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products of fertile and CMS lines (Horn et al., 1996). The 16-kDa protein is synthesized in all 62 tissues of the plant. It is embedded in the mitochondrial membranes and is believed to disturb its 63 integrity (Horn et al., 1996). Expression of orfH522 in tapetum cells leads to their premature 64 apoptosis. Due to the release of cytochrome C from the mitochondria, which activates the 65 proteolytic enzyme cascade, eventually leading to the degradation of nuclear DNA and cell death 66 (Balk & Leaver, 2001; Sabar et al., 2003). Interesting to note, that even stable transgenic CMS 67 tobacco lines carrying the orfH522 gene were obtained (Nizampatnam et al., 2009). In the 68 presence of dominant nuclear restorer gene (Rf) in sunflower genome, fertility is restored due to 69 the anther-specific lowering of the co-transcript of orfH522 and the atp1 gene (Moneger, Smart 70 & Leaver, 1994; Horn, 2003). A possible mechanism leading to a reduction in the number of the 71 72 chimeric atp1-orfH522 transcripts by the restore gene is polyadenylation of RNA matrices, which causes accelerated degradation of RNA molecules by the ribonuclease (Gagliardi & 73 Leaver, 1999). 74 75 The CMS-Rf system is widely used for the commercial production of F1 hybrid seeds for 76 many important crops, including maize, sorghum, sunflower etc. (Liu et al., 2011, Bohra et al., 2016). Almost all commercial sunflower hybrids are currently based on a single source of CMS 77 78 discovered by Leclercq and described above. Such genetic homogeneity of cultivated hybrids makes them extremely vulnerable to new virulent strains of the pathogens and can lead to 79 80 negative phenomena, for example, epiphytotics development (Levings, 1990). For instance, leaf blight epidemic which affected the maize hybrids based on the Texas type of CMS, which took 81 82 on a world scale, while other types of CMS were less susceptible to this disease (Bruns, 2017). In this regard, for the creation of new CMS-Rf systems in order to prevent mtDNA unification and 83 84 to reduce the genetic vulnerability of sunflower hybrids to biotic and abiotic stresses, it is urgent to search and introduce the new CMS sources into sunflower breeding. Although today more 85 than 70 cytoplasmic male sterility types have been identified in sunflower (Garayalde et al. 86 87 2015), their insufficient study is an obstacle for utilization into commercial hybrid breeding. Also, there is no doubt that the research of the cytoplasmic male sterility phenomenon is 88 89 significant for investigating the fundamental problem of nuclear-cytoplasmic interaction in the ontogeny of higher plants (Hanson & Bentolila, 2004). Previously, the comparison of 90 mitochondrial genomes organization between 28 CMS sources of sunflower, performed with 91

the 16-kDa protein, represents the only difference between the in mitochondria translation



- 92 Southern hybridization, demonstrated that some types of CMS (for example, ANN2, PET2,
- 93 PEF1, etc.) have a different organization of the mtDNA from the PET1-like cytoplasms (Horn,
- 94 2002). Sequencing and comparing of whole mitochondrial genomes of various CMS sources will
- provide additional information about the molecular changes in their mtDNA, which in turn could
- help to suggest new mechanisms of the male sterility formation.
- In the current study, we investigated the structural changes in mitochondrial genomes of
- 98 HA89-alloplasmic lines: fertile line and two analog lines with different types of cytoplasmic
- 99 male sterility PET1, PET2. The results obtained for the PET2 CMS type are the basis for
- 100 further functional research.

Materials and methods

Plant material

- The study was carried out on sunflower fertile line HA89 and isonuclear CMS lines -
- 104 PET1 and PET2, which were obtained from the genetic collection of the N. I. Vavilov Institute
- of Plant Genetic Resources (VIR, Russia). So all the lines had the same nuclear genome (HA89),
- but they differed by chloroplast and mitochondrial genomes, which were inherited from the wild
- ancestors. The CMS sources were initially obtained by the interspecific hybridization of
- domesticated sunflower (Helianthus annuus) with H. petiolaris Nutt (Leclercq, 1969; Whelan,
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Mitochondrial DNA extraction, genome library construction and NGS sequencing

- First of all, from leaves of 14-day sunflower seedlings, we extracted organelle fraction
- with a reduced amount of nuclear DNA as it has been described earlier (Makarenko et al., 2016).
- For each line, we used the same quantity of leaf tissue from 5 plants. The DNA isolation from
- such fraction was performed with PhytoSorb kit (Syntol, Russia), according to the
- manufacturer's instruction. The NGS libraries preparations were made using 1 ng of DNA and
- 116 Nextera XT DNA Library Prep Kit (Illumina, USA). All the preparation steps were done
- pursuant to manual. For the qualitative control of libraries, the Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent, USA)
- was used. The libraries quantitation was performed with the Qubit fluorimeter (Invitrogen, USA)
- and qPCR. For NGS sequencing the libraries were diluted up to the concentration of 8 pM.
- Libraries were sequenced on different sequencing platforms. Fertile line and PET1 NGS libraries
- were sequenced with NextSeq 500 sequencer using High Output v2 kit (Illumina, USA). A total



number of 13,240,057 150-bp paired reads were generated for fertile line and 14,758,067 reads -122 for PET1 line. PET2 library was sequenced with HiSeg2000 and MiSeg platforms using TruSeg 123 SBS Kit v3-HS and MiSeq Reagent Kit v2 500-cycles (Illumina, USA). A total number of 124 4,471,774 125-bp and 4,931,318 250-bp paired reads were generated for PET2 line. 125 Analysis of sequence data. Bioinformatics tools 126 The quality of reads was determined with Fast QC. Trimming of adapter-derived and low 127 quality (Q-score below 25) reads was performed with Trimmomatic software (Bolger et al., 128 129 2014). Using Bowtie2 tool v 2.3.3 (Langmead & Salzberg, 2012) sequencing reads were aligned to reference sequence from NCBI databank (NC 023337.1). The Bowtie 2 alignments were done 130 only for concordant paired reads (--no-mixed, --no-discordant options). Variant calling was made 131 with samtools/bcftools software (Li, 2011) and manually revised using IGV tool 132 (Thorvaldsdottir, Robinson & Mesirov, 2013). *De novo* assembly was performed with SPAdes 133 Genome Assembler v 3.10.1 (Nurk et al., 2013) with different K values equal to 75, 85, 95, 127 134 and read coverage cutoff value equal to 30.0 (--cov-cutoff option). The potential ORFs were 135 identified using ORFfinder. The graphical genome map was generated using OGDRAW tool 136 (Lohse, Drechsel & Bock, 2007). Transmembrane domains were predicted using the TMHMM 137 138 Server v.2.0 (available online: http://www.cbs.dtu.dk/services/TMHMM-2.0/). Validation of genome assembly. PCR and Sanger sequencing 139 The contigs obtained in *de novo* assembly were aligned with reference sunflower 140 mitochondrial genome (NC 023337.1) using BLAST tool. Validation of revealed 141 rearrangements was made by PCR analysis and Sanger sequencing. PCR reactions were 142 performed with LongAmp Taq PCR Kit (New England BioLabs, USA) for reactions with 143 expected amplicons more than 1.5 kb, and with Tersus Plus PCR kit (Evrogen, Russia) for other 144 reactions, including Sanger sequencing. For 28-29 cycles of PCR, we used 0.4 uM of primers 145 146 (Table 1) and 1 ng of extracted DNA. The direct sequencing of purified amplicons was

RNA extraction and qRT-PCR

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performed using BigDye Terminator v3.1 Cycle Sequencing Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific,

USA) and ABI Prism 3130xl Genetic Analyser (Applied Biosystems, USA).



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Total RNA from the leaves of five samples of each line was extracted with guanidinium 150 thiocyanate-phenol-chloroform reagent kit – ExtractRNA (Evrogen, Russia), RNA quality and 151 concentration were measured using the NanoDrop 2000 spectrophotometer (Thermo Fisher 152 Scientific, USA) and the Qubit fluorimeter (Invitrogen, USA). 0.5 µg of total RNA was treated 153 with DNAse I (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA) according to the manufacturer's instruction. 154 First-strand cDNA was synthesized using MMLV RT kit (Evrogen, Russia) and specific primers. 155 The qPCR was performed with designed primers (Table 1) and PCR kit with EvaGreen dye 156 (Syntol, Russia) on Rotor-Gene 6000 (Corbett Research, Australia). The relative expression level 157 was calculated using $1+E^{\Delta}Ct$ formula, where E=PCR efficiency. 158

Results and Discussion

Organization of fertile line and PET1 mtDNA

De novo assembly of fertile line and PET1 mitochondrial genomes revealed 9-12 large contigs (10-115 kb), depending on K value. The optimum K value was 95. The obtained large contigs were covering up to 95% reference genome sequence. Wherein, the remaining 5% of the mitochondrial genome, are presented by repeats, so they were the breakpoints of contigs formation. Among numerous repeats in the mitochondrial genome, only one large (12933 bp) and six small (203-728 bp) played a crucial role in genome assembly and prevented single scaffold formation. As well four regions (415-1192 bp) with 99% chloroplast DNA identity affected mitochondrial genome assembly. Eventually, manual assembly based on predominantly contigs obtained by SPAdes supplemented by analysis of reads alignment by Bowtie2 and validation of controversial regions performed by PCR analysis and Sanger sequencing, allowed to summarize sequencing data in completed mitochondrial genomes. Circular mtDNA of HA89 and PET1 lines are presented in figure 1. The mtDNA comparative analysis of sunflower fertile lines HA412 (NCBI accession NC 023337.1) and HA89 revealed two single nucleotide thymidine insertions: in positions 35690-35691 and 129368-129369 of NC 023337. Two SNP in noncoding part of 301 kb genome is a negligible difference. So we didn't append HA89 mitochondrion sequence in the NCBI databank and, further in this paper used the same positions of mtDNA for HA412 and



The PET1 mitochondrial genome had structural rearrangements as well as polymorphic sites compared to fertile lines' (HA412/HA89) mtDNA. Previously, using the restriction analysis and Sanger sequencing, the large mtDNA aberrations associated with the sterility of plants were detected in PET1 CMS type of sunflower – a 11 kb inversion and a 5 kb insertion (Kohler et al., 1991). The results of the current study not only confirmed the presence of these reorganizations in the HA89 PET1 mitochondrial genome but also allowed to detect more precise genome changes: 11852 bp inversion, 4732 bp insertion, 451 bp deletion. The revealed insertion had 98% identity to the PET1 insertion which is already have presented in NCBI (accession Z23137.1). We also have determined 18 variant sites in HA89(PET1) mtDNA as compared with fertile analog. Among nucleotide variations 8 were localized in SSR loci, 2 deletions (single and dinucleotide) and 7 SNP, including 1 transition and 6 transversions were predominantly located in noncoding regions (Table 2). The exceptions were nonsynonymous mutations in *orf777* (Asp251Glu), *nad6* (Ser232Tyr), *rpl16* (Lys32Gln). The HA89 (PET1) complete mitochondrial genome sequence has been deposited in NCBI databank (accession MG735191).

Organization of PET2 mtDNA

According to the described technique which was used for identification of HA89 fertile and PET1 complete mtDNA sequences we assembled the PET2 mitochondrial genome. The complete mitochondrion of HA89(PET2) made up 316586 bp (Figure 3) and in comparison with the HA89 fertile line contained both the large-scale reorganizations of the mtDNA structure and the minor changes represented by variant sites. Among significant rearrangements, 1 translocation, 2 deletions, 3 insertions and were determined.

Even in a single plant cell, the mitochondrial genome is presented by several DNA molecules with various structure (Sloan et al., 2012). So-called "master chromosome" – the single mtDNA molecule is a rare type of mitochondrial genome organization (Gualberto et al., 2014). More often mitochondrion includes a set of sub-genomic forms (Yang et al., 2015). Because subgenomes could form differing master chromosomes, the statement of translocation is equivocal. To compare complete mitochondrial genomes of HA89(PET2) and fertile HA89 lines the translocation of approximately 77 kb (positions 36393-114174 bp in HA89 fertile line mtDNA) could be established. However, it is important to note that using specific PCR primers (table 1) we identified that in sunflower mtDNA could form the 154 kb sub genome circle molecule (positions 36393-190650). In sunflower genome, there is a repeat region of 722 bp



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(36393-37114 = 189929-190650 positions of the fertile line) with 100 % similarity, which makes possible the cyclization of such sub-genome molecule. In case of HA89(PET2) this sub-genome circle molecule has the wrong insertion point in the genome as compare with fertile analog and thus results in such translocation. The deletion of 711 bp (35682-36393 positions in fertile line mtDNA) resulted in the absence of orf777 in HA89(PET2) mitochondrial genome. The orf777 is coding the putative protein with unknown function and have no similarities with other mitochondrial proteins. So its elimination can hardly be the molecular reason for CMS development. The other deletion of 3780 nucleotides (190659-194439 positions) affects only noncoding sequence. Notable that insertions are associated with sub-genome integration regions (36393-37114 and 189929-190650 positions). So there is a possibility, that deletions in these regions could impair master chromosome assembly, which resulted in translocation, which described above. More significant mtDNA reorganizations are three revealed insertions – 1558 bp, 5050 bp and 14330 bp. Among them, the 5050 bp insertion is most likely not influence CMS phenotype origin. This insertion was found in the intergenic region atp6-cox2 (275230-275231 positions of fertile line mtDNA), and it does not lead to the formation of new open reading frames (ORFs) directly in the place of insertion into the mitochondrial genome. Moreover, there are no large (more than 300 nucleotides) ORFs within the sequence of 5050 bp insertion. The exception is orf645 putatively translating polypeptide of 215 amino acids. 23 amino acids on N-terminus of this 215 amino acid protein were similar to N-terminus of ribosomal protein S3. We determined orf645 transcripts in PET2 CMS line, using specific primers (Table 1) and qPCR. In turn, mRNA was absent in fertile line and PET1 CMS line. Most often the molecular reason for CMS phenotype development is the emergence of chimeric ORFs with transmembrane domains, such as ATPase complex subunits, respiratory-related proteins, etc. (Gillman, Bentolila & Hanson, 2007; Yang, Huai & Zhang, 2009). Consequently, even if orf645 is translated in vivo, its role in male sterility development most likely is negligible, as there are no similarities with respiratory/ATP synthesis-related proteins. The other 14330 bp insertion in intergenic region *nad4L-atp9* is more complicated than 5050 bp insertion and includes different ORFs. First of all, it should be highlighted that most of the insertion (9482 bp) has 100% similarity to other PET2 mtDNA region (279734-289215 positions). This repeat could be divided into two parts – 6097 bp (35686-41782 positions of



PET2 mitochondrion) are common (99-100% identity) for helianthus mitochondrion: 269147-241 275243, 273418-279514 and 279734-285830 positions of fertile line, PET1 and PET2 CMS 242 lines, respectively. Such repeat is predominantly consisting of noncoding sequence, except atp6 243 gene. The other 3385 bp (41783-45167 positions of PET2 mitochondrion) have 100 % similarity 244 to the part of 5050 bp insertion (285831-289215 positions of PET2 mitochondrion). However, 245 this part of insertion does not contain the coding sequence. The unique part of 14330 bp insertion 246 counts only 4848 bp - 45168-50015 positions of the PET2 mitochondrion. The *orf2565* is 247 encoded in this part of insertion. The *orf2565* translates putative polypeptide of 855 amino acids. 248 Homology search in NCBI database using BLAST pointed on similarity to DNA polymerase 249 (type B). Thus 14330 bp insertions include two coding regions – duplicated atp6 gene and 250 orf2565. The impact of orf2565 on CMS phenotype development is quite doubtful, taking into 251 account that polypeptide has no transmembrane domains, and the opposite is atp6 gene 252 influence. Atp6 chimeric ORFs or new ORFs co-transcribed with atp6 are the quite common 253 causes of CMS development in different plant species (Kim, Kang & Kim, 2007; Jing et al., 254 2011: Tan et al., 2017). So we proposed that atp6 gene and its colocalized area are of particular 255 256 interest as the candidate sequence for CMS phenotype development. The fact is that in the 5' adjoining sequence (150 bp) to atp6 start codon there is the other one initiating codon (ATG). 257 258 Translation from this codon (the same translation frame without any gaps) results in new ORF orf1053. The orf1053 is a putative chimeric protein consisting of atp6 with additional 50 amino 259 260 acids, wherein 37 of 50 amino acids are identical with N-terminus of coxI. In the HA89 fertile line most likely some mechanisms interfering the transcription from an alternative promoter. 261 However, when gene colocalization changes, as in case of PET2, the extended transcript could 262 be produced. The similar extension of protein was discovered in other CMS type of sunflower -263 264 ANT1 (Spassova et al., 1994), but the described protein had additional 87 aa on C' terminus of the atp6 protein. To verify the assumption of putative orf1053 influence on CMS phenotype we 265 analyzed the expression level of atp6 and orf1053 (5' elongated atp6) transcripts using the same 266 reverse primer (Table 1). The elongated atp6 transcript - orf1053, have been expressed in vivo, 267 however, its expression level was 8-10 fold lower than atp6 expression level and the ratio of 268 expression (Δ Ct) or f1053/atp6 was near the same in all three investigated lines of sunflower. 269 Thus the *orf1053* could be a primary transcript of atp6 (pre-mRNA), and is not involved in PET2 270 type CMS development. Interesting to note that, the relative (to atpl gene) expression level of 271



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atp6 in HA89(PET2) had no significant difference as compared with fertile and PET1 CMS analogs, in spite of atp6 duplication in PET2 mitochondrion. It is also notable that 14330 bp insertion has the same region in mtDNA of PET2 as the other reorganizations - 3780 bp deletion and translocation.

The most important mitochondrial genome rearrangement, associated with PET2 CMS phenotype, is 1558 bp insertion localized between *nad5* and *ccmFc* genes. As well as 14330 bp insertion the 1558 bp insertion has the complement to other genome region part and the unique sequence. First 393 nucleotides of this insertion are similar to 114175-114568 positions of fertile line mtDNA, the next 271 bp are unique, then 500 bp complement to 114587-115087 positions of the HA89 fertile mitochondrion and the rest 394 nucleotides are also unique. From functional point this region presents duplication of atp9 (114341-114601 positions of HA89 fertile mtDNA) gene impaired with 271 bp insertion and deletion of 12 bp, which resulted in 2 new ORFs formation – orf228 (Reddemann, Horn 2018) and orf246. Orf228 encodes 76 amino acids polypeptide 75 of which are identical to C-terminus of ATPase subunit 9, as well as 271 bp insertion, resulted in the start codon (AUG) for orf228. Naturally, ATPase subunit 9 has two transmembrane domains – near N- and C-terminus, in orf228 there also predicted two transmembrane domains (Reddemann, Horn 2018). However, it should be noted that N-terminus transmembrane domain of orf228 encoded polypeptide lack of 4 amino acids as compared with atp9 ones. This difference, in turn, could affect polypeptide (orf228) interaction with mitochondrial membrane and so resulting in mitochondrial membrane potential changes. The second new ORF revealed in 1558 bp insertion - orf246 also encoding the polypeptide with the transmembrane domain. Thus both ORFs (orf228, orf246) could be the main reason for development the PET2 type CMS. It should be pointed out that 1558 bp insertion has the same region in mtDNA of PET2 as the other reorganizations -711 bp deletion and translocation. The comparative analysis of PET2 mitochondrion sequence with complete mtDNA of fertile line revealed 83 polymorphic sites – 14 SSR, 13 small indels (1-29 bp) and 56 SNP (Table

fertile line revealed 83 polymorphic sites – 14 SSR, 13 small indels (1-29 bp) and 56 SNP (Table 2). Among nucleotide variations only two SNP were localized in the coding sequence of genes *rps3* and *atp6*. However, these mutations are synonymous. Interesting to note, that PET1 and PET2 share 10 same polymorphic sites as compared with the fertile line. The obtained

301 HA89(PET2) mitochondrial genome sequence has been deposited in NCBI databank (accessions



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MG770607). Noteworthy that the sets of primers used for identification of PET2 insertions may be used for designing molecular markers for this type of CMS in sunflower.

Conclusions

The comparative analysis of HA89 fertile and PET1 CMS analog mitochondrial genomes revealed 11852 bp inversion, 4732 bp insertion, 451 bp deletion and 18 variant sites. In the mtDNA of HA89 (PET2) CMS line 77 kb translocation, 711 bp and 3780 bp deletions, as well as 1558 bp, 5050 bp, 14330 bp insertions and 83 polymorphic sites were determined. The 1558 bp insertion resulted in new open reading frames formation - orf228 and orf246, which could be the main reason for the development of PET2 CMS phenotype.

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Table 1 The primers sets used for HA89 (PET2) genome reorganizations validation and gene expression analysis.

All PCR reactions were held for HA89 fertile and CMS (PET2) lines. For simplicity primers were named according to their position in the HA89 fertile genome. The 'F' and 'R' letters denote the PCR strand orientation - forward (plus) and reverse (minus), respectively.



The purpose	Primer name	Primer sequence (5'-3')	Line	The expected amplicon size (kbp)	The real amplicon size (kbp)
Validation sub-	189837F	CGTGAAGCCGGGATGGTATT	Fertile	-	0.9
genome structure	37192R	CAAGTGATCCCCCATCCAGG	PET1	-	0.9
153,5 kb circle			PET2	0.9	0.9
	189660F	AGGAGTGAGATGGACGCTCT	Fertile	-	1.8
	37954R	AAGTGTTGCACCCCCTTGAA	PET1	-	1.8
			PET2	1.8	1.8
The analysis of	orf645F	GCCTTCCACCTCTCGTTTGA	Fertile	-	-
orf645 expression	orf645R	TCCGAAAGCCGGCCTAAAAT	PET2	162	162
The analysis of	atp6F	AGAACTGTAACTGACAACGC	Fertile	106	106
atp6/orf1053	atp6R	A	PET2	106	106
expression		CCTGAGTCCGAGTCTGCATC			
	orf1053F	TCCCATGCCTTTCTTGGTCG	Fertile	-	280
	atp6R	- -	PET2	280	280
	orf1053F	- -	Fertile	-	147
	orf1053R	CTCTCATAACCGGTGTGTGGT	PET2	147	147
The analysis of	atp1F	CCCATGGCACAGCCAGAATA	Fertile	140	140
atp1 expression	atp1R	CAGAAACGCTCAACTGTGGC	PET2	140	140
Sanger	274655F	- -	Fertile	-	-
resequencing the 5'	Pet2-seqR	GAAGGAACGAGACAGCACCA	PET2	0.7	0.7
and 3' ends of	Pet2-seqF	AGGGAGAGGACGAAGTGAC	Fertile	-	-
5050 bp insertion	275503R	TAACCGCTGCAAGAGTGAGG	PET2	0.7	0.7
Detection the 5'	35202F	AGCTCTCCCCATCGGTAGTT	Fertile	-	-
and 3' end of	271194R	GGTCATCAGTTCGAGTGGCA	PET2	-	2.5
14330 bp insertion	Pet14kbF	AGGAAAAGACCCAACAGGCA	Fertile	-	-
	115189R	GGACACGCAGAAGCCAATTC	PET2	1.9	1.9
Detection of 1558	114439F	GAGCAAAGCCCAAAATGGCA	Fertile	-	-
bp insertion	194675R	TAGCTCTTCCGGAGCACTCT			



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Table 2 Variation sites in mitochondrial DNA of HA89 CMS lines PET1 and PET2.

Nucleotide positions are specified according to fertile line mtDNA. IGR – an intergenic region. In case of indels, the deletions are indicated as "-" and the inserted nucleotide are in bold.



Position	Type	Fertile	PET1	PET2	Localization
3031	SSR	G5		G6	IGR nad2-ccmC
3107	SSR	T5		T6	IGR nad2-ccmC
3275-3276	INDEL	TA		TTTA	IGR nad2-ccmC
3281-3281	INDEL	AT		\mathbf{ATT}	IGR nad2-ccmC
4715	SSR	T8		T9	IGR nad2-ccmC
6207	SSR	A8	A7	A7	IGR nad2-ccmC
6660	SNP	A		\mathbf{G}	IGR nad2-ccmC
7404	SSR	G10		G9	IGR nad2-ccmC
7919	INDEL	A		-	IGR nad2-ccmC
9796	SNP	T		\mathbf{C}	IGR nad2-ccmC
10467	SNP	A		\mathbf{C}	IGR nad2-ccmC
10924	SNP	A		\mathbf{C}	IGR nad2-ccmC
12314	SNP	T		\mathbf{C}	IGR nad2-ccmC
19594	SNP	G		\mathbf{A}	IGR ccmC-atp4
23917	SNP	G		T	IGR ccmC-atp4
31803	SNP	A		C	IGR nad4L-orf259
34099	SNP	A		\mathbf{C}	IGR nad4L-orf259
34135-34136	INDEL	AT		A TG T	IGR nad4L-orf259
34162	SNP	T		C	IGR nad4L-orf259
35031	SNP	C		\mathbf{A}	IGR nad4L-orf259
35114	SNP	C		\mathbf{A}	IGR nad4L-orf259
35478	SNP	T		C	IGR nad4L-orf259
35511	SNP	G		\mathbf{A}	IGR nad4L-orf259
35596	SNP	G		\mathbf{C}	IGR nad4L-orf259
36360	SNP	T	\mathbf{G}	-	orf259 Asp251Glu
42295	SNP	C		\mathbf{A}	IGR coxIII-rpl5
46039	INDEL	A	-		IGR rpl5-nad4
49272	SSR	C11	C9	C10	IGR nad4-ccmB
50856	SNP	C		A	IGR nad4-ccmB
51678	SSR	G10	G9	G9	IGR nad4-ccmB
62360	SNP	T		\mathbf{G}	IGR nad4-ccmB
62403	SNP	G		\mathbf{A}	IGR nad4-ccmB
63433-63434	INDEL	TC		TCC	IGR nad4-ccmB
71497-71498	INDEL	GT		G GGGC T	IGR rpl10-nad1



75332	SNP	A	\mathbf{C}	\mathbf{C}	IGR rpl10-nad1
91105	SNP	G		T	IGR rpl10-nad1
91106	SNP	A		C	IGR rpl10-nad1
105474	SSR	T35		T25	IGR nad1-coxI
108200	SNP	T		G	IGR coxI-rps11
115915	SNP	T		G	IGR atp9-rps4
116777	SNP	G	T	G	IGR atp9-rps4
119331	SNP	G		\mathbf{A}	IGR atp9-rps4
121108-121109	INDEL	CC		CTTC	IGR atp9-rps4
122990	SNP	A		C	rps4 (synonymous)
133546	SNP	T		\mathbf{A}	IGR rrn26-rrn5
133547-133548	INDEL	AT		\mathbf{AGG}	IGR rrn26-rrn5
133548	SNP	T		G	IGR rrn26-rrn5
133549	SNP	A		C	IGR rrn26-rrn5
156213	SNP	C		\mathbf{A}	IGR rps13-nad6
156621-156622	INDEL	CC		CCTAC	IGR rps13-nad6
157459	SNP	T		G	IGR rps13-nad6
169028	SNP	G	T		nad6 (Ser232Tyr)
170185	SSR	T14	T12	T12	IGR nad6-ymf16
174932-174933	INDEL	AC		ACTCGACTGAA AGGAAAGGTA CGAAGTGGC	IGR nad6-ymf16
175179	SNP	G		T	IGR nad6-ymf16
178406	SSR	Т9	T8		<i>ymf16</i> intron
184739	SSR	A10	A11		IGR ymf16-cob
188363	SSR	T11	T10	T10	cob intron
189980	SNP	G		T	IGR cob-ccmFc
195008	SNP	G		T	IGR cob-ccmFc
195015	SNP	C		\mathbf{A}	IGR cob-ccmFc
200174	SNP	G		\mathbf{A}	<i>ccmfC</i> intron
200515	SNP	G		\mathbf{A}	<i>ccmfC</i> intron
202672	SNP	T	C		IGR orf873-atp1
204990	SNP	C		\mathbf{A}	IGR atp1-ccmFn
204846-204847	INDEL	AA		ATA	IGR atp1-ccmFn
207965	SSR	G10		G12	IGR atp1-ccmFn

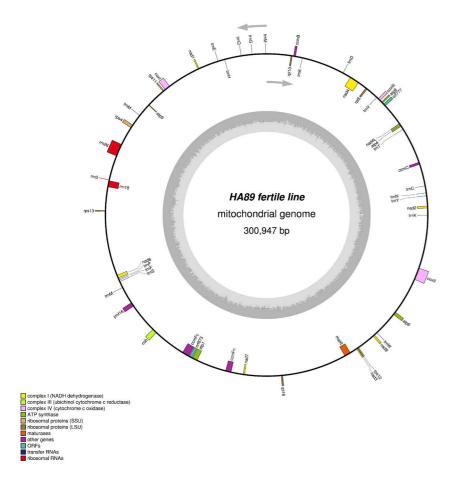


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212638	SSR	C9		C12	IGR atp1-ccmFn
215916	SNP	C		T	IGR ccmFn-nad7
223917	SNP	A		C	IGR nad7-rps3
223925-223926	INDEL	GA		GAA	IGR nad7-rps3
226977-226978	INDEL	AC		ACGTTGTTTTC	IGR nad7-rps3
230112	SNP	A	\mathbf{C}		rpl16 (Lys32Gln)
232826	SNP	G		T	IGR rpl16-matR
239880	SNP	G		A	IGR rpl16-matR
239988	SNP	A		C	IGR rpl16-matR
241035	SNP	G		A	IGR rpl16-matR
241475	SNP	A		C	IGR rpl16-matR
246053	SNP	C		T	IGR rpl16-matR
248266	SSR	A14	A10	A9	IGR rpl16-matR
249347	SSR	T8		Т9	IGR rpl16-matR
249361	SNP	C		\mathbf{A}	IGR rpl16-matR
260901	SNP	G		T	IGR nad9-atp6
262080	SNP	G		\mathbf{A}	IGR nad9-atp6
269062	SNP	G	\mathbf{C}	C	IGR nad9-atp6
269134	SNP	A		C	atp6 (synonymous)
270676	SNP	G		T	IGR atp6-coxII
273344	SNP	C		\mathbf{A}	IGR atp6-coxII
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Figure 1 Graphical mitochondrial genome maps of HA89 fertile and PET1 lines.



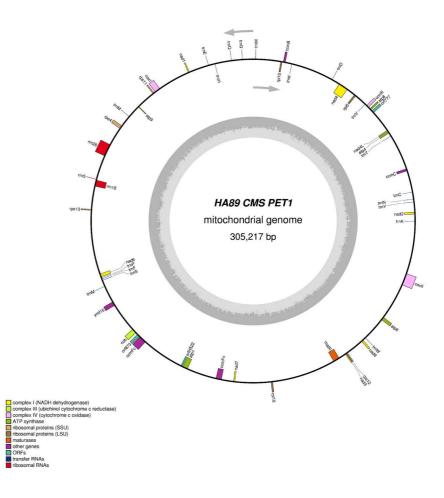




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Figure 2 Graphical mitochondrial genome map of PET2 line

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