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Use of *H. vulgare* EST Markers, GISH and C-banding to Study Bread Wheat – H. marinum subsp. gussoneanum (2n = 28) **Introgression Lines**

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Wild barley, *Hordeum marinum* subsp. gussoneanum (2n = 28) is a valuable source of genes that determine resistance to abiotic stresses. These resistance traits might be transferred to wheat due to the crossability of wild barley with bread wheat. The availability of reliable and rapid methods for the identification of H. marinum subsp. gussoneanum chromatin in a wheat background would facilitate the development of introgression wheat genotypes. For this purpose, we evaluated the applicability of eighty-seven H. vulgare EST markers for studying bread wheat – H. marinum subsp. gussoneanum substitution and addition lines. Of all of the markers studied, forty-three (49%) were amplified in H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum and wheat introgression lines. The identification of wild barley chromosomes using EST markers confirmed the GISH and C-banding data. Thus, it was established that the H. vulgare EST markers can be successfully used to identify the chromosomes of the H. marinum subsp. gussoneanum in introgression lines of wheat.

Keywords: barley, H. marinum subsp. gussoneanum, GISH, C-banding, H. vulgare EST markers

Introduction

An important approach for enriching genetic diversity available to T. aestivum is the transfer of alien genetic materials from its wild (Gradzielewska 2006; Gill et al. 2011) and cultivated (Ren et al. 2009) relatives. Species of the genus Hordeum L., including H. vulgare L., are also potential donors of genetic resources for wheat improvement (Rubiales and Moral 2011; Garthwaite et al. 2005). The genus Hordeum includes more than 30 species that grow in different climatic areas and is represented by diploid (2n = 2x = 14), tetraploid (2n = 4x = 28) and hexaploid (2n = 6x = 42) taxa. Due to the ability of some barley species to cross wheat, introgression wheat lines were obtained with H. vulgare (Molnár-Láng et al. 2014), H. spontaneum (Taketa, Takeda 2001), H. chilense (Miller et al. 1982), and H. californicum (Fang et al. 2014). Moreover, a new Tritordeum grain crop has been developed from H. chilense hybrids with bread and durum wheat (Martín et al. 1999).

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Sea barley grass (Hordeum marinum) is a wild Triticeae species. It is divided by some authors into two species – H. marinum Huds. (2x) and H. gussoneanum Parl. (2x, 4x) (Blattner 2009). According to other authors, these species are not separate but are subspecies of the grassy annual H. marinum Hudson: subsp. marinum (2x) and subsp. gussoneanum (Parl.) Thell. (2x, 4x) (Bothmer et al. 1991; Bothmer and Komatsuda 2011). The tetraploid subspecies H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum is considered a segment allopolyploid with two subgenomes, with one belonging to the progenitor of the diploid cytotype gussoneanum and the other belonging to the unknown diploid ancestor, the donor of the genome closer to marinum (Carmona et al. 2013). H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum habitats are saline meadows or marshes along the coast, as well as areas remote from the sea: riverbeds, vacant lots and pastures where plants of this species occur as weeds (Bothmer et al. 1991; Bothmer and Komatsuda 2011). Due to their ability to grow under such conditions, accessions with high salt tolerance (Garthwaite et al. 2005; Islam et al. 2007), waterlogging (Garthwaite et al. 2005), and tolerance to combined salinity and waterlogging results in low O₂ concentrations (Malik et al. 2009) were found in species of *H. marinum*. As noted by Garthwaite et al. (2005), the salt tolerance of *H. marinum* is higher than that of other representatives of Triticeae, including such salt-tolerant species as Thinopyrum elongatum and Th. bessarabicum. This property makes it possible to use H. marinum accessions as unique models for studying salt tolerance mechanisms (Garthwaite et al. 2005; Boustani et al. 2017). H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum (= H. geniculatum All., 2n = 4x = 28) also showed resistance to drought and severe changes in temperature (Kobylyanskii 1967). In our work, we used accessions of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum with a high protein content in seeds (Pershina et al. 2009).

Amphiploids were produced from *H. marinum* (2x)-wheat (Islam et al. 2007) and *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum* (4x)-wheat hybrids (Pershina et al. 1988). Earlier alloplasmic wheat – *H. marinum* subsp. *gussoneanum* addition and substitution lines originating from backcross progenies of wild barley-wheat hybrids and wild barley-wheat amphiploid have been developed. The characterization of the chromosome configurations of the lines was carried out using C-banding, SSR- and GISH-analysis (Trubacheeva et al. 2008; 2009).

The aim of this work was to study the amplification of EST markers of barley *H. vulgare* in the genome of wild barley *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum* and to assess their use for the analysis of the alloplasmic bread wheat – *H. marinum* subsp. *gussoneanum* introgression lines along with GISH analysis and C-banding.

Materials and Methods

Plant material

The accessions of barley H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum Hudson (2n = 4x = 28), H. vulgare cv. Nepolegaushii (2n = 2x = 14), and bread wheat T. aestivum cv. Pyrotrix 28 were used for the initial transferability analysis of 87 EST markers (Table 1). The seeds of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum as H. geniculatum. All were received from the Tashkent

Table 1. PCR analyses showing the presence (+) or absence (-) of EST markers in chromosomes of *H. vulgare (H.v.)*, *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum (H.m.)* and *T. aestivum (T.a.)*.

H.v.	Marker					product			
chromoso- me	name	H.v.	Н.т.	T.a.	H. vulgare	Marker name	H.v.	H.m.	T.a.
1HL	k00183	+	+	_	3HS	k0069	+	_	_
1HL	k0072	+	+	_	3HS	k0769	+	_	_
1HL	BAWU17	+	+	_	4HL	BAWU808	+	+	_
1HL	k0033	+	+	_	4HL	BAWU755	+	+	_
1HS	BAWU136	+	+	_	4HL	BAWU112	+	+	_
1HS	k00936	+	+	*	4HL	BAWU673	+	+	_
1HL	BAWU756	+	*	_	4HS	BAWU505	+	+	-
1HL	k0007	+	_	_	4HS	k02539	+	+	_
1HL	k1437	+	_	_	4HL	BAWU670	+	*	_
1HL	BAWU211	+	_	_	4HL	BAWU152	+	*	_
1HL	k0097	+	-	_	4HL	BAWU217	+	-	-
1HL	k2305	+	_	_	4HL	k0916	+	_	-
1HL	BAWU162	+	-	_	4HS	BAWU303	+	_	-
1HL	BAWU316	+	-	_	4HS	BAWU852	+	-	_
1HS	k0681	+	-	_	5HL	k2464	+	+	-
1HS	k4311	+	-	_	5HS	k5024	+	+	*
1HS	k0647	+	_	_	5H	BAWU315	+	+	*
1HS	BAWU616	+	+	+	5H	BAWU160	+	+	*
1H	BAWU12	+	+	+	5HL	k4947	+	*	_
2HL	k2692	+	+	*	5H	BAWU891	+	*	_
2HS	k0514	+	+	*	5HS	k0675	+	_	_
2H	BAWU288	+	+	*	5HL	k2569	+	-	-
2H	BAWU555	+	+	_	5HL	k3357	+	-	-
2H	BAWU660	+	+	_	5H	BAWU30	+	-	_
2HL	k0932	+	*	_	5H	BAWU240	+	-	_
2H	BAWU40	+	_	_	5H	BAWU749	+	-	_
2H	BAWU32	+	_	_	6HL	k4898	+	+	-
2HL	k3376	+	_	_	6HS	k0066	+	+	*
2HS	k0677	+	_	_	6HS	k1385	+	+	_
2HS	k0144	+	_	_	6H	BAWU155	+	+	_
2HS	k4909	+	-	_	6H	BAWU361	+	+	_
2HL	k5037	+	-	_	6HL	k1220	+	_	-
2HL	k0314	+	-	-	6HS	k1172	+	_	ı
2HL	k0132	+	-	_	6HL	k3623	+	_	-
3HL	k3141	+	+	_	7HL	BAWU550	+	+	-
3HL	k3164	+	+	_	7HL	k1355	+	+	-
3HS	k4656	+	+	-	7HL	k0277	+	+	ı
3HS	k5014	+	+	*	7HL	k3717	+	+	-
3HS	k0247	+	+	_	7HS	k4783	+	+	-
3H	k0873	+	_	_	7HS	BAWU406	+	*	-
3HS	k0892	+	_	_	7HS	k3350	+	-	-
3HL	k1383	+	_	_	7HL	k1156	+	_	_

⁺ Amplification; - No amplification; *Different band size polymorphism between *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum* and bread wheat or between *H. vulgare* and *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum*.

Table 2. Chromosome constitutions of bread wheat-H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum introgression lines determined by GISH, C-banding and EST-analysis

	Chro-	Chromos	Chromosome constitution according to analysis of	sis of	The Later of the L
rines	nosome	HSIÐ	C-banding	EST-analysis	EST Markers
L-49	42	40w+2Hmar	7Hmar(7D) disomic substitution	7Hmar	k4783, BAWU550, k1355, k0277, k3717, BAWU406
L-48	42	40w+2Hmar	7Hmar(7B) disomic substitution	7Hmar	k4783, BAWU550, k1355, k0277, k3717, BAWU406
L-32	40+2t	40w+2tHmar	7HmarL(7D) ditelosomic substitution	7HmarL	k1355, k277, k3717
L-28	42	36w+6Hmar	1Hmar(1B)	1Hmar	k0936, k0033, k0072, k0183, BAWU17, BAWU136, BAWU756
			5Hmar(5D)	5Hmar	k2464, BAWU315, BAWU160, k5024, k4947, BAWU891
			7Hmar(7D)	7Hmar	k4783, BAWU550, k1355, k0277, k3717, BAWU406
L-52	42+2t	42w+2tHmar	7HmarS ditelosomic addition	7HmarS	k4783, BAWU406
L-38	42+2t	42w+2tHmar	7HmarL ditelosomic addition	7HmarL	k1355, k0277, k3717, BAWU550
L-53	4	42w+2Hmar	7Hmar disomic addition	7Hmar	k4783, BAWU550, k1355, k277, k3717, BAWU406
L-26	40+4t	40+2tw+2tHmar	7HmarL ditelosomic addition	7HmarL	k1355, k0277, k3717, BAWU550
Л-65	46	42w+4Hmar	Not studied	1Hmar	k0936, k0033, k0072, k0183, BAWU17, BAWU136, BAWU756
				4Hmar	BAWU505, BAWU673, BAWU808, BAWU755, BAWU112,k02539, BAWU152
99-П	46	42w+4Hmar	Not studied	1Hmar	k0936, k0033, k0072, k0183, BAWU17, BAWU136, BAWU756
				7Hmar	k4783, BAWU550, k1355, k277, k3717, BAWU406
L-503 (F)	54	$42w + 12H^{mar}$	Not studied	1Hmar, 2Hmar, 3Hmar, 4Hmar, 6Hmar, 7Hmar	All markers except markers for the 5Hmar

w – wheat chromosome; t – telocentric chromosome.



Figure 1. Spikes from (a) wheat Pyrotrix 28; (b) 7H^{mar}(7D) disomic substitution line L-49; (c) 7H^{mar}L ditelosomic addition line L-38; (d) line L-503(F)

Botanic Garden, Uzbekistan (code number according to the Catalogue is 46773). Wheat cv. Pyrotrix 28 was included as a control because this cultivar was used to produce barleywheat hybrids H. marinum ssp. $gussoneanum \times T$. aestivum and their amphiploids (Pershina et al. 1988). The plant material used in this study consisted of ten alloplasmic (with cytoplasm of H. marinum) wheat-barley introgression lines (Table 2, Fig. 1). The lines L-28, L-32, L-38, and L-49 were developed and characterized previously (Trubacheeva et al. 2008; 2009). The lines L-48, L-52, L-53, L-65, and L-66 are developed from the plants of F_4 – F_6 generations of the hybrid combination L-503(F) \times wheat cv. Pyrotrix 28. The line L-503(F) (2n = 54) is a progeny of cytogenetically unstable barleywheat amphiploid H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum (4x) \times T. aestivum cv. Pyrotrix 28 (6x) (2n = 68–70) (Fig. 1d).

Genomic in situ hybridization (GISH) and C-banding

Genomic *in situ* hybridization was carried out as described by Schubert et al. (2001). Total genomic DNA was isolated from young frozen leaf tissue of barley *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum* and wheat *T. aestivum* following the phenol–chloroform method described by Edwards et al. (1991). The barley DNA was labelled with biotin (biotin-5-dUTP, Roche, Mannheim, Germany) by nick translation. The C-banding technique was performed according to the protocol described by Badaeva et al. (1994).

Analysis of EST markers

A set of 87 EST-SSR markers developed by Nasuda et al. (2005) and Hagras et al. (2005) and uniformly distributed across the *H. vulgare* chromosomes were tested for amplifica-

tion of *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum* DNA. PCR conditions followed a touch-down protocol as described in Nasuda et al. (2005) and Hagras et al. (2005). Amplified products were separated in 1.5% agarose gels, stained with ethidium bromide and photographed in ultraviolet light. A complete list of the markers used is given in Table 1. Primer sequences and PCR conditions were identical to those described in the original references.

Results

Transferability of barley EST markers

The transferability of 87 H. vulgare EST markers, which were from all seven homoeologous groups of barley, to the chromosomes of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum was examined (Table 1). The amplification patterns of three EST markers were not reliable because of faint bands. We found that 40 markers, i.e., a ratio of 48%, did not amplify fragments in H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum. Two markers (BAWU12, BAWU616) amplified a fragment of the same size in H. vulgare, H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum and T. aestivum and hence could not be used. These 42 markers were not applicable for analysing lines with chromosomes of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum. Seven primer pairs showed polymorphism between H. vulgare and H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum and did not amplified in T. aestivum. Thirty-six EST markers, i.e., a ratio of 41%, showed a clear single band of the same size in H. vulgare and H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum but failed to amplify or amplified a fragment of different sizes in wheat. Thus, these 43 EST markers of H. vulgare were transferable to H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum and would be useful in identifying H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum chromosomes in bread wheat backgrounds. In Table 1, these markers are highlighted in bold. For 35 EST markers out of these 43, localization on the short or long arm of *H. vulgare* chromosomes was known.

Characterization of wheat – H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum introgression lines by GISH and C-banding

GISH was performed to reveal the chromosome configuration and the presence of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum chromosomes in alloplasmic bread wheat -H. marinum subsp. gussoneanum lines (Table 2). It was established that all studied lines carry H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum chromosomes and are either substitution or addition lines. In the L-503(F) line (2n = 54), 12 wild barley chromosomes were added to 42 wheat chromosomes ($42w + 12H^{mar}$) (Fig. 2a). Among the previously unexamined lines obtained using L-503(F), we found a disomic substitution line with $2n = 40w + 2H^{mar}$ (L-48), a ditelosomic addition line with $2n = 42w + 2H^{mar}$ (L-53) (Fig. 2b). A pair of wheat telocentric chromosomes and a pair of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum telocentric chromosomes ($2n = 40w + 2tw + 2tH^{mar}$) were identified in the L-26 line. The lines L-65 and L-66 were the multiple addition lines carrying two pairs of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum chromosomes ($2n = 42w + 4H^{mar}$). The previously obtained introgression lines maintained the chromosomal configuration in the series of self-

pollinated generations. Thus, L-28 carried three pairs of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum chromosomes and had a chromosomal configuration of $2n = 36w + 6H^{mar}$; L-49 was a disomic wheat-barley substitution line $(2n = 40w + 2H^{mar})$; L-32 was a ditelosomic substitution line $(2n = 40w + 2tH^{mar})$; L-38 was a ditelosomic addition line $(2n = 42w + 2tH^{mar})$. Table 2 shows the chromosome constitutions of wheat-H. marinum introgression lines.

C-banding confirmed the number of chromosomes in the studied lines and determined the types of substitutions in the alloplasmic wheat-barley substitution lines. C-banding also showed the prevalence of barley chromosome 7H^{mar} or its arms in the obtained wheat-barley substitution and addition lines. The following types of substitutions have been identified: 7H^{mar}L (7D) (L-32) (Fig. 2c), 7H^{mar} (7D) (L-49), 7H^{mar} (7B) (L-48) (Fig. 2d), and the L-28 line contained three chromosome substitutions – 1H^{mar} (1B), 5H^{mar} (5D) and 7H^{mar} (7D) (Table 2). A pair of telocentric chromosomes for the long arm of chromosome 7H^{mar} were identified in lines L-26 (Fig. 2e) and L-38, and a pair of telocentric chromosomes for the short arm of 7H^{mar} was identified in line L-52. The line L-53 was a disomic addition line with 42 chromosomes of wheat and a pair of chromosomes 7H^{mar} (Fig. 2f).

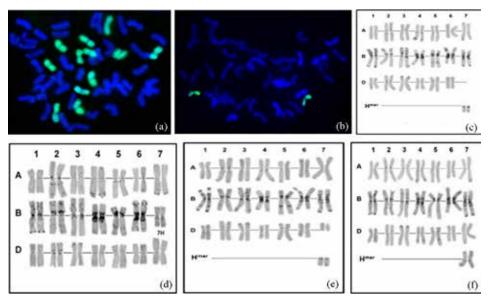


Figure 2. Genomic in situ hybridization with H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum genomic DNA (green) probes to mitotic metaphase chromosomes and C-banding. (a) L-503(F) (42w+12H^{mar}); (b) and (d) 7H^{mar} (7B) disomic substitution line L-48; (c) 7H^{mar}L (7D) ditelosomic substitution line L-32; (e) 7H^{mar}L (7D) ditelosomic addition line (in wheat genetic background 40+7DS//) L-26; (f) 7H^{mar} disomic addition line L-53

Characterization of bread wheat – H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum introgression lines using EST markers

For the analysis of the lines, 43 EST markers, which amplified in *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum*, were used. The markers of all chromosomes were amplified, except for 5H^{mar}, in the L-503(F) line (42w + 12H^{mar}). All markers specific for *H. vulgare* chromosomes 1H, 5H and 7H were successfully amplified in the wheat-barley substitution line L-28 with three wild barley chromosomes 1H^{mar}, 5H^{mar}, and 7H^{mar} (Table 2). In lines L-49 and L-48, which were disomic for the 7H^{mar} (7D) and 7H^{mar} (7B) substitutions, respectively, as well as in the L-53 addition line for 7H^{mar}, five markers for 7H were amplified (k4783, BAWU550, k1355, k0277, k3717). Amplification of a marker, k4783, localized in the short arm of 7H, was observed in the L-52 line carrying the 7H^{mar}S telocentric chromosome, as well as in the lines with the whole 7H^{mar} chromosomes (L-49, L-48, L-28, L-53, L-66) (Fig. 3). All markers for 7HL (k1355, k0277, k3717, BAWU550) were amplified in the lines L-38 and L-26 carrying the 7H^{mar}L telocentric chromosomes, as well as in L-49, L-48, L-28, L-503 (3) and L-66 lines with the whole 7H^{mar} chromosomes. In line L-65 with chromosomes 1H^{mar} and 4H^{mar} and in line L-66 with chromosomes 1H^{mar} and 7H^{mar}, markers located in the homoeologous chromosomes of *H. vulgare* were also amplified.

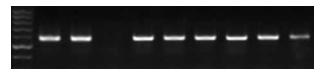


Figure 3. Example of a PCR amplification profile used for identifying chromosome 7H^{mar}S with EST marker k4573. 1 – H. vulgare, 2 – H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum, 3 – T. aestivum, 4 – 7H^{mar} (7D) disomic substitution line L-49; 5 – 7H^{mar} (7B) disomic substitution line L-48; 6 – 1H^{mar}(1B), 5H^{mar}(5D), 7H^{mar}(7D) multiple substitution line L-28, 7 – 7H^{mar}S ditelosomic addition line L-52, 8 – 7H^{mar} disomic addition line L-53, 9 – 1H^{mar}+7H^{mar} multiple addition line L-66

Discussion

The aim of this work was to study the amplification of *H. vulgare* EST markers in wild barley *H. marinum* subsp. *gussoneanum* and to assess the possibility of their use for the analysis of the introgression lines of bread wheat. There is a lack of molecular markers for wild species such as *H. marinum* subsp. *gussoneanum*, and the transfer of markers to them from related crop species is a feasible method for genetic analysis (Hagras et al. 2005; Castillo et al. 2008). Therefore, EST markers of *H. vulgare* were used because cultivated barley is a closely related species of wild barley. Eighty-seven markers were studied, of which 41% amplified a fragment of the same size in both barley species, indicating a conserved nature of the EST sequences. These markers are expected to be valuable in identifying *H. marinum* subsp. *gussoneanum* chromosomes in introgression lines of wheat. The applicability of using *H. vulgare* EST markers to identify the chromosomes of wild barley *H. chilense*, as well as other cereal species, in the wheat genome has been

shown in works (Hagras et al. 2005; Castillo et al. 2008). At the same time, the absence of amplification products in *H. marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum* with 48% of the barley markers used indicates that the genomes of the two barley species have undergone significant changes in evolution. *H. vulgare* and *H. marinum* subsp. *gussoneanum* are phylogenetically distant from each other, and they are classified as different subgenera of the genus *Hordeum* (Blattner 2009). Despite the morphological similarities of the *H. marinum* group with some other barley species, chromosomal homology was not found, which may indicate the presence of a separate genome designated as "X" (Bothmer et al. 1991) or Xa (Blattner 2009). This genome is common for two diploid subspecies, subsp. *marinum* and subsp. *gussoneanum* (Bothmer et al. 1991). The accession of *H. marinum* subsp. *gussoneanum* used in our work is tetraploid. Tetraploid cytotype demonstrated a high degree of homology between the chromosomes of its two genomes (Komatsuda et al. 2001).

All EST markers specific for H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum amplified in the lines carrying chromosomes of wild barley. Thus, in the L-28 line, in which the presence of chromosomes 1Hmar, 5Hmar, and 7Hmar was determined by C-banding, markers of H. vulgare chromosomes 1H, 5H, and 7H were amplified. The line L-503(F) (2n = 54) is a progeny of wheat-barley amphiploid and, according to GISH analysis, carries 12 H. marinum subsp. gussoneanum chromosomes added to wheat genome. Using EST markers, in this line, we revealed the presence of all chromosomes of wild barley, except for the 5Hmar chromosome (Table 2). The progenies of hybrid L-503(F) × cv. Pyrotrix 28 according to C-banding carry two pairs of chromosomes of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum, 1Hmar and 4H^{mar} (L-65) and 1H^{mar} and 7H^{mar} (L-66). The use of EST markers revealed amplification of 1H and 4H chromosome markers in L-65 and 1H and 7H in L-66. Thus, according to the results of analysis of the introgression lines, the transferred H. vulgare EST markers for the 1H, 4H, 5H and 7H chromosomes localized in the homoeologous chromosomes of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum. The localization of H. vulgare EST markers in the same homoeologous group of H. marinum ssp. gussoneanum indicates the conservation of homology between the two species.

In our work, bread wheat -H. marinum ssp. gussone anum introgression lines were characterized through the combination of cytogenetic and molecular genetic approaches. Genomic in situ hybridization was used to determine the wild barley chromosomes in the wheat genetic background. C-banding established the types of chromosome substitution or addition in these lines. A comparison of the results of C-banding and EST analysis showed that H. vulgare EST markers can be used to identify the DNA of H. marinum subsp. gussone anum in introgression lines of wheat.

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