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A BRIEF DESCRIPTION ON POTATO

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ABSTRACT

Potato (Solanumtuberosum L.) is a self-pollinated annual herbaceous plant. Potato is a member of the Solanaceae family and the Solanum genus, having a basic set of 12 chromosomes (x = 12). It's a vegetable that's also utilized in businesses to make starch, alcoholic drinks, and other processed foods like French fries and chips. A fresh potato has a carbohydrate content of 16-20% and a crude protein content of 2.5-3.2 percent. Despite the fact that potatoes have a low protein content, their nutritional quality is superior than cereals. Potatoes have the ability to generate more calories and protein per unit land area with less time and water than the majority of major food crops. As a result, knowing its genetic diversity is critical for improving this crop as well as making efficient use of germplasm. Because morphological characterisation is heavily affected by the environment, diversity study based on molecular characterization is preferable. As a result, in-depth research using both morphological and molecular markers will aid in a better understanding of potato germplasm genetic diversity.

KEYWORDS: Genetic, Potato, Molecular Marker, Morphological Marker, Solanum Tuberosum L.

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