Title: A view of the pan-genome of domesticated cowpea (*Vigna unguiculata* [L.] Walp.)

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Abstract:

Cowpea, *Vigna unguiculata L.* Walp., is a diploid warm-season legume of critical importance as
both food and fodder in sub-Saharan Africa. This species is also grown in Northern Africa,
Europe, Latin America, North America and East/Southeast Asia. To capture the genomic
diversity of domesticates of this important legume, *de novo* genome assemblies were produced
for representatives of six sub-populations of cultivated cowpea identified previously from
genotyping of several hundred diverse accessions. A total of 44,861 genes were identified in the
resulting pan-genome, including 21,330 core and 23,531 non-core genes. Therefore, the total
number of genes in the domesticated cowpea pan-genome is more than double the number of
genes in any of the individual genomes. GO-Terms associated with response to stress, defense
response in particular, were highly enriched among the non-core genes, while core genes were
significantly enriched in terms associated with catabolic processes, transport and cellular
homeostasis, among others. Over 5 million SNPs relative to each individual assembly and over
40 structural variants >1 Mb in size were identified by comparing genomes. Vu10 was the
chromosome with the highest frequency of SNPs and Vu04 had the most structural variants of all
sizes. While similar numbers of synonymous SNPs and in-frame indels were found in core and
non-core genes, non-core genes had much higher numbers of missense, stop gain, and frameshift
mutations. These results suggest that non-core genes make a large contribution to diversity
within domesticated cowpeas, and may be particularly important in terms of the contribution of
large-effect variants.

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Article Summary (80 words maximum)

This study reports annotated genome assemblies of six cowpea accessions. Together with the
previously reported annotated genome of IT97K-499-35, these constitute a pan-genome resource
representing six subpopulations of domesticated cowpea. Annotations include genes, variant
calls for SNPs and short indels, larger presence/absence variants and inversions. Non-core genes
are enriched for loci involved in stress response and harbor the majority of genic variants with
potential effects on coding sequence.

Introduction:

Individuals within a species vary in their genomic composition. The genome of any individual
does not include the full complement of genes contained within the species. A pan-genome
includes genes that are core to the species (shared among all individuals) and those absent from
one or more individuals (non-core, dispensable, or variable genes). This pan-genome concept
started to be applied to plants by Morgante *et al*. (2007) but began in bacterial species (reviewed
by Golicz *et al.* 2020). Due to the complexity of plant genomes, the first studies exploring gene
presence-absence variation (PAV) in plants used reduced-representation approaches, including
array comparative genomic hybridization (CGH) and sequencing of transcriptomes (e.g. Springer
et al. 2009, Muñoz-Amatriaín *et al.* 2013; Hirsch *et al.* 2014). Once sequencing of entire plant
genomes became feasible, several pan-genomes of variable degrees of completeness were
generated, and it was soon understood that PAV is prevalent in plants and that the pan-genome
of any plant species is larger than the genome of any individual accession (reviewed by Lei *et al.*
2021). Moreover, many of the genes not present in reference accessions have functions of
potential adaptive or agronomic importance such as time to flowering, and response to abiotic
and biotic stresses (Gordon *et al.* 2017; Montenegro *et al.* 2017; Bayer *et al*. 2020), making the
construction of a pan-genome a crucial task for those crops of global importance.

Cowpea is a diploid (2n = 22) member of the family Fabaceae tribe Phaseoleae, closely related to
mung bean, common bean, soybean, and several other warm-season legumes. Cowpea was
domesticated in Africa, but its cultivation has spread throughout most of the globe (Herniter *et*
al., 2020). The inherent resilience of the species to drought and high temperatures (Hall 2004),
together with its nutritional value as a reliable source of plant-based protein and folic acid,
position cowpea favorably as a component of sustainable agriculture in the context of global
climate change. Most cowpea production and consumption presently occur in sub-Saharan
Africa, especially in the Sudano-Sahelian Zone with production mainly by smallholder farmers,
often as an intercrop with maize, sorghum, or millet (Boukar *et al*., 2019). Tender green seeds
are often consumed during the growing season, and immature pods are eaten as a vegetable,

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especially in East and Southeast Asia. In addition, fresh leaves are sometimes consumed. The dry
haulms are harvested and sold as fodder for livestock. Spreading varieties are also utilized as
cover crops to prevent soil erosion and for weed control.

A reference genome sequence of cowpea cv. IT97K-499-35 was previously generated (Lonardi
et al., 2019). Preliminary sequence comparisons using whole genome shotgun (WGS) data of 36
accessions suggested that extensive SNP and structural variation exists within domesticated
cowpea (Lonardi *et al*., 2019). Cowpea also displays a wide range of phenotypic variation, and
genetic assignment approaches have identified six subpopulations within cultivated cowpea
germplasm (Muñoz-Amatriaín *et al*., 2021). These observations support the need to develop
cowpea pan-genome resources based on a diverse set of cowpea accessions.

This study reports *de novo* assemblies of six cowpea accessions. Each accession was annotated
using transcriptome sequences from the accession along with *ab initio* methods. These genome
sequences, together with the previously reported sequence of IT97K-499-45 (Lonardi *et al*.,
2019), constitute a pan-genome resource for domesticated cowpea. Using annotations for the
seven genomes including genes, along with variant calls for SNPs and short indels, and larger
structural variants, the following questions were addressed: (i) What proportion of genes are core
and non-core, and do core and noncore genes differ in size or functional class? (ii) What
proportion of large-effect mutations are created by single nucleotide variants versus structural
variants (including indels), and do the proportions of large-effect variants differ among core and
noncore genes? (iii) To what extent are gene content and gene order consistent across accessions
within the species *V. unguiculata* and across species within the genus *Vigna* and the tribe
Phaseoleae? The results suggest that both extensive structure differences among individual
accession and the nature of variation in non-core genes are important considerations in efforts to
identify genetic variation with adaptive potential.

Materials & Methods:

Cowpea accessions selected for sequencing (Supplemental Table S01)

Accessions chosen for sequencing and *de novo* assembly represented the six subpopulations of
domesticated cowpea described in Muñoz-Amatriaín et al. (2021), as indicated in Figure 1. The
intention of choosing accessions that cover each subpopulation was to maximize the discovery of
genetic variations relevant to cultivated cowpea using a small number of samples. As shown by
Gordon *et al.* (2017) in *Brachypodium distachyon*, the addition of individuals from
subpopulations not previously sampled contributes much more to increasing the size of the pan-
genome than the addition of individuals that are closely related.

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IT97K-499-35 is a blackeye variety with resistance to the parasitic plants Striga and Alectra,
developed at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Ibadan, Nigeria (Singh *et al*.,
2006) and provided by Michael Timko (U Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, USA) to the
University of California Riverside (UCR) in 2006. The sequence assembly and annotation of
IT97K-499-35 were described in Lonardi et al. (2019). CB5-2 is a fully inbred isolate that is
closely related to CB5, which was the predominant Blackeye of the US Southwest for several
decades. CB5 (Blackeye 8415) was bred by WW Mackie at the University of California (Mackie,
1946) to add resistances to Fusarium wilt and nematodes to a California Blackeye landrace, and
provided to UCR by K Foster, University of California, Davis, in 1981. Suvita-2, also known as
Gorom Local (IITA accession TVu-15553, US NPGR PI 583259), is somewhat resistant to
bruchids and certain races of Striga, and is relatively drought tolerant. This landrace was
collected from a local market by VD Aggarwal at the Institut de l'Environnement et de
Recherches Agricoles (INERA) in Burkina Faso (Aggarwal *et al*.,1984) and provided to UCR by
VD Aggarwal in 1983. Sanzi is an early flowering, small-seeded landrace from Ghana with
resistance to flower bud thrips (Boukar *et al*., 2013), provided by KO Marfo, Nyankpala
Agricultural Experiment Station, Tamale, Ghana to UCR in 1988. UCR779 (PI 583014) is a
landrace from Botswana (de Mooy, 1985; Ehlers et al., 2002) that was provided to UCR as
B019-A in 1987 by CJ de Mooy of Colorado State University. Yardlong bean or asparagus bean
(cv.-gr. Sesquipedalis), the vegetable type of cowpea, is widely grown in Asian countries for
consumption of tender long pods. TZ30 is an elite Chinese variety with the pod length of around
60 cm. ZN016 is a landrace originating from southeastern China with the pod length of around
35 cm and showing resistances to multiple major diseases of cowpea. TZ30 and ZN016 were
used previously as parents of a mapping population to study the inheritance of pod length (Xu *et*
al., 2017).

DNA sequencing and *de novo* assembly of seven cowpea accessions

The annotated genome (v1.0) of African variety IT97K-499-35 was assembled from Pacific
Biosciences (Menlo Park, California, USA) long reads, two Bionano Genomics (San Diego,
California, USA) optical maps and ten genetic linkage maps as described previously (Lonardi *et*
al., 2019). The six additional *de novo* assemblies were produced by Dovetail Genomics (Scotts
Valley, California, USA) using Illumina (San Diego, California, USA) short reads (150x2). DNA
was extracted by Dovetail Genomics from seedling tissue of CB5-2, TZ30 and ZN016, and from
seeds of CB5-2, Suvita-2, Sanzi and UCR779. Meraculous (Chapman *et al*., 2011) was used to
assemble the reads, then sequences from Dovetail Chicago® and Dovetail Hi-C® libraries were
added (using their proprietary pipeline) to resolve misassemblies and increase contiguity. These
assemblies were then further refined using ALLMAPS (Tang *et al*., 2015). This analysis used ten
previously reported genetic linkage maps to relate assemblies to the standard orientations and

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numbering of the eleven cowpea chromosomes, as described in Lonardi *et al*. (2019) for IT97K-
499-35. See "Data Availability Statement" for access to raw data and assemblies.

Calling of SNPs, indels, and structural variants

SNPs and indels were called using each reference genome versus the reads from the six other
accessions. Reads of each accession described above for genome assemblies, plus short-read
sequences produced by 10X Genomics from IT97K-49-35, were mapped to all assemblies using
BWA (Li *et al.,* 2009). SNPs and indels were called using the GATK 4.2.0 pipeline in GVCF
mode for each accession. All the per-sample GVCFs were gathered in joint genotyping to
produce a set of joint-called SNPs and indels. Both per-sample SNPs and joint-called SNPs were
filtered with same parameters of 'QD < 2.0 || FS > 60.0 || MQ < 40.0 || MQRankSum < -12.5 ||
ReadPosRankSum < -8.0 || SOR > 4.0'. Indels were filtered with 'QD < 2.0 || FS > 200.0 ||
ReadPosRankSum < -20.0 || SOR > 10.0'.

Each pair of individual genomes was aligned using minimap2 (Li, 2018), producing $\binom{7}{2} = 21$
alignment files. Structural variants including inversions and translocations were identified from
the alignment files using SyRI (Goel *et al*., 2019). Figures were produced using PlotSR (Goel *et*
al., 2022). Depth analyses were carried out using Mosdepth (Pedersen & Quinlan 2018). The
average nucleotide diversity within and between populations was calculated from a VCF file
using Pixy (Korunes *et al*., 2021).

Annotation of genes and repeats

All genomes were annotated using the JGI plant genome annotation pipelines (Shu *et al.,* 2014)
integrated gene call (IGC), and gene model improvement (GMI). Both IGC and GMI are
evidence-based gene call pipelines. In IGC, a gene locus was defined by peptide alignments of
related organism homologous peptides and with alignments of within-organism transcriptome
assemblies. Genes were predicted by homology-based gene prediction programs FGENESH+
(Salamov and Solovyev, 2000), FGENESH_EST and GenomeScan (Yeh *et al.,* 2001), and a JGI
in-house homology-constrained transcriptome assembly ORF finder. Homologous proteomes
included *Arabidopsis thaliana* and those from common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris*), soybean
(*Glycine max*), barrel medic (*Medicago truncatula*), poplar (*Populus trichocarpa*), rice (*Oryza*
sativa), grape (*Vitis vinifera*) and Swiss-Prot. For transcript-based annotations of the six new
assemblies, RNA for RNA-seq was extracted using Qiagen RNeasy Plant (Hilden, Germany)
from each accession from well-hydrated and drought-stressed young seedling root and leaves,
young flower buds, and pods five days after pollination, and from developing seeds of Suvita-2,
TZ30 and ZN016 (not CB5-2, Sanzi or UCR779) 13 days after pollination. RNA quality was

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assessed and concentrations were determined using an Agilent 2100 BioAnalyzer (Santa Clara,
California, USA) and the Agilent RNA 6000 Nano Kit. The RNA-seq short reads from each
accession were assembled using a JGI in-house genome-guided assembler, PERTRAN (Shu *et*
al., 2013), using each genome assembly. Each short-read-based assembly and UNIGENE
sequences (P12_UNIGENES.fa from harvest.ucr.edu) were fed into PASA (Haas *et al*., 2003) to
produce transcriptome assemblies. A best gene per locus (based on evidence) was defined using
PASA from PASA alignment of transcriptome assemblies for splicing correctness, alternative
transcripts, and UTR addition. The PASA genes were filtered to obtain the final gene set,
including an automated repeat coding sequence (CDS) overlap filter, a manual low-quality gene
filter, and an automatic filter from transposable element (TE) protein domain assignments. This
process was repeated once with one additional homology seeding of non-self, high-confidence
gene models.

Determination of core and non-core genes among seven accessions

Coding sequences (CDS) of genes in IT97K-499-35 were mapped to CDS from the other six
accessions using BLAT (Kent, 2002). Alignments with 95% identity and 90% length coverage
were counted as positive matches. One-to-one alignments were immediately recorded, while
one-to-many alignments were resolved as follows. If a gene *A* mapped to a set of genes $B_1,...,B_n$,
gene A was assigned to the gene B_i that shared the most one-to-one neighboring genes with *A*.
After finding the correspondences between IT97K-499-35 genes to genes from the other
accessions, the same strategy was repeated to seek correspondences for unpaired genes from
CB5-2 by mapping to unpaired genes from remaining five accessions, and so on in the order of
Suvita-2, Sanzi, UCR779, ZN016 and TZ30. The seven assemblies were aligned using
progressiveMauve (Darling *et al*., 2010), to identify core genomic blocks using a pan-genome
representation called PGV (Liang and Lonardi, 2021). Again, the term "core" means that a copy
of the gene was identified in all seven accessions and "non-core" means that a copy of the gene
was identified in less than all seven accessions.

GO-term enrichment analyses were performed in agriGO v2.0 (Tian *et al*., 2017) for core and
non-core genes using GO terms available from the Legume Information System
(https://www.legumeinfo.org/). The list of all annotated genes identified in the pan-genome
("pan-genes") that were located on pseudomolecules (Vu01-Vu11) was used as a reference.
Given the large number of significantly enriched GO terms on both the core and non-core gene
sets, GO slims (Onsongo *et al*., 2008) were extracted and used for the main figure.

Annotation of variants in core and non-core genes

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As state above, core and non-core genes are defined based on their frequency of occurrence
among the genome assemblies. To test if variants in non-core genes were subject to reduced
selective constraint, Variant Effect Predictor (VeP) (McLaren *et al*., 2016) was used to annotate
variants identified in core and non-core genes. Gene names from IT97K-499-35 were used to
identify genomic intervals that overlap core and non-core genes, and BEDtools intersect
(Quinlan & Hall, 2010) was used to filter the VCF file for variants called relative to the IT97K-
499-35 assembly using all other assemblies. These VCF files were then annotated in VeP.

A potential issue with comparing core and non-core genes is that noncore genes may be more
poorly annotated in some assemblies. To address this, non-core genes that are absent from
IT97K-499-35, the most complete assembly, were identified. VeP was run separately for SNPs
and indels, reporting classes of variants with potentially large effects, including missense, stop
gains, start or stop changes, and frameshifts. As a contrast, the number of synonymous changes
and the number of in-frame indels is also reported.

Relative size of core and non-core genes

The physical sizes of core and non-core genes were also compared, both in the total annotated
length and the length of the coding portion of each gene. The length of each gene was extracted
from the general feature format (GFF) annotation for IT97K-499-35. To estimate the length of
coding portion of each gene, the annotated CDS for each gene was extracted from the GFF
annotation using scripts built using gffutils (https://github.com/daler/gffutils). The CDS length
was calculated based on the primary transcript identified in Phytozome annotations
(https://phytozome-next.jgi.doe.gov/cowpeapan/info/Vunguiculata_v1_2). Scripts used in the
analysis are available at https://github.com/MorrellLAB/Cowpea_Pangenome.

Nucleotide sequence diversity in cowpea

To determine the level of sequence diversity in the pangenome accessions, we used Tajima's
(1983) estimate of $\theta = 4Ne\mu$. We first identified "callable" regions with adequate sequence
diversity using coverage estimates in mosdepth (Pederson & Quinlan, 2018), identifying regions
with coverage between 5x and 400x in a BED file where coverage across the sequenced
accessions in the data was ~200x. This approach is intended to avoid variant calls in regions with
inadequate sequence depth or regions where very high coverage may indicate non-unique
mapping of sequence reads. The callable regions and the VCF file of filtered variants mapped to
the IT97K-499-35 reference were used with pixy (Korunes & Samuk, 2020), a tool designed to
deal appropriately with missing data in genome-level resequencing datasets.

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Physical locations of SNPs from genotyping platforms

The physical positions of SNPs in the Illumina iSelect Cowpea Consortium Array (Muñoz-
Amatriaín *et al*., 2017), whose positions in the IT97K-499-35 genome were provided in Lonardi
et al. (2019), were mapped using BWA MEM (Li et al., 2009) within each of the seven
assemblies using the contextual sequence that flanked each variant. The resulting alignment file
was processed with SAMtools (Li *et al*., 2009) and SNP_Utils
(https://github.com/MorrellLAB/SNP_Utils) to report positions in a VCF file. The positions of
iSelect SNPs relative to all seven genome assemblies are provided in Supplemental Table S02,
and an updated summary map for the 51,128 iSelect SNPs in Supplemental Table S03. The
positions identified for iSelect SNPs relative to the IT97K-499-35 assembly were used to
annotate the variants. The annotation used variant effect predictor (VeP) (McLaren *et al*., 2016)
with the GFF file provided by Phytozome (https://genome.jgi.doe.gov/portal/) and SNP positions
in VCF files (https://github.com/MorrellLAB/cowpea_annotation/blob/main/Results/IT97K-499-
35_v1.0/iSelect_cowpea.vcf; see Data Availability Statement).

Synteny analysis among genome assemblies

In order to assess conservation of gene content and ordering between genome assemblies from
diverse species, MCScanX (Wang *et al*., 2012) was run for every genome pair, using default
settings and homologous gene pairings derived from gene family assignments defined as the best
match of the longest protein product with an E-value of 1e-10 or better from hmmsearch (Eddy
2011) applied to the legfed_v1_0 families (Stai *et al.*, 2019).

Results and Discussion:

Development of six *de novo* assemblies and pan-genome construction

Summary statistics for the seven assemblies (assembly characteristics, repetitive content, genes,
BUSCO completeness) are reported in Table 1. More detailed statistics of the intermediate
assembly steps are reported in Supplemental Table S04. The contiguity of the new six
assemblies, as indicated by their N50s, is comparable to the PacBio assembly for IT97K-499-35
despite being based on short-read sequences. In all six new assemblies, each of the eleven
chromosomes of cowpea is represented by a single scaffold. These six assembled genomes are
similar in size, ranging from 447.58 Mb to 453.97 Mb, with a mean of 449.91 Mb. IT97K-499-
35 had a ~15% larger (more complete) assembled size (519.44 Mb) than these six accessions,
with the difference attributable to long-read sequencing and optical mapping providing a more
complete assembly. Assemblies of the six additional accessions share the same percentage of

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repetitive content of about 45-46% (Table 1 and Supplemental Figure S1). The IT97K-499-35
assembly has a somewhat higher repetitive content, which may result from more completeness of
the centromeric regions. The difference between the two sequencing methods is partially
attributable to centromeric regions of some chromosomes of the six new accessions appearing to
be missing from the assemblies. Centromeric regions were defined based on a 455□bp tandem
repeat previously identified by fluorescence in situ hybridization (Iwata□Otsubo *et al.*, 2016).
Supplemental Table S05 shows the coordinates of the putative centromeric regions in IT97K-
499-35 for all eleven chromosomes for a total span of 20.18 Mb, in CB5-2 on five chromosomes
for a total span of 5.6 Mb, in Sanzi on one chromosome for a total span of 0.59 Mb, in ZN016 on
four chromosomes for a total of 7.13 Mb and TZ30 on one chromosome for 1.32 Mb. The
tandem repeat was not found in any assembled chromosome of Suvita-2 or UCR779, nor in the
other chromosome assemblies where coordinates are not listed.

RNA was prepared from each accession to support gene annotation, and the same annotation
protocol was applied to each accession (see Materials & Methods). This is important when
comparing genomes at the gene level, as it reduces the technical variability that can otherwise
obfuscate the interpretation of results (Lei *et al.* 2021). The number of genes annotated in the six
new assemblies ranged from 27,723 to 28,562, with a mean of 28,222 (Table 1). IT97K-499-35
had ~13% more annotated genes with a total of 31,948, reflecting deeper transcriptome
sequencing and, to some extent, the more complete assembly of its genome. Supplemental Table
S06 summarizes the number of alternative transcripts, exon statistics, gene model support, and
ontology annotations (Panther, PFam, KOG, KEGG and E.C.). The number of alternative
transcripts in the six new assemblies ranged from 15,088 to 17,115. Again, IT97K-499-35 had a
higher number of alternative transcripts, a total of 22,536. The average number of exons was 5.4
in each of the six new assemblies, and 5.2 in IT97K-4899-35, with a median length ranging from
162 to 169 bp. Gene density and repeat density were computed in 1Mb non-overlapping sliding
windows along each chromosome and in each accession (Supplemental Figure S1). All
chromosomes have a higher gene density in their more recombinationally active regions, while
repeat density peaks in the low-recombination centromeric and pericentromeric regions (see also
Supplemental Figure 8 in Lonardi *et al.*, 2019). All seven accessions have similar gene and
repeat density, and high BUSCO v4 completeness at the genome, transcript, and protein levels
(Supplemental Table S07), with somewhat higher numbers for IT97K-499-35 than the six new
assemblies.

Genes annotated in the seven genomes were classified into *core* if they were present in all
accessions and *non-core* if absent in one or more of the seven accessions (see Materials &
Methods for details). A total of 21,330 core and 23,531 non-core genes were identified, for a
total of 44,861 distinct pan-genome genes (pan-genes) (Supplemental Table 08). From this, it can

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be surmised that the number of pan-genes within cultivated cowpeas is more than double the
number of genes found in any individual genome.

To determine if adding accessions is likely to significantly change the numbers and proportions
of core and non-core genes, the same homology analysis was carried out using subsets of
accessions of size $s=1,2,\ldots,7$. For each value of s, the number of core and non-core genes was
computed for all possible choices of s accessions. In Figure 2, the upper curve represents the
cumulative number of distinct genes in all accessions (i.e., the set of *pan-genes*), and the lower
curve is the number of core genes, as a function of s (on the x-axis). Observe that the number of
data points for each plotted value of s is $\binom{7}{s}$, that is 7 for s=1 or s=6, 21 for s=2 or s=5, 35 for
s=3 or s=4. The upper plot is a polynomial fit on the *pan-genes*, while the lower plot is a
polynomial fit on the core genes. As expected, the number of pan-genes increased as additional
accessions were "added" to the pan-genome, while the number of core genes decreased.
However, the fact that the lower plot (core genes) is flattening considerably for s=6 or s=7
indicates that the vast majority of the core genes have been identified with these seven diverse
accessions. In contrast, the upper plot is not near flattening, indicating that there may be many
more non-core genes not included among these seven accessions, which also means that it would
be necessary to sequence more genomes to represent the entire pan-genome of cultivated cowpea
thoroughly.

A GO term enrichment analysis was performed for genes within the two components of the pan-
genome (core and non-core) using agriGO v2 (Tian *et al*., 2017). Many GO terms for all three
ontology aspects (biological process, cellular component, and molecular function) were
significantly enriched in both core and non-core genes compared with the entire pan-genome
(Supplemental Table S09 for the complete list of significantly enriched terms). Given the high
number of significant GO terms, GO Slim terms (Onsongo *et al*., 2008) were extracted and used
in Figure 3. Terms highly enriched in the core set of genes were related to protein localization
and protein transport, which is part of the broader term 'transport,' and with catabolic processes.
This supports the idea that the core genome contains genes that perform essential cellular
functions that are highly conserved at the species level. The output was very different for the
non-core genes, with very high enrichment of the GO term "stress response" (Figure 3), and in
particular with "defense response" ($-\log_{10}q = 183.3$; Supplemental Table 09). This is consistent
with previous research showing that the "dispensable" genome encodes genes involved in
defense response and other beneficial functions for some individuals (Golicz *et al*., 2016;
Gordon *et al*., 2017; Montenegro *et al*., 2017).

Genetic variation analysis

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In addition to identifying gene PAVs (presence/absence variants), the seven assemblies were
used to identify other types of variation. Variants were detected using two different software
pipelines, depending on their size. SNPs and indels of length up to 300 nucleotides, both
considered small variants, were detected using GATK (see Materials & Methods). Larger
structural variations, including deletions, duplications, inversions, and translocations, were
detected using SyRI (Goel *et al.*, 2019).

Across all "callable" regions of the genome, average $\theta_\pi = 0.0111$ ($\pm$ 0.0549). At the
pseudomolecule-level, average diversity was highest on Vu05, with $\theta_\pi = 0.0155$ ($\pm$ 0.0723) and
lowest on Vu10 with $\theta_\pi = 0.0095$ ($\pm$ 0.0447) (Supplemental Table S10). Mean diversity of ~1%
is higher than many grain crops such as barley (Morrell et al. 2014; Schmid et al., 2018) and
roughly comparable to maize (Tittes et al., 2021). The observed diversity in the cowpea
pangenome sample is above average for herbaceous plants (Miller & Gross, 2011; Leffler et al.,
2012; Corbett-Detig et al., 2015).

For SNPs and indels, the genome of each accession was used in turn as the "reference," mapping
the reads for each of the six other accessions against that genome. For each, the six SNP sets
produced by GATK were merged by taking the union of the SNPs based on their location (i.e., a
SNP in two accessions was counted only once if it appeared in the same genomic position).
Supplemental Table S11 summarizes the number of SNPs detected, where the reference genome
is listed on each row. For instance, using Suvita-2 as the reference, 1,489,850 SNPs were
detected using mapped reads from CB5-2, compared to 2,625,678 SNPs using the reads from
UCR779. Combining the SNPs by counting all distinct SNPs in the union of the six sets of SNPs,
the number of SNPs for Suvita-2 was 5,292,933. When UCR779 was used as the reference, a
much higher number of SNPs was detected in every pairwise comparison, indicating that
UCR779 is the most divergent among these seven accessions. Conversely, CB5-2 (a California
cultivar) has a low number of SNPs with respect to TZ30 and ZN016 (both are from China),
relative to other accessions, suggesting that CB5-2 is somewhat more similar to these two
accessions than to the other four accessions. This is consistent with genetic assignment analyses
reported by Muñoz-Amatriaín *et al.* (2021) and historical considerations discussed in Herniter *et*
al. (2020). Supplemental Table S12 provides a similar analysis for indels, where again UCR779
stands out as the most different among the seven accessions. Summary statistics for SNPs and
indels for each chromosomes and each accession can be found in the file
"SNPs_indels_stats.xlsx" available from the Google Drive indicated in the Data Availability
Statement below.

GATK requires a minimum coverage of 5x to call SNPs. Coverage analysis with Mosdepth
indicated that the average read coverage of IT97K-499-35 is very high (e.g., about ~190X when

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mapping CB5-2 reads to IT97K-4899-35), thus a very high fraction of IT97K-499-35
chromosomes was covered by at least five reads. The lowest was Vu10 with 85.1%, the highest
was Vu07 with 98.6%, and the overall percentage of SNPs in IT97K-499-35 that were in a
"callable" region (i.e., with coverage 5x-400x) was 88.96%. The frequency SNPs, as the number
of unique SNPs identified (Supplemental Table S11) divided by size of the assembled genome
(Table 1), ranges from one in 139 to one in 309 bp, and the indel frequency (Supplemental Table
S12) ranges from one in 486 to one in 529 bp. Circos plots for SNP density (SNPs per Mb) on
each chromosome using each accession as the reference are in Supplemental Figure S2 (A-G),
where it is evident, for example, that Vu04 and Vu10 have the highest SNP frequency, while
Vu05 and Vu09 have the lowest. This was observed previously when mapping nearly one
million SNPs on the IT97K-499-35 reference genome (Lonardi *et al*., 2019). Also, when using
UCR779 as the reference (Supplemental Figure S2-E), the number of SNPs on Vu04 and Vu10 is
significantly higher than when any other accession is used as the reference, again consistent with
UCR779 being the most different among the seven accessions.

Structural variations were identified using SyRI (Goel *et al*., 2019) from the alignment of each
pair of individual genomes and visualized using PlotSR (Goel *et al*., 2022) (Figure 4). The
visualization shows a relatively large number of structural rearrangements between the seven
cowpea genomes, which are more abundant in the centromeric and pericentromeric regions of all
chromosomes. Vu04 is the chromosome with the highest abundance of structural variants (Figure
4). A summary statistics of all the structural variants identified in all pairs of accessions is
reported in Supplementary Table S13. Observe in the table that Suvita-2 vs UCR779 had the
largest number of inversions (2,008) and the largest number of translocations (1,822). This
makes sense intuitively since two accessions belong to two different genetic subpopulations that
are clearly separated by the first principal component (Figure 1).

SyRI makes use of pairwise alignments to identify syntenic regions among chromosome-level
assemblies. For regions that are non-syntenic, SyRI classifies the type of structural variant (i.e.,
inversion, translocation, duplication) that is most consistent with the pattern of read mapping.
This differs from classic structural variant detection approaches, where multiple forms of
evidence, such as the distance and orientation of mapped paired-end reads or changes in read
coverage are used as evidence of a structural variants. While SyRI is highly dependent on the
accuracy of assemblies for both the reference and query sample, the false positive rate for
distinguishing syntenic regions from non- syntenic is expected to be low, even if the specific
type of structural variant is not classified accurately.

Inversions are a common type of rearrangement with important consequences for cross-over
frequency and distribution, as they suppress recombination in heterozygotes (Kirkpatrick, 2010).

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While inversion can be important to the maintenance of locally adaptive variants (Kirkpatrick &
Barton, 2006), the inhibition of crossover can impede plant breeding efforts. Table 2 summarizes
the genomic coordinates of all inversions larger than 1 Mbp. For example, the first column of
Table 2 corresponding to IT97K-499-35 shows 27 inversions that were identified by comparing
the reference genome against the other six accessions. Observe, however, that the same inversion
can appear in multiple sub-tables. For instance, the ~4.2 Mb inversion on chromosome 3 that was
previously described in (Lonardi *et al*., 2019) occurs in the same orientation in six accessions
and in the opposite orientation only in IT97K-499-35, so it is listed six times in the column for
IT97K-499-35. Similarly, the inversion on Vu04 and on Vu05 are detected against five
accessions. The ~9.0 Mb inversion on Vu06 is the largest inversion found by SyRI, and its
orientation is unique to Suvita-2. However, this inversion appears to be due to an assembly
imperfection, as it is reported as unoriented in the ALLMAPS output (Supplemental Table S14)
and comparisons between optical maps derived from Suvita-2 and another cowpea accession not
included here indicate a non-inverted orientation in Suvita-2 (unpublished). Also, as shown in
Lonardi *et al*. (2019) and in Supplemental Figure S3, this entire region has a very low
recombination rate, and it comprises nearly the entire short arm of acrocentric chromosome 6
(Iwata-Otsubo *et al*., 2016). These factors can account for a spurious orientation assignment for
this region in the Suvita-2 Vu06 assembly.

The positions of the largest inversions shown in Figure 4 are provided in Table 2, e.g., the
inversions on Vu03 in IT97K-499-35 reported by Lonardi *et al*. (2019), and the inversion on
Vu06 in Suvita-2 likely due to a mis-assembly, as discussed above. It should be noted that
regions with apparently low synteny within of several chromosomes are low-recombination
centromeric and pericentromeric regions (Lonardi *et al*., 2019), which are notoriously hard to
assemble due to their high repetitive content, and hard to orient due to a paucity of mapped and
recombinationally ordered SNPs. In these regions, it is expected to have compressed contigs,
gaps and mis-assemblies, any of which might be flagged as apparent structural variations. The
number of such false-positive structural variations can likely be reduced by increasing the
completeness of the assemblies within these regions using long-read sequencing and optical
mapping. Supplemental Figures 4A-4U show all 21 SyRi+PlotSR alignments between all pairs
of cowpea accessions in this study.

Further characterization of core and non-core genes

Partitioning SNPs into those found in core versus noncore genes resulted in 481,655 SNPs in
core genes and 461,522 SNPs in noncore genes. The indel comparison involves 120,686 indels in
core genes and 80,182 noncore genes. Core and noncore genes have similar numbers of
potentially benign mutations, including synonymous and in-frame indels. Mutations that VeP

classifies as more likely to be harmful, including missense changes, stop gains, and frameshift
mutations are much more abundant in noncore genes (Figure 5). These variants are summarized
in Supplemental Table S15. Counting both SNPs and indels, among core genes there are 93,559
potentially benign (synonymous and in-frame indel) variants relative to 86,802 potentially
harmful variants, a ratio of 1.08. For noncore genes, this ratio was 108,277/196,667 = 0.55
(Supplemental Table S15). Noncore genes are notable for having a particularly large number of
frameshift variants (Figure 5).

Based on the gene annotations in the GFF files, core genes were longer than noncore genes, with
a difference in mean length of 4,257.91 (± 3920.48) versus 3,010.59 bp (± 3971.48) (with
median lengths of 3,367 and 1,850), respectively. This difference is significant based on a non-
parametric, two-sample Wilcoxon rank sum test, with p-value < 2.2e-16. Relative to annotations
in IT97K-499-35, this means that core genes cover 90.8 Mb of the genome while noncore genes
cover 32.0 Mb. Differences in total gene length for individual core and noncore genes could
result from either longer coding regions or longer or more abundant introns. After extracting the
coding sequence (CDS) for each gene, we also found that the mean length of the coding portion
of core genes is longer than noncore genes with a mean of 1,294.96 (± 924.74) versus 1,085.68
bp (± 1,032.00). Based on the Wilcoxon test the difference in length of the coding sequence is
significant with a p-value < 2.2e-16.

Presence/absence variation of genes controlling black seed coat color

In order to facilitate use of the cowpea pan-genome by the community, all the genomes and their
annotations have been included as resources in the Legume Information System (LIS;
www.legumeinfo.org; Dash *et al*., 2016). As an example of a use case for pan-genomics within
the context of that system, the Genome Context Viewer (GCV) is an application that enables
dynamic comparison of genomes based on their gene content, using assignments of genes to
families as the basis for computation and visualization of conserved gene order and structural
variation with potential impact on function, e.g. copy number variation (CNV) and
presence/absence variation (PAV) (Cleary and Farmer, 2018) Figure 6A shows the results of a
query centered on a region from the reference cowpea genome that features a cluster of tandemly
duplicated MYB transcription factor genes in which presence/absence variation was previously
determined to be associated with seed coat pigmentation (Herniter et al., 2018). Colors of the
genes in this "beads on a string" representation reflect the gene family assignments; here, the
brown triangles in the center of the region represent the MYB genes with varying copy numbers
in the different cowpea accessions, with a maximum of five copies in the reference accession to
as few as a single copy in UCR779. Outside the CNV region, there is strong conservation of
gene content, with one other region showing some evidence of reordering among the cowpea

accessions. The viewer facilitates comparison not only within but across species, and one can see
evidence of similar CNV in the corresponding region of several *Phaseolus* spp. genomes
(Schmutz *et al.* 2014, Moghaddam *et al.* 2021), as well as an inversion of the segment containing
the genes relative to cowpea, soybean (Valliyodan *et al.* 2019) and other *Vigna* species (Sakai *et*
al. 2015, Kang *et al.* 2014). The most recent whole genome duplication in soybean is evidenced
by two corresponding homoeologous regions; interestingly, the region serves as a breakpoint for
the syntenic block in Gm09, which taken together with the other structural variation suggests that
the expansion of gene copy number here has had consequences for the stability of the
chromosome in these regions over evolutionary time (Hastings et al., 2009).

Although the GCV view shows good evidence for CNV, there are some limitations to what may
be inferred from that alone. First, since the viewer only has access to gene family assignment
information, it is unable to determine which elements among those in tandem arrays actually
have the highest sequence similarity and provide insight into which copies have been deleted.
Second, because it relies on the surrounding genomic context of each gene to place it into
correspondence, it will have limited capability for finding genes that are present in the assembly
but are largely isolated on small scaffolds that were not incorporated into the main
pseudomolecules. Another tool at LIS that provides a complementary view based on the
underlying sequence identity of the different copies of the expanded gene family is shown in
Figure 6B. Here, the InterMine (Kalderamis *et al.*, 2014) instance for cowpea
(https://mines.legumeinfo.org/cowpeamine/begin.do) was used to collect all protein sequences
for cowpea genes assigned to the given family and a dynamic tree construction procedure
invoked   based   on   hmmalign-derived
(http://www.csb.yale.edu/userguides/seq/hmmer/docs/node18.htmlxxxEddy, 2011) additions of
these genes to the multiple sequence alignment for the founding members of the family. The
resulting tree (a subtree of which is shown) allows the user to determine the best
correspondences of the copies in each genome and also pulls in a couple of genes on unanchored
contigs that likely belong to the region.

Pangenome core genes and cross-species synteny

To explore the question of how within-species gene content conservation compares with gene
content shared between species in other species and genera, we used the LIS gene family
assignments to define homology pairings for between all members of each gene family, then
used the resulting data to define collinearity blocks among all pairwise comparisons of the
cowpea genomes, as well as to soybean and representative genomes from *Vigna* and *Phaseolus*
spp. The counts of genes participating in at least one collinear block were tallied for each
genome in each pairwise comparison. As expected, intra-specific comparisons between cowpea
accessions yield higher numbers of conserved collinear genes than inter-specific comparisons.

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On the other hand, there is no appreciable difference in the extent of conserved collinearity when
comparing cowpea genomes to other species within the *Vigna* genus versus species from
Phaseolus or *Glycine* genera (Supplemental Figure S05). Because soybean has an additional
whole genome duplication relative to all other species in the comparison, the total number of
soybean genes found in collinear blocks in that comparison is higher than in other comparisons.
Comparisons between all species and the *Vigna radiata* version 6 genome (Kang *et al.* 2014)
show fewer conserved collinear genes, but this is presumably due to missing data in that
assembly given that all other interspecific comparisons are similar.

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Raw DNA and RNA sequence data from IT97K-499-35, and whole genome shotgun DNA
sequences for 36 diverse cowpea accessions used for SNP discovery in Muñoz-Amatriaín *et al.*
(2017) are available from NCBI as stated in Lonardi *et al*. (2019). Raw DNA and RNA sequence
data from the six additional accessions providing de novo assemblies in this report, and
sequences produced by 10X Genomics from IT97K-49-35, are available as BioProject
PRJNA836573 from the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). More complete
annotation files, assemblies and SNPs are also available from the shared Google drive link
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	IT97K-499-35		CB5-2		Suvita-2		Sanzi		UCR779		ZN016		TZ30	
Assembly size (bp)	519,435,864		448,043,751		447,585,192		447,277,261		453,970,486		451,130,807		451,468,680	
N50 (bp)	41,684,185		36,897,245		36,142,647		34,759,918		35,700,653		37,764,243		36,906,789	
#Contigs/scaffolds	686		6,534		9,123		11,268		12,939		7,032		6,771	
#Contigs/scaffolds ≥ 100kbp	103		28		28		17		13		28		48	
#Contigs/scaffolds ≥ 1Mbp	13		11		11		11		11		11		11	
#Contigs/scaffolds ≥ 10Mp	11		11		11		11		11		11		11	
Longest contig (bp)	65,292,630		60,086,998		58,539,223		58,655,738		58,369,212		60,653,587		59,481,915	
Repetitive content	47.25%		45.52%		45.43%		45.50%		45.89%		45.68%		45.76%	
Annotated genes (#)	31,948		28,297		28,545		28,461		28,562		27,723		27,742	
BUSCO completeness														
Genome	1595	98.8%	1574	97.5%	1580	97.8%	1581	97.9%	1574	97.6%	1589	98.5%	1583	98.1%
Transcripts	1594	98.8%	1570	97.2%	1582	98.0%	1585	98.2%	1581	97.9%	1584	98.1%	1580	97.8%
Proteins	1595	98.8%	1569	97.3%	1584	98.2%	1587	98.3%	1585	98.2%	1584	98.1%	1582	98.0%

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CBS-2 vs others

IT97K			CBS-2		
chr03	36,118,990	40,333,678	chr03	32,390,474	36,391,036
chr04	17,622,506	20,917,095	chr04	14,956,441	17,919,052
chr05	25,746,455	27,269,915	chr05	23,493,794	24,846,894
chr10	17,517,032	18,768,535	chr10	14,803,744	15,920,434
chr11	30,575,557	33,619,557	chr11	26,382,727	29,314,033

Sanzi vs others

IT97K			Sanzi			CBS-2			Sanzi		
chr03	36,118,990	40,333,678	chr03	31,262,282	35,207,418	chr05	23,469,613	24,641,440	chr05	22,486,336	23,465,592
chr04	17,944,012	20,826,275	chr04	13,863,317	16,451,333	chr11	13,755,783	16,506,588	chr11	13,607,535	14,719,408
chr11	15,536,600	19,182,958	chr11	12,656,484	13,536,503	chr11	26,389,390	29,309,356	chr11	24,170,618	27,116,888

Suvita2 vs others

IT97K			Suvita2			CBS-2			Suvita2			Sanzi			Suvita2		
chr01	7,882,945	11,829,903	chr01	6,880,499	10,585,839	chr01	6,882,777	10,598,583	chr01	6,880,226	10,585,839	chr01	6,841,294	10,522,595	chr01	6,890,381	10,585,839
chr03	36,118,990	40,333,678	chr03	31,052,542	35,034,290	chr06	6,407	8,165,285	chr06	58,197	8,215,985	chr06	384,940	7,854,307	chr06	12,864	8,215,985
chr04	17,620,322	21,043,166	chr04	14,040,335	16,532,009	chr11	26,392,061	29,309,384	chr11	25,612,417	28,506,945						
chr05	25,755,748	27,141,671	chr05	23,368,354	24,577,329												
chr06	15,232	8,928,750	chr06	105,004	8,215,985												
chr10	17,518,369	18,714,514	chr10	14,746,438	15,817,466												

TZ30 vs others

IT97K			TZ30			CBS-2			TZ30			Sanzi			TZ30			Suvita2			TZ30		
chr01	8,078,984	11,774,887	chr01	7,037,437	12,547,938	chr01	7,073,895	10,598,703	chr01	6,952,274	12,533,400	chr01	7,006,278	10,479,491	chr01	7,037,894	12,533,400	chr04	14,053,478	15,710,525	chr04	14,784,086	16,411,900
chr03	36,118,990	40,333,678	chr03	31,657,822	35,692,568	chr04	14,858,370	16,730,160	chr04	14,787,251	16,411,900	chr06	25,185,327	26,275,534	chr06	26,599,616	27,728,577	chr06	58,197	8,156,866	chr06	48,056	8,235,862
chr04	21,097,140	22,121,274	chr04	17,439,719	18,187,637	chr06	26,597,860	27,660,154	chr06	26,590,042	27,686,349							chr06	26,021,210	27,076,895	chr06	26,597,598	27,696,602
chr05	25,746,455	27,141,671	chr05	23,450,412	24,709,628	chr11	26,383,812	29,292,784	chr11	26,278,507	29,207,281												
chr06	28,973,468	30,151,695	chr06	26,590,042	27,712,655																		
chr10	17,517,032	18,768,535	chr10	14,761,180	15,883,623																		

UCR779 vs others

IT97K			UCR779			CBS-2			UCR779			Sanzi			UCR779			Suvita2			UCR779			TZ30			UCR779		
chr03	36,119,072	40,333,678	chr03	30,810,075	34,783,649	chr11	26,392,061	29,312,944	chr11	25,119,570	28,030,631							chr01	6,890,035	10,585,839	chr01	6,931,327	10,601,930	chr01	7,037,894	12,536,905	chr01	7,105,707	10,558,424
chr04	17,502,725	21,030,423	chr04	13,944,667	16,474,544													chr06	110,090	8,055,043	chr06	25,279	8,037,739	chr04	14,846,045	16,411,900	chr04	13,944,667	15,345,835
chr05	25,746,455	27,075,873	chr05	22,985,675	24,003,974																			chr06	26,590,042	27,686,706	chr06	25,789,928	26,854,548

ZN016 vs others

IT97K			ZN016			CBS-2			ZN016			Sanzi			ZN016			Suvita2			ZN016			TZ30			ZN016			UCR779			ZN016		
chr01	7,839,391	11,820,835	chr01	7,019,074	10,785,201	chr01	6,857,029	10,589,386	chr01	7,020,634	10,774,128	chr01	6,813,588	10,522,595	chr01	7,020,980	10,775,930	chr04	15,405,491	17,105,526	chr04	16,118,615	17,254,093	chr04	15,234,860	16,411,900	chr04	14,817,248	15,900,761	chr01	6,946,955	10,601,930	chr01	7,020,634	10,728,684
chr03	36,118,990	40,333,678	chr03	32,843,668	36,858,590	chr04	16,349,146	17,910,419	chr04	16,191,362	17,334,982	chr06	25,198,638	26,275,534	chr06	26,369,920	27,460,156	chr06	58,197	8,215,985	chr06	745	8,344,949	chr10	12,029,208	15,883,623	chr10	12,026,103	15,749,232	chr06	25,789,928	26,848,252	chr06	26,369,920	27,427,414
chr04	18,707,087	20,943,046	chr04	14,895,114	17,690,481	chr06	26,590,252	27,653,879	chr06	26,366,480	27,439,152	chr10	11,712,476	14,725,119	chr10	12,070,488	15,606,154	chr06	26,003,233	27,074,234	chr06	26,369,920	27,458,526	chr10	12,451,287	15,886,883	chr10	12,177,925	15,742,142						
chr05	25,746,455	27,223,043	chr05	24,265,392	25,383,012	chr10	12,100,642	15,920,434	chr10	12,026,103	15,751,269							chr10	12,037,878	15,817,466	chr10	12,027,428	15,751,264												
chr06	28,999,740	30,127,069	chr06	26,369,920	27,439,171	chr11	26,357,807	29,309,414	chr11	27,061,318	30,061,182																								
chr10	14,534,255	18,390,632	chr10	12,350,844	15,751,259																														