

1 **Genome features of common vetch (*Vicia sativa*) in natural habitats**

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19 **Highlight**

20 Sequence analysis of the common vetch (*Vicia sativa*) genome and SNP genotyping across natural  
21 populations revealed nucleotide diversity levels associated with native population environments.

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23 **Abstract**

24 Wild plants are often tolerant to biotic and abiotic stresses in their natural environments, whereas  
25 domesticated plants such as crops frequently lack such resilience. This difference is thought to be  
26 due to the high levels of genome heterozygosity in wild plant populations and the low levels of  
27 heterozygosity in domesticated crop species. In this study, common vetch (*Vicia sativa*) was used as  
28 a model to examine this hypothesis. The common vetch genome ( $2n = 14$ ) was estimated as 1.8 Gb  
29 in size. Genome sequencing produced a reference assembly that spanned 1.5 Gb, from which 31,146  
30 genes were predicted. Using this sequence as a reference, 24,118 single nucleotide polymorphisms  
31 were discovered in 1,243 plants from 12 natural common vetch populations in Japan. Common vetch  
32 genomes exhibited high heterozygosity at the population level, with lower levels of heterozygosity  
33 observed at specific genome regions. Such patterns of heterozygosity are thought to be essential for  
34 adaptation to different environments. These findings suggest that high heterozygosity at the  
35 population level would be required for wild plants to survive under natural conditions while allowing  
36 important gene loci to be fixed to adapt the conditions. The resources generated in this study will  
37 provide insights into *de novo* domestication of wild plants and agricultural enhancement.

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39 **Keywords:** Common vetch; ddRAD-Seq; Genome sequence; Natural populations; Nucleotide  
40 diversity; Single nucleotide polymorphism

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## 42 **Introduction**

43 Wild plants, including weeds that have not yet been domesticated or cultivated, generally possess  
44 characteristics that allow them to survive and propagate in their natural environments when  
45 challenged by local biotic and abiotic stresses (Mammadov *et al.*, 2018). The resilience exhibited by  
46 wild plants is thought to be due to their high levels of genetic heterogeneity (Canciano, 2011).  
47 Indeed, genetic heterogeneity was effective in suppressing disease when populations of genetically  
48 diversified crops were planted together in the same fields (Zhu *et al.*, 2000).

49 In contrast with wild plants, crop plants have lost their natural survival traits as a result of the  
50 extremely low levels of genetic heterogeneity found in monoculture crop species (Mundt, 2002).  
51 Therefore, disease-, insect-, and weed-controls are essential in commercial crop cultivation to reduce  
52 losses and maximize yields. This requires additional crop management costs for farmers, for example,  
53 for labor and agrochemicals. There are two main reasons for the low genetic heterogeneity in crop  
54 species. One reason is crop domestication (Izawa *et al.*, 2009), in which only a few plants possessing  
55 desirable phenotypes, such as large fruit size, non-seed shattering, and long-seed dormancy, are  
56 selected from the broad genetic pools of wild plants. The second reason is selective breeding for  
57 desirable traits. While valuable for stabilizing crop phenotypes such as yield, these selective  
58 processes have reduced genetic diversity in monoculture crops by purging diverse germplasms (Fu,  
59 2015). During domestication and selective breeding, small numbers of alleles that have large effects  
60 on phenotypic variations have often been targeted, further reducing the genetic diversity within  
61 cultivated varieties (Fernie and Yan, 2019).

62 While remaining more diverse than crop species, wild plant populations have also experienced  
63 loss of genetic heterogeneity at some loci, though in wild plants this is due to directional selection  
64 and genetic drift. For example, natural populations of *Arabidopsis* have lost genetic heterogeneity at  
65 flowering loci to synchronize flowering time (Mendez-Vigo *et al.*, 2011), which is beneficial for  
66 propagation under natural conditions. This suggests that genome-wide genetic heterogeneity is not  
67 necessarily required for wild plant populations and that small numbers of loci could become fixed

68 under certain selective conditions. This suggests that it would be possible to generate new plant  
69 populations with a) fixed domestication loci with suitable alleles for agricultural traits and b) high  
70 general levels of genetic diversity elsewhere in the genome. Such plant populations could be used as  
71 crop species, as proposed by Litrico and Violle (Litrico and Violle, 2015), and would possess natural  
72 resistance and suppression traits, as a result of high heterogeneity, that would enhance population  
73 resilience to biotic and abiotic stresses. As favorable agricultural alleles would be fixed, the benefits  
74 of genetic heterogeneity would exist alongside desirable agricultural traits. Mixtures of heterozygous  
75 plant populations have already been used as crops in allogamous species such as onion and clover.  
76 However, the potential benefits of genetic heterogeneity for autogamous plants such as legumes  
77 remain unclear.

78 Common vetch (*Vicia sativa*), a wild legume commonly found in open fields, was partially  
79 domesticated and cultivated in the past (Bryant and Hughes, 2011). Common vetch therefore has  
80 crop potential and can serve as a model for examination of genetic heterogeneity and domestication.  
81 The first step is to evaluate the levels of genetic heterogeneity in wild common vetch populations.  
82 However, no genome sequence data is available in common vetch. At least three different  
83 chromosome numbers ( $2n = 10, 12, \text{ and } 14$ ) have been reported (Ladizinsky, 1998; Ladizinsky and  
84 Waines, 1982). In this study, a reference sequence for common vetch was developed and single  
85 nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) analysis with double-digest restriction-site associated DNA  
86 sequencing (ddRAD-Seq) was used to evaluate heterogeneity in genomes of common vetch  
87 populations.

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## 89 **Materials and methods**

### 90 *Plant materials*

91 A standard inbred line of common vetch (*V. sativa*), KSR5, was established from a wild plant  
92 collected from Kisarazu, Chiba, Japan, by self-pollination for more than three generations. KSR5  
93 was used for genome and transcriptome sequencing analysis. For genetic diversity analysis, 1,243

94 plants were collected from 12 locations across the latitude from 31.3°N to 38.8°N in Japan (Figure 1,  
95 Supplementary Table S1). In addition, eight accessions from France, Germany, Greece, Iran, Italy,  
96 and Tunisia were obtained from the NIAS Genebank, Tsukuba, Japan (Supplementary Table S1).  
97 Genomic DNA was extracted from young leaves with a DNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden,  
98 Germany).

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#### 100 *Chromosome observation*

101 Root tips of two-day-old seedlings of KSR5 were treated with 0.05% colchicine for 18 hours, fixed  
102 with 1:3 acetate:ethanol for 2 hours, and washed three times with water. Cell walls of the root tips  
103 were digested with 2% cellulase (SERVA Electrophoresis GmbH, Heidelberg, Germany), 2%  
104 macerozyme (SERVA Electrophoresis GmbH), and 0.1 M sodium acetate for four hours at 37°C.  
105 The root tip cells spread on a slide glass were fixed again with 1:3 acetate:ethanol and dried at room  
106 temperature. Chromosomes were stained with 1 ug/mL DAPI (4,6-Diamidino-2-phenylindole) in  
107 Fluoro-KEEPER Antifade Reagent (Nacalai Tesque, Kyoto, Japan) and were observed under a  
108 confocal laser scanning microscope, LSM700 (Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany). Chromosome  
109 length was measured with ImageJ (Schneider *et al.*, 2012).

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#### 111 *Sequencing analysis of the common vetch genome*

112 Genomic DNA from KSR5 was used to construct one paired-end (insert size of 500 bp) and four  
113 mate-pair sequencing libraries (insert sizes of 2, 5, 10, and 15 kb) in accordance with manufacturer  
114 protocols (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). Libraries were then sequenced using a HiSeq2000  
115 instrument (Illumina). A long insert library for KSR5 was also prepared and sequenced on an RSII  
116 instrument (PacBio, Menlo Park, CA, USA). The paired-end sequence reads were used for genomic  
117 size estimation based on *k*-mer frequency ( $k = 17$ ) using Jellyfish (Marcais and Kingsford, 2011).  
118 The paired-end and mate-pair reads were assembled and scaffolded with SOAPdenovo2 (Luo *et al.*,  
119 2012). Gaps, represented by Ns in the scaffold sequences, were filled by PBjelly (English *et al.*,

120 2012) with PacBio reads, in which sequence errors were corrected with the paired-end reads by  
121 proovread (Hackl *et al.*, 2014). Contaminated sequences were removed by BLASTN search  
122 (Altschul *et al.*, 1990), with an E-value cutoff of 1E-10 and length coverage of  $\geq 10\%$ , against  
123 sequences from potential contaminating resources such as organelles (the plastid and mitochondrion  
124 genome sequences of *L. japonicus* and *V. faba*: KF042344, AP002983, JN872551, and KC189947),  
125 bacteria and fungi (NCBI bacteria and fungi), human (hg19), and artificial sequences (UniVec and  
126 PhiX). The resulting sequences that were  $\geq 1,000$  bp in size were selected and designated VSA\_r1.0  
127 as a draft common vetch genome. Completeness of the assembly was assessed with sets of a  
128 Benchmarking Universal Single-Copy Orthologs (BUSCO) (Simao *et al.*, 2015).

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### 130 *RNA sequencing and assembly*

131 Total RNA was extracted from ten tissue samples (roots, seedlings, stems, apical buds, immature and  
132 mature leaves, tendrils, flower buds, flowers, and pods) using an RNeasy Mini Kit (Qiagen) and  
133 treated with RQ1 RNase-Free DNase (Promega, Madison, WI, USA) to remove contaminating  
134 genomic DNA. RNA libraries were constructed in accordance with the TruSeq Stranded mRNA  
135 Sample Preparation Guide (Illumina). Nucleotide sequences were obtained with a MiSeq instrument  
136 (Illumina) in the paired-end 301 bp mode. Low-quality reads were removed using PRINSEQ  
137 (Schmieder and Edwards, 2011) and adapter sequences were trimmed with fastx\_clipper (parameter,  
138 -a AGATCGGAAGAGC) in the FASTX-Toolkit ([http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx\\_toolkit](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit)). The  
139 resulting reads were assembled using Trinity (Grabherr *et al.*, 2011) with parameters of  
140 `--min_contig_length 100, --group_pairs_distance 400, and --SS_lib_type RF` to generate a  
141 non-redundant gene sequence set.

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### 143 *Repetitive sequence and RNA coding gene analysis*

144 A *de novo* repeat sequence database for VSA\_r1.0 was built using RepeatScout (Price *et al.*, 2005)  
145 (version 1.0.5). Repetitive sequences in VSA\_r1.0 were searched for using RepeatMasker (version

146 4.0.3) (<http://www.repeatmasker.org>) based on known repetitive sequences registered in Repbase  
147 (Bao *et al.*, 2015) and the *de novo* repeat libraries. Transfer RNA genes were predicted using  
148 tRNAscan-SE (version 1.23) (Chan and Lowe, 2019) with the default parameters, and ribosomal  
149 RNA (rRNA) genes were predicted using BLASTN searches with an E-value cutoff of 1E-10, with  
150 the *Arabidopsis thaliana* 18S rRNA (accession number: X16077) and 5.8S and 25S rRNAs  
151 (accession number: X52320) used as query sequences.

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### 153 *Protein-coding gene prediction and annotation*

154 Putative protein-coding genes in VSA\_r1.0 were identified with a MAKER pipeline (version 2.31.8)  
155 (Cantarel *et al.*, 2008) including *ab-initio*-, evidence-, and homology-based gene prediction methods.  
156 For this prediction, the non-redundant gene sequence set generated from the RNA-Seq analysis and  
157 peptide sequences predicted in the genomes of four Fabaceae members, namely, *Arachis duranensis*  
158 (V14167.a1.M1) (Bertioli *et al.*, 2016), *Lotus japonicus* (rel. 3.0) (Sato *et al.*, 2008), *Medicago*  
159 *truncatula* (4.0v1) (Young *et al.*, 2011), and *Phaseolus vulgaris* (v1.0) (Schmutz *et al.*, 2014), were  
160 used as a training data set. In addition, BRAKER1 (version 1.3) (Hoff *et al.*, 2016) was used to  
161 complete the gene set for VSA\_r1.0. Genes related to transposable elements (TEs) were detected  
162 using BLASTP searches against the NCBI non-redundant (nr) protein database with an E-value  
163 cutoff of 1E-10 and by using InterProScan (version 4.8) (Jones *et al.*, 2014) searches against the  
164 InterPro database with an E-value cutoff of 1.0.

165 Putative VSA\_r1.0 genes were clustered using CD-hit (version 4.6.1) (Li and Godzik, 2006)  
166 with the UniGene set of the four Fabaceae members as above with the parameters  $c = 0.6$  and  $aL$   
167  $= 0.4$ . The predicted genes were annotated with plant gene ontology (GO) slim categories and  
168 euKaryotic clusters of Orthologous Groups (KOG) categories (Tatusov *et al.*, 2003), and mapped  
169 onto the Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) reference pathways (Ogata *et al.*,  
170 1999).

171 Gene expression was quantified by mapping the RNA-Seq reads onto VSA\_r1.0 using HISAT2  
172 (Kim *et al.*, 2015) followed by normalization to determine fragments per kilobase of exon per  
173 million mapped fragments (FPKM) values using StringTie (Pertea *et al.*, 2015) and Ballgown  
174 (Frazee *et al.*, 2015) in accordance with the published protocol (Pertea *et al.*, 2016).

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#### 176 *Genetic diversity analysis*

177 Genome-wide sequence variations in wild vetch populations were analyzed by a double-digest  
178 restriction-site associated DNA sequencing (ddRAD-Seq) technique (Peterson *et al.*, 2012). In  
179 accordance with the workflow established in our previous study (Shirasawa *et al.*, 2016), genomic  
180 DNA samples from each line were digested with the restriction enzymes *Pst*I and *Eco*RI to prepare  
181 ddRAD-Seq libraries, which were then sequenced on a HiSeq2000 (Illumina) instrument in  
182 paired-end 93 bp mode. Low-quality sequences were removed and adapters were trimmed using  
183 PRINSEQ (Schmieder and Edwards, 2011) and fastx\_clipper in the FASTX-Toolkit  
184 ([http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx\\_toolkit](http://hannonlab.cshl.edu/fastx_toolkit)), respectively. The remaining high-quality reads were  
185 mapped onto VSA\_r1.0 as a reference using Bowtie2 (Langmead and Salzberg, 2012). The resultant  
186 sequence alignment-map format (SAM) files were converted to binary sequence alignment-map  
187 format (BAM) files and subjected to SNP calling using the mpileup option of SAMtools (Li *et al.*,  
188 2009) and the view option of BCFtools. High-confidence SNPs were selected using VCFtools  
189 (Danecek *et al.*, 2011) with the following criteria: (1) depth of coverage  $\geq 5$  for each line, (2) SNP  
190 quality scores of 999 for each locus, (3) minor allele frequency  $\geq 0.05$  for each locus, and (4)  
191 proportion of missing data  $< 0.5$  for each locus. The effects of SNPs on gene function were predicted  
192 using SnpEff v4.2 (Cingolani *et al.*, 2012).

193 Nucleotide divergency ( $\pi$ ) values and heterozygosity levels for SNP sites of each population  
194 were calculated using the site-pi and het options in VCFtools (Danecek *et al.*, 2011), respectively.  
195 Principal component analysis (PCA) was performed to determine the relationships among samples  
196 using TASSEL (Bradbury *et al.*, 2007) and population structure was investigated using



197 ADMIXTURE (Alexander *et al.*, 2009). The R package WGCNA (Langfelder and Horvath, 2008)  
198 was used for SNP module detection.

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## 200 **Results**

### 201 *Chromosome number of a common vetch line, KSR5*

202 A total of 14 chromosomes, including two mini chromosomes, were observed in metaphase cells of  
203 root tips of the standard inbred line, KSR5 (Figure 2, Table 1). Relative length of the chromosomes  
204 was measured in five cells and sorted by the length order. In accordance with the chromosome length,  
205 the 14 chromosomes were grouped into seven pairs (I to VII), suggesting that the genome of KSR5  
206 was  $2n = 14$ . The relative length of the longest chromosome (I) was 22.3% of the total length of  
207 haploid genome, followed by 21.0% (II), 18.6% (III), 16.1% (IV), 10.3% (V), 9.3% (VI), and 2.7%  
208 (VII).

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### 210 *Sequencing and genome assembly*

211 The standard inbred line of common vetch (*V. sativa*), KSR5, was sequenced. In total, 1.8 billion  
212 paired-end reads corresponding to 186.7 Gb (Supplementary Table S2) were obtained. The  
213 distribution of distinct *k*-mers ( $k = 17$ ) showed a single main peak at multiplicities of 78 with minor  
214 peaks (Figure 3). The size of the common vetch genome was estimated to be 1,769 Mb. The  
215 paired-end reads (105× genome coverage) were assembled with mate-pair reads of four libraries  
216 (146× genome coverage in total) to obtain 6,487 thousand (k) scaffold sequences of total length 2.5  
217 Gb with an N50 of 30.5 kb. After removing 6,421 k contaminated sequences and short scaffolds (<1  
218 kb), sequence gaps presented by Ns in the remaining sequences were filled with PacBio long reads  
219 (3× genome coverage) to obtain a draft sequence of the common vetch genome, namely, VSA\_r1.0.  
220 The total length of VSA\_r1.0 was 1,541 Mb and consisted of 54,083 sequences with an N50 of 90.1  
221 kb (Table 2). Although 513 k gaps occupied 501 Mb in total (32.5%), the gene space was well  
222 represented in accordance with BUSCO examination, indicating 94.1% ortholog completion.

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#### 224 *Repeat sequence analysis*

225 Sequences totaling 782 Mb (51.9%) were identified as repeat elements such as transposons and  
226 retrotransposons (Table 3). Of this, sequences totaling 267 Mb were repeat sequences reported in  
227 other organisms, and sequences in the remaining 531 Mb were uniquely identified in VSA\_r1.0. Of  
228 the previously reported repeats, long terminal repeat retroelements were predominant (200 Mb).  
229 Furthermore, 109,151 simple-sequence repeats with 52,874 di-, 39,198 tri-, 12,354 tetra-, 3,414  
230 penta-, and 1,311 hexa-nucleotide repeat motifs were also found.

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#### 232 *Gene prediction and annotation*

233 In total, 31,146 protein-encoding genes, with average length of 1,008 bp and N50 of 1,419 bp, were  
234 predicted in VSA\_r1.0 (Table 2). For the evidence-based MAKER pipeline, 166 million (M) RNA  
235 reads from ten tissue samples (Supplementary Table S2) were assembled into 181,211 transcribed  
236 sequences and used to predict 27,880 genes (genes with .mk suffix). A further 3,266 genes were  
237 predicted using an *ab-initio*-based method (genes with .br suffix). GO classification assigned 8,878,  
238 4,059, and 13,752 genes to the GO slim terms of biological process, cellular component, and  
239 molecular function, respectively (Supplementary Table S3). KOG analysis revealed 2,766, 4,888,  
240 and 4,424 genes with significant similarities to genes involved in information storage and processing,  
241 cellular processing and signaling, and metabolism, respectively (Supplementary Table S4). Finally,  
242 1,720 genes were mapped to KEGG metabolic pathways (Supplementary Table S5). Gene clustering  
243 analysis revealed 5,566 gene clusters that were common to the five legume species tested (*V. sativa*,  
244 *A. duranensis*, *L. japonicus*, *M. truncatula*, and *P. vulgaris*) and 12,321 clusters that were unique to  
245 common vetch (Figure 4). In addition to mRNA sequences, 58 rRNA- and 1,437 tRNA-encoding  
246 genes were predicted.

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#### 248 *Single nucleotide polymorphisms in natural populations*

249 Genome-wide SNPs were identified across the 12 common vetch populations from Japan, consisting  
250 of 1,243 lines, and eight lines from France, Germany, Greece, Iran, Italy, and Tunisia from the  
251 NARO GeneBank (Tsukuba, Japan) (Supplementary Table S1). Approximately 1.1 million  
252 ddRAD-Seq reads per sample were obtained (Supplementary Table S2) and 84.4% of the reads  
253 aligned to the VSA\_r1.0 reference sequence. The ddRAD-Seq reads covered 2.4 Mb (0.16%) of the  
254 reference assembly with  $\geq 5$  reads. Sequence alignments detected 46,715 high-confidence SNPs  
255 (30.9% transitions and 69.1% transversions). SNP density was calculated as 1 SNP per 51 bp. When  
256 only the 12 populations from Japan were considered, the number of SNPs decreased to 24,118 (1  
257 SNP per 100 bp), ranging from 4,709 SNPs in the SDI population (1 SNP per 510 bp) to 10,040  
258 SNPs in the ABK population (1 SNP per 239 bp) (Table 4).

259 PCA and admixture analysis indicated that there were 2–11 subpopulations in each of the 12  
260 populations from Japan (Figure 5, Table 3, Supplementary Figures S1). The observed heterozygosity  
261 scores were lower than the expected values (Table 4). Nucleotide divergency scores ( $\pi$ ) at SNP sites  
262 were similarly distributed across ten of the populations from Japan, with median values of 0.31–0.34.  
263 The remaining two populations, NGT and SDI, exhibited median values of  $\sim 0.25$  (Table 4). Of the  
264 46,715 high-confidence SNPs, 24,118 clustered according to their  $\pi$  scores to generate 82 modules  
265 (Supplementary Figure S2). Of these, the  $\pi$  scores of one cluster, ‘cyan’, which contained 190 SNPs,  
266 negatively correlated with the latitude of sampling location (Figure 1 and 6). In total, 88 genes were  
267 associated with the 190 SNPs, and one of the genes (Vsa\_sc30698.1\_g030.1.mk) showed sequence  
268 similarity to the Arabidopsis gene for a MADS-box protein, SUPPRESSOR OF  
269 OVEREXPRESSION OF CONSTANS1 (SOC1), known to be involved in the flowering pathway in  
270 plants. Vsa\_sc30698.1\_g030.1.mk was predominantly transcribed in tendrils (FPKM = 5.0) followed  
271 by apical buds (0.5) and stems (0.4), whereas no expression was observed in the other seven tissues,  
272 i.e., roots, seedlings, immature and mature leaves, flower buds, flowers, and pods.

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274 **Discussion**

275 A draft common vetch (*V. sativa*) genome sequence was generated in this study. Although several  
276 legume genome sequences were released previously (Bauchet *et al.*, 2019), this is the first report of a  
277 genome from the genus *Vicia*, which contains several agronomically important legume crops such as  
278 fava bean (*V. faba*). *Vicia* genomes are large (e.g., 1.8 Gb for *V. sativa* and 13 Gb for *V. faba*) due to  
279 their massive repetitive sequences, including TEs (Bryant and Hughes, 2011; Hill *et al.*, 2005;  
280 Nouzova *et al.*, 2001; Pearce *et al.*, 1996), hampering *de novo* genome assembly in this genus  
281 (Bauchet *et al.*, 2019). As might therefore be expected, more than half of the *V. sativa* genome  
282 assembly was comprised of repetitive sequences (Table 3). The assembly contained up to 54,083  
283 contig sequences and included 513 k gaps occupying >500 Mb (Table 2). The short-read technology  
284 employed for sequencing might therefore be insufficient to span the repeats. Although construction  
285 of contiguous sequences from the short reads was challenging, a near complete gene set was  
286 successfully identified in the assembly (Table 2). Whereas it was impossible to compare the genome  
287 structure of common vetch with those of relatives due to the fragmented genome sequences,  
288 clustering analysis of the gene sequences would provide insights into the gene homoeology in  
289 legume species (Figure 4). The genome resources developed in this study will be invaluable for  
290 forthcoming gene discovery studies, such as transcriptome analysis and allele mining, in *Vicia*.

291 We reproducibly observed seven pairs of chromosomes (I to VII) in the root-tip cells of KSR5  
292 (Figure 2), among of which one pair (VII) was so small occupying only 2.7% of the total length of  
293 the seven chromosome pairs (Table 1). One type of mini chromosomes, so called B chromosomes  
294 which are comprised of repetitive sequence, have been reported in numerous groups of plants so far,  
295 but the biological function has not been known (Houben, 2017). B chromosomes are not necessary  
296 for the growth and normal development of organisms and show non-Mendelian inheritance patterns  
297 (Houben, 2017). This could be one of the reasons for the different chromosome numbers in *Vicia*  
298 *sativa* (Ladizinsky, 1998; Ladizinsky and Waines, 1982; Navratilova *et al.*, 2003). Further  
299 chromosome observations and fluorescence in situ hybridization with the repetitive sequences as  
300 probes across multiple lines would characterize and identify the mini chromosomes observed in this

301 study. Alternatively, sterility of F1 hybrids derived from crosses between plants with different  
302 chromosome numbers should be analyzed to gain insights into the function of the small  
303 chromosomes.

304 Twelve common vetch populations from Japan were examined, each of which contained 2–11  
305 subpopulations (Figure 5, Table 4, Supplementary Figures S4). This suggested that the numbers of  
306 founder plants were limited even in populations grown under natural environmental conditions.  
307 Heterozygosity is thought to contribute strongly to the survival of plant populations under natural  
308 conditions (Canciano, 2011). Here, the observed heterozygosity was lower than expected (Table 4),  
309 indicating that heterozygosity in common vetch populations was high at the population level but low  
310 at the individual level due to self-pollination. This suggested that high heterozygosity at the  
311 population level is sufficient to allow adaptation and survival under natural conditions in autogamous  
312 common vetch.

313 Human domestication of wild plant species for agriculture involved selection of individual  
314 plants with desirable traits (Izawa *et al.*, 2009; Vaughan *et al.*, 2007). More recently, elite cultivars  
315 have been developed with enhanced yield performance to satisfy global food requirements (Hickey  
316 *et al.*, 2019). The successive selection of small numbers of individual plants during these processes  
317 produced severe bottleneck effects and resulted in decreased genetic diversity and lower tolerance to  
318 biotic and abiotic stresses (Canciano, 2011). Heterozygosity at specific genome regions was also  
319 lost in some wild plants (Figure 6), as reported previously (Mendez-Vigo *et al.*, 2011). This  
320 suggested that genome-wide genetic heterogeneity is not necessarily required for plants to survive  
321 under natural conditions. Recent studies have proposed *de novo*-, super-, or neo-domestication  
322 (Fernie and Yan, 2019; Hickey *et al.*, 2019; Vaughan *et al.*, 2007), whereby genetic loci for  
323 agronomically important traits are introduced to cultivated crop varieties from wild plants. However,  
324 the high genetic heterozygosity levels from the wild donor plants should be retained during the  
325 development of new crops to avoid the bottleneck effects sustained during historic domestication of  
326 crop varieties (Litrice and Violle, 2015). Therefore, we propose that new domestication of wild

327 plants should retain high heterozygosity at the population level to capitalize on beneficial traits that  
328 increase tolerance to abiotic and biotic stresses, but that agronomically important genetic loci should  
329 be fixed to maximize crop potential. The resources generated in this study will provide insights into  
330 the *de novo* domestication of wild plants to develop enhanced crop varieties.

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### 332 **Supplementary Data**

333 **Supplementary Table S1** Plant materials.

334 **Supplementary Table S2** Genome and transcriptome data.

335 **Supplementary Table S3** Number of KOG functions for protein-encoding genes.

336 **Supplementary Table S4** Number of genes mapped to KEGG pathways.

337 **Supplementary Table S5** Number of GO terms for protein-encoding genes.

338 **Supplementary Figure S1** Cross-validation errors for 12 natural populations of *Vicia sativa* from  
339 Japan in admixture analysis.

340 **Supplementary Figure S2** Nucleotide diversity of SNP modules across 12 natural populations of  
341 *Vicia sativa* from Japan.

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### 352 **Data Availability**

353 Sequence data are available from the Sequence Read Archive (DRA) of DNA Data Bank of Japan  
354 (DDBJ) under accession numbers DRA004347 for whole genome sequencing, DRA004313 for  
355 RNA-Seq, and DRA004301-DRA004312 for ddRAD-Seq (Supplementary Table S2). The DDBJ  
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525 **Table 1** Relative chromosome length of *Vicia sativa*, KSR5

Chromosome	Relative length (%)	S.d.*
I	22.3	0.7
II	21.0	0.7
III	18.6	1.3
IV	16.1	1.6
V	10.3	0.7
VI	9.1	0.6
VII	2.7	1.0

526 \*Standard deviation (n = 10)

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528 **Table 2** Assembly statistics of the common vetch (*Vicia sativa*) genome assembly VSA\_r1.0

	VSA_r1.0
Number of scaffolds	54,083
Assembly size (bp)	1,541,180,487
Scaffold N50 (bp)	90,105
Maximal scaffold (bp)	871,438
Number of gaps	513,235
Gap size (bp)	501,483,283
Complete and single-copy BUSCO	77.5%
Complete and duplicated BUSCO	16.6%
Fragmented BUSCO	2.9%
Missing BUSCO	2.9%
Number of genes predicted	31,146

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530 **Table 3** Repeat sequences in the VSA\_r1.0 assembly

Repeat type	Length occupied (bp)	%
SINEs <sup>b</sup>	85,029	0.0
LINEs <sup>b</sup>	10,462,622	0.7
LTR elements <sup>b</sup>	200,723,246	13.0
DNA elements	15,595,575	1.0
Helitrons	1,469,970	0.1
Satellites	17,496,670	1.1
Simple repeats	17,496,670	1.1
Low complexity	4,468,370	0.3
Novel repeats	531,016,543	34.5
<b>Total<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>782,834,201</b>	<b>50.8</b>

531 <sup>a</sup>Non-redundant sequence length of the repeats overlapping in the genome.

532 <sup>b</sup>SINEs: short interspersed nuclear elements; LINEs: long interspersed nuclear elements; and LTR:

533 long terminal repeat.

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535 **Table 4** Cluster, heterozygosity, and nucleotide diversity calculated from SNPs of 12 common vetch natural populations in Japan

Population	Sampling location <sup>a</sup>	Number of individuals	Number of SNPs	Number of clusters (K)	Expected heterozygosity (He)	Observed heterozygosity (Ho)	Nucleotide divergency ( $\pi$ )
ABK	Abiko, Chiba, Japan	102	10,040	4	0.313	0.189	0.314
FKO	Fukuoka, Japan	97	9,795	7	0.318	0.057	0.319
KGS	Kagoshima, Japan	109	5,189	8	0.330	0.106	0.330
KMT	Kimitsu, Chiba, Japan	95	7,256	9	0.336	0.087	0.336
KSR	Kisarazu, Chiba, Japan	88	6,450	4	0.340	0.111	0.340
KYT	Kyoto, Japan	104	8,974	8	0.339	0.114	0.338
KZS	Kazusa, Chiba, Japan	97	7,243	4	0.334	0.147	0.334
NGT	Niigata, Japan	100	6,658	3	0.247	0.085	0.248
NGY	Nagoya, Aichi, Japan	102	6,891	5	0.335	0.140	0.335
OKY	Okayama, Japan	99	9,649	11	0.337	0.085	0.336
SDI	Sendai, Miyagi, Japan	100	4,709	2	0.264	0.161	0.262
TNS	Tanashi, Tokyo, Japan	150	7,939	10	0.326	0.153	0.325

536 <sup>a</sup>Geographical positions are indicated in Figure 1 and Supplementary Table S1.



537 **Figure Legends**

538 **Figure 1** Sampling locations in Japan.

539 Three-letter codes indicate sampling locations in Japan: ABK: Abiko, Chiba; FKO: Fukuoka;

540 KGS: Kagoshima; KMT: Kimitsu, Chiba; KSR: Kisarazu, Chiba; KYT: Kyoto; KZS: Kazusa,

541 Chiba; NGT: Niigata; NGY: Nagoya, Aichi; OKY: Okayama; SDI: Sendai, Miyagi; and

542 TNS: Tanashi, Tokyo.

543 **Figure 2** Chromosomes of the common vetch KSR5.

544 Roman numerals indicate chromosome pairs, which order is based on chromosome length (I

545 to VII). Bar = 5  $\mu$ m.

546 **Figure 3** Genome size estimation for *Vicia sativa* with the distribution of the number of

547 distinct  $k$ -mers ( $k=17$ ) with the given multiplicity values.

548 **Figure 4** Venn diagram showing numbers of gene clusters in *Vicia sativa* and four additional

549 Fabaceae species.

550 **Figure 5** Principal component analysis of 12 natural populations of *Vicia sativa* from Japan.

551 **Figure 6** Nucleotide diversity ( $\pi$ ) of the SNP module ‘cyan’ ( $n=190$ ) across 12 natural

552 populations of *Vicia sativa* in Japan.

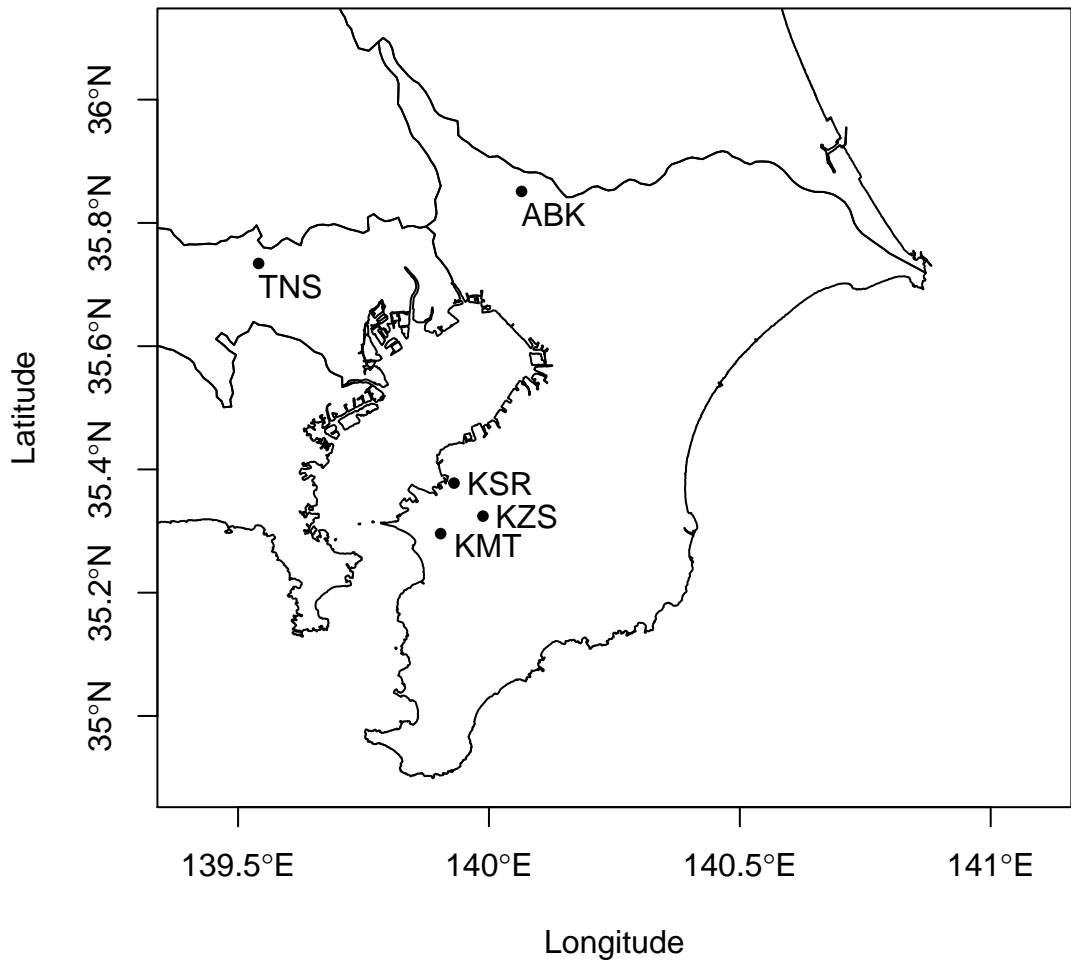
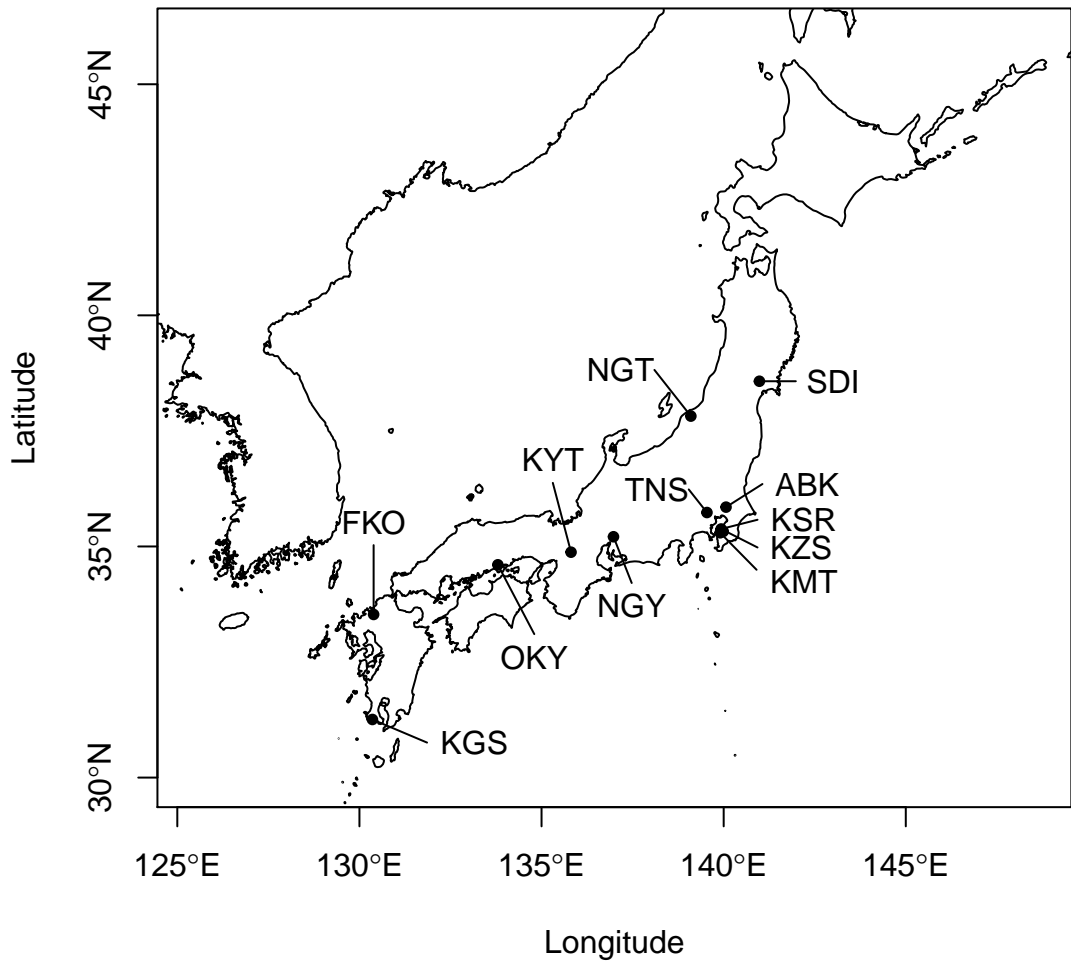
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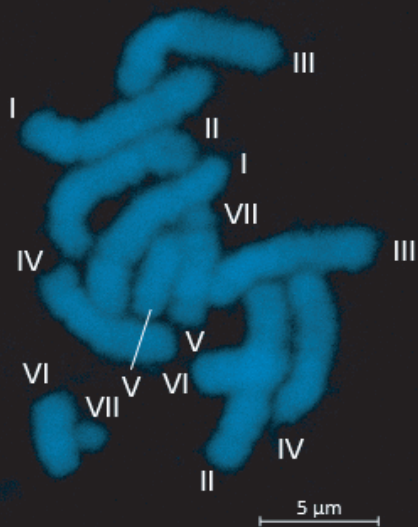
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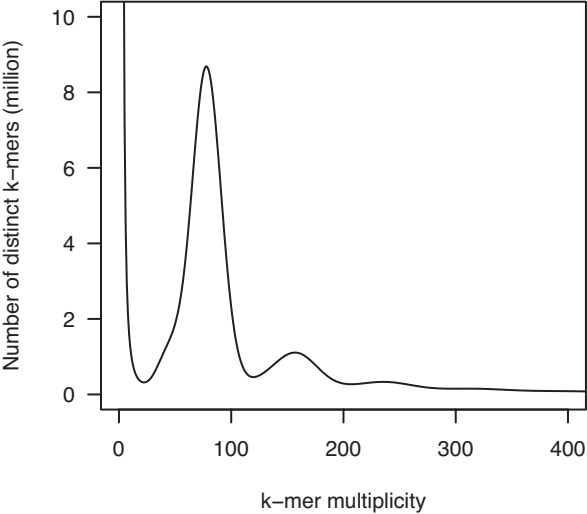
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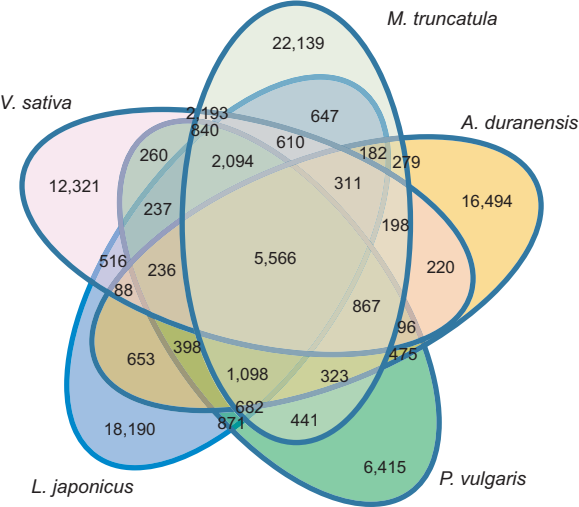
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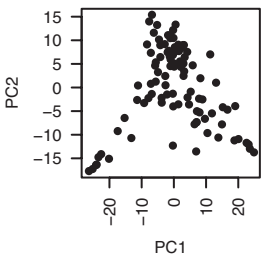
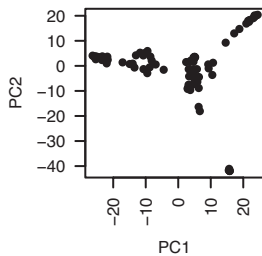
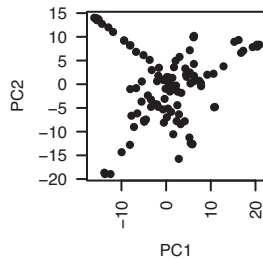
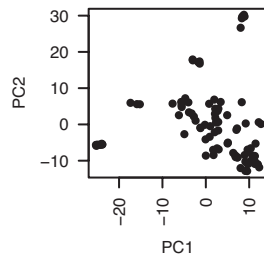
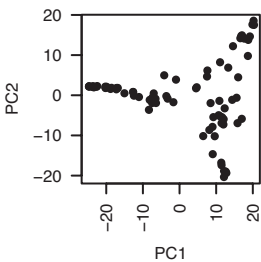
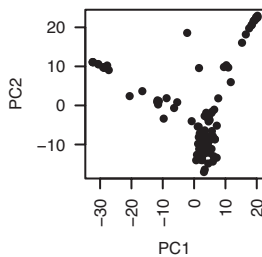
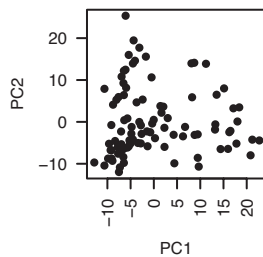
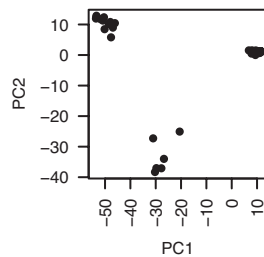
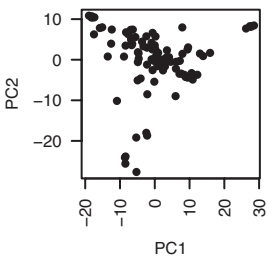
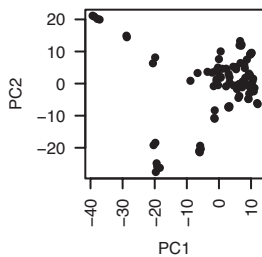
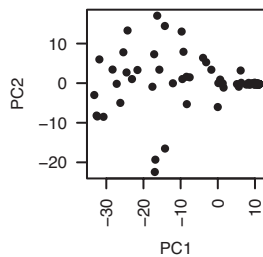
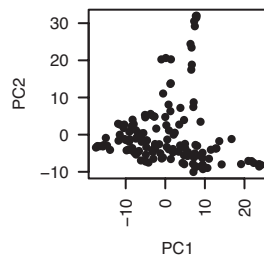
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