *rs2W331-/rs3snp6/MIPSI* showed a slightly lower stachyose content.

#### *Environmental stability and interaction analysis*

The environmental stability and interaction of soluble carbohydrate content across the 18 testing environments (E1 – E18) were visualized by AMMI biplots (Figure 3). For the interpretation of AMMI biplot, the displacements along the abscissa and ordinate were used to indicate differences in the main effects and interactions, respectively. For example,

for sucrose, line 2 (*rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI*) had a PCA1 score close to zero, indicating the highest environmental stability, while line 7 (*rs2W331-/rs3snp6/MIPSI*) and line 9 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) were far from the PCA1 score of zero, indicating the least environmental stability (Figure 3A). Although line 9 had the least environmental stability, it showed the highest sucrose content among the genotypes across the environments. E4 (Lafayette, IN, late planting, 2015) had the longest vector, indicating the strongest environmental interaction with sucrose. On the other hand, E5 (Portageville, MO, early planting, 2015) had the shortest vector, indicating the least environmental interaction with sucrose. For raffinose, line 8 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) showed the highest environmental stability, while line 7 (*rs2W331-/rs3snp6/MIPSI*) was the least environmental stability across the environments (Figure 3B). Lines 8 and 9 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) had the lowest raffinose contents among the genotypes across the environments. E4 (Lafayette, IN, late planting, 2015) had the strongest environmental interaction with raffinose, while E8 (Fayetteville, AR, late planting, 2016) had the least environmental interaction. The most environmentally stable genotype for stachyose was line 10 (*RS2/RS3/MIPSI*), while the most environmentally sensitive genotype was line 7 (*rs2W331-/rs3snp6/MIPSI*) (Figure 3C). Lines 8 and 9 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) had significantly lower stachyose contents among genotypes across the environments. E4 (Lafayette, IN, late planting, 2015) had the strongest environmental effect on stachyose. In contrast, E7 (Fayetteville, AR, early planting, 2016) had the least environmental effect on stachyose.

The mean soluble carbohydrate contents of ten genotypes and six genotypic groups across 18 environments were visualized in heatmaps (Figure 4). Lines 8 and 9 in Group 5 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) consistently showed higher sucrose content than other genotypes across

18 environments (Figures 4A and 4D). The environments of Lafayette, IN, including E3, E4, E10, E15, and E16, were favorable for higher sucrose content among the 18 environments. These results confirmed that lower temperatures during pod-filling stages increase sucrose content. The raffinose contents of lines 8 and 9 in Group 5 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) were notably lower than other genotypes across the 18 environments (Figures 4B and 4E). The environmental variation for raffinose content was smaller than sucrose and stachyose content. The reference check, line 10, in Group 6 (*RS2/RS3/MIPSI*) had the highest stachyose content among genotypes (Figures 4C and 4F). Notably, lines 8 and 9 in Group 5 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) consistently showed lower stachyose contents than other genotypes across the 18 environments.

### ***Germination and field emergence tests***

The SG test showed a range of germination rates from 85.6% to 93.7% (Figure 5). R07-2000, a line with *RS2/RS3/mips1* allele combination, showed a significantly higher germination rate than the check, cv. Williams 82 (*RS2/RS3/MIPSI*), while the other lines tested were not significantly different than the check. The germination rates of a line with *RS2/rs3-Tilling/MIPSI* and the check were drastically dropped in the AA test, while lines with *rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI* and *RS2/RS3/mips1* had high germination rates (87.5% for both). Field emergence tests in the BREC and FDREEC showed no significant difference among testing genotypes. The overall germination rates in the BREC were from 63.5% (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) to 74.5% (*RS2/rs3-Tilling/MIPSI*). The overall germination rates in the FDREEC drastically decreased and ranged from 18% (*RS2/RS3/mips1*) to 29.5%

(*RS2/RS3/MIPSI*). Notably, the line with the *mips1* mutant allele showed a relatively lower germination rate than other testing lines in both field emergence tests.

## DISCUSSION

The environmental stability and the genetic effect of individual and/or the combinations of mutant alleles, *RS2* and *RS3*, have been extensively investigated in soybean (Hagely et al., 2013; Bilyeu and Wiebold, 2016; Jo et al., 2018, 2019). However, *MIPS1* mutant soybean lines have not been tested to date. Therefore, this study benefits soybean breeders in understanding the environmental stability and genetic effect of the *mips1* allele. In addition, soybean breeders will have expanded germplasm sources to develop new soybean cultivars and germplasms with desirable carbohydrate profiles.

The results of our study confirmed the previous research on the correlation between soluble carbohydrate content and cooler temperature during pod-filling stages and the environmental effects, including year, location, and planting date on soluble carbohydrate content (Wolf et al., 1982; Bellaloui et al., 2010; Jaureguy et al., 2013; Bilyeu and Wiebold, 2016; Jo et al., 2018, 2019). Although the correlation was found in all genotypes tested, two soybean lines with *mips1* mutation showed more dramatic increases in sucrose content under cooler environments (Figure 1). The limitation of this study was that the planting dates and the days to maturity of genotypes were omitted. Late maturity lines could be exposed to lower temperatures for longer, possibly causing a higher sensitivity in sucrose content to cooler environments (Hou et al., 2009). Interestingly, significantly higher stachyose contents were observed in Portageville, MO, although the temperatures were intermediate among the testing locations during the pod-filling stages (Table 5). The trend of stachyose content varied in different research groups. Kumar et al. (2010) and Jo et al. (2018) reported stachyose contents were genotype-dependent, while Bilyeu and Wiebold (2016) found a positive correlation between temperature and stachyose content. Further

research will be required to enhance the current understanding of the relationship between carbohydrate content and environmental factors.

In the present study, soybean lines with *mips1* mutation had the most desirable seed carbohydrate profiles for animal feed, which was 11.1% sucrose, 0.53% raffinose, and 0.6% stachyose content (Figure 2). The other soybean lines with *rs2* and *rs3* mutations had 5.7% – 6.9% sucrose, 0.94% – 1.10% raffinose, and 1.6% – 2.6% stachyose content. However, as previously reported by Jo et al. (2018), the soybean line with *rs2W331-/rs3snp6/MIPSI* showed almost 10% sucrose and around 0.1% RFOs content. The phenotypic discrepancies between the same mutant lines in the present and previous studies were possibly derived from the different testing locations and years. Moreover, it was possible that such phenotypic discrepancy in soluble carbohydrate profiles would be the difference in HPLC equipment and the protocols. Nonetheless, the comparison for environmental stability and genetic effect within the current study should be scientifically meaningful because all genotypes were tested under the same circumstances across multiple locations and years using the same phenotyping protocol (Valliyodan et al., 2015).

The overall results in three germination tests showed no significant reduction in germination rates of the mutant lines carrying *rs2*, *rs3*, and *mips1* mutation, respectively, compared to the check cultivar, Williams 82. Interestingly, genotypes carrying *rs2W331-/RS3/MIPSI* and *RS2/RS3/mips1* maintained high germination rates in the AA test, while the other genotypes showed a significant reduction in germination rates. Although seeds used in the germination tests were obtained from a single environment at BREC in 2021, we would agree that further studies using multi-environment harvested seeds need to be conducted to test the effects of environments on the stability of germination. Moreover,

additional mutant genotypes carrying different allele combinations should be included to evaluate the effect of soluble carbohydrates on the aging of soybean seeds. A soybean line with *RS2/RS3/mips1* showed a relatively lower germination rate than other lines in the field emergence tests. This concern of poor field emergence among *mips1* mutant soybean lines was suggested by Meis et al. (2003) and Chappell et al. (2006). Since *MIPSI* gene is responsible for plant growth and development, phosphate storage, cell wall biosynthesis, cell-to-cell communication, and plant hormone transportation, the mutation in *MIPSI* gene may have negative impacts on soybean plants (Irvine and Schell, 2001). The current study compared the environmental stability and genetic effects of different mutant alleles conferring higher sucrose and lower RFOs. Although the lines with *mips1* mutation showed less environmental stability for sucrose content and lower field emergence rates in this study, field observations of R07-2000 (*mips1*) and/or R07-2001 (*mips1*) over the years in preliminary yield tests showed that seed germination and seedling establishment of these lines remained as good as the checks. In respect of value-added traits, these genotypes are suitable for animal and human uses due to the highest sucrose and lowest RFOs content; however, further breeding efforts are warranted to improve the environmental stability for sucrose and increase the field emergence rate of *mips1* mutant lines with the desirable carbohydrate profiles.

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## TABLES AND FIGURES

**Table 1.** A list of soybean lines with pedigree, allelic status, and genotypic group.

Line	Name	Pedigree	Allelic status			Group <sup>4</sup>
			RS2 <sup>1</sup>	RS3 <sup>2</sup>	MIPS <sup>3</sup>	
1	CR13-395	KB07-15 × PI 542044	<i>rs2W331-</i>	<i>RS3</i>	<i>MIPS1</i>	1
2	CR13-397	KB07-15 × PI 542044	<i>rs2W331-</i>	<i>RS3</i>	<i>MIPS1</i>	
3	KB10-22#1548 b	Williams 82 EMS mutant × Patriot	<i>rs2T107I</i>	<i>RS3</i>	<i>MIPS1</i>	2
4	KB10-22#1568 b	Williams 82 EMS mutant × Patriot	<i>rs2T107I</i>	<i>RS3</i>	<i>MIPS1</i>	
5	KB10-22#1600 0	Williams 82 EMS mutant × Patriot	<i>rs2T107I</i>	<i>rs3snp6</i>	<i>MIPS1</i>	3
6	KB10-22#1608 0	Williams 82 EMS mutant × Patriot	<i>rs2T107I</i>	<i>rs3snp6</i>	<i>MIPS1</i>	
7	KB10-23#1681 0	KB07-15 × Patriot	<i>rs2W331-</i>	<i>rs3snp6</i>	<i>MIPS1</i>	4
8	R07-2000	Ozark × V99-5089	<i>RS2</i>	<i>RS3</i>	<i>mips1</i>	
9	R07-2001	Ozark × V99-5089	<i>RS2</i>	<i>RS3</i>	<i>mips1</i>	5
10	LD06-7620	IA3023 × LD00-3309	<i>RS2</i>	<i>RS3</i>	<i>MIPS1</i>	

<sup>1</sup>*rs2W331-* and *rs2T107I* indicate mutant alleles for raffinose synthase 2 gene (*RS2*, *Glyma.06g179200*, Wm82.a2.v1); *RS2* indicates functional *RS2* which is similar to wild-type reference cultivar, LD06-7620. <sup>2</sup>*rs3snp6* indicates a mutant allele for raffinose synthase 3 gene (*RS3*, *Glyma.05g003900*, Wm82.a2.v1); *RS3* indicates functional *RS3* which is similar to wild-type reference cultivar, LD06-7620. <sup>3</sup>*mips1* indicates a mutant allele for D-myo-inositol-3-phosphate synthase 1 gene (*MIPS1*, *Glyma.11g238800*, Wm82.a2.v1); *MIPS1* indicates functional *MIPS1* which is similar to wild-type reference cultivar, LD06-7620. <sup>4</sup>Each genotypic group shares the same allele combination.

**Table 2.** A list of environment codes generated based on years, locations, and planting dates.

<b>Environment code</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Planting date<sup>1</sup></b>
E1	2015	Fayetteville, AR	Early
E2	2015	Fayetteville, AR	Late
E3	2015	Lafayette, IN	Early
E4	2015	Lafayette, IN	Late
E5	2015	Portageville, MO	Early
E6	2015	Portageville, MO	Late
E7	2016	Fayetteville, AR	Early
E8	2016	Fayetteville, AR	Late
E9	2016	Lafayette, IN	Early
E10	2016	Lafayette, IN	Late
E11	2016	Portageville, MO	Early
E12	2016	Portageville, MO	Late
E13	2017	Fayetteville, AR	Early
E14	2017	Fayetteville, AR	Late
E15	2017	Lafayette, IN	Early
E16	2017	Lafayette, IN	Late
E17	2017	Portageville, MO	Early
E18	2017	Portageville, MO	Late

<sup>1</sup>Planting date between ‘Early’ and ‘Late’ has an interval of about three weeks.

**Table 3.** Mean squares from analysis of variance for sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose compositions of 10 soybean lines grown in three locations at two planting dates over three years (2015-2017).

Source	df	Sucrose	Raffinose	Stachyose
Year (Y)	2	5.6 <sup>***</sup>	0.54 <sup>***</sup>	0.1
Location (L)	2	90.5 <sup>***</sup>	0.44 <sup>***</sup>	2.3 <sup>***</sup>
Planting date (P)	1	5.8 <sup>***</sup>	0.06	0.4
Y × L × P	8	1.1 <sup>***</sup>	0.02	0.5 <sup>***</sup>
Replication (Y × L × P)	18	0.6 <sup>*</sup>	0.02	0.1
Genotype (G)	9	134.1 <sup>***</sup>	3.46 <sup>***</sup>	38.7 <sup>***</sup>
G × Y	18	1.4 <sup>***</sup>	0.06 <sup>***</sup>	1.1 <sup>***</sup>
G × L	18	1.5 <sup>***</sup>	0.06 <sup>***</sup>	1.8 <sup>***</sup>
G × Y × L	36	1.2 <sup>***</sup>	0.03 <sup>**</sup>	0.4 <sup>**</sup>
Error	243	0.3	0.02	0.2

\*Significant at the  $p < 0.05$  level. \*\*Significant at the  $p < 0.01$  level. \*\*\*Significant at the  $p < 0.001$  level.

**Table 4.** Mean squares from analysis of variance for sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose compositions of six genotypic groups grown in three locations with two planting dates over three years (2015-2017).

Source	df	Sucrose	Raffinose	Stachyose
Year (Y)	2	4.9***	0.42***	0.1
Location (L)	2	70.9***	0.57***	2.3***
Planting date (P)	1	5.2**	0.06	0.5
Y × L × P	8	1.2*	0.02	0.6*
Replication (Y × L × P)	18	0.6	0.02	0.1
Genotypic group (Gg)	5	235.5***	6.16***	68.5***
Gg × Y	10	1.1*	0.07***	1.4***
Gg × L	10	2.4***	0.08***	2.8***
Gg × Y × L	20	1.1**	0.05***	0.4
Error	279	0.5	0.02	0.3

\*Significant at the  $p < 0.05$  level. \*\*Significant at the  $p < 0.01$  level. \*\*\*Significant at the  $p < 0.001$  level.

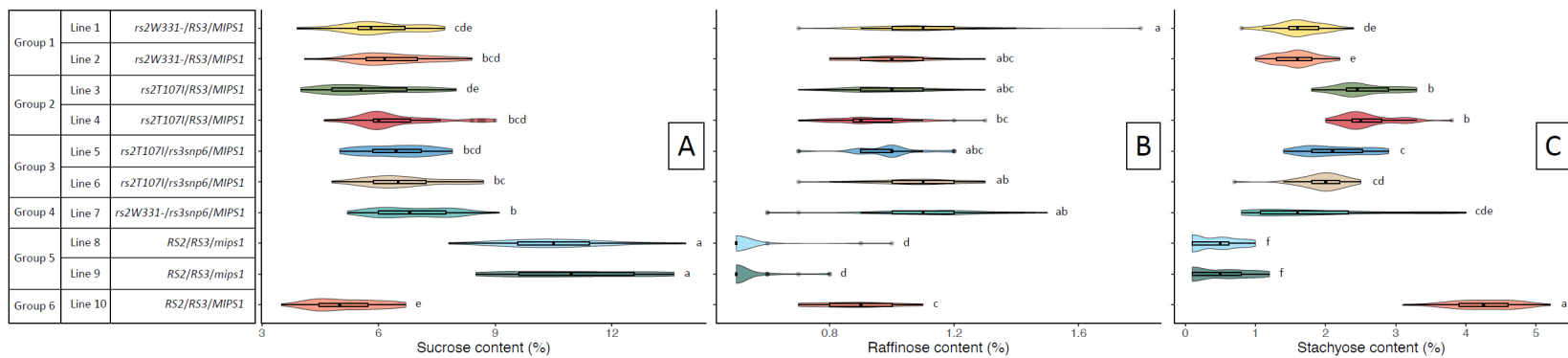
**Table 5.** Phenotypic variation of sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose content among years, locations, and planting dates with monthly average temperatures during pod-filling stages.

Source	Sucrose	Raffinose	Stachyose	Temperature			
				July	August	September	October
				°C			
<b>Year</b>							
2015	7.3a	0.92a	1.9a	24.8	22.6	20.9	14.3
2016	6.8b	0.79b	2.0a	25.1	24.8	21.5	16.8
2017	7.3a	0.85ab	1.9a	25.2	22	20.3	14.8
<b>Location</b>							
Lafayette, IN	8.2a	0.79b	1.9b	22.3	21.3	19.5	13.4
Fayetteville, AR	6.5b	0.85ab	1.8b	26.6	24.4	22.1	16.4
Portageville, MO	6.7b	0.92a	2.1a	26.2	23.7	21.2	16.1
<b>Planting date</b>							
Early	7.0b	0.84a	2.0a			-	
Late	7.3a	0.86a	1.9a			-	

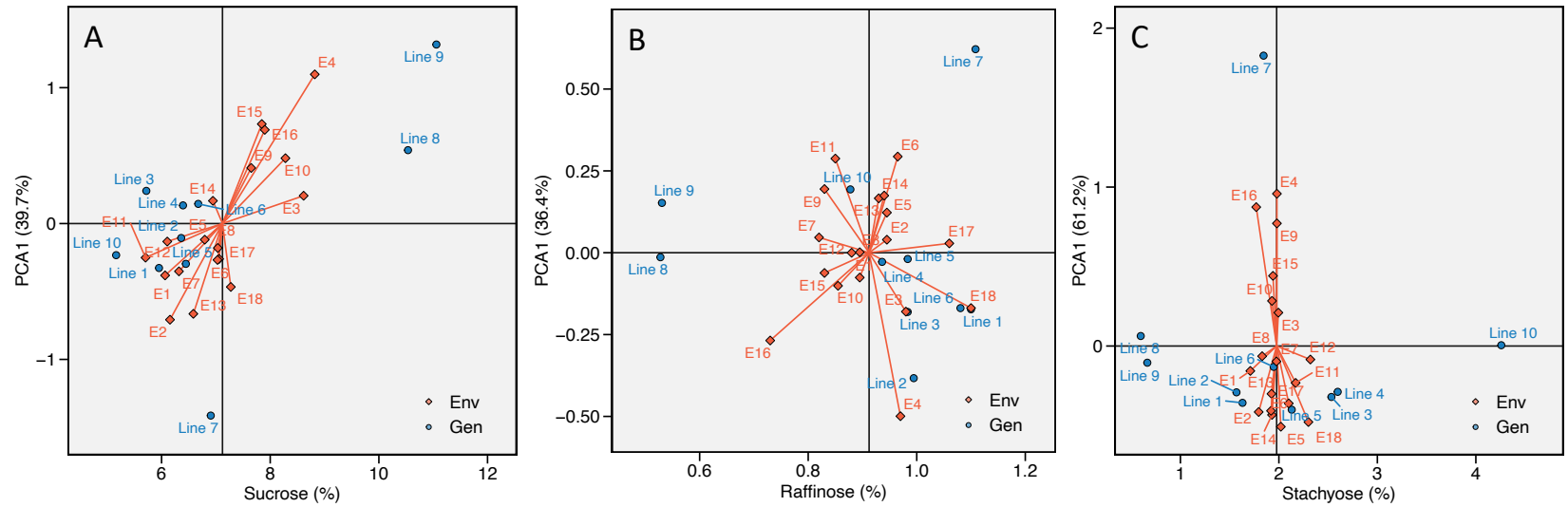
*Note.* Within a column, values followed by a different letter indicate significant differences at  $p < 0.05$ .



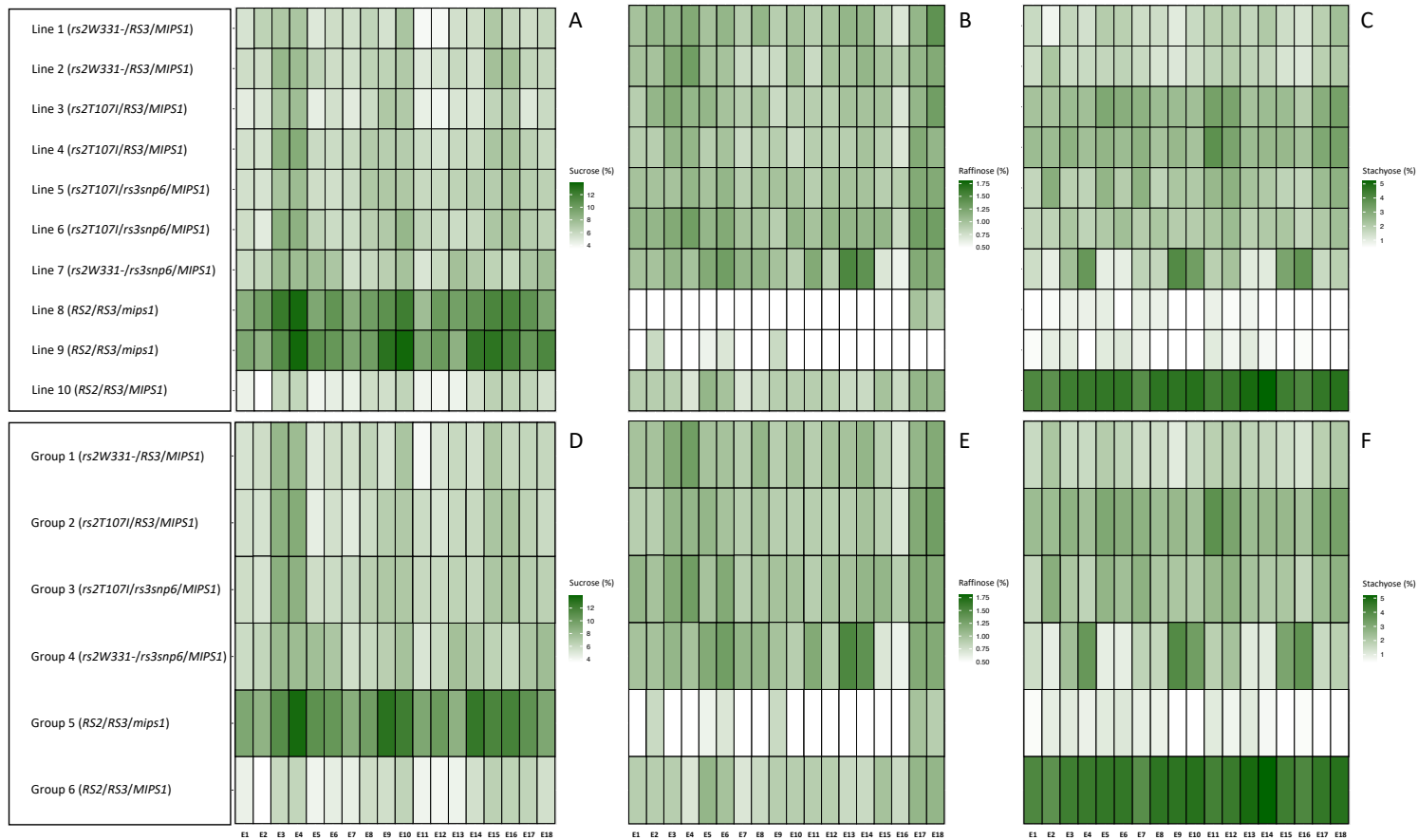
**Figure 1.** The mean values of sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose of ten genotypes in different years (2015 – 2017), locations (Fayetteville, Lafayette, and Portageville), and planting dates (early and late planting (three-week intervals), respectively).



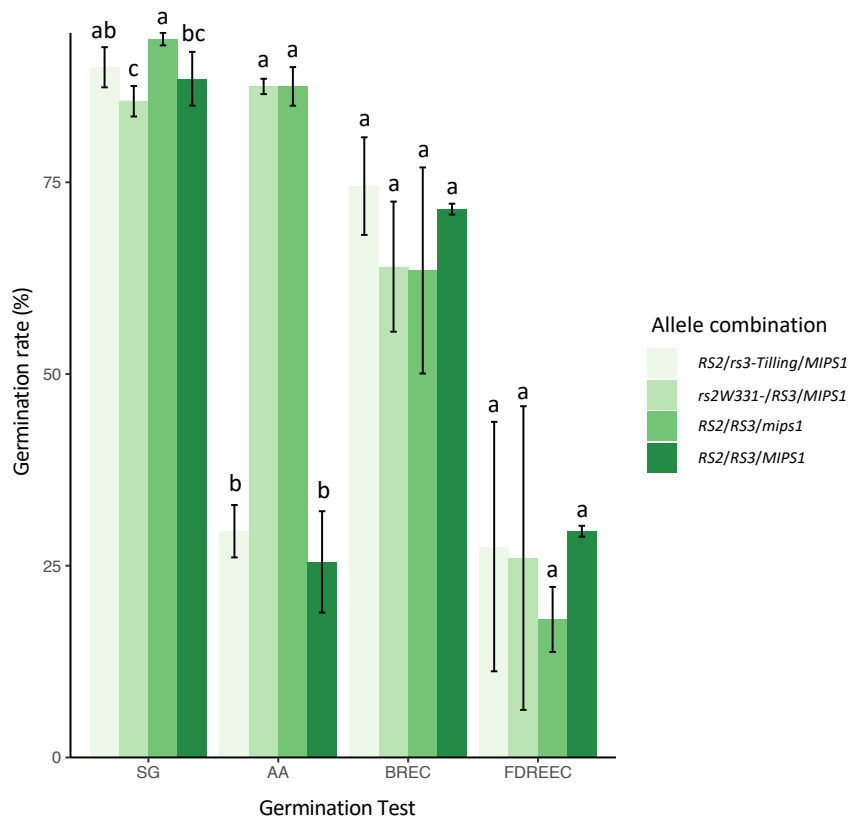
**Figure 2.** Sucrose, raffinose, and stachyose contents of ten soybean genotypes averaged across three locations and three years. Within each carbohydrate component, values not sharing a common letter are significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ .



**Figure 3.** AMMI biplots for sucrose (A), raffinose (B), and stachyose (C) contents of ten genotypes across 18 environments. Lines 1 and 2 carry *rs2W331*-/*RS3*/*MIPS1* alleles, lines 3 and 4 carry *rs2T107I*/*RS3*/*MIPS1*, lines 5 and 6 carry *rs2T107I*/*rs3snp6*/*MIPS1*, a line 7 carries *rs2W331*-/*rs3snp6*/*MIPS1*, lines 8 and 9 carry *RS2*/*RS3*/*mips1*, and a line 10 carries *RS2*/*RS3*/*MIPS1*.



**Figure 4.** Heatmap for the sucrose (A), raffinose (B), and stachyose (C) content of ten genotypes and sucrose (D), raffinose (E), and stachyose (F) content of six genotypic groups across 18 individual environments.



**Figure 5.** Germination rates (%) in standard germination (SG) test, accelerated aging (AA) test, and field emergence tests at two locations (BREC and FDREEC) of four genotypes, including 15045-13 (*RS2/rs3-Tilling/MIPS1*), KB07-15 (*rs2W331-/RS3/MIPS1*), R07-2000 (*RS2/RS3/mips1*), and Williams 82 (*RS2/RS3/MIPS1*). Within each test, values not sharing a common letter are significantly different at  $p < 0.05$ .

## CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Soluble carbohydrates in soybean are pivotal in animal feed efficiency and soy food products. Among soluble carbohydrates, sucrose is nutritionally beneficial, as it is easily digested and turned into metabolizable energy (ME). It also promotes the natural sweetness of soy foods, such as tofu, edamame, and soymilk. On the other hand, raffinose and stachyose (raffinose family of oligosaccharides, RFOs) are antinutrients that cause diarrhea and flatulence and reduce feed efficiency. This research had three main objectives: i) identifying novel genetic resources for high sucrose and low stachyose content in soybean through genome-wide association study (GWAS), ii) identifying novel variants for high sucrose content through quantitative trait loci (QTL) analysis and whole-genome sequencing (WGS) analysis, and iii) evaluating the genetic effect and environmental stability of known mutations conferring high sucrose and low RFOs in soybean.

In GWAS, we identified significant SNPs and candidate genes associated with sucrose and stachyose content in soybean. Given the diverse accessions, these genetic resources will be helpful to understand the genetic architecture underlying soluble carbohydrates in soybean. Also, we highlighted four candidate genes highly expressed in seed tissues during the seed development stages along with other plant parts, including seed coat, pod, leaf, and shoot. It suggested that those four genes might be closely associated with seed composition traits. Further investigations, including gene-editing techniques, will help validate the functions of candidate genes to increase sucrose and decrease stachyose content in soybean. Additionally, we reported promising soybean germplasm resources with desirable seed composition profiles for human and animal use.

This will give soybean breeders useful information about donor parents in breeding projects aiming at animal feed efficiency and soy food products.

With two bi-parental mapping populations sharing the same donor parent selected from the previous GWAS panel, we identified a major QTL region on Chr. 8, which confers high sucrose content in soybean. The subsequent WGS analysis for the major QTL region discovered novel SNP variants in three candidate genes closely related to transferring galactose to sucrose by constructing  $\alpha$ -1,6-glycosidic bonds. The physical positions of SNP variants will be useful for molecular marker development, facilitating marker-assisted selection for high sucrose soybean lines in breeding programs. In addition, the donor parent, PI 506593, will be a promising germplasm in the breeding programs targeting the development of new food-grade soybean cultivars with high sucrose content and large seed size. For further investigation, high-throughput transcriptome sequencing (RNA-Seq) of our candidate genes will help us understand the gene expression patterns between parents during seed development. Also, the biological function of candidate genes can be further validated using genome editing technologies.

It is also important to test and utilize mutations previously identified for high sucrose and low RFOs content. Across 18 environments, lines carrying *mips1* mutation showed significantly higher sucrose and lower RFOs content than lines carrying *rs2* and *rs3* mutations. Despite a poor germination issue previously reported in *mips1* mutation, this study showed a line carrying *mip1* mutation had significantly greater germination rates than the check cultivar in the standard germination test and accelerated aging test and a slightly lower field emergence rate than the check. As *mips1* mutation was the most effective genetic resource to increase sucrose and reduce RFOs in soybean, further

breeding efforts will be required to sustain a desirable soluble carbohydrate profile and improve the field emergence rate. Also, this study will help soybean breeders choose high sucrose and low RFOs parental lines for breeding purposes.

## APPENDIX

## Supplementary tables and figures for Chapter 2

**Supplementary Table 1.** A list of accessions used for association study based on the USDA-ARS Soybean Germplasm Collection.

<b>Line</b>	<b>Origin</b>	<b>Maturity group</b>	<b>100-seed weight</b>
FC 19976-2	Japan	IV	38.0
PI 124871	Japan	IV	33.4
PI 157419	South Korea	IV	32.4
PI 157424	South Korea	IV	29.4
PI 196149	Japan	III	34.0
PI 196162	Japan	III	28.2
PI 19986	Japan	IV	28.6
PI 229343	Japan	IV	28.2
PI 243519	Japan	IV	35.4
PI 243527	Japan	IV	32.6
PI 243529	Japan	IV	31.2
PI 248514	Japan	IV	32.4
PI 274210	South Korea	IV	31.4
PI 339983	South Korea	IV	30.1
PI 339990	South Korea	IV	31.8
PI 342438	Japan	III	33.1
PI 398201	South Korea	IV	31.6
PI 398222	South Korea	IV	31.7
PI 398238	South Korea	V	30.4
PI 398240	South Korea	V	30.4
PI 398256	South Korea	IV	31.9
PI 398263	South Korea	V	32.9
PI 398293	South Korea	IV	32.9
PI 398319	South Korea	IV	30.8
PI 398342	South Korea	IV	30.3
PI 398379	South Korea	IV	28.9
PI 398401	South Korea	IV	32.0
PI 398450	South Korea	IV	31.4
PI 398531	South Korea	IV	31.2
PI 398532	South Korea	IV	31.8
PI 398615	South Korea	IV	32.5
PI 398735	South Korea	IV	31.1
PI 398738	South Korea	IV	29.7
PI 398744	South Korea	IV	29.7
PI 398759	South Korea	IV	29.6
PI 398767	South Korea	IV	29.0
PI 398779	South Korea	V	28.5
PI 398801	South Korea	IV	28.9
PI 398802	South Korea	IV	30.3
PI 398854	South Korea	IV	28.1
PI 398872	South Korea	IV	31.3
PI 398879	South Korea	IV	31.4
PI 398904	South Korea	IV	28.6
PI 398925	South Korea	VI	28.0
PI 399048	South Korea	VI	28.2
PI 399053	South Korea	VI	29.8
PI 399069	South Korea	IV	30.7
PI 407748	China	V	28.3
PI 408033	South Korea	IV	30.9
PI 408058	South Korea	IV	31.4

PI 408064	South Korea	IV	32.0
PI 408065	South Korea	IV	31.5
PI 408072	South Korea	IV	30.2
PI 408076B	South Korea	IV	34.2
PI 408109A	South Korea	IV	29.5
PI 408125B	South Korea	IV	31.1
PI 408179	South Korea	IV	29.3
PI 408228B	South Korea	IV	31.8
PI 408233B	South Korea	IV	29.9
PI 408254	South Korea	VI	30.7
PI 408263	South Korea	IV	32.0
PI 408291	South Korea	IV	30.4
PI 408298A	South Korea	IV	30.1
PI 408299	South Korea	IV	31.2
PI 408334	South Korea	IV	31.8
PI 416888	Japan	IV	33.9
PI 416892	Japan	III	37.3
PI 417006	Japan	IV	32.2
PI 417021	Japan	IV	31.6
PI 417086B	Japan	IV	30.5
PI 417099	Japan	VI	28.1
PI 417159	Japan	V	29.0
PI 417163	Japan	IV	34.4
PI 417233	Japan	IV	29.3
PI 417301	Japan	IV	30.4
PI 417322	Japan	V	29.3
PI 417339	Japan	IV	34.4
PI 417468	Japan	IV	34.4
PI 417491	Japan	V	29.1
PI 423739	South Korea	IV	28.8
PI 423740	South Korea	IV	29.1
PI 423743B	South Korea	V	29.0
PI 423750	South Korea	IV	29.4
PI 423763	South Korea	IV	31.0
PI 423777	South Korea	IV	29.1
PI 423830B	South Korea	IV	28.4
PI 423899	Japan	III	32.5
PI 423980	Japan	IV	32.4
PI 424139	South Korea	VI	30.0
PI 424151	South Korea	IV	29.5
PI 424185	South Korea	VI	32.1
PI 424189	South Korea	IV	29.8
PI 424233	South Korea	IV	33.3
PI 424237A	South Korea	IV	32.8
PI 424250A	South Korea	IV	28.1
PI 424255B	South Korea	IV	28.0
PI 424282	South Korea	IV	31.7
PI 424292	South Korea	IV	32.3
PI 424313	South Korea	IV	31.3
PI 424314	South Korea	IV	30.2
PI 424322	South Korea	IV	29.0
PI 424364A	South Korea	IV	31.0
PI 424364B	South Korea	IV	29.7
PI 424377	South Korea	IV	28.3
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PI 424385	South Korea	IV	29.9

PI 424439	South Korea	VI	28.3
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PI 424470	South Korea	IV	28.5
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PI 424492	South Korea	IV	31.0
PI 424493A	South Korea	IV	29.0
PI 424513	South Korea	IV	29.6
PI 424516	South Korea	IV	28.6
PI 424518	South Korea	IV	28.3
PI 424537	South Korea	IV	33.4
PI 424546A	South Korea	IV	32.2
PI 424558A	South Korea	IV	30.2
PI 424564	South Korea	IV	29.9
PI 424571	South Korea	IV	29.3
PI 424574	South Korea	IV	30.5
PI 424576	South Korea	V	29.6
PI 424586	South Korea	V	28.6
PI 424590A	South Korea	IV	31.0
PI 424590B	South Korea	IV	30.6
PI 437734	China	V	28.6
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PI 442007B	South Korea	IV	28.4
PI 458021	South Korea	IV	31.1
PI 458031	South Korea	IV	29.8
PI 458036	South Korea	IV	28.6
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PI 458086	South Korea	IV	28.1
PI 458118	South Korea	IV	29.1
PI 458125	South Korea	IV	29.2
PI 458136	South Korea	IV	28.2
PI 458141	South Korea	IV	31.2
PI 458159	South Korea	V	29.3
PI 458203A	South Korea	IV	31.8
PI 458203B	South Korea	IV	29.7
PI 458219	South Korea	VI	29.7
PI 458245	South Korea	VI	29.2
PI 504508	Japan	III	28.9
PI 506530	Japan	VI	30.0
PI 506560	Japan	IV	33.2
PI 506569	Japan	VI	30.7
PI 506592	Japan	III	37.8
PI 506593	Japan	VI	32.0
PI 506594	Japan	V	32.2
PI 506606	Japan	VI	29.0
PI 506637	Japan	III	36.5
PI 506730	Japan	V	30.6
PI 506746	Japan	V	29.3
PI 506752	Japan	V	28.4
PI 506789	Japan	IV	29.5
PI 506790	Japan	III	32.5
PI 506797	Japan	V	31.2
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PI 506800B	Japan	III	34.0
PI 506801A	Japan	III	29.8

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PI 506903	Japan	IV	36.1
PI 506937	Japan	IV	29.0
PI 506982	Japan	III	29.7
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PI 507031	Japan	V	29.1
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PI 507123	Japan	IV	28.8
PI 507179	Japan	IV	30.4
PI 507208	Japan	VI	29.0
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PI 507226B	Japan	III	33.6
PI 507273	Japan	III	29.3
PI 507309	Japan	IV	33.6
PI 507428	Japan	VI	28.2
PI 507433	Japan	V	28.4
PI 507438	Japan	VI	29.9
PI 507445	Japan	IV	31.3
PI 507449	Japan	IV	29.3
PI 507469	Japan	VI	32.7
PI 507487	Japan	III	35.7
PI 507523	Japan	III	32.2
PI 507570	Japan	III	33.5
PI 509086	South Korea	VI	28.2
PI 509093	South Korea	VI	30.8
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PI 548408	China	IV	28.1
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PI 549065	Japan	IV	34.5
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PI 89162	North Korea	III	28.5
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PI 96550	North Korea	IV	28.2
PI 96783	North Korea	IV	28.9

**Supplementary Table 2.** Correlations between sucrose and stachyose content in seven environments

Environment	Correlation
FAY_14	-0.11*
STU_14	0.33***
FAY_15	-0.1*
STU_15	-0.12*
POR_20	0.01 <sup>ns</sup>
COL_21	-0.08 <sup>ns</sup>
POR_21	-0.05 <sup>ns</sup>

<sup>ns</sup>not significant. \*significant at  $p < 0.05$ . \*\*significant at  $p < 0.01$ . \*\*\*significant at  $p < 0.001$ .

**Supplementary Table 3.** Mean squares from analysis of variance for the sucrose and stachyose content.

Source	DF	Sucrose	Stachyose
Environment (E)	6	100.2***	53.3***
Maturity Group (M)	3	38.8***	190.5***
Genotype within M (G)	216	5.7***	4.1***
G × E	1314	0.6***	0.3***
Replication within Genotype	220	0.1 <sup>ns</sup>	0.2 <sup>ns</sup>

<sup>ns</sup>not significant. \*significant at  $p < 0.05$ . \*\*significant at  $p < 0.01$ . \*\*\*significant at  $p < 0.001$ .

**Supplementary Table 4.** A list of SNPs identified through genome-wide association study across all environments.

Trait	SNP	Chromosome	Position (bp)	-log(P)	Environment <sup>1</sup>
Sucrose	ss715581176	2	13472284	3.8	STU_14
	ss715581176	2	13472284	3.6	STU_15
	ss715581177	2	13478261	3.9	STU_14
	ss715581177	2	13478261	3.9	STU_15
	ss715581177	2	13478261	3.0	BLUP
	ss715581178	2	13479724	3.8	STU_14
	ss715581178	2	13479724	3.6	STU_15
	ss715581183	2	13523639	4.0	STU_14
	ss715581183	2	13523639	3.9	STU_15
	ss715581183	2	13523639	3.6	BLUP
	ss715581345	2	15473746	3.0	POR_20
	ss715582485	2	39808726	3.1	FAY_15
	ss715582936	2	42935784	3.2	POR_21
	ss715584684	3	1996434	3.4	FAY_15
	ss715585782	3	3929449	3.2	STU_14
	ss715585782	3	3929449	3.3	BLUP
	ss715586772	3	5081945	3.3	COL_21
	ss715588304	4	469489	3.0	FAY_14

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ss715591544	5	5486958	3.1	COL_21
ss715591544	5	5486958	3.3	POR_21
ss715592443	5	2372200	3.0	BLUP
ss715592444	5	2374822	3.1	FAY_14
ss715598115	7	42459910	3.4	COL_21
ss715598115	7	42459910	3.0	BLUP
ss715598116	7	42477713	3.1	COL_21
ss715599696	8	15317735	3.4	STU_15
ss715599738	8	15769392	3.1	POR_20
ss715599828	8	16525923	3.0	STU_15
ss715601987	8	42465843	3.2	STU_14
ss715601989	8	42485714	3.2	STU_14
ss715602502	8	47286262	3.7	FAY_14
ss715602502	8	47286262	3.8	FAY_15
ss715602502	8	47286262	3.1	STU_15
ss715602502	8	47286262	4.1	COL_21
ss715602502	8	47286262	4.8	BLUP
ss715602503	8	47317763	3.4	FAY_14
ss715602503	8	47317763	3.7	COL_21
ss715602503	8	47317763	3.9	BLUP
ss715602505	8	47332629	3.7	COL_21
ss715602505	8	47332629	3.2	POR_21
ss715604115	9	41717894	3.3	STU_14
ss715604752	9	47006196	3.0	COL_21
ss715604753	9	47007331	3.6	COL_21
ss715604753	9	47007331	3.2	BLUP
ss715608144	10	50562912	3.4	POR_20
ss715608145	10	50564648	3.3	POR_20
ss715612395	12	34250868	3.1	STU_15
ss715612415	12	34382741	3.1	STU_15
ss715612433	12	34489617	3.0	STU_15
ss715613179	12	5486355	3.9	FAY_15
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ss715613179	12	5486355	3.2	POR_21
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ss715613311	12	6694566	3.4	POR_21
ss715613553	12	828691	3.1	FAY_14
ss715613559	12	87780	3.5	COL_21
ss715613588	12	855537	3.4	FAY_14
ss715613588	12	855537	3.1	BLUP
ss715613589	12	856720	3.1	FAY_14
ss715613589	12	856720	3.3	BLUP
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ss715613645	12	94121	3.3	COL_21
ss715613685	12	949609	3.1	FAY_14
ss715613685	12	949609	3.0	STU_15
ss715613685	12	949609	3.3	BLUP
ss715614762	13	29177321	3.3	STU_15
ss715616020	13	18159747	3.1	FAY_14
ss715616989	13	15130627	3.1	COL_21
ss715617844	14	1672754	4.2	POR_21
ss715617894	14	1795304	3.5	POR_21
ss715619786	14	6693932	3.0	STU_15
ss715619831	14	7089189	3.0	STU_15
ss715624558	16	32840492	3.2	FAY_15
ss715624558	16	32840492	3.3	POR_20
ss715625545	16	778692	3.1	POR_20
ss715625552	16	781158	3.0	POR_20
ss715625556	16	782140	3.1	POR_20
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ss715626940	17	36165859	3.7	FAY_14
ss715627190	17	37039145	3.8	FAY_14

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	ss715627851	17	41433652	3.3	FAY_15
	ss715627851	17	41433652	4.2	POR_21
	ss715627851	17	41433652	3.4	BLUP
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ss715631422	18	48872732	3.2	POR_20
ss715634825	19	39500216	3.2	STU_15
ss715634825	19	39500216	3.3	BLUP

<sup>1</sup>FAY\_14 (Fayetteville in 2014), STU\_14 (Stuttgart in 2014), FAY\_15 (Fayetteville in 2015), STU\_15 (Stuttgart in 2015), POR\_20 (Portageville in 2020), COL\_21 (Columbia in 2021), and POR\_21 (Portageville in 2021)

**Supplementary Table 5.** A list of tentative candidate genes located within the LD block of significant SNPs.

Trait	Significant SNP	Chr	LD	Candidate gene <sup>1</sup>	Function Annotation <sup>2</sup>	Protein interaction <sup>3</sup>
Sucrose	ss715581183	2	13130661..13523639	<i>Glyma.02g128500</i>	Predicted membrane protein (DUF2232)	- <sup>4</sup>
				<i>Glyma.02g128800</i>	Protein of unknown function (DUF1262)	F-box/kelch-repeat protein at1g23390
				<i>Glyma.02g128900</i>	Importin-beta N-terminal domain	Nucleosome assembly protein 1
				<i>Glyma.02g129000</i>	Importin - 7, 8, 11	Nucleosome assembly protein 1
				<i>Glyma.02g129100</i>	Helix-loop-helix DNA-binding domain	Retinoblastoma-related protein 1
				<i>Glyma.02g129200</i>	Predicted hydrolases of HD superfamily	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase
				<i>Glyma.02g129300</i>	Leucine-rich repeat receptor-like protein kinase	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase
				<i>Glyma.02g129500</i>	Haloacid dehalogenase-like hydrolase	Ala-interacting subunit 3 isoform x1
				<i>Glyma.02g129700</i>	Protein of unknown function	F-box/kelch-repeat protein at1g23390
				<i>Glyma.02g129800</i>	Cytidine and deoxycytidylate deaminase zinc-binding region	Trna-specific adenosine deaminase tad3 isoform x1
				<i>Glyma.02g130100</i>	DNL zinc finger	Stromal 70 kda heat shock-related protein
				<i>Glyma.02g130200</i>	Xenotropic and polytropic retrovirus receptor 1	Kinesin-like protein kin-12c isoform x1
				<i>Glyma.02g130400</i>	Flavonoid biosynthesis	Cationic peroxidase 1
				<i>Glyma.02g130600</i>	ATP-binding cassette transporter	Glycerol-3-phosphate acyltransferase
				<i>Glyma.02g130700</i>	CO <sub>2</sub> fixation into oxaloacetate	Methylcrotonoyl-coa carboxylase beta chain, mitochondrial isoform x1
				<i>Glyma.02g131000</i>	Endonuclease/Exonuclease/phosphatase family	Methylcrotonoyl-coa carboxylase beta chain, mitochondrial isoform x1
				ss715602502	8	46921284..47286262
	<i>Glyma.08g356500</i>	Serine-Threonine protein kinase	Serine/threonine-protein kinase mtor; Belongs to the PI3/PI4-kinase family			
	<i>Glyma.08g356600</i>	Early growth response protein-related	-			
	<i>Glyma.08g356700</i>	Tetratricopeptide repeat (TPR)-like superfamily protein	Serine/threonine-protein kinase edr1; Uncharacterized protein			
	<i>Glyma.08g356800</i>	Pectin lyase-like superfamily protein	Polygalacturonase			
	<i>Glyma.08g356900</i>	Helix-loop-helix DNA-binding domain	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase			
	<i>Glyma.08g357000</i>	ER to golgi transport protein/RAD50-interacting protein 1	Centromere/kinetochore protein zw10 homolog isoform x1			
	<i>Glyma.08g357100</i>	Acetylglucosaminyltransferase family protein	Lipid transfer-like protein vas			
	<i>Glyma.08g357200</i>	Serine-Threonine protein kinase	1D-myo-inositol 3-kinase			
	<i>Glyma.08g357400</i>	Serine-Threonine protein kinase	Leucine-rich repeat receptor protein kinase ems1			
	<i>Glyma.08g357500</i>	Protein tyrosine kinase	Kinase-associated protein phosphatase 2			
	<i>Glyma.08g357600</i>	AP2/B3-like transcriptional factor family protein	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase			
	<i>Glyma.08g358200</i>	ARM repeat superfamily protein	Proteasome subunit beta type			
	<i>Glyma.08g358300</i>	26S proteasome regulatory complex, subunit PSMD10	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1			

			<i>Glyma.08g358700</i>	WD40 repeat-containing protein	Mannosyl-oligosaccharide alpha-1,3-glucosidase / glycosyl hydrolase 31 family
			<i>Glyma.08g358800</i>	D-galactose detoxification	UTP--glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase / UDP-sugar pyrophosphorylase
			<i>Glyma.08g359000</i>	Embryo-specific protein 3	10 kDa heat shock protein
			<i>Glyma.08g359100</i>	Multicopper oxidase	Plastocyanin
			<i>Glyma.08g359200</i>	Multicopper oxidase	Plastocyanin
			<i>Glyma.08g359300</i>	Multicopper oxidase	Plastocyanin
			<i>Glyma.08g359400</i>	Multicopper oxidase	Plastocyanin
			<i>Glyma.08g359700</i>	CemA-like proton extrusion protein-related	Pentatricopeptide repeat-containing protein at3g46790
			<i>Glyma.08g359900</i>	Activator of Hsp90 ATPase, N-terminal	Hsp70 nucleotide exchange factor fes1
			<i>Glyma.08g360100</i>	LITAF-like zinc ribbon domain	Transcription factor bzip68 membrane type
			<i>Glyma.08g360200</i>	NAC domain containing protein 83	Chlorophyll(ide) b reductase
			<i>Glyma.08g360400</i>	Sugar efflux transporter for intercellular exchange	12-oxophytodienoic acid reductase
			<i>Glyma.08g360500</i>	Sugar efflux transporter for intercellular exchange	12-oxophytodienoic acid reductase
			<i>Glyma.08g360600</i>	Serine-Threonine protein kinase	Leucine-rich repeat disease resistance protein
			<i>Glyma.08g360700</i>	Auxin responsive protein	-
			<i>Glyma.08g360800</i>	Pollen Ole e 1 allergen and extensin family protein	Aspartyl protease aed3
			<i>Glyma.08g360900</i>	Signal peptide peptidase	Presenilin
			<i>Glyma.08g361000</i>	Ras family	Vacuolar protein sorting-associated protein 9a
			<i>Glyma.08g361100</i>	RmlC-like cupins superfamily protein	20S proteasome subunit alpha 4
			<i>Glyma.08g361200</i>	Sugar (and other) transporter	Sucrose transport protein SUC3 isoform
ss715613179	12	5190833..5486355	<i>Glyma.12g071000</i>	Auxin response factor 4	Eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2c
			<i>Glyma.12g071100</i>	2-methylacyl-CoA dehydrogenase	Methylcrotonoyl-coa carboxylase beta chain
			<i>Glyma.12g071200</i>	Cytochrome B561	Anaphase-promoting complex subunit 4
			<i>Glyma.12g071300</i>	SUMO transferase activity	Spl-ring and pyr_redox_2 domain-containing protein
			<i>Glyma.12g071400</i>	Tetratricopeptide repeat (TPR)-like superfamily protein	Pentatricopeptide repeat-containing protein at1g02370
			<i>Glyma.12g071600</i>	RmlC-like cupins superfamily protein	-
			<i>Glyma.12g071700</i>	Mitochondrial/chloroplast ribosomal protein L28	50S ribosomal protein L27
			<i>Glyma.12g071800</i>	Soluble epoxide hydrolase	Glutamate--trna ligase
			<i>Glyma.12g071900</i>	Zinc finger (C3HC4-type RING finger) family protein	Probable e3 ubiquitin-protein ligase ari8
			<i>Glyma.12g072000</i>	LOB domain-containing protein 1	Ethylene-responsive transcription factor erf021
			<i>Glyma.12g072100</i>	Tetraspanin family	Probable receptor-like protein kinase at5g24010
			<i>Glyma.12g072200</i>	ROP interactive partner 5	Kinesin-like protein kin-13a
			<i>Glyma.12g072300</i>	Ribosomal protein S12/S23 family protein	40S ribosomal protein S29 isoform X2
			<i>Glyma.12g072400</i>	Dof-type zinc finger DNA-binding family protein	Transcription factor bhlh95
			<i>Glyma.12g072500</i>	Arogenate dehydratase	Histidinol-phosphate aminotransferase
			<i>Glyma.12g072600</i>	Sentrin/SUMO-specific protease	Ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase l3
			<i>Glyma.12g072700</i>	Vacuolar proton ATPases	V-type h+-transporting atpase subunit a

			<i>Glyma.12g072800</i>	Glycolysis II (from fructose 6-phosphate)	-
			<i>Glyma.12g073000</i>	Mitogen-activated protein kinase	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.12g073100</i>	Ascorbate glutathione cycle	Glutathione dehydrogenase/transferase
			<i>Glyma.12g073200</i>	MOT2 transcription factor	General negative regulator of transcription subunit 3 isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.12g073300</i>	Regulation of transcription	Jasmonate zim domain-containing protein
ss715627820	17	41098767..41215021	<i>Glyma.17g256900</i>	Plant protein of unknown function	Trna wybutosine-synthesizing protein 2/3/4 isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.17g257100</i>	Exoribonucleases producing 5'-phosphomonoesters	Decapping nuclease dxo homolog
			<i>Glyma.17g257200</i>	Putative lysine decarboxylase family protein	Bifunctional dihydrofolate reductase-thymidylate synthase
			<i>Glyma.17g257400</i>	DnaJ/Hsp40 cysteine-rich domain superfamily protein	Protein maintenance of psii under high light 1
			<i>Glyma.17g257500</i>	HVA22/DP1 gene product-related proteins	Ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme e2 g1
			<i>Glyma.17g257600</i>	tRNA (adenine-N(1))-methyltransferase non-catalytic subunit	Trna (adenine57-n1/adenine58-n1)-methyltransferase catalytic subunit
			<i>Glyma.17g257800</i>	Hexokinase	Glucose-6-phosphate isomerase
			<i>Glyma.17g257700</i>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> -like zinc finger protein	Kinetochores-associated protein knl-2 homolog isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.17g257900</i>	Clathrin adaptor complex small chain	AP-2 complex subunit mu-1
			<i>Glyma.17g258100</i>	Gibberellin regulated protein	Xyloglucan endotransglucosylase/hydrolase
ss715627853	17	41433652..41457489	<i>Glyma.17g260100</i>	Alcohol dehydrogenase GroES-like domain	Phosphoglycerate kinase
			<i>Glyma.17g260200</i>	Protein of unknown function	Pathogen-related protein
			<i>Glyma.17g260300</i>	Peroxidase	Glycosyltransferases
			<i>Glyma.17g260400</i>	Rare lipoprotein A (RlpA)-like double-psi beta-barrel	Polygalacturonase precursor
ss715636857	20	1655457..1965560	<i>Glyma.20g017200</i>	Mitochondrial chaperonin	Chaperonin cpn60-2, mitochondrial isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.20g017400</i>	GDP-fucose protein O-fucosyltransferase	O-fucosyltransferase 23 isoform
			<i>Glyma.20g017500</i>	Phytanoyl-CoA dioxygenase	Fumarate hydratase 1 / Acetyl-coa acyltransferase 1; 3-ketoacyl-CoA thiolase
			<i>Glyma.20g017600</i>	Homeobox domain	Transcription factor yabby13;
			<i>Glyma.20g017700</i>	40S ribosomal protein S17	40S ribosomal protein S29 isoform X2
			<i>Glyma.20g017800</i>	Integral component of membrane	CLAVATA3/ESR (CLE)-related protein 13
			<i>Glyma.20g017900</i>	Pathogenesis-related protein Bet v I family	Polygalacturonase inhibiting protein
			<i>Glyma.20g018000</i>	GDP-glucose biosynthesis	UTP--glucose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase isoform X2 / Alpha-1,4 glucan phosphorylase L isozyme
			<i>Glyma.20g018100</i>	C2 domain	Lactoylglutathione lyase
			<i>Glyma.20g018200</i>	Glycosyl hydrolases family 17	Glycosyltransferases
			<i>Glyma.20g018300</i>	Succinate:Quinone oxidoreductase	Putative succinate dehydrogenase complex protein
			<i>Glyma.20g018400</i>	Human Cytomegalovirus UL139 protein	-

			<i>Glyma.20g018500</i>	Calcyclin-binding protein CacyBP	Activator of 90 kda heat shock protein atpase homolog isoform x2	
			<i>Glyma.20g018600</i>	Cytochrome P450 CYP2 subfamily	Mfs transporter, sp family, sugar:h+ symporter	
			<i>Glyma.20g018700</i>	V-Type proton ATPase proteolipid subunit	V-type h+-transporting atpase subunit d	
			<i>Glyma.20g018800</i>	Cytochrome P450 CYP2 subfamily	Mfs transporter, sp family, sugar:h+ symporter	
			<i>Glyma.20g018900</i>	Cytochrome P450 CYP2 subfamily	Mfs transporter, sp family, sugar:h+ symporter	
ss715637428	20	34276503..34314607	<i>Glyma.20g099600</i>	Methionyl-tRNA synthetase	Leucine--tRNA ligase	
			<i>Glyma.20g099700</i>	Domain of unknown function	Casparian strip membrane protein	
			<i>Glyma.20g099800</i>	Zinc finger, C3HC4 type (RING finger)	Dehydrin	
			<i>Glyma.20g099900</i>	Plant protein of unknown function	5-O-(4-coumaroyl)-D-quinic 3'-monooxygenase	
Stachyose	ss715583079	2	44214908..44306758	<i>Glyma.02g255100</i>	Glycosyl transferase family 64 domain	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase
			<i>Glyma.02g255200</i>	Tetratricopeptide repeat (TPR)-like superfamily protein	-	
			<i>Glyma.02g255300</i>	Integral component of membrane	-	
			<i>Glyma.02g255400</i>	Hs1pro-1 N-terminus	O-fucosyltransferase 20	
			<i>Glyma.02g255500</i>	Ribosomal protein L10	Large subunit ribosomal protein 13e	
			<i>Glyma.02g255600</i>	Ribosomal protein L10	Large subunit ribosomal protein 13e	
			<i>Glyma.02g255700</i>	Syntaxin	Golgi snap receptor complex member 2	
			<i>Glyma.02g255800</i>	Transmembrane amino acid transporter protein	Solute carrier family 12 (potassium/chloride transporter)	
			<i>Glyma.02g255900</i>	Ubiquitin-binding WIYLD domain	-	
			<i>Glyma.02g256000</i>	Peptidase family M50	Atp-dependent clp protease proteolytic subunit-related protein 1	
			<i>Glyma.02g256100</i>	Leucine-rich repeat protein kinase family protein	U11/U12 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein 20 kDa protein	
			<i>Glyma.02g256200</i>	Leucine-rich repeat protein kinase family protein	-	
			<i>Glyma.02g256300</i>	Pleckstrin homology (PH) domain superfamily protein	COP1-interactive protein 1	
			<i>Glyma.02g256500</i>	Aspartyl protease	Mitochondrial chaperone bcs1	
ss715583119	2	44409157..44553129	<i>Glyma.02g257600</i>	Protein kinase domain	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1	
			<i>Glyma.02g257700</i>	Anthocyanidin synthase	Anthocyanidin reductase 1	
			<i>Glyma.02g257800</i>	Synaptobrevin	Vacuolar protein-sorting-associated protein 33 homolog	
			<i>Glyma.02g257900</i>	Gibberellin 2β-dioxygenase	Protein brassinosteroid insensitive	
			<i>Glyma.02g258000</i>	Response to freezing	Glycosyltransferases	
			<i>Glyma.02g258100</i>	Anaphase-promoting complex (APC)	Anaphase-promoting complex subunit	
			<i>Glyma.02g258200</i>	Clathrin propeller repeat	Phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-trisphosphate 3-phosphatase	
			<i>Glyma.02g258300</i>	Helix-loop-helix DNA-binding domain	Transcription factor	
ss715592340	5	2167334..2213518	<i>Glyma.05g024700</i>	integral component of membrane	-	
			<i>Glyma.05g024800</i>	Galactosyl transferase	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase	

			<i>Glyma.05g024900</i>	PPR repeat	50S ribosomal protein L21
			<i>Glyma.05g025000</i>	Response regulator receiver domain	Protein early flowering 4a
			<i>Glyma.05g025100</i>	Exonuclease	Acyl-acyl carrier protein thioesterase at13
			<i>Glyma.05g025200</i>	Zinc finger, C3HC4 type (RING finger)	Rna-dependent rna polymerase 2 isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.05g025300</i>	Ribulose-phosphate 3 epimerase family	Probable ribose-5-phosphate isomerase
			<i>Glyma.05g025400</i>	Xyloglucan fucosyltransferase	Xyloglucan galactosyltransferase
ss715592442	5	2283415..2372200	<i>Glyma.05g026200</i>	Pyridine nucleotide-disulphide oxidoreductase	Chlorophyll/bacteriochlorophyll a synthase
			<i>Glyma.05g026300</i>	Malate dehydrogenase	Malate synthase, glyoxysomal; Malate synthase; Citrate synthase, Fumarate hydratase 1
			<i>Glyma.05g026400</i>	PPR repeat	28S ribosomal protein
			<i>Glyma.05g026500</i>	RWP-RK domain	Tetratricopeptide repeat protein 1
			<i>Glyma.05g026600</i>	Protein of unknown function	60S ribosome subunit biogenesis protein NIP7 homolog
			<i>Glyma.05g026800</i>	Xylogalacturonan $\beta$ -1,3-xylosyltransferase	Glycosyltransferase family 64 protein c4
			<i>Glyma.05g026900</i>	ZF-HD protein dimerisation region	Homeobox-leucine zipper protein athb-12
			<i>Glyma.05g027000</i>	Myb-like DNA-binding domain	Probable wrky transcription factor 49
			<i>Glyma.05g027100</i>	alpha/beta-Hydrolases superfamily protein	Sucrose synthase
			<i>Glyma.05g027300</i>	Nucleosome assembly protein	Acidic leucine-rich nuclear phosphoprotein 32
ss715591198	5	35722019..35773064	<i>Glyma.05g166700</i>	Protein tyrosine kinase	Probable calcium-binding protein cml21 isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.05g166800</i>	Mitochondrial outer membrane protein 25	Fructose-1,6-bisphosphatase
			<i>Glyma.05g166900</i>	Cytochrome P450	Atp-dependent clp protease atp-binding subunit clpb
			<i>Glyma.05g167000</i>	Plant thionin family protein	-
			<i>Glyma.05g167100</i>	Protein of Unknown Function	Dirigent protein 23
ss715601133	8	2300808..2384272	<i>Glyma.08g028600</i>	UDP- $\alpha$ -D-galacturonate biosynthesis II (from D-galacturonate)	UDPglucose--hexose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase / UDP-sugar pyrophosphorylase 1
			<i>Glyma.08g028800</i>	Phospholipase A2 family protein	Lecithin-cholesterol acyltransferase-like 4
			<i>Glyma.08g028900</i>	Type I phosphodiesterase / nucleotide pyrophosphatase	Glutamine-dependent NAD(+) synthetase
			<i>Glyma.08g029000</i>	Cytidine and deoxycytidylate deaminase zinc-binding region	Uridine nucleosidase 1-like
			<i>Glyma.08g029100</i>	Tetraspanin family	Glutathione s-transferase dhar3
			<i>Glyma.08g029200</i>	Ethylene biosynthesis I (plants)	1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate synthase 7-like
			<i>Glyma.08g029300</i>	Sodium/hydrogen exchanger family	Kup system potassium uptake protein
			<i>Glyma.08g029400</i>	Myb-like DNA-binding domain	Transcription factor myb
			<i>Glyma.08g029500</i>	Serine/threonine protein kinase	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase
			<i>Glyma.08g029600</i>	Putative Phosphatase	Vacuolar protein sorting-associated protein
			<i>Glyma.08g029700</i>	Differentiation-related gene 1 protein	Guanine nucleotide-binding protein

ss715603880	9	3766363..3772351	<i>Glyma.09g044100</i>	Uncharacterized conserved protein related to condensin complex subunit 1	Condensin-2 complex subunit H2
ss715639178	9	30134957	<i>Glyma.09g124300</i>	Photosynthesis	-
ss715606330	10	3526785..3598580	<i>Glyma.10g039900</i>	Ribosomal protein L14p/L23e	Large subunit ribosomal protein l12e
			<i>Glyma.10g040000</i>	Glutathione S-transferase	Alpha-1,3-glucosyltransferase
			<i>Glyma.10g040100</i>	Ubiquitin-binding WIYLD domain	Chromo domain-containing protein lhp1
			<i>Glyma.10g040200</i>	Mitochondrial import receptor subunit TOM22	Mitochondrial import inner membrane translocase subunit
			<i>Glyma.10g040400</i>	AUX/IAA family	Auxin response factor
			<i>Glyma.10g040500</i>	Leucine rich repeat N-terminal domain	Probable lrr receptor-like serine/threonine-protein kinase at5g63710
			<i>Glyma.10g040600</i>	Photosynthesis	Photosystem i reaction center subunit iii
			<i>Glyma.10g040700</i>	Xyloglucan biosynthesis	Xyloglucan 6-xylosyltransferase 2
			<i>Glyma.10g040800</i>	RNA-binding protein	15-cis-phytoene desaturase,
			<i>Glyma.10g040900</i>	Ring zinc finger-containing protein	Ribosomal RNA-processing protein
			<i>Glyma.10g041000</i>	Alcohol dehydrogenase GroES-like domain	S-formylglutathione hydrolase
ss715615716	13	18315025..18531998	<i>Glyma.13g077500</i>	Response regulator receiver domain	Btb/poz and taz domain-containing protein 4
			<i>Glyma.13g077600</i>	Protein of unknown function	-
			<i>Glyma.13g077700</i>	Serine hydroxymethyltransferase	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.13g077800</i>	EamA-like transporter family	-
			<i>Glyma.13g077900</i>	Vacuolar H <sup>+</sup> -ATPase V0 sector, subunits c/c'	V-type h <sup>+</sup> -transporting atpase subunit d
			<i>Glyma.13g078000</i>	BTB/POZ domain	Cullin-1
			<i>Glyma.13g078200</i>	Leucine Rich Repeat	-
			<i>Glyma.13g078400</i>	Pheophorbide a oxygenase	Chlorophyll(ide) b reductase
			<i>Glyma.13g078500</i>	Plant protein of unknown function	Web family protein at3g51220
			<i>Glyma.13g078600</i>	ATP synthase alpha/beta family	F-type h <sup>+</sup> -transporting atpase subunit gamma
			<i>Glyma.13g078700</i>	PQ-loop repeat family protein / transmembrane family protein	-
			<i>Glyma.13g078800</i>	Mut7-C RNase domain	Rna exonuclease 4 isoform x1
ss715614101	13	24090619..24618809	<i>Glyma.13g128100</i>	Protein of unknown function (DUF861)	Salt stress-induced hydrophobic peptide esi3
			<i>Glyma.13g128200</i>	Serine/threonine protein kinase	Transcription factor myb
			<i>Glyma.13g128300</i>	Sugar Kinase	DNa repair protein xrcc4
			<i>Glyma.13g128400</i>	Sugar Kinase	DNa repair protein xrcc4
			<i>Glyma.13g128500</i>	Myb-like DNA-binding domain	Dna-directed rna polymerase i subunit rpa49
			<i>Glyma.13g128600</i>	Dolichol phosphate-mannose biosynthesis regulatory protein	Dolichol-phosphate mannosyltransferase subunit 1
			<i>Glyma.13g128700</i>	Myosin ATPase	Kinesin-like protein kin-14i isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.13g128800</i>	Flavin-containing monooxygenase	L-tryptophan--pyruvate aminotransferase 1
			<i>Glyma.13g128900</i>	Glutaredoxin and related proteins	Atp-binding cassette

<i>Glyma.13g129000</i>	Glutathione S-transferase	Glutathione synthetase
<i>Glyma.13g129100</i>	Glutathione S-transferase	Glutathione s-transferase 2 isoform x2
<i>Glyma.13g129200</i>	Plant self-incompatibility protein S1	Phospholipid-transporting ATPase
<i>Glyma.13g129400</i>	Photosystem I reaction centre subunit IV / PsaE	Photosystem i reaction center subunit iii
<i>Glyma.13g129500</i>	Photosystem I reaction centre subunit IV / PsaE	Photosystem i reaction center subunit iii
<i>Glyma.13g129700</i>	Protein of unknown function	-
<i>Glyma.13g129800</i>	Tetraspanin family	Cell division protein ftsz homolog 1
<i>Glyma.13g129900</i>	GDSL-like Lipase/Acylhydrolase	Protein gamete expressed 2
<i>Glyma.13g130000</i>	CLASP N terminal	Cytoskeleton-associated protein 5
<i>Glyma.13g130100</i>	Helix-loop-helix DNA-binding domain	Protein far-red elongated hypocotyl 3-like
<i>Glyma.13g130200</i>	Predicted MYND Zn-finger protein/hormone receptor interactor	Box c/d snorna protein 1
<i>Glyma.13g130300</i>	26S proteasome regulatory complex, subunit PSMD10	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1
<i>Glyma.13g130400</i>	ATPase family associated with various cellular activities	Proteasome subunit beta type
<i>Glyma.13g130700</i>	HSP20-like chaperones superfamily protein	Mitochondrial import receptor subunit tom40 homolog 1-like
<i>Glyma.13g130800</i>	HSP20-like chaperones superfamily protein	Mitochondrial import receptor subunit tom40 homolog 1-like
<i>Glyma.13g130900</i>	Heat shock protein 70KDA	Suppressor of tumorigenicity protein 13
<i>Glyma.13g131000</i>	PIF1-like helicase	Dna replication atp-dependent helicase/nuclease dna2 isoform x1
<i>Glyma.13g131100</i>	SANT Associated	L-aminoadipate-semialdehyde dehydrogenase-phosphopantetheinyl transferase isoform x1
<i>Glyma.13g131200</i>	Sodium/hydrogen exchanger family	Na <sup>+</sup> /h <sup>+</sup> antiporter
<i>Glyma.13g131300</i>	Putative GTPase activating protein for Arf	Probable adp-ribosylation factor gtpase-activating protein agd8
<i>Glyma.13g131400</i>	Short chain dehydrogenase	Bifunctional dihydrofolate reductase-thymidylate synthase
<i>Glyma.13g131600</i>	PPR repeat	Guanylate kinase 3
<i>Glyma.13g131700</i>	Cofilin/tropomyosin-type actin-binding protein	Adenylyl cyclase-associated protein
<i>Glyma.13g131800</i>	Acyl-CoA N-acyltransferase with RING/FYVE/PHD-type zinc finger domain	-
<i>Glyma.13g131900</i>	Glutamate N-acetyltransferase	Acetylglutamate kinase
<i>Glyma.13g132100</i>	Histone H2B	Histone acetyltransferase gcn5
<i>Glyma.13g132400</i>	Inorganic diphosphatase	V-type h <sup>+</sup> -transporting atpase 21kda proteolipid subunit
<i>Glyma.13g132500</i>	EamA-like transporter family	Psbp domain-containing protein 3

			<i>Glyma.13g132700</i>	D-myo-inositol (1,4,5)-trisphosphate degradation	Inositol polyphosphate 6-/3-/5-kinase
			<i>Glyma.13g132800</i>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> and C <sub>2</sub> HC zinc fingers superfamily protein	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.13g132900</i>	DNA-directed RNA polymerase family protein	-
			<i>Glyma.13g133000</i>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> and C <sub>2</sub> HC zinc fingers superfamily protein	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.13g133100</i>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> -type zinc finger family protein	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.13g133200</i>	Kinesin motor domain	Abnormal spindle-like microcephaly-associated protein homolog isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.13g133300</i>	Plant protein 1589 of unknown function	Ornithine carbamoyltransferase
			<i>Glyma.13g133400</i>	Tetratricopeptide repeat (TPR)-like superfamily protein	U4/U6 small nuclear ribonucleoprotein Prp31 homolog
			<i>Glyma.13g133500</i>	Protein of unknown function	Microtubule-associated protein 70-2
			<i>Glyma.13g133600</i>	Heavy-metal-associated domain	Cytochrome c oxidase assembly protein subunit 17
			<i>Glyma.13g133800</i>	UDP-glucuronate decarboxylase	UDP-glucose 6-dehydrogenase
			<i>Glyma.13g133900</i>	Ribosomal L29 protein	Large subunit ribosomal protein l8e
ss715617675	14	13008001..13358759	<i>Glyma.14g112400</i>	Homeobox domain	Transcription repressor ofp5-like
			<i>Glyma.14g112600</i>	Integral component of membrane	Arabinoxyltransferase xeg113 isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.14g112700</i>	SET domain	Set1/Ash2 histone methyltransferase complex subunit ASH2
			<i>Glyma.14g112800</i>	Peptidase M16 inactive domain	Aminoacylase-1 isoform X1
			<i>Glyma.14g112900</i>	Triacylglycerol Lipase 1	Diacylglycerol o-acyltransferase 1c
			<i>Glyma.14g113000</i>	ATPase	Abc transporter d family member 1-like isoform x2
			<i>Glyma.14g113100</i>	Polysaccharide binding	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1
			<i>Glyma.14g113200</i>	Serine/threonine protein kinase	Protein phosphatase 2c and cyclic nucleotide-binding/kinase domain-containing protein isoform x1
ss715622806	15	51360752..51670112	<i>Glyma.15g275200</i>	Thaumatococcus family	-
			<i>Glyma.15g275300</i>	Triose-phosphate Transporter family	Glucose-1-phosphate adenylyltransferase
			<i>Glyma.15g275400</i>	Glycosyl hydrolases family 28	Pectinesterase
			<i>Glyma.15g275500</i>	Actin	Dna-directed rna polymerase v subunit 1
			<i>Glyma.15g275600</i>	Photosystem II 5 kD protein	Photosystem i subunit
			<i>Glyma.15g275700</i>	Photosystem II 5 kD protein	Photosystem i subunit
			<i>Glyma.15g275900</i>	Protein of unknown function	30S ribosomal protein S1 isoform 1
			<i>Glyma.15g276000</i>	DNA topoisomerase type II	Structural maintenance of chromosomes protein 6b
			<i>Glyma.15g276100</i>	Protein of unknown function	Vacuolar protein sorting-associated protein 29
			<i>Glyma.15g276200</i>	Integral component of membrane	Casein kinase 1-like protein 3
			<i>Glyma.15g276300</i>	Sterol 24-C-methyltransferase	Plant 4,4-dimethylsterol c-4alpha-methylmonooxygenase
			<i>Glyma.15g276400</i>	Copper amine oxidase	Aldehyde dehydrogenase family 3 member

<i>Glyma.15g276500</i>	Flavin containing amine oxidoreductase	Helicase protein mom1 isoform x1
<i>Glyma.15g276600</i>	Wound-induced protein	-
<i>Glyma.15g276700</i>	Uncharacterized protein family	Glucan endo-1,3-beta-glucosidase a6
<i>Glyma.15g276800</i>	Thiamine pyrophosphate enzyme	2-succinylbenzoate--CoA ligase
<i>Glyma.15g276900</i>	Protein arginine N-methyltransferase	Mediator of rna polymerase ii transcription subunit

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<sup>1</sup>Gene model: Glycine max cv. Williams 82 reference-genome models version 2.0. <sup>2</sup>Phytozome database. <sup>3</sup>STRING database. <sup>4</sup>Data not available.

**Supplementary Table 6.** The gene ontology annotations of candidate genes.

Trait	Candidate gene	Category	Gene ontology annotation
Sucrose	<i>Glyma.02g129200</i>	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0002953 ~ 5'-deoxynucleotidase activity
		GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0005524 ~ ATP binding
<i>Glyma.08g356800</i>	<i>Glyma.08g356800</i>	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0045490 ~ Pectin catabolic process
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0030570 ~ Pectate lyase activity
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0046872 ~ Metal ion binding
		GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
<i>Glyma.08g357200</i>	<i>Glyma.08g357200</i>	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0004672 ~ Protein kinase activity
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0005524 ~ ATP binding
<i>Glyma.08g358700</i>	<i>Glyma.08g358700</i>	- <sup>1</sup>	-
		GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0006012 ~ Galactose metabolic process
<i>Glyma.08g358800</i>	<i>Glyma.08g358800</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0005829 ~ Cytosol
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0004335 ~ Galactokinase activity
		GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0005524 ~ ATP binding
		GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0008643 ~ Carbohydrate transport
<i>Glyma.08g360400</i>	<i>Glyma.08g360400</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0005886 ~ Plasma membrane
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0051119 ~ Sugar transmembrane transporter activity
		GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0008643 ~ Carbohydrate transport
<i>Glyma.08g360500</i>	<i>Glyma.08g360500</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0005886 ~ Plasma membrane
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0051119 ~ Sugar transmembrane transporter activity
		GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
<i>Glyma.08g361200</i>	<i>Glyma.08g361200</i>	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0005366 ~ Myo-inositol:proton symporter activity
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0006096 ~ Glycolytic process
		GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0005737 ~ Cytoplasm
		GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0009570 ~ Chloroplast stroma
<i>Glyma.12g072800</i>	<i>Glyma.12g072800</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
		GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0000287 ~ Magnesium ion binding

		GO:0004743 ~ Pyruvate kinase activity
		GO:0005524 ~ ATP binding
		GO:0016301 ~ Kinase activity
		GO:0030955 ~ Potassium ion binding
		GO:0001678 ~ Intracellular glucose homeostasis
	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0006096 ~ Glycolytic process
		GO:0019318 ~ Hexose metabolic process
		GO:0051156 ~ Glucose 6-phosphate metabolic process
	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0005739 ~ Mitochondrion
<i>Glyma.17g257800</i>		GO:0005829 ~ Cytosol
		GO:0004340 ~ Glucokinase activity
	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0005524 ~ ATP binding
		GO:0005536 ~ Glucose binding
		GO:0008865 ~ Fructokinase activity
<i>Glyma.17g258100</i>		GO:0019158 ~ Mannokinase activity
	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0006979 ~ Response to oxidative stress
	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0009505 ~ Plant-type cell wall
<i>Glyma.17g260300</i>		GO:0004601 ~ Peroxidase activity
	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0020037 ~ Heme binding
		GO:0046872 ~ Metal ion binding
	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0009664 ~ Plant-type cell wall organization
<i>Glyma.17g260400</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0005576 ~ Extracellular region
		GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0006004 ~ Fucose metabolic process
<i>Glyma.20g017400</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0016740 ~ Transferase activity
	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0005975 ~ Carbohydrate metabolic process
<i>Glyma.20g018000</i>	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0004615 ~ Phosphomannomutase activity
		GO:0046872 ~ Metal ion binding
	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0005975 ~ Carbohydrate metabolic process
<i>Glyma.20g018200</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0042973 ~ Glucan endo-1,3-beta-D-glucosidase activity
	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0006431 ~ Methionyl-tRNA aminoacylation
<i>Glyma.20g099600</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0005739 ~ Mitochondrion
	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0004825 ~ Methionine-tRNA ligase activity
		GO:0005524 ~ ATP binding
Stachyose	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0006486 ~ Protein glycosylation
<i>Glyma.02g255100</i>	GOTERM_CC_DIRECT	GO:0016020 ~ Membrane
	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0016757 ~ Glycosyltransferase activity
<i>Glyma.02g255400</i>	GOTERM_BP_DIRECT	GO:0006952 ~ Defense response
		GO:0019441 ~ Tryptophan catabolic process to kynurenine

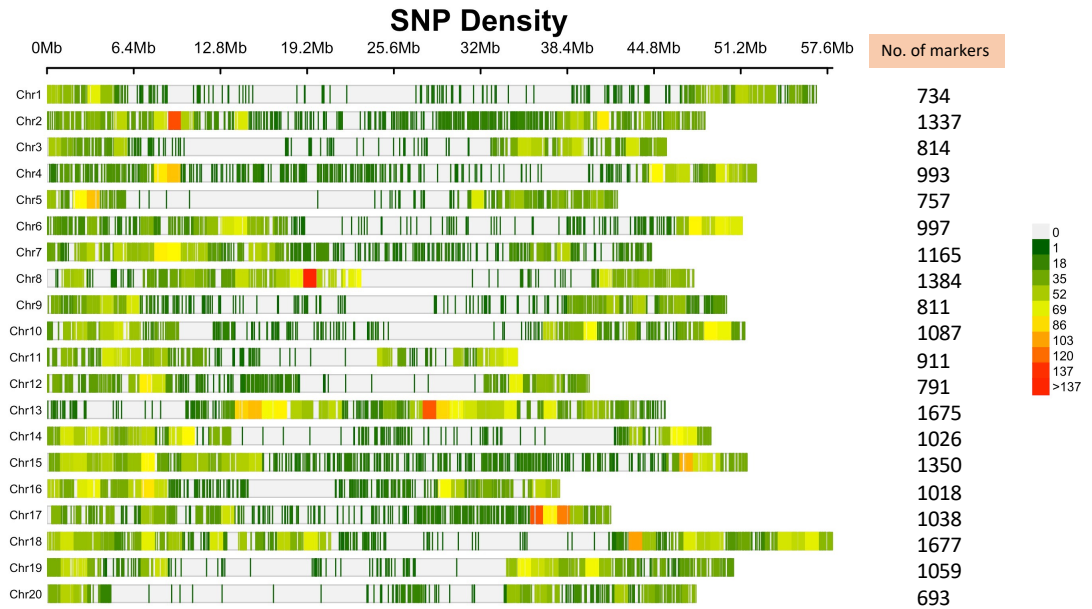
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		GO:0046872 ~ Metal ion binding
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	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0016757 ~ Glycosyltransferase activity
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		GO:0019200 ~ Carbohydrate kinase activity
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	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0016301 ~ Kinase activity
		GO:0016773 ~ phosphotransferase activity, alcohol group as acceptor
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	GOTERM_MF_DIRECT	GO:0004439 ~ Phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate 5-phosphatase activity
		GO:0034485 ~ Phosphatidylinositol-3,4,5-trisphosphate 5-phosphatase activity
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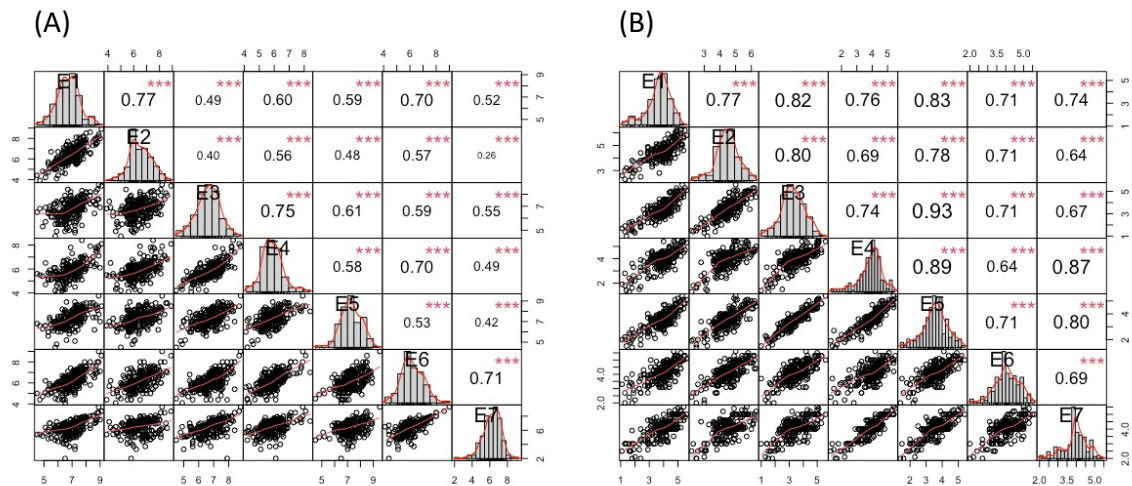
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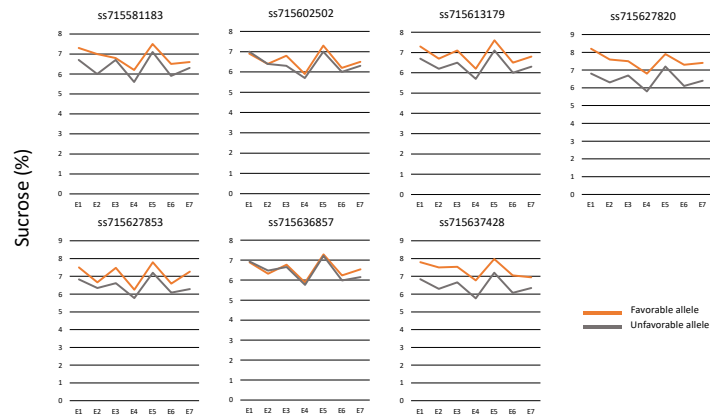


**Supplementary Figure 1.** The number of filtered SNPs mapped across 20 soybean chromosomes.



**Supplementary Figure 2.** Pearson's correlations among environments for sucrose (A) and stachyose (B) content. E1, Fayetteville, AR, 2014; E2, Stuttgart, AR, 2014; E3, Fayetteville, AR, 2015; E4, Stuttgart, AR, 2015; E5, Portageville, MO, 2020; E6, Columbia, MO, 2021; E7, Portageville, MO, 2021.

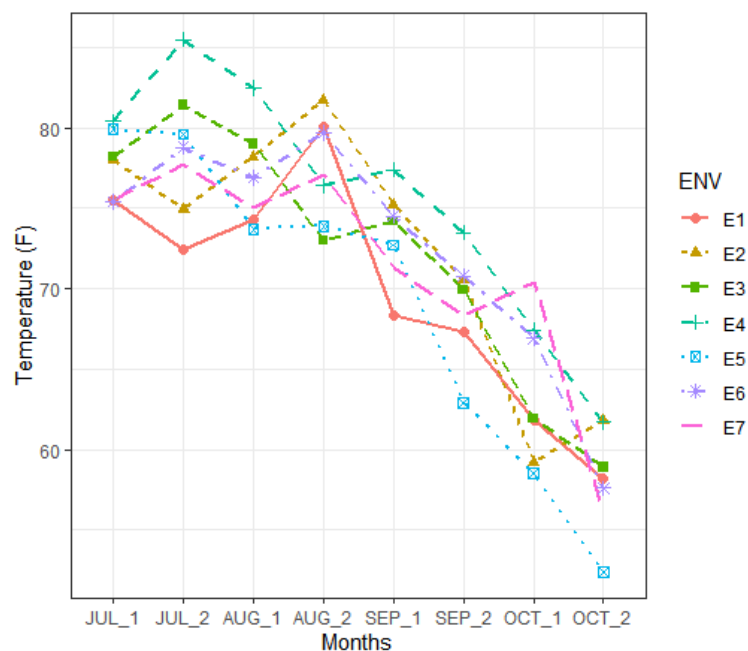
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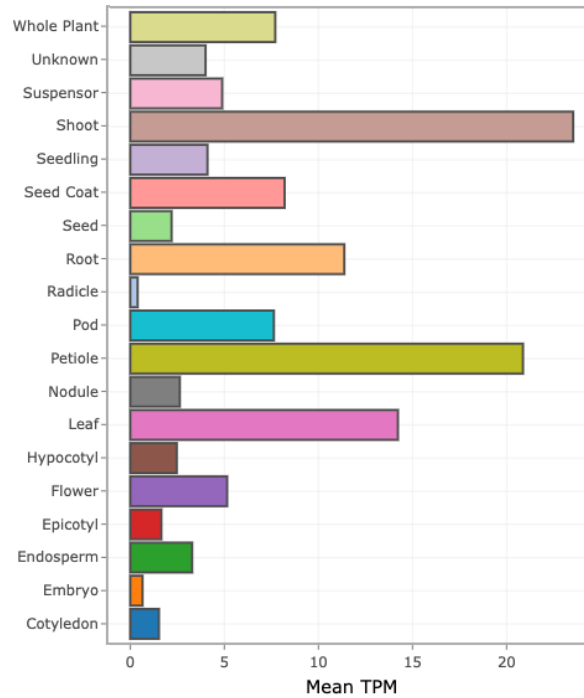
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**Supplementary Figure 3.** Allelic effect of significant SNPs for sucrose (A) and stachyose (B) content across environments. The allele conferring higher sucrose content was designated a favorable allele, while the allele conferring lower stachyose content was designated a favorable allele. E1, Fayetteville, AR, 2014; E2, Stuttgart, AR, 2014; E3, Fayetteville, AR, 2015; E4, Stuttgart, AR, 2015; E5, Portageville, MO, 2020; E6, Columbia, MO, 2021; E7, Portageville, MO, 2021.



**Supplementary Figure 4.** Temperatures during soybean pod-filling stages (July – October) across environments. ‘\_1’ and ‘\_2’ indicate the first 15 days and the rest of the month, respectively. E1, Fayetteville, AR, 2014; E2, Stuttgart, AR, 2014; E3, Fayetteville, AR, 2015; E4, Stuttgart, AR, 2015; E5, Portageville, MO, 2020; E6, Columbia, MO, 2021; E7, Portageville, MO, 2021.



**Supplementary Figure 5.** The gene expression level of raffinose synthase 3 gene (*Glyma.05g003900*, Wm82.a2.v1) across 19 different parts of the soybean plant. The raw gene expression counts were normalized using a Transcripts Per Million (TPM) methods.

### Supplementary tables and figures for Chapter 3

**Supplementary Table 1.** Analysis of variance for two mapping populations, P593\_RIL1 and P593\_RIL2.

Source	P593_RIL1				P593_RIL2			
	df	Mean Square	F-value	Pr > F	df	Mean Square	F-value	Pr > F
Genotype	139	2.5	4.5	< .0001	206	2.9	5.6	< .0001
Environment	2	79.6	16.4	0.0253	2	154.1	22.6	0.0142
Genotype × Environment	258	0.6	1.0	0.4515	406	0.5	1.4	0.0005
Replication (Environment)	3	4.5	8.3	< .0001	3	6.4	16.6	< .0001
Residual	259	0.5	-	-	476	0.4	-	-

**Supplementary Table 2.** A list of unique nonsynonymous SNP variants identified in 11 sucrose-related QTL in PI 506593 on Wm82.a2.v1 reference genome assembly.

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Chr13	<i>Glyma.13G145000</i>	25763283	A	G	exon1
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Chr13	<i>Glyma.13G211900</i>	32559767	G	A	exon13
Chr13	<i>Glyma.13G211900</i>	32560874	G	T	exon13
Chr13	<i>Glyma.13G211900</i>	32566336	G	A	exon3

**Supplementary Table 3.** A list of unique Indel variants identified in 11 sucrose-related QTL in PI 506593 on Wm82.a2.v1 reference genome assembly.

Chr	Gene ID_Wm82.a2.v1	Type	Position Start	Position End	Reference	Variant	Exon
Chr04	<i>Glyma.04G203700</i>	frameshift deletion	47638896	47638897	AA	-	exon1
Chr04	<i>Glyma.04G204200</i>	stopgain	47662714	47662714	-1	A	exon1
Chr04	<i>Glyma.04G206500</i>	frameshift insertion	47904729	47904729	-	A	exon1
Chr05	<i>Glyma.05G156400</i>	frameshift deletion	34890616	34890648	AGAAGGATAGGGGGGA AAGGCATTGATAATTT	-	exon6
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G199500</i>	frameshift deletion	18213487	18213494	AACTTCAC	-	exon4
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G200200</i>	frameshift deletion	18329553	18329553	A	-	exon4
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G200300</i>	frameshift insertion	18337703	18337703	-	C	exon2
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G204000</i>	frameshift deletion	19151477	19151477	C	-	exon2
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G205300</i>	frameshift deletion	19396876	19396876	C	-	exon4
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G245900</i>	frameshift insertion	41535963	41535963	-	ACCGATAGAAACAA GTACATTGGTTAGC	exon2
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G258900</i>	frameshift insertion	44382422	44382422	-	A	exon1
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G258900</i>	frameshift insertion	44382444	44382444	-	GCCG	exon1
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G259800</i>	nonframeshift deletion	44468739	44468756	GAGTCTTCTTCTAAGTCA	-	exon3
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G259800</i>	nonframeshift deletion	44468799	44468801	TCT	-	exon3
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G260100</i>	nonframeshift deletion	44524823	44524825	AGA	-	exon1
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G267500</i>	frameshift insertion	45611906	45611906	-	C	exon3
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G270600</i>	nonframeshift deletion	45982937	45982948	CTGTTCAACCAT	-	exon2
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G276000</i>	nonframeshift deletion	46703961	46703969	GGTGCGGGT	-	exon1
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G276400</i>	nonframeshift deletion	46764582	46764584	CAC	-	exon5
Chr06	<i>Glyma.06G276700</i>	nonframeshift insertion	46778678	46778678	-	TCCTCCACCGCCACATCC	exon1

Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G292200</i>	frameshift deletion	40620139	40620149	GCTTTTCCTTT	-	exon3
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G293800</i>	nonframeshift deletion	40884492	40884509	CATAGTTAAGCCTATTCC	-	exon2
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G295400</i>	nonframeshift deletion	41033092	41033094	TTT	-	exon1
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G299800</i>	frameshift insertion	41796428	41796428	-	CCAAGTTCCTTAAATG	exon2
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G300600</i>	nonframeshift insertion	41874915	41874915	-	AAT	exon1
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G301700</i>	frameshift deletion	41966266	41966266	G	-	exon6
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G301800</i>	frameshift deletion	41977619	41977619	T	-	exon2
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G303000</i>	frameshift deletion	42116353	42116353	T	-	exon2
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G303300</i>	frameshift deletion	42138703	42138704	CT	-	exon5
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G303500</i>	nonframeshift deletion	42151425	42151445	TGAGATGATTGTCCAGATGAG	-	exon1
Chr08	<i>Glyma.08G304300</i>	frameshift deletion	42272971	42272971	C	-	exon4

<sup>1</sup>Data not available

**Supplementary Table 4.** A list of unique nonsynonymous SNP variants identified in 11 sucrose-related QTL in PI 506593 on Wm82.a5.v1 reference genome assembly and the corresponding gene ID on Wm82.a2.v1 reference genome assembly.

Chr	Gene ID Wm82.a5.v1	Position	Reference	Variant	Exon	Gene Wm82.a2.v1
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Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10995</i>	50609653	A	G	exon3	<i>Glyma.04g201400</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10997</i>	50630113	A	G	exon12	<i>Glyma.04g201600</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10997</i>	50630118	A	G	exon12	<i>Glyma.04g201600</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10997</i>	50632119	T	A	exon7	<i>Glyma.04g201600</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10997</i>	50635152	A	A	exon2	<i>Glyma.04g201600</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10997</i>	50635401	T	C	exon1	<i>Glyma.04g201600</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10999</i>	50641216	T	C	exon1	-
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10999</i>	50641591	A	G	exon2	-
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11000</i>	50643932	G	C	exon2	<i>Glyma.04g201800</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11000</i>	50644042	T	G	exon2	<i>Glyma.04g201800</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11007</i>	50703497	C	A	exon1	<i>Glyma.04g202600</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11016</i>	50788943	C	T	exon5	<i>Glyma.04g203400</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11018</i>	50807177	G	A	exon3	<i>Glyma.04g203600</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11023</i>	50841137	T	G	exon6	<i>Glyma.04g204400</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11028</i>	50918307	A	C	exon1	-
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11028</i>	50918331	C	A	exon1	-
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11028</i>	50918509	C	G	exon2	-
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11028</i>	50918576	T	C	exon2	-
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11029</i>	50930826	G	C	exon3	<i>Glyma.04g205000</i>
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Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11029</i>	50930962	G	A	exon3	<i>Glyma.04g205000</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11029</i>	50931456	A	G	exon3	<i>Glyma.04g205000</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11029</i>	50931483	C	T	exon3	<i>Glyma.04g205000</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11033</i>	50986583	T	C	exon1	<i>Glyma.04g205500</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11038</i>	51032954	G	T	exon4	<i>Glyma.04g206000</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11039</i>	51046670	A	T	exon6	<i>Glyma.04g206100</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11041</i>	51066509	T	G	exon12	<i>Glyma.04g206400</i>
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Chr10	<i>Gm_Wm82_28649</i>	41592195	C	T	exon3	<i>Glyma.10g142500</i>
Chr13	<i>Gm_Wm82_36817</i>	25667778	A	G	exon1	<i>Glyma.13g145000</i>
Chr13	<i>Gm_Wm82_37444</i>	32766267	G	A	exon13	<i>Glyma.13g211900</i>
Chr13	<i>Gm_Wm82_37444</i>	32772836	G	A	exon3	<i>Glyma.13g211900</i>

<sup>1</sup>Data not available

**Supplementary Table 5.** A list of unique Indel variants identified in 11 sucrose-related QTL in PI 506593 on Wm82.a5.v1 reference genome assembly and the corresponding gene ID on Wm82.a2.v1 reference genome assembly.

Chr	Gene ID Wm82.a5.v1	Type	Position Start	Position End	Reference	Variant	Exon	Gene ID Wm82.a2.v1
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_10989</i>	nonframeshift deletion	50489090	50489092	ACC	- <sup>1</sup>	exon1	<i>Glyma.04g200500</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11005</i>	nonframeshift deletion	50689703	50689705	AAG	-	exon3	<i>Glyma.04g202300</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11016</i>	nonframeshift insertion	50790544	50790544	-	GTC	exon7	<i>Glyma.04g203400</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11019</i>	frameshift deletion	50812339	50812340	AA	-	exon1	<i>Glyma.04g203700</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11021</i>	stopgain	50836156	50836156	-	A	exon1	<i>Glyma.04g204200</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11028</i>	frameshift insertion	50918389	50918389	-	C	exon1	-
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11041</i>	frameshift deletion	51070894	51070894	T	-	exon6	<i>Glyma.04g206400</i>
Chr04	<i>Gm_Wm82_11042</i>	frameshift deletion	51086279	51086279	G	-	exon1	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_15925</i>	frameshift deletion	17691078	17691078	A	-	exon6	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_15950</i>	frameshift deletion	18125755	18125756	TT	-	exon8	<i>Glyma.06g199400</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_15950</i>	frameshift deletion	18126193	18126200	CAACTTCA	-	exon6	<i>Glyma.06g199400</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_15991</i>	frameshift deletion	19089742	19089742	C	-	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g204000</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_15997</i>	nonframeshift insertion	19244539	19244539	-	TGA	exon8	<i>Glyma.06g204600</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16037</i>	frameshift deletion	20060801	20060801	A	-	exon2	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16050</i>	frameshift insertion	20357956	20357956	-	AATT	exon2	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16072</i>	nonframeshift deletion	20782283	20782294	AACATCAACATC	-	exon1	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16321</i>	frameshift deletion	36946430	36946434	ACGTC	-	exon4	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16321</i>	nonframeshift deletion	36946469	36946474	GATGTT	-	exon4	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16322</i>	frameshift deletion	36951532	36951593	TTTGCTTCAAAAATC GGATCTTCGACGA TGGAATTAGCGC ACGAAGAAGAC	-	exon3	<i>Glyma.06g229800</i>

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Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16446</i>	frameshift deletion	40912657	40912661	TGTAG	-	exon8	<i>Glyma.06g239000</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16446</i>	frameshift deletion	40912663	40912663	T	-	exon8	<i>Glyma.06g239000</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16446</i>	nonframeshift insertion	40912665	40912665	-	CCC	exon8	<i>Glyma.06g239000</i>
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Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16712</i>	frameshift insertion	45705123	45705123	-	GGAC	exon5	<i>Glyma.06g256000</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16712</i>	nonframeshift deletion	45705141	45705152	GAGAGTGTTC A	-	exon5	<i>Glyma.06g256000</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16712</i>	frameshift deletion	45708235	45708235	T	-	exon2	<i>Glyma.06g256000</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16712</i>	nonframeshift deletion	45708244	45708246	TAT	-	exon2	<i>Glyma.06g256000</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16714</i>	nonframeshift deletion	45717194	45717202	TGGAATCAG	-	exon4	<i>Glyma.06g256200</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16771</i>	frameshift insertion	46527972	46527972	-	A	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g258900</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16771</i>	frameshift insertion	46527996	46527996	-	CCGG	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g258900</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16771</i>	nonframeshift deletion	46528040	46528066	ACCAACGACGGA AACCTCGTCCTTCTC	-	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g258900</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16773</i>	nonframeshift deletion	46559916	46559918	TAG	-	exon4	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16773</i>	frameshift deletion	46559921	46559925	GAACA	-	exon4	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16773</i>	frameshift insertion	46559928	46559928	-	TT	exon4	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16773</i>	stopgain	46560013	46560013	-	ACTATTTCAAA ATACGATT CATAATC	exon4	-

Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16773</i>	frameshift deletion	46560017	46560020	CGCC	-	exon4	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16773</i>	frameshift insertion	46560024	46560024	-	TC	exon4	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16773</i>	nonframeshift deletion	46675775	46675777	GAA	-	exon1	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16810</i>	stopgain	47272370	47272370	-	GAAGGGCT ATAGGGA CTCACAGAG TACCACGA	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g263800</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16810</i>	frameshift deletion	47275225	47275225	C	-	exon9	<i>Glyma.06g263800</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16815</i>	nonframeshift deletion	47401043	47401045	GAA	-	exon2	<i>Glyma.06g265200</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16819</i>	nonframeshift deletion	47437843	47437845	AAT	-	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g265400</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16819</i>	frameshift insertion	47437861	47437861	-	GT	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g265400</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16819</i>	frameshift deletion	47437865	47437866	GA	-	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g265400</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16864</i>	nonframeshift deletion	48079792	48079806	TGGGAAAGCCCCATA	-	exon1	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16867</i>	nonframeshift insertion	48118225	48118225	-	GATGGCGGAG TCGGCATA	exon1	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16867</i>	frameshift deletion	48118266	48118270	CCGAA	-	exon1	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16867</i>	frameshift deletion	48118273	48118274	CG	-	exon1	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16867</i>	frameshift deletion	48118276	48118283	CATGAATG	-	wholegen e	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16868</i>	nonframeshift deletion	48129505	48129516	CTGTTCAACCAT	-	exon3	<i>Glyma.06g270600</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16871</i>	frameshift deletion	48154220	48154220	C	-	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g270900</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16881</i>	frameshift insertion	48313892	48313892	-	T	exon5	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16888</i>	frameshift deletion	48447214	48447214	T	-	exon1	-
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16922</i>	nonframeshift deletion	48845564	48845572	CGGGTGGTG	-	exon1	<i>Glyma.06g276000</i>
Chr06	<i>Gm_Wm82_16923</i>	frameshift deletion	48846993	48847123	GGGTTTTGCATGGTGT AGTGAACGTCGCCTGG GTGGCAAAGTGATG ACATGAGTGAAGAG	-	exon2	-

					GATGACGTCATTGAGG				
					TTAACATCGACAT				
					CGAAGATGTCGGTGC				
					AATCGAGGAGGTG				
					CTGGCAGGGGCG				
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23219</i>	nonframeshift deletion	43338186	43338203	AAGCCTATTCCCATAGT	-		exon4	<i>Glyma.08g293800</i>
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Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23231</i>	nonframeshift deletion	43486154	43486156	TTT	-		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g295400</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23273</i>	frameshift insertion	44159176	44159176	-	TT		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g299000</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23277</i>	frameshift deletion	44220686	44220687	AT	-		exon4	<i>Glyma.08g299600</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23298</i>	frameshift deletion	44410462	44410462	G	-		exon6	<i>Glyma.08g301700</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23305</i>	frameshift deletion	44533451	44533463	GTTTCGACTGCTTC	-		exon5	<i>Glyma.08g302800</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23307</i>	frameshift deletion	44561351	44561351	T	-		exon2	<i>Glyma.08g303000</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23307</i>	frameshift deletion	44561530	44561563	TTATTCAGGCAAGGAAG	-		exon3	<i>Glyma.08g303000</i>
					ACATCCTTTGGCTTTGG				
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23307</i>	frameshift deletion	44561635	44561647	ATGATCTGTCTTT	-		exon3	<i>Glyma.08g303000</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23310</i>	frameshift deletion	44583701	44583702	CT	-		exon5	-
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	nonframeshift insertion	44596176	44596176	-	GACGAT		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g303500</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	nonframeshift deletion	44596188	44596190	CAA	-		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g303500</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	frameshift deletion	44596198	44596201	TCCA	-		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g303500</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	frameshift insertion	44596203	44596203	-	G		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g303500</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	frameshift deletion	44596210	44596210	C	-		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g303500</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	frameshift deletion	44596212	44596213	CC	-		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g303500</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	frameshift insertion	44596222	44596222	-	CT		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g303500</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23312</i>	frameshift insertion	44596224	44596224	-	TCCC		exon1	<i>Glyma.08g303500</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23320</i>	frameshift deletion	44718339	44718339	C	-		exon3	<i>Glyma.08g304300</i>

Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23352</i>	frameshift deletion	44995822	44995896	ATGGGTTCAATCCTCTC TACTAACAAAATCT AACATTTGCAAATTA AAAAAAAAAAAAA AAAAACTCAACCTGTT	-	exon1	<i>Glyma.08g307400</i>
Chr08	<i>Gm_Wm82_23371</i>	nonframeshift insertion	45253302	45253302	-	GGT	exon2	-

<sup>1</sup>Data not available

**Supplementary Table 6.** A list of QTL previously identified for sucrose content in soybean.

Chr	Soybase ID	Linked / Flanking Markers	Marker Position (bp)	PVE	Pedigree	Reference
Chr01	- <sup>1</sup>	Gm01_43979136	43,979,136	10.0	IA3023 × LD02-4485	Salari et al., 2021
Chr01	-	Gm01_3466825 / Gm01_3504836	3,466,825 - 3,504,836	20.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr02	Sucrose 2-2	Satt546	39,547,350 - 41,404,328	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr02	Sucrose 3-2	Satt537	17,770,710 - 31,234,716	3.9	Keunolkong × Shinpaldalkong	Kim et al., 2006
Chr02	-	Gm02_5155733 / Gm02_9925870	5,155,733 - 9,925,870	47.9	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr02	-	Gm02_1199805 / Gm02_1373746	1,199,805 - 1,373,746	3.6	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr03	-	ss244980861 / ss245114421	-	8.0	MD96-5722 × Spencer	Akond et al., 2015
Chr03	-	Gm03_192792	192,792	22.0	IA3023 × LD02-4485	Salari et al., 2021
Chr03	-	Gm03_1061417	1,061,417	22.0	IA3023 × LD02-4485	Salari et al., 2021
Chr03	-	Gm03_4113546 / Gm03_4595422	4,113,546 - 4,595,422	20.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr04	-	Gm04_7672403	7,672,403	37.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr05	Sucrose 1-1	A487_1	3,924,139 - 4,279,362	8.1	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr05	Sucrose 1-11	T169_1	-	7.0	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr05	-	Gm05_3273418 / Gm05_3867435	3,273,418 - 3,867,435	17.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr05	-	Gm05_3748078 / Gm05_3803682	3,748,078 - 3,803,682	0.03	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr05	Sucrose 4-1	ss245668753	14,845,260 - 20,147,198	46.0	MFS-553 × PI 243545	Zeng et al., 2014

Chr06	-	Sat213 / Satt643	14,644,152 - 16,106,552	76.0	PI 87013 × PI 200508	Skoneczka et al., 2009
Chr06	-	Sat213 / Satt643	14,644,152 - 16,106,552	60.0	PI 243545 × PI 200508	Skoneczka et al., 2009
Chr06	-	NCSB_001275 / NCSB_001285	36,800,000 - 38,000,000	9.2	Williams 82 × PI 483460B	Patil et al., 2018
Chr06	-	BARC_061709_17355 / SNP30079	36,700,000 - 38,000,000	12.4	Williams 82 × PI 483460B	Patil et al., 2018
Chr06	-	SNP35899 / BARC_014203_02694	18,600,000 - 19,100,000	8.5	Williams 82 × PI 483460B	Patil et al., 2018
Chr06	-	Gm06_1737718 / Gm06_5014399	1,737,718 - 5,014,399	10.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr06	-	-	43,709,851 - 44,392,137	9.1	Hefeng 25 × Zhongdou 27	Liu et al., 2023
Chr07	Sucrose 1-9	GMSC514	167,990 - 509,374	7.3	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr07	-	Satt680	21,332,847 - 21,333,188	4.6	V97-3000 × V99-5089	Wang et al., 2014
Chr07	-	AX-90425348 / AX-90424508	142,962 - 222,695	17.2	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Lee et al., 2016
Chr07	-	-	414,946 - 581,698	7.6	Hefeng 25 × Zhongdou 27	Liu et al., 2023
Chr08	Sucrose 1-2	A136_1	10,865,328 - 13,126,779	8.7	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr08	Sucrose 1-3	T153_1	7,892,162 - 8,937,354	7.6	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr08	Sucrose 1-12	A458_3	-	7.7	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr08	Sucrose 1-13	A486_1	8,283,676 - 9,192,408	8.4	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr08	-	AX-90497857 / AX-90396735	43,602,528 - 43,670,249	15.9	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Lee et al., 2016
Chr08	-	NCSB_001722 / BARC_035233_07151	9,040,000 - 9,390,000	22.6	Williams 82 × PI 483460B	Patil et al., 2018
Chr08	-	SNP16086 / BARC_016683_03318	8,510,000 - 8,720,000	35.4	Williams 82 × PI 483460B	Patil et al., 2018
Chr08	-	Gm08_5960619 / Gm08_8268861	5,960,619 - 8,268,861	0.04	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr09	-	ss246864598 / ss246876159	-	8.0	MD96-5722 × Spencer	Akond et al., 2015
Chr09	-	Gm09_1888876	1,888,876	20.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr09	-	-	22,562,116 - 23,609,852	6.7	Hefeng 25 × Zhongdou 27	Liu et al., 2023
Chr09	Sucrose 4-2	ss246796276	2,967,367 - 5,901,485	10.0	MFS-553 × PI 243545	Zeng et al., 2014
Chr10	-	Gm10_621706	621,706	19.1	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023

Chr11	Sucrose 2-1	Satt197	8,602,082 - 9,106,824	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr11	-	Satt359	32,411,307 - 32,411,478	13.4	V97-3000 × V99-5089	Wang et al., 2014
Chr12	Sucrose 3-4	Satt442	6,653,096 - 7,533,328	8.3	Keunolkong × Shinpaldalkong	Kim et al., 2006
Chr13	-	-	38,932,430 - 39,299,827	6.3	Hefeng 25 × Zhongdou 27	Liu et al., 2023
Chr13	Sucrose 1-5	A186_1	26,196,486 - 28,912,864	9.6	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr13	Sucrose 1-16	OO20850	-	6.1	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr13	-	Gm13_3524828 / Gm13_3891723	3,524,828 - 3,891,723	17.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr14	Sucrose 3-1	Satt020	16,752,071 - 38,859,467	7.1	Keunolkong × Shinpaldalkong	Kim et al., 2006
Chr15	Sucrose 1-10	A963_1	5,104,450 - 5,215,740	6.9	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr15	Sucrose 3-3	Satt483	13,755,345 - 17,021,739	14.8	Keunolkong × Shinpaldalkong	Kim et al., 2006
Chr15	-	ss248604753 / ss248616287	-	68.0	MD96-5722 × Spencer	Akond et al., 2015
Chr16	Sucrose 3-5	Satt287	1,357,034 - 2,827,903	4.1	Keunolkong × Shinpaldalkong	Kim et al., 2006
Chr16	Sucrose 4-3	ss249186914	-	8.0	MFS-553 × PI 243545	Zeng et al., 2014
Chr16	Sucrose 3-6	Sct_065	4,952,453 - 6,325,509	8.3	Keunolkong × Shinpaldalkong	Kim et al., 2006
Chr17	-	Gm17_4967175 / Gm17_5294475	4,967,175 - 5,294,475	20.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr17	-	-	4,517,109 - 7,005,804	16.8	Hefeng 25 × Zhongdou 27	Liu et al., 2023
Chr18	-	Gm18_1620585 / Gm18_2020823	1,620,585 - 2,020,823	17.5	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
Chr19	Sucrose 1-6	A023_1	35,672,961 - 36,154,603	9.7	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr19	Sucrose 1-7	B164_1	33,865,153 - 36,578,530	9.6	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr19	Sucrose 1-8	B162_2	40,205,349 - 40,265,091	7.0	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr19	Sucrose 1-17	OB41600	-	8.6	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
Chr19	Sucrose 2-3	Satt523	4,244,065 - 12,744,826	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr19	Sucrose 2-4	Satt278	12,234,826 - 34,351,864	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr19	Sucrose 2-5	Satt418	12,234,826 - 34,059,981	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005

Chr19	Sucrose 2-6	Satt398	9,284,015 - 34,059,981	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr19	Sucrose 2-7	Satt462	37,425,576 - 38,937,316	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr19	Sucrose 2-8	Satt497	34,351,864 - 36,154,603	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr19	Sucrose 2-9	Satt313	34,351,864 - 35,280,772	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr19	Sucrose 2-10	Sct_010	40,637,071 - 41,616,190	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
Chr19	Sucrose 2-11	Satt076	40,637,071 - 41,616,190	-	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Kim et al., 2005
19	-	AX-90508115 / AX-90509468	34,327,636 - 34,692,448	36.9	Keunolkong × Iksan 10	Lee et al., 2016
19	-	-	45,311,975 - 45,464,136	13.2	Hefeng 25 × Zhongdou 27	Liu et al., 2023
20	Sucrose 1-4	A144_1	2,716,974 - 25,498,552	12.4	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
20	Sucrose 1-14	K227_4	-	11.4	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
20	Sucrose 1-15	nbs37	-	11.3	V71-370 × PI 407162	Maughan et al., 2000
20	-	Satt270	35,362,576 - 35,362,794	5.2	V97-3000 × V99-5089	Wang et al., 2014
20	-	Gm19_2552468	2,552,468	9.1	Forrest × Williams 82	Knizia et al., 2023
20	-	-	701,169 - 807,404	5.7	Hefeng 25 × Zhongdou 27	Liu et al., 2023
20	-	-	40,523,599 - 41,882,459	14.4	Hefeng 25 × Zhongdou 27	Liu et al., 2023

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