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### **A new ACRS-SNP in the 5' flanking region of the bovine insulin-like growth factor 1 (*IGF1*) gene (Brief report)**

(Neuer ACRS-SNP in der 5' flankierenden Region des Rindergens für insulinähnlichen Wachstumsfaktor 1)

**Background:** A number of polymorphisms within the bovine insulin-like growth factor 1 (*IGF1*) gene were described at this time. One of these mutations, a low polymorphic (CA)<sub>n</sub> microsatellite in the 5' flanking region of the gene, has been reported by KIRKPATRICK (1992). A T>C transition was identified in the P1 promoter region of the bovine *IGF1* gene (GenBank Acc. No. AF017143; GE et al., 2001). LIEN et al. (2000) identified a 4-bp deletion (TTTG) and nine point mutations within non-coding regions of the gene (GenBank Acc. No. AF210383-387). In our study, the sequencing of (CA)<sub>n</sub> microsatellite fragment revealed another single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) in the 5' flanking region of the bovine *IGF1* gene. The DNA sequence has been deposited to GenBank under accession number DQ975234.

**Procedures:** The Amplification Created Restriction Sites – Polymerase Chain Reaction (ACRS-PCR) primers were designed using WebCutter ver. 2.0. Primer IgfP1R, with A instead T at the 3' end of the primer, was designed to introduce a *TasI* recognition site.

IgfP1F 5' TCATCCAGCTGAGAGATTTGAAT 3'

IgfP1R 5' TGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGAAT 3'

Genomic DNA was isolated from 148 Holstein–Friesian cows using *MasterPure™ Genomic DNA Purification Kit for Blood* (Epicentre Technologies/AKOR, Poland). PCR amplification (20 µL final volume) was performed using 2 µL of genomic DNA (80 ng), 2 µL dNTP mix (2 mM), 1.4 µL MgCl<sub>2</sub> (25 mM), 0.1 µL each primer (100 µM; IBB PAN, Warsaw, Poland), 0.5 units *Taq* polymerase (1U/µL; Fermentas/ABO, Gdansk, Poland) and 2 µL 10 x PCR buffer. Thermal cycling began with an initial denaturation step of 94°C for 5 min, followed by 33 cycles of 94°C for 45 s, 58°C for 60 s, 72°C for 50 s, and concluded with a final extension at 72°C for 7 min. The SNP was genotyped by *TasI* digestion of PCR products at 65°C for 3h (recognition site: ↓AATT; MBI Fermentas/ABO, Gdansk, Poland). This was followed by electrophoresis in a 2% agarose gel stained with ethidium bromide to visualize the restriction fragments. The digested 146

bp PCR product revealed two alleles with fragment sizes 122 and 24 bp for allele *IGF1*<sup>A</sup>; for allele *IGF1*<sup>C</sup> fragment size was 146 bp (not digested).

**Results:** In some microsatellites, the repeat units are interrupted by nonrepeat sequences, producing imperfect microsatellites. Occurrence of the “AATA interrupt” in the *IGF1* microsatellite was investigated in a number of Artiodactyl species by SHARIFLOU and MORAN (2000). A base substitution polymorphism (A>C transversion) was observed at position of 193 (GenBank accession number DQ975234), within an “AATA interrupt” of the (CA)<sub>n</sub> microsatellite in the 5' flanking region of the bovine *IGF1*. Frequencies for the *IGF1*<sup>A</sup> and *IGF1*<sup>C</sup> alleles were 0.841 and 0.159, respectively. Frequencies for the AA (n=107), AC (n=35) and CC (n=6) genotypes were 0.723, 0.236 and 0.041, respectively. The *IGF1* gene is expressed as class 1 and class 2 *IGF1* mRNA variants in cattle (derived from the P1 and P2 promoters, respectively). Both classes are expressed in a variety of tissues (including muscle and mammary gland) with varying levels (WANG et al., 2003). The dinucleotide (CA)<sub>n</sub> repeat polymorphism located in the 5' region is closely linked to regulatory elements of the P1 promoter. The identification of favourable QTLs that are significantly correlated with genetic merits for meat and milk production traits could lead to more effective selection programs.

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