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VARIATION AT STORAGE PROTEIN LOCI IN WINTER COMMON WHEAT CULTIVARS OF THE CENTRAL FOREST-STEPPE OF UKRAINE



Genotypes at the gliadin loci Gli-A1, Gli-B1, Gli-D1 and the high-molecular-weight glutenin subunit loci Glu-A1, Glu-B1, Glu-D1 were identified in 77 winter common wheat cultivars developed in the Central Forest Steppe of Ukraine in different periods of time. The highest level of variation was observed at the Gli-A1 locus. Predominant alleles (one or two per locus) were revealed. The comparison of allele frequencies in groups of cultivars developed in different periods of time (before 1996 and in 1996–2007) has demonstrated appearance of new alleles and change of frequencies of existing alleles at the storage protein loci. The high frequency of cultivars with the wheat-rye 1BL/1RS translocation was detected (about 40%). The wheat rye 1AL/1RS translocation was identified in six cultivars developed in the last decade. Four gliadin alleles, Gli-A1w (a marker for the 1AL/1RS translocation), Gli-A1x, Gli-A1y and Gli-B1x, were proposed for cataloging.

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Introduction. Storage proteins are convenient biochemical markers for identification and registration of wheat cultivars, analysis of their purity. Seed storage protein loci in common wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) are well-studied. Alcohol-soluble proteins, gliadins, are encoded by the six major loci *Gli-A1*, *Gli-B1*, *Gli-D1*, *Gli-A2*, *Gli-B2* and *Gli-D2* located in the distal parts of the short arms of homoeologous group 1 and 6 chromosomes [1]. These loci are highly polymorphic [2–4]. Loci encoding high-molecular-weight glutenin subunits (HMW GS), *Glu-A1*, *Glu-B1* and *Glu-D1*, are located on the long arms of homoeologous group 1 chromosomes [5]. They also show multiple allelism [4, 6]. Storage protein composition shows association with bread-making quality [7].

Investigation of genotypes at storage protein loci permits tracing the history of breeding in different countries. In particular, gliadin diversity was analyzed in collections of common wheat cultivars from different countries of the world: Russia [8, 9], Ukraine [10], North Kazakhstan [11], France [12], Italy [13], England [8], Spain [14], Greece [15] etc. In some studies, predominance of certain alleles depending on the location of breeding centers was demonstrated [8, 11, 16].

The objective of this study was to analyze variation at the major storage protein loci of homoeologous group 1 chromosomes in winter common wheat cultivars developed in the main breeding center of the Central Forest-Steppe of Ukraine, V.M. Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat, as well as cultivars developed jointly with the Institute of Plant Physiology and Genetics, and to compare allele frequencies in groups of cultivars developed in different periods of time.

Materials and Methods. Seventy seven winter common wheat *T. aestivum* L. cultivars developed in the V.M. Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat (MIW) of the Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences (UAAS) were analyzed. The cultivars released in different periods of time (before 1996 and in 1996–2007) are listed in Table 1. Most of the cultivars of the second group were bred jointly with the Institute of Plant Physiology and Genetics of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (IPPG), two were bred jointly with the Institute of Plant Protection UAAS (Demetra, Myronivska Storichna). The seeds of the cultivars derived from MIW genetic collections of reproductions of 2002, 2005, 2006 and 2007.

From 10 to 100 single seeds of each cultivar

were analyzed. Acid polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of gliadins was performed by the modified procedure of Kozub and Sozinov [17]. Gliadins were extracted with 70 % ethanol (400 μ l per caryopsis) for 2 h; 120 μ l of ethanol extract was sampled and dried at 20–35 °C. Prior to loading, samples were dissolved in 80 μ l of 5.5 M urea colored with pyronin Y for 1 h. Gels contained 10 % acrylamide, 0.2 % N', N'-methylene-bis-acrylamide, 3 M urea, 0.17 M acetic acid, 0.1 % KOH, and 0.054 % ascorbic acid. Gels were polymerized using 0.1 % FeSO₄ · 7H₂O, 10 % ammonium persulfate, and TEMED: 44 μ l, 50 μ l and 5 μ l, respectively, per 10 ml of gel. The upper and lower electrode solutions were 0.04 and 0.08 M formic acid, respectively. Electrophoresis of HMW GS was carried out by the procedure of Laemmli [18] in 10 % resolving gel. Gliadin alleles were identified using the catalogue of Metakovsky [3] supplemented by alleles presented in further studies [12, 14, 19]. The *Gli-B5b* allele was identified from the characteristic pattern (two ω -components), as presented in [14]. Cultivars lacking these components carry the *Gli-B5a* allele (null allele) [12]. Alleles of HMW GS were identified by the catalogue of Payne and Lawrence [6]. The cultivar Bezostaya 1, its near-isogenic line with the *Gli-A1m* allele [20], as well as some cultivars recommended in [3] were used as gliadin standards.

Allele frequency in groups of cultivars was calculated with consideration for heterogeneous cultivars (the frequency of each of the two alleles at a locus in a heterogeneous cultivar was taken to be 50 %). Standard errors of frequencies were calculated by the formula

$$SE = \sqrt{p(1-p) / N \cdot 100},$$

where p is the allele frequency, N is the number of cultivars in the group analyzed [21]. Nei's genetic variation index [22] at each locus was calculated by the formula

$$H = 1 - \sum p_i^2,$$

where p_i is the frequency of the certain allele at the locus in a group studied. Average values of H were calculated for three *Gli-1* loci, three *Glu-1* loci and all six loci.

Results. Alleles at the gliadin loci *Gli-A1*, *Gli-B1*, *Gli-D1* and the HMW GS loci *Glu-A1*, *Glu-B1*, *Glu-D1* in winter common wheat cultivars of the Central Forest-Steppe of Ukraine are presented in

Table 1. The cultivars were released in different periods of time: 28 before 1996 and 49 in 1996–2007. About 25 % of cultivars are heterogeneous at one or more storage protein loci (Table 1).

In the total group of cultivars, the highest number of alleles (eight) was detected at the *Gli-A1* locus. Seven alleles were detected at the *Gli-B1* and *Gli-D1* loci. At the HMW GS loci variation was lower: five alleles the *Glu-B1* locus and three alleles at the *Glu-A1* and *Glu-D1* loci (Table 2). At the *Gli-A1* locus, three alleles (f , b and o) predominate with similar frequencies. At the *Gli-B1* locus, predominant alleles are b and l , each found in about 40 % of cultivars. The *Gli-B1l* allele is a marker for the wheat-rye 1BL/1RS translocation [3, 23]. At the *Gli-D1* locus, the allele b predominates in the total sample with the frequency of 65 %, the second is the allele g (about 19 %). At *Glu-A1*, the alleles a and b have similarly high frequencies, whereas at *Glu-B1* and *Glu-D1*, the alleles c and d , respectively, predominate.

Four gliadin alleles identified in the Ukrainian Forest-Steppe cultivars (*Gli-A1w*, *Gli-A1x*, *Gli-A1y* and *Gli-B1x*) are absent in the basic catalogue of Metakovsky [3] and among alleles presented in further studies [12, 14, 19], as well as in the last version of the Catalogue of Gene Symbols [4]. Electrophoretic patterns of these alleles are given in Figure. The allele *Gli-A1w* (a specific secalin block) is a marker of the wheat-rye 1AL/1RS translocation that first appeared in the cultivar Amigo. This translocation was much studied previously. Its pattern was included in the catalogue of Sobko and Popereya [2] (starch gel) as the allele *GLD-1A 17*. The allele *Gli-A1w* was found in six cultivars of the last decade (Expromt, Kolumbia, Zolotokolosa, Vesnyanka, Smuglyanka and Monolog) (Table 1). The allele *Gli-A1y* is an allele that probably arose from recombination of the alleles *Gli-A1b* and *Gli-A1f*. It looks like the allele *Gli-A1b* with the faint ω -gliadin components from the allele *Gli-A1f*. It was found in Mironovskaya 25, Mironovskaya 29 and Vdyachna and corresponds to the allele *GLD-1A 12* according to the previous nomenclature [2]. The pattern of the allele *Gli-A1x* has a γ -gliadin component with the slightly lower mobility than that of the wide-spread allele *Gli-A1f*, but lacks any γ -components. This allele is present in the catalogue of Sobko and Popereya [2] as *GLD-1A 9*. The allele *Gli-B1x* was identified

Table 1

Alleles at storage protein loci in Ukrainian Central Forest-Steppe winter common wheat cultivars

Cultivar	Alleles at loci					
	<i>Gli-A1</i>	<i>Gli-B1</i>	<i>Gli-D1</i>	<i>Glu-A1</i>	<i>Glu-B1</i>	<i>Glu-D1</i>
Developed before 1996						
Ilichevka	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Komsomolskaya 56	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mirleben	<i>o</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 11	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 19	<i>f</i>	<i>l + b</i>	<i>l + b</i>	<i>b + a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 25	<i>y</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 264	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 29	<i>y</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 40	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 61	<i>f + x</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>a + b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 62	<i>f</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya Poluintensivnaya	<i>o</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya Yubileinaya	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 10	<i>o</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mironovskaya 808	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myrkhad	<i>o</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>
Myronivska 27	<i>b + x</i>	<i>l + b</i>	<i>l + b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 28	<i>o</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 30	<i>b</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 32	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b + a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 34	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 63	<i>f</i>	<i>d + l</i>	<i>d + l</i>	<i>a + b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 65	<i>c</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 66	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c + b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska Ostysta	<i>o</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myrych	<i>f</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Ukrainka 0246	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a + d</i>
Volgogradskaya 84	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Developed in 1996–2007						
Bagira	<i>x</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Bogdana	<i>o</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Dashenka	<i>f</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>
Demetra	<i>b</i>	<i>b + l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Ekonomka	<i>b</i>	<i>b + l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Ekspromt	<i>w</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>
Estet	<i>f</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>e + a</i>
Favoritka	<i>o</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Garant	<i>o</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c + i</i>	<i>d</i>
Garazivka	<i>o</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>a + c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Kalynova	<i>f</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Khazarka	<i>m</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Khurtovyna	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Kolos Myronivshchyny	<i>b</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Kolumbia	<i>w</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>
Kryzhynka	<i>x</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a + b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Kyivska 7	<i>f</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Kyivska 8	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
Lasunya	<i>x</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>j</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>

Cultivar	Alleles at loci					
	<i>Gli-A1</i>	<i>Gli-B1</i>	<i>Gli-D1</i>	<i>Glu-A1</i>	<i>Glu-B1</i>	<i>Glu-D1</i>
Developed in 1996						
Maritsa	<i>b</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Modus	<i>b</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>
Monolog	<i>w</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Monotyp	<i>f</i>	<i>h</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>E</i>
Myronivska 31	<i>c</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 33	<i>o</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska 67	<i>f</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska Ranniostygla	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myronivska Storichna	<i>f</i>	<i>x</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Myryanka	<i>x + f</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Mytets	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>b + a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
Oktava	<i>b</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b + c</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>
Pereyaslavka	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>g</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
Podolyanka	<i>o</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Pyvna	<i>o</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Remeslivna	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
Smuglyanka	<i>w</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>
Snigurka	<i>o</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Snizhana	<i>b</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Svyatkova	<i>x</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Troyan	<i>f</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b + g</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>d</i>
Vdyachna	<i>y</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Vesnyanka	<i>w</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>d</i>
Vesta	<i>b</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Volodarka	<i>o + b</i>	<i>b + l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a + b</i>	<i>c + b</i>	<i>d</i>
Voloshkova	<i>x</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Volynska 2	<i>f</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>
Volynska Napivintensivna	<i>o</i>	<i>l</i>	<i>b + g</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
Zolotokolosa	<i>w</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>a</i>
Zymoyarka	<i>c</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>a</i>

in Mironovskaya 62 and Myronivska Storichna. Its γ -component has slightly lower mobility than that of the alleles *Gli-B1b*, *j*, *e*, *g* and *c* with γ -45 and its ω -gliadins differ from those in other catalogued alleles. However, it is possible that some of its ω -components marked in Figure might be encoded by minor loci of chromosome 1A or 1B.

The cultivars with the *Gli-B1h* allele (Estet, Garant, Modus and Monotyp) carry two ω -components with the mobility similar to that of the allele *Gli-B5b*. *Gli-B5* is a minor locus closely linked to the major locus *Gli-B1* [24]. Its allele *Gli-B5b* is associated with the *Rg1* allele for the red color of glumes [13]. However, the above four cultivars with *Gli-B5b* have white glumes and thus the *rg1* allele. Such cultivars (with the *Gli-B5b* allele

and white glumes) were also previously found among Spanish cultivars (Candeal de Arevalo, Dimas, E. Morandi, a biotype of Negrillo) [14]. At the *Gli-B5* locus, the rest of the cultivars carry the *Gli-B5a* allele (null-allele). However, Mironovskaya 62 and Myronivska Storichna might have another allele at this locus, which has to be proved by genetic analysis.

The comparison of the groups of cultivars developed in different periods of time has demonstrated the appearance of new alleles as well as the change of frequencies of the existing ones. In the group of cultivars developed before 1996, the predominant alleles are *f* and *o* at *Gli-A1*, *b* and *l* at *Gli-B1*, *b* and *g* at *Gli-D1*, *a* and *b* at *Glu-A1*, *Glu-B1c* and *Glu-D1d* (Table 2). In the group of cultivars developed

Table 2

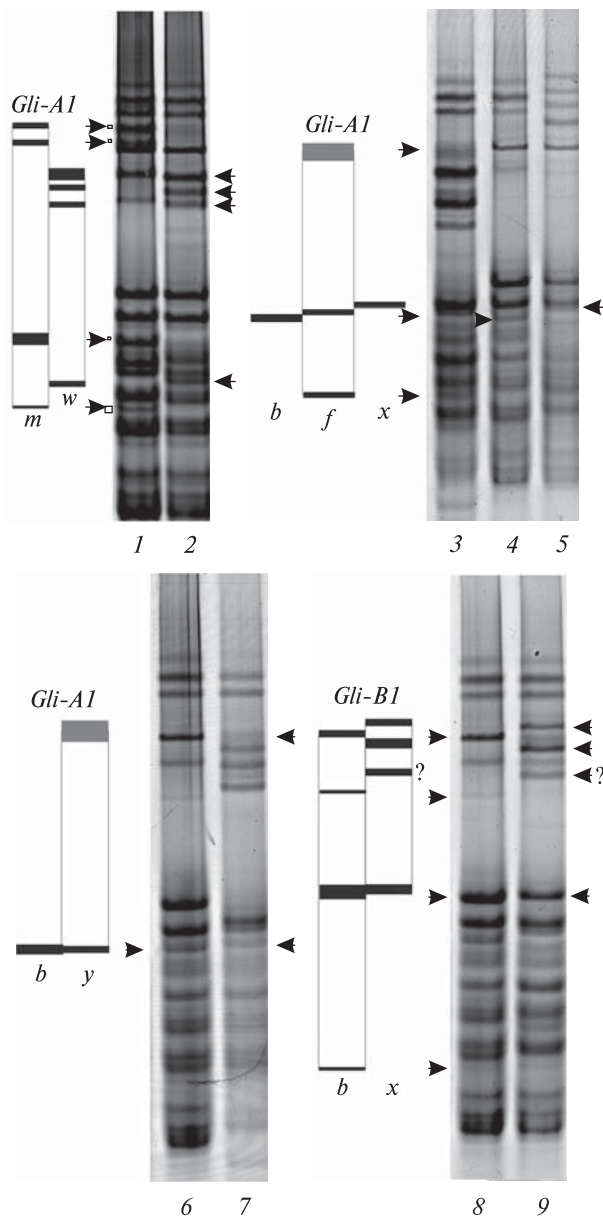
Frequencies (*p*) of alleles at storage protein loci in groups of Ukrainian Central Forest-Steppe winter common wheat cultivars (*SE* is the standard error)

Locus, alleles	Total group		Developed before 1996		Developed in 1996–2007		<i>t</i> ^a
	<i>p</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>p</i>	<i>SE</i>	
<i>Gli-A1</i>							
<i>b</i>	0.221	0.047	0.125	0.063	0.265	0.063	-1.58
<i>c</i>	0.078	0.031	0.143	0.066	0.041	0.028	1.42
<i>f</i>	0.286	0.051	0.411	0.093	0.214	0.059	1.79
<i>m</i>	0.013	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.020	-1.01
<i>o</i>	0.201	0.046	0.214	0.078	0.184	0.055	0.32
<i>w</i>	0.078	0.031	0.000	0.000	0.122	0.047	-2.61 **
<i>x</i>	0.084	0.032	0.036	0.035	0.133	0.048	-1.62
<i>y</i>	0.039	0.022	0.071	0.049	0.020	0.020	0.97
<i>Gli-B1</i>							
<i>b</i>	0.422	0.056	0.536	0.094	0.357	0.068	1.53
<i>d</i>	0.045	0.024	0.054	0.043	0.041	0.028	0.25
<i>e</i>	0.026	0.018	0.036	0.035	0.020	0.020	0.38
<i>f</i>	0.039	0.022	0.036	0.035	0.041	0.028	-0.11
<i>h</i>	0.052	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.082	0.039	-2.09 *
<i>l</i>	0.390	0.056	0.304	0.087	0.439	0.071	-1.21
<i>x</i>	0.026	0.018	0.036	0.035	0.020	0.020	0.38
<i>Gli-D1</i>							
<i>a</i>	0.013	0.013	0.036	0.035	0.000	0.000	1.02
<i>b</i>	0.649	0.054	0.500	0.094	0.735	0.063	-2.07 *
<i>f</i>	0.097	0.034	0.125	0.063	0.082	0.039	0.59
<i>g</i>	0.188	0.045	0.339	0.089	0.102	0.043	2.39 *
<i>i</i>	0.013	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.020	-1.01
<i>j</i>	0.026	0.018	0.000	0.000	0.041	0.028	-1.44
<i>l</i>	0.013	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.020	-1.01
<i>Glu-A1</i>							
<i>a</i>	0.442	0.057	0.464	0.094	0.429	0.071	0.30
<i>b</i>	0.435	0.056	0.375	0.091	0.469	0.071	-0.81
<i>c</i>	0.123	0.037	0.161	0.069	0.102	0.043	0.72
<i>Glu-B1</i>							
<i>a</i>	0.052	0.025	0.036	0.035	0.061	0.034	-0.52
<i>b</i>	0.084	0.032	0.000	0.000	0.133	0.048	-2.74 **
<i>c</i>	0.766	0.048	0.964	0.035	0.653	0.068	4.07 ***
<i>d</i>	0.091	0.033	0.000	0.000	0.143	0.050	-2.86 **
<i>i</i>	0.006	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.014	-0.71
<i>Glu-D1</i>							
<i>a</i>	0.104	0.035	0.054	0.043	0.133	0.048	-1.23
<i>d</i>	0.877	0.037	0.946	0.043	0.837	0.053	1.62
<i>e</i>	0.019	0.016	0.000	0.000	0.031	0.025	-1.24

^a Value of Student's test (*t*) for the difference between allele frequencies in the groups of varieties developed in different periods of time. *, **, *** significant at $P < 0.05$, $P < 0.01$, $P < 0.001$, respectively.

in 1996–2007, most of these alleles retained their high frequencies: *Gli-A1f*, *b* and *l* at *Gli-B1*, *Gli-D1b*, *a* and *b* at *Glu-A1*, *Glu-B1c* and *Glu-D1d*. However, in the 1996–2007 group, the frequency of the

allele *Gli-D1b* significantly increased ($P < 0.05$), whereas the frequency of the allele *Gli-D1g* became lower ($P < 0.05$) – only 10 %; the frequency of the predominant allele *Glu-B1c* also decreased ($P <$



Newly-catalogued gliadin alleles *Gli-A1w*, *Gli-A1x*, *Gli-A1y*, *Gli-B1x* identified in Ukrainian Forest-Steppe cultivars. APAG patterns of the Bezostaya 1 near-isogenic line with the allele *Gli-A1m* (lane 1), the cultivars Zolotokolosa with the allele *Gli-A1w* (2), Myronivska 67 with *Gli-A1f* (3), Bezostaya 1 with *Gli-A1b*, *Gli-B1b* (4, 6, 8), Lasunya with *Gli-A1x* (5), Mironovskaya 29 with *Gli-A1y* (7), Mironovskaya 62 (9) with *Gli-B1x*. Components of the alleles are marked by arrows, schemes of the alleles are given on the left of the electrophoretic patterns

< 0.001). In the group of cultivars of the last decade, there is a tendency for the increase in the frequen-

Table 3
Indices of genetic diversity (*H*) in groups of Ukrainian Central Forest-Steppe winter common wheat cultivars

Locus	<i>H</i>		
	Total group	Before 1996	In 1996–2007
<i>Gli-A1</i>	0.808	0.743	0.815
<i>Gli-B1</i>	0.662	0.613	0.669
<i>Gli-D1</i>	0.533	0.618	0.440
<i>Glu-A1</i>	0.600	0.618	0.586
<i>Glu-B1</i>	0.395	0.069	0.532
<i>Glu-D1</i>	0.220	0.101	0.281
Average for <i>Gli-1</i>	0.668	0.658	0.641
Average for <i>Glu-1</i>	0.405	0.263	0.466
Average	0.536	0.461	0.554

cy of the allele *Gli-A1b* and the decrease in the frequency of the allele *Gli-B1b*. A number of new alleles appeared among the cultivars of the last decade. These are *Gli-A1w* (the 1AL/1RS translocation), *Gli-B1h* associated with *Gli-B5b* and *rg1*, *Glu-B1d*, as well as *Glu-B1b*, *Gli-D1j*, *Gli-D1i*, *Gli-D1l*, *Glu-D1e*, and *Glu-B1i* (in a biotype of Garant). The allele *Gli-D1a* was identified in the old cultivar Ukrainka 0246 (released in 1929) by starch electrophoresis but it was not found in the later cultivars.

Analysis of genetic diversity using Nei's index (Table 3) revealed close values of average diversity in two groups of cultivars. However, the average diversity for HMW GS loci increased in the last decade from 0.263 to 0.466 mainly due to the increase in the variation index at the *Glu-B1* locus (from 0.069 to 0.532), in contrast to the average diversity at the gliadin loci *Gli-1*, which remained stable. Among the *Gli-1* loci, *Gli-A1* shows the highest indices of variation in both the groups of cultivars (0.713 and 0.815). Of all the loci studied, the only locus at which the index of variation decreased is *Gli-D1* (from 0.618 to 0.440).

Discussion. Ukraine has two geographical-climatic zones of wheat cultivation – the Steppe (the southern zone) and the Forest Steppe (the more northern zone). This study deals with the cultivars bred in the main Forest-Steppe center of wheat breeding with the 100-year history – the V.M. Remeslo Myronivka Institute of Wheat. Its breeding history began from the cultivar Ukrainka 0246 released in 1929. The most famous cultivar is Mironovskaya 808. Beginning from the middle 1990s

most of the cultivars were developed in cooperation with IPPG. The results of analysis of genotypes at storage proteins loci demonstrate the increase in the number of alleles in the group of the Central Forest-Steppe winter common wheat cultivars developed in the last decade in comparison with the preceding group. However, none of the new alleles became predominant. Genetic diversity remains higher at the gliadin loci in comparison with that at HMWGS loci. The average level of diversity remains stable, but the qualitative and quantitative composition of alleles at some storage protein loci undergoes changes (Tables 2 and 3).

The predominant alleles at the HMWGS loci (*Glu-A1a*, *Glu-A1b*, *Glu-B1c* and *Glu-D1d*) are identical in both the groups of cultivars and are associated with high-bread-making quality [25]. A special feature of Ukrainian Central Forest-Steppe cultivars in the high frequency of cultivars with the wheat-rye 1BL/1RS translocation. Its frequency even shows the tendency for increasing (from 30 to 44 %) despite its well-known deleterious effect on grain quality [26]. The 1BL/1RS translocation, the most wide-spread alien translocation among commercial wheat cultivars [27], carries a number of disease resistance genes: *Pm8*, *Sr31*, *Lr26* and *Yr9* [4]. However, the adaptive value of this translocation cannot be explained by the presence of resistance genes only. The positive effect of 1BL/1RS translocation on yield components and yield stability was demonstrated in some studies [28–31]. The data on the high frequency of the allele *Gli-B1l* (the 1BL/1RS translocation) in the Ukrainian Central Forest-Steppe cultivars are in good agreement with the data obtained for French cultivars. Metakovsky and Branlard [12] revealed the high frequency of the allele *Gli-B1l* among cultivars grown in the North of France, which are more resistant to cold.

Cultivars of the last decade show the increase in the frequency of the allele *Gli-D1b* and the substantial reduction in the frequency of the allele *Gli-D1g*. According to the data of Sozinov and Poperylya [32], the allele *Gli-D1g* (*GLD 1D 5*) is associated with higher frost resistance. However, the frequency of newly-developed Central Forest-Steppe cultivars with this allele became low, which may reflect the global tendency for warming, and thus, the loss of the adaptive value of this allele.

Of interest is the appearance of cultivars with the wheat-rye 1AL/1RS translocation, whose mar-

ker is a specific secalin block. We propose to include this allele as *Gli-A1w* to the catalogue of *Gli-A1* alleles, like in the case of the allele *Gli-B1l*. The translocation that derives from Amigo (from the rye Insave) carries the genes for resistance to greenbug *Schizaphis graminum* biotypes B and C, *Gb2*, to wheat curl mite *Aceria tosicheilla* (Keifer), *Cm3*, to powdery mildew, *Pm17* [4]. It does not have such a deleterious effect on bread-making quality in hard wheat as the 1BL/1RS translocation does [33].

Previous investigations have demonstrated association of allele variants of storage proteins loci with quality indices as well as productivity and adaptation traits (see review [35]). The results of the investigation of the Ukrainian Central Forest-Steppe cultivars indicate fixation of certain storage protein alleles and formation of allele associations. Whereas the composition of HMWGS stems from requirements for high bread-making quality, the high frequency of the 1BL/1RS translocation in this group of cultivars suggests its adaptive value. The change of allele frequencies and involvement of new alleles may reflect changes in the breeding process due to change of climatic conditions and field management factors.

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ИЗМЕНЧИВОСТЬ ПО ЛОКУСАМ ЗАПАСНЫХ БЕЛКОВ У СОРТОВ ОЗИМОЙ МЯГКОЙ ПШЕНИЦЫ ЦЕНТРАЛЬНОЙ ЛЕСОСТЕПИ УКРАИНЫ

Проанализированы генотипы по глиадиновым локусам *Gli-A1*, *Gli-B1*, *Gli-D1* и локусам высокомолекулярных субъединиц глютеинов *Glu-A1*, *Glu-B1*, *Glu-D1* 77 сортов озимой мягкой пшеницы Центральной Лесостепи Украины, созданных в разные периоды времени. Наибольшая изменчивость наблюдалась по локусу *Gli-A1*. Были определены доминирующие аллели (один-два на локус). Сравнение частот аллелей групп сортов, созданных в разные периоды (до 1996 года и в 1996–2007 годах) позволило выявить появление новых аллелей и изменения частот существующих аллелей локусов запасных белков. Наблюдается высокая частота сортов с пшенично-ржаной 1BL/1RS транслокацией (около 40 %). Ржаную 1AL/1RS транслокацию имеют шесть сортов, созданных в последнее десятилетие. Предложено внести в каталог четыре глиадиновых аллеля *Gli-A1w* (маркер 1AL/1RS транслокации), *Gli-A1x*, *Gli-A1y* и *Gli-B1x*.

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Проаналізовано генотипи за гліадиновими локусами *Gli-A1*, *Gli-B1*, *Gli-D1* та локусами високомолекулярних субодиноць глутенінів *Glu-A1*, *Glu-B1*, *Glu-D1* 77 сортів озимої м'якої пшениці Центрального Лісостепу України, створених в різні періоди часу. Найбільша різноманітність спостерігалась за локусом *Gli-A1*. Було визначено домінуючі алелі (один-два на локус). Порівняння частот алелів у групах сортів, створених в різні періоди (до 1996 року і в 1996–2007 роках) дозволило виявити появу нових алелів та зміну частот існуючих алелів локусів запасних білків. Спостерігається висока частота сортів з пшенично-житньою 1BL/1RS транслокацією (біля 40 %). Житню 1AL/1RS транслокацію мають шість сортів, створених в останнє десятиліття. Запропоновано внести в каталог чотири гліадинових алелі *Gli-A1w* (маркер 1AL/1RS транслокації), *Gli-A1x*, *Gli-A1y* і *Gli-B1x*.

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