

A Genetic Linkage Map for Cattle

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ABSTRACT

We report the most extensive physically anchored linkage map for cattle produced to date. Three-hundred thirteen genetic markers ordered in 30 linkage groups, anchored to 24 autosomal chromosomes ($n = 29$), the X and Y chromosomes, four unanchored syntenic groups and two unassigned linkage groups spanning 2464 cM of the bovine genome are summarized. The map also assigns 19 type I loci to specific chromosomes and/or syntenic groups and four cosmid clones containing informative microsatellites to chromosomes 13, 25 and 29 anchoring syntenic groups U11, U7 and U8, respectively. This map provides the skeletal framework prerequisite to development of a comprehensive genetic map for cattle and analysis of economic trait loci (ETL).

GENOME maps exist in one form or another for nearly 30 species (O'BRIEN and GRAVES 1991; O'BRIEN *et al.* 1993). The most comprehensive maps for mammals cover the human (genetic linkage, WEISSENBACH *et al.* 1992; cytogenetic, GDB™, CUTICCHIA *et al.* 1993) and mouse (genetic linkage, DIETRICH *et al.* 1992; cytogenetic, GBase, Bar Harbor, ME and COPELAND *et al.* 1993) genomes. Two classes of loci (type I and type II; O'BRIEN 1991) form the basis for construction of gene maps within most species. Type I loci represent evolutionarily conserved coding sequences useful in comparative mapping strategies (O'BRIEN 1991) where polymorphic loci are not essential. Type II loci, hypervariable DNA segments or variable number of tandem repeat microsatellites (di-, tri- or tetra-nucleotide repeats), are extremely polymorphic and generally specific to closely related species.

Currently, cattle (FRIES *et al.* 1993), swine (ANDERSSON *et al.* 1993) and sheep (ANSARI *et al.* 1993) maps are primarily cytogenetic maps with few microsatellite assignments. The most current bovine genome map (FRIES *et al.* 1993) reported a total of 295 polymorphisms at 150 of the 350 physically assigned type I (257) and type II (93) loci. Thirty-two linkage groups were reported containing 122 loci (42 are microsatellites) spanning 13 autosomal chromosomes (haploid $n = 29$) and 26 syntenic groups. In sharp contrast to the murine map (COPELAND *et al.* 1993), only 27% (69 of 257) of the assigned type I loci (FRIES *et al.* 1993) were polymorphic in cattle and only a limited number

of species related primer sequences flanking microsatellites have been published. However, estimates of recombination frequency between loci, locus order within linkage group and genome/chromosomal coverage of polymorphic markers essential to systematically search for loci that affect phenotypes of interest are not available.

The relative ease of developing and genotyping microsatellites in large kindred families using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR; SAIKI *et al.* 1985, 1988), with a minute amount of DNA and two flanking site-specific oligonucleotide primers allows rapid development of saturated genetic linkage maps (DIETRICH *et al.* 1992; WEISSENBACH *et al.* 1992). This approach has lead to screening of microsatellites for monogenic traits and the concomitant identification of economic trait loci (ETL) in horses (RUDOLPH *et al.* 1992), pigs (MACLENNEN and PHILLIPS 1992), cattle (HOESCHELE and MEINERT 1990; GEORGES *et al.* 1993a,b) and sheep (MONTGOMERY *et al.* 1993). However, the lack of a high density linkage map and availability of markers for identifying polygenic loci affecting quantitative traits (GEORGES *et al.* 1993a,b) has limited progress toward marker-assisted-selection (MAS). A saturated microsatellite based linkage map for cattle would provide the foundation for identification of loci contributing to the genetic variance for economic traits (ETL) and the exploitation of MAS for phenotypes of interest (FRIES 1993).

We report the addition of 172 microsatellites, three RFLPs and four single-strand-conformational-polymorphisms (SSCP), nine erythrocyte antigens and seven serum proteins to the developing bovine ge-

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TABLE 1
Population structure and breed composition of reference families

Population	<i>N</i> ^a	Sire breed	<i>N</i> ^b	Dam breed	<i>N</i> ^c
Hereford backcross	1	Brahman × Hereford	6	Hereford	36
Angus backcross	1	Brahman × Angus	7	Angus	40
Four-breed cross	2	Gelbvieh × Simmental	2	Longhorn × Hereford	23
			2	Longhorn × Angus	12
			2	Piedmontese × Hereford	35
			2	Piedmontese × Angus	22
Total	4		1	Nelore × Hereford	12
			22		180

^a Number of bulls used in each reference population.

^b Number of cows in the MOET scheme for each reference population.

^c Number of progeny from each MOET mating scheme.

nome map. In addition, we assign 19 coding genes to individual chromosomes or syntenic groups and assign linkage groups to three chromosomes and syntenic groups. The map presented contains a total of 313 polymorphic markers, with average levels of heterozygosity of ~53%, ordered in 30 linkage groups anchored to 24 autosomal chromosomes, both sex chromosomes and four unassigned syntenic groups (two linkage groups remain unanchored) spanning 2464 cM of the bovine genome.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Reference family structure: Linkage data were developed in three unique populations of kindred families, including grandparents, related through common F₁ sires in a multiple ovulation embryo transfer (MOET) scheme (Table 1). Two paternal half-sib F₁ (Gelbvieh × Simmental) bulls were used to construct a four-breed cross consisting of 17 fullsib families. The F₁ dams were produced by mating Piedmontese, Longhorn or Nelore bulls to Hereford or Angus dams. Two backcross populations were produced by mating a Brahman × Hereford bull to six Hereford cows and a Brahman × Angus bull to seven Angus cows. Crosses were designed to maximize heterozygosity of one or both parents and obtain samples of diverse gene pools.

Acquisition of microsatellites: The map was constructed primarily with microsatellites ((CA)_n/(GT)_n) from M13, plasmid, lambda or cosmid libraries of bovine genomic DNA or from published *Bovidae* polymorphisms and sequences (GenBank, EMBL). Bovine genomic DNA was digested to completion with *Mbo*I and fragments separated by electrophoresis on 1.2% agarose gels. Fragments from 350–500 bp were recovered by electroelution, ligated into M13mp18, transformed into XL-1 Blue cells and sequentially hybridized with ³²P-end-labeled (CA)₁₁ and (GT)₁₁ oligonucleotide probes (WEBER and MAY 1989). Care was taken to avoid prominent *Mbo*I fragments from 1.715 and 1.709 satellite DNAs migrating at less than 350 bp. DNA from positive clones was initially sequenced with only ddC or ddG. This identified clones containing short repeats or repeats too close to the 5' or 3' ends to provide adequate sequence for primer design (Primer; Version 0.5; S. E. LINCOLN, M. J. DALY and E. S. LANDER, unpublished data). Primer sequences from microsatellite positive clones identified by screening genomic Eml3 lambda phage, plasmid and cosmid (G. A. HAWKINS *et al.* in press) libraries with (CA)_n(GT)_n

TABLE 2
Microsatellite informativeness by source

Source	No. of markers ^a	No. of informatics ^b	Mean no. of alleles
Random			
M13	236	126 (53)	7.2
Cosmid	14	11 (78)	7.8
Lambda	14	9 (64)	4.9
Plasmid	21	13 (61)	5.7
Published ^c			
Coding genes	28	16 (57)	
Random	93	88 (95)	
Sheep	30	17 (35)	5.3
Total	468	280 (58)	6.8

^a Total number primers pairs tested.

^b Includes primer pairs tested that were sufficiently informative to be linked (% informative).

^c Primer pairs obtained from GenBank, literature or collaborators.

oligos were obtained by sequencing with degenerate primer cocktails containing only (GT)_n/(TG)_n or (CA)_n/(AC)_n (YUILLE *et al.* 1991).

The significant chromosomal and DNA sequence conservation among *Bovidae* prompted a search for cattle and sheep di-, tri- and tetra-nucleotide repeat sequences in GenBank (BENSON *et al.* 1993) and EMBL databases using Fasta (Genetics Computer Group, Madison, Wisconsin; GCG). Size restrictions were imposed for each of the three classes of microsatellites (>6 for any dinucleotide repeat, >3 for any trinucleotide repeat and >2 for any tetranucleotide repeat).

Cosmid mapping: Fluorescent *in situ* hybridization (FISH) was used to localize cosmids to bovine metaphase chromosomes as described by SOLINAS TOLDO *et al.* (1993). The presence of doublets of fluorescein isothiocyanate spots on the same pair of chromosomes in 5–10 metaphase spreads was sufficient evidence for the assignment. Assignment to a specific chromosome band was by measuring the distance of the signal from the centromere (FLcen) and by applying this value to the corresponding idiogrammatic chromosome of the standard (ISCNDA 1989, 1990).

Data collection and analysis: Eighty (80) ng of genomic DNA from each animal was aliquoted (Biomek 1000 Workstation; Beckman Instruments) into 96-well microtiter plates (Falcon; Becton Dickinson Labware, Oxnard, California)

and amplified in the presence of 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl₂ (unless otherwise indicated; Table 3), 10 mM Tris-HCl pH 9.0, 30 μM each of unlabeled dCTP, dTTP, and dGTP, 0.4 μM each of two primer pairs, and 0.35 units of either *Taq* or *Tth* DNA polymerase in a final volume of 12 μl. PCR products were radioisotopically labeled by including 0.1 μCi [α -³²P]dATP (3000 ci/mmol, New England Nuclear) and 3.0 μM dATP. The standard thermocycling protocol was as follows: initial step of 3 min at 94° followed by 25–30 cycles of 1 min at 94°, 30 sec at the annealing temperature and 1 min at 72° then ending with a 4 min extension phase at 72° on either a MJ Research PTC96 Thermocycler (MJ Research) or a Hybaid Omni-Gene (Hybaid Ltd., Middlesex, England). Primer pairs were multiplexed whenever sizes of alleles and PCR conditions allowed. End-labeled primers were used when direct incorporation of ³²P into amplified products increased subbanding and hindered scoring. The amplified product was diluted with an equal volume of loading buffer (95% formamide, 10 mM EDTA, 0.1% Bromophenol Blue, 0.1% Xylene Cyanol) denatured 4 min at 75° and electrophoresed on 7% denaturing polyacrylamide gels (Amresco, Solon, Ohio) between 3 and 6 hr (based on product size) at 40 V/cm. Allele size was approximated by comparison to M13mp18 ssDNA sequencing ladders. Single-strand-conformational-polymorphisms (ORITA *et al.* 1989) were determined essentially as described for microsatellites except for nondenaturing conditions. Gels were vacuum dried for 15 min onto 3 MM chromatography paper (Whatman Int. Ltd., Maidstone, England) and exposed overnight on X-ray film.

Genotypes based on RFLPs were determined either by Southern transfer and hybridization (SAMBROOK *et al.* 1989) or by digestion of PCR product resulting from amplification of a site that was known to be polymorphic due to a point mutation reported in the literature.

Grandparental, parental and progeny genotypes were independently scored for each marker and entered into an interactive database (KEELE *et al.* 1994). Software was developed (D. BEHRENS, unpublished data) that compared independently scored genotypes and reported discrepancies. When genotype differences could not be resolved between independent scorers after reexamination of the autoradiograms or following reamplification and rescore of the product, data were excluded from analysis. Because of the half-sib relationships among fullsib families, CRI-MAP 2.4 (GREEN *et al.* 1989) was selected for linkage analysis. Markers were placed into linkage groups based on two-point LOD (>3.0) scores and ordered within group using multi-point linkage analysis following a procedure similar to LANDER *et al.* (1987). Spurious linkages were identified and eliminated by comparing the maximum log-likelihood of a marker to its associated linkage group to the log-likelihood at a recombination frequency of 0.5. After preliminary alignment, the CHROMPIC option of CRI-MAP 2.4 was used to identify unlikely double-crossovers. Data contributing to double crossovers were reexamined and, if suspect, regenerated for second analysis.

RESULTS

Marker informativeness: A total of 468 microsatellite markers (GT:CA repeats) were tested. Two-hundred eighty (60.0%) were sufficiently informative to be included in linkage groups. The source and sequences of informative microsatellites are summarized in Tables 2 and 3. Approximately 0.12% of the total recombinant M13 random genomic clones pro-

duced informative microsatellites. Approximately 35% of the primer pairs failed to amplify useful products. The number of alleles per locus ranged from 1–18 and 50 of the microsatellites defined loci with 10 or more alleles. Less than 10% of microsatellites from random libraries were monomorphic. As expected, there was a positive relationship between the number of dinucleotide repeats and number of alleles at a given locus (WEBER 1990; BECKMAN and WEBER 1992; SUNDEN *et al.* 1993). Approximately 15% of the random clones contained bovine SINE elements (LENSTRA *et al.* 1993; KAUKNEN and VARVIO 1992). When one primer was derived from repetitive sequence, only 50% of the primer pairs provided useful data. Database searches did not yield any useful tri- or tetranucleotide repeats suitable for primer design.

Three bovine coding sequences (*MYF5*, *myogenic factor 5*; *CAST*, *Calpastatin*, and *LGB*, *beta lactoglobulin*) screened by RFLP in our reference families either by traditional procedures (SAMBROOK *et al.* 1989) or by restriction endonuclease digestion of PCR products are included in this linkage map. Data for *CAST* (BISHOP *et al.* 1993) and *MYF5* were generated using radiolabeled bovine specific probes. Primer pairs flanking polymorphic restriction sites in the coding sequence *LGB* were synthesized from published sequence (FRIES *et al.* 1993). The polymorphisms for *HSP70-1* (70 kD heat shock protein), *PTH* (parathyroid hormone), *GH* (growth hormone) and *GFAP* (glial fibrillary acidic protein) were detected using SSCP (ORITA *et al.* 1989). Eleven erythrocyte antigens and seven serum proteins commonly used for parentage testing were typed in a subset of our reference populations (KAPPES *et al.* 1994). Nine erythrocyte antigens and five serum proteins were informative in at least one reference family and linked to markers previously assigned (Table 3) to chromosomes and/or syntenic groups (Figure 1).

Thirty-nine of 369 (10.6%) genetic markers genotyped in our reference populations were monomorphic for all reference parents. Average heterozygosity for all markers was calculated for reference parents grouped according to species and cross. As expected, *Bos taurus* × *Bos indicus* F₁ crosses were most heterozygous (74.7% ± 1.5%, *P* < 0.001) followed by *Bos taurus* × *Bos taurus* (59.5% ± 2.8%, *P* < 0.001) and *Bos taurus* (47.2% ± 0.95%, *P* < 0.001) purebreds. The average weighted mean heterozygosity for all parents was 52.8% ± 1.6%. Similar heterozygosity levels have been observed in humans (63%, HUDSON *et al.* 1992), intraspecific crosses between inbred strains of mice (50%, DIETRICH *et al.* 1992), interspecific hybrid mice (90%, DIETRICH *et al.* 1992) and pigs (54.4% for White Composite (WC, Landrace, Large White, Chester White, Yorkshire) boars, 65.9% for WC-Duroc sows and 81.4% for WC-Chinese sows

TABLE 3

locus, primer sequences, PCR conditions, informative meioses, number and size of alleles by chromosome and syntetic group

Chromosome	Syntenic group	Locus	Type	Forward primer sequence (5' → 3')		Reverse primer sequence (5' → 3')		Annealing temperature	Informative meioses	Allele (bp)
1	10	<i>BM6438</i> <i>AGLA17*</i>	MS	TTGACCACAGACACAGACTGG		ACTGAATGCCCTCCTTGTGC		56	145	272 256 4
		Table 4	MS					73	219 213 3	
		R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens	MS					201	131 111 5	
		BREZINSKY <i>et al.</i> (1992b)	MS					215	106 90 5	
		<i>ATAACACAAAAGTGGAAACACTC</i>	MS					229	203 187 6	
		Table 4	MS					119	215 203 3	
		<i>CCATGTGCTGCAACTCTGAC</i>	MS					278	119 105 7	
		<i>GCACGTGGTAAGAGATGGC</i>	MS					209	209 191 6	
		<i>GTAGACAGTGTTCCTGACAGC</i>	MS					276	159 139 9	
		<i>TGGTAGACCAATTATGAAGGCC</i>	MS					58	338 274 214 14	
		Table 4	MS					261	226 218 5	
		<i>TATCATTTGTGA-</i>	MS					70	114 112 2	
		<i>TATTGGAAATGTTCTC</i>	MS							
		<i>GAGCAAGGTGTTTCCAAATC</i>	MS					58	317 192 180 6	
		<i>PROT</i>	MS					96	106 98 4	
		<i>MAF46†*</i>	MS	Table 4				131	105 97 3	
		<i>BM148</i>	MS	AGGCACAGTACCCACCCCTC		CTCAGCCTCAGCACCATG		56	239 212 204 5	
		<i>BM3205</i>	MS	TCTTGCTTCCCTCCAAATCTCTC		TGCCCTTATTTAACACTCTRCG		54	302 145 137 5	
		<i>BM2924</i>	MS	GATGGAGGGCTGGAGAAATG		TCTAATGGGTGGACTCCCG		56	143 176 160 7	
		<i>BR4502</i>	MS	AGCCCCACTCCAAATTCTCTTC		AGAAATCTCGGCAGGCTTTC		58	33 102 94 3	
		<i>RM038</i>	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens		TCATGGACAGAGGAGCCTG		54	201 148 124 6	
		<i>BM862</i>	MS	GAAAGAACCCCTGGAGAAGG				287	184 160 9	
		<i>INRA003*</i>	MS	Table 4		CATCCCTGGTGAAGTGTGTGG		54	279 171 105 9	
		<i>BM723</i>	MS	ACCCTTGGTTTCTGGCTGG		AAGATCAACATTATTCCCTCACAGTGG		58	121 258 240 8	
		<i>BL41</i>	MS	CCTCGGCCATCTTTTATTCTCT		GAGGTGCCCTAGATGAGGTG		58	157 197 183 5	
		<i>FCGR2^c</i>	MS	GGTCCTTCATTGGTTCTCC				176	150 140 5	
		<i>RM065</i>	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens				55	55 3	
		<i>EAL^d</i>	EA	Table 4				187	100 84 5	
		<i>UWCA7*</i>	MS	Table 4				292	120 106 8	
		<i>INRA006*</i>	MS	Table 4				237	177 171 3	
		<i>AGLA227*</i>	MS	TGAGCCATAGAAATTAAACATTCAAGC		TTTGTTCCTCTTTATTCTCTGC		56	295 223 215 5	
		<i>BR6303</i>	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens		AGTGGGGTAGGACTGG		264	150 124 8	
		<i>RM088</i>	MS	AAAATTAAACCTTTGGAAAAAGC		TTTCCCCCACTTGTGACATC		54	328 145 129 7	
		<i>BM6458</i>	MS	TGTCTGGATTGGACTTGAGC		TCAAACAGCATCTAGGGCG		58	144 188 297 243 10	
		<i>BL21</i>	MS	GAGGAAATACAGAACTCAGCCC		TCGCTCTCCCTGAGGC		56	161 179 165 6	
		<i>BM6437</i>	MS	AGGAACACCATTTGGTAGTCC				54	198 102 90 4	
		<i>BM1224</i>	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens				180	168 152 8	
		<i>RM067</i>	MS	Table 4				83	133 120 9	
		<i>MAF50†*</i>	MS	AAGTACATGCGATGGCTGC				267	149 121 11	
		<i>BM1260</i>	MS	BUCHANAN and CRAWFORD (1992)				178	168 148 10	
		<i>MAF70†</i>	MS	GCAACTAACGACCCAAACCAAC				258	328 302 10	
		<i>BP1</i>	MS	AAAATCCCTTCATAAACGTC						

TABLE 3
Continued

Syntetic group	Chromosome	Locus	Type	Forward primer sequence (5' → 3')	Reverse primer sequence (5' → 3')	Annealing temperature	Informative meioses	Allele (bp)
							Max.	Min.
10	5	BM1237	MS	TCATCTTGGGCAATAAGACAGG	ATTGTTCCAGCATCTTAGAGC	58	260	187 9
		BM6418	MS	AAGGTACCAAGAAAGATGGCTG	AACAGATTGGATTCCCCAAGG	54	32	158 142 6
		BRRIBO^l	MS	CACCGTGACCCCTCACTGC	TCAGAACCTCTCTCACCC	58	284	252 157 12
		BM6305	MS	GAGATTGGCTTATTTCACCTGG	GAGGAACTAAGCACATGAGG	60	177	149 123 8
		BM875	MS	ACCTATCTCTTTGGCTCTGG	AAAAAAACCCCAAAACAACC	58	166	111 95 5
		RM090	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens	CTCGGTGAGCTCAAAACGAG	302	144	118 9
		BM888	MS	AGGCCATATAGGAGGCAAGCTT	CTGTACGTAGTGTGGAGACTCC	58	274	183 173 6
		BR1603	MS	AACAGCTTTCGTATTATCTCTCC	ACTGAGAACAAAAGGAGAACGG	56	192	135 113 8
		BR6027	MS	CATGACTAAGCCACTAAGACCC		60	193	136 124 7
		TGLA433*	MS	Table 4		223	198	178 7
		EAT^d	EA			72		3
		BP31	MS	ACGGCACCTTTATGTTCATTC	TTCTTCACTTTAGGTCCATCC	54	229	205 199 4
		ILSTS005	MS	BREZINSKY et al. (1993a)		105	185	181 3
		OarAE64†	MS	EDE et al. (in press)		209	104	102 2
		<i>LGB^{m*}</i>	RFLP	Table 4		30		2
		HELL3	MS	KAUKNEN and VARVIO (1993)	GGCCACACCTCAGCTCAC	56	231	173 165 3
		BM6491	MS	TCTGCCCTCACCAATGTC	GCCCAGGTTAATGACAGAGC	56	274	197 177 7
		TGLA436*	MS	Table 4	GACAACTGCTTCTCGTTGG	58	170	152 146 4
		BM746	MS	CTATCTGTTTCCCAGCTTCC	187	275	175 159 6	
		BM6445	MS	GTGTCTGTCAAAGATGAATGG		187	123	111 6
		TGLA327*	MS	Table 4		314	116	90 8
		RM096	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens	GCCACAGTACTAACCTGTAAACCC	56	298	127 107 8
		BM304	MS	CTGGTGTTCCTTCCATATCAAACC	CAATGGCTAACAGGGTCCAGTG	56	138	120 104 6
		BM2818	MS	TTCTGTGGTTGAAGAGTGTCTC	GCTCATCATCAAAGGGAAATTCAG	50	79	320 298 4
		BP38	MS	CCAATATGATGTGGTTCAAGGTTTG	TTAAATTTCATCTCACCTCTGG	56	172	155 114 8
		BM716	MS	AGTACTTGGCTTGGCTTGGCTC	GTGGACTCTGGTGAAGTGACC	58	131	214 208 3
		BM827	MS	GGGCTGGTGTGATGTGTGAG	322	183	157 12	
		AGLA232*	MS	Table 4	GCATTTTTGTGTTAATTTCATGC	58	247	238 232 4
		BL42	MS	CAAGGTCAAGTCCAAATGCC	GAAATTTCAGTTAGGGTTCCCC	56	318	240 210 14
		BM720	MS	ACATCTCATTCCTGTGTCATGG	CCTGAGTGTCTCCTCTGAGT	58	183	302 272 12
		BMC1222*	MS	CCAATTTTGGCAGATAAGAAACA	197	116	92 9	
		TGLA23*	MS	Table 4	TGCAATGGCAGTGAAAAAG	54	310	192 172 7
		BM6425	MS	AGTGTGAAACCTGGTCTCTGT	21		12	
		<i>CA2^{n*}</i>	PROT	Table 4	CTGTTAGTTCTGCCAAAATCCC	56	299	103 81 8
		BM2934	MS	CCAAAGACATGAAAAGCAATCTG	CTCTAGGTACATCCATGTGGCA	58	250	168 148 8
		BM4305	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens	TCAGGAACATTCACTACATCACCC	58	75	103 97 3
		RM066	MS	GGCCAAAGTTCCCTCATGC	GTTCCTCCATTGAACCAACTICA	56	256	161 141 10
		BM4513	MS	GAATTCCCCCATCACTCTCAGC		176	154	140 7
		BM302	MS	KEMP et al. (1993)		244	181	179 2
		ILSTS008	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens		66	119	95 6
		RM011	MS	TGGTTGGCTGGAGATTAGG		195	165	151 7
		BM4630	MS	BREZINSKY et al. (1993c)		59	271	261 5
		ILSTS011	MS					

15	19	<i>BM848</i>	MS	TGTTTGGAAAGGAAAACCTGG	CCTCTGCTCCTCAAGAACAC	58	244	227	215	5
		<i>BM4439</i>	MS	TGTCAAATTATGAAACAAAGGAACC	GAATTCCACCGTCACAGAGTCG	58	15	140	136	2
		<i>TGLA75*</i>	MS			258	157	143	6	
		<i>EAA^d*</i>	EA			132				8
		<i>HBB^e*</i>	MS	GCAGCAATCACTACAAAAAGGG	GCAACTGGAAAAATTCAATT	60	241	190	172	8
		<i>PTH^f*</i>	SSCP	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)		34				2
		<i>HEL1</i>	MS	KAUKINEN and VARVIO (1993)		205	114	100	5	
		<i>MAF65[†]</i>	MS	BUCHANAN <i>et al.</i> (1992)		56	109	105	2	
		<i>ADCY2^g</i>	MS	AAAGTGACACAACAGCTTCTCC	ACAAGTGAATGCCGTAACAAAGG	58	223	205	185	6
		<i>BR3510</i>	MS	GCTGGTGGGGTTGTTACAC	ACCCCCGGGACTGTAGTCTG	58	217	114	90	9
		<i>MGTC13B*</i>	MS	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)		206	141	133	5	
16	1	<i>EAR^d</i>	EA	D. VAIMAN <i>et al.</i> (unpublished data)		104				2
		<i>INRA013*</i>	MS	ACAGGACGGTTTCTCCCTTATG	CTTGCAGACTTTCCCATACAAAGG	58	264	197	177	7
		<i>BM1706</i>	MS	TTCTGCCAAATTGGCTAGAGG	CACACCCCTAGTTGTAAGGC	54	301	259	233	10
		<i>BM719</i>	MS	AAATACCATGACAGACAGAGCC	AGGTTTCAGGTACACACATAACC	56	113	155	147	5
		<i>BR6504</i>	MS	AACTGCCTCCGCCACAGACTG	CGTGGCAGGCTGAAATCACCC	58	297	145	125	8
		<i>BM1311</i>	MS	TCGAAATGAACCTTTTGGCC	CACTGACTATGTGACTTTGGGC	56	213	133	125	5
		<i>BM4025</i>	MS	TGGCATTGCTGAAAGTAA	ACTAGCACTATCTGGCAAGCA	58	241	146	128	8
		<i>BM121</i>	MS	CTGTTTGCTATAATTGTGGAGG	TGGCATTCTACAGAACCCACA	60	230	164	138	11
		<i>BM6121</i>	MS			255	161	129	11	
		<i>TGLA245*</i>	MS			136	164	105	9	
		<i>BM6430</i>	MS	CCAGGCTCTCCCTCCTGGTTC	GGGAAGGAGAAGCTTAGGGCC	52				
		<i>BM1233</i>	MS	TGGCAGGTGGATTCTTAC	ATGTCACACTGAATCACTCCGC	58	184	180	168	6
		<i>BM1862</i>	MS	AAGCAAAAGGCTGATGGC	TTGCAGATACCTGGCAAGTGG	58	306	224	191	16
		<i>TGLA170*</i>	MS			207	101	81	5	
		<i>BL50</i>	MS	GAGCATAGTCCCCTGCATAC	TAGCATTGCTACGGCATGG	58	113	216	210	4
		<i>BM8125</i>	MS	CTCTATCTGTGGAAAAGGTGG	GGGGGTTAGACCTCAACATACG	58	315	123	109	6
		<i>ETH185[¶]</i>	MS	ACACAATAAGAGTGTGCCATCC	GTGTCCTTTGACTCACTGTGC	60	226	243	222	8
		<i>BM305</i>	MS	BUCHANAN and CRAWFORD (1993a)		246	135	101	13	
		<i>OarFCB48[†]</i>	MS	HANRAHAN <i>et al.</i> (1993)		267	154	146	5	
		<i>OarVH98[†]</i>	MS	CAGGTAAAAGAGGGGCTTTG	CAGCTTCATGCCCTAGAAGG	58	202	161	133	10
		<i>BM7109</i>	MS	KEMP <i>et al.</i> (1992)		321	168	156	6	
		<i>ILSTS002[¶]</i>	MS			260	137	123	6	
		<i>UWCA5*</i>	MS			43	125	123	2	
		<i>EAC^d</i>	EA			173	141	92	12	
		<i>BM2078</i>	MS	CCCAAAAGAACCCAGGAAG	TCAGAGTTGGGTCCTCAG	58	347	244	218	5
		<i>BMC1013</i>	MS	AAAAAATGATGCCAACCAAATT	TAGTTAGTGTTCCT-	54	237			
					TATTTCTCTCGC					
		<i>ETH3[*]</i>	MS			296	125	105	8	
		<i>GFAP^r</i>	SSCP			34				
		<i>GH^r*</i>	SSCP			41				
		<i>PTF2^t</i>	PROT			158				
		<i>MAP2C^u</i>	MS			209	98	90	5	
		<i>EAT^d</i>	EA			74				
		<i>RM099</i>	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens		240	125	119	3	
		<i>KRT10^v*</i>	MS	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)		162	183	173	6	
		<i>OarFCB19[†]</i>	MS	BUCHANAN and CRAWFORD (1993b)		207	104	102	2	
		<i>ILSTS014</i>	MS	BREZINSKY <i>et al.</i> (1993c)		107	130	126	3	
		<i>BP20</i>	MS	TCTGTGGGTGAACAGCAAG	GGCTCCCTAAAGACCCACTC	56	284	233	219	8
		<i>HEL10</i>	MS	KAUKINEN and VARVIO (1993)		236	114	98	7	
		<i>BM6000</i>	MS	ACAGCAATGCCATTCGGACC	TGCCATTGGATGTGTGC	58	187	118	106	4
20	20b	<i>BM5004</i>	MS	TCTGGAGTGAATGTTCTGAGG	TTGTGATGAGCACCTGAAGG	58	252	154	120	10

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BREZINSKY *et al.* (1993c)

OARFCB19[†]

TCTGTGGGTGAACAGCAAG

GGCTCCCTAAAGACCCACTC

TGCCATTGGATGTGTGC

TTGTGATGAGCACCTGAAGG

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Syntetic group	Chromosome	Locus	Type	Forward primer sequence (5' → 3')		Reverse primer sequence (5' → 3')		Annealing temperature	Informative meioses	Allele (bp)
				Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.			
AGLA29*	MS	Table 4		CCCCACAAAGCTTACACCG		325		164	144	9
ANPRC ^w	MS	GCCATCCCTTCCTTAATC		58	60	209	196	5		
BM4107	MS	AGCCCCCTGCTATTGTGTGAG		58	214	191	157	8		
BM713	MS	TGCCCTACCTCTTAGGAGCTCCA		58	266	112	100	6		
TGLA304*	MS	TTCTCTAACAGAGCTGTCAC		56	308	100	86	7		
BM1225	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens		ACCCTATCACCATGCTCTG		117	253	227	10	
RM106	MS	KAUKINEN and VARVIO (1993)		214	136	122	122	6		
HELI2	MS	GTGTGCTTGCCATCTGGACTG		58	326	167	147	7		
BM3517	MS	KAUKINEN and VARVIO (1993)		58	300	124	104	8		
HEL5	MS	TCCCTGGTAACCAATGAATT		58	281	165	149	7		
BM3413	MS	Table 4		58	184	192	170	9		
AGLA233*	MS	CTAGCTGCTGGCTACTTGG		56	67	250	246	3		
BM103	MS	AGGCCTCTGAATTCCCTCTCC		50	156	160	148	7		
BP33	EA	EAS ^d		50	191	271	253	7		
ETH131*	MS	Table 4		66	344	173	141	18		
UWCA4*	MS	Table 4		195	93	75	75	6		
BMC5221**	MS	ACCAAGCAGAACACGGCATTC		58	153	171	169	2		
BM846	MS	GACCACTGGACCACAGG		58	260	268	240	8		
TGLA122*	MS	Table 4		58	315	173	137	8		
BM1905	MS	GTCCATGGGTTCACAAGAG		58	193	199	170	11		
BM1443	MS	AATAAAAGACACATGGTCAACGG		58	237	163	137	7		
BP34	MS	ATTTGAAAAGGCCTGTGAGG		50	54	320	310	4		
BM1818	MS	AGCTGGAAATAAACCAAAGG		58	321	272	258	8		
PRL**	MS	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)		60	162	162	156	3		
CYP23 ^y *	MS	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)		165	224	188	188	13		
EAM ^d *	EA	Table 4		21	21	3				
BOLA-DRBPI ^z *	MS	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)		194	137	121	9			
HSP70-1 ^{aa} *	SSCP	GGATTGCTCATGTTGTATGG		58	212	225	202	11		
BM1258	MS	GTATGTATTTCCTCCACACCTGC		58	243	112	100	7		
UWCA1*	MS	Table 4		236	130	102	9			
RM033	MS	R. A. McGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens		62	165	149	149	4		
BM47	MS	ACAGGAAGGAGAAAGGGGAAG		56	189	126	94	12		
MAF35†	MS	SWARRICK <i>et al.</i> (1991)		29	114	98	98	4		
AGLA269*	MS	Table 4		226	258	208	16			
TGLA351*	MS	ATTGCCTTGTCCGTATGCC		58	145	133	121	4		
BM226	MS	BREZINSKY <i>et al.</i> (1992b)		58	199	164	128	10		
ILSTS015	MS	Table 4		125	275	261	3			
TGLA414*	MS	AATTCCCATGCCACAGAGGACC		58	147	215	197	10		
BMС8012 ^z *	MS	EDE <i>et al.</i> (in press)		58	170	126	103	8		
OarHH22†	MS	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)		97	185	181	181	3		
OCAM ^{b6} *	MS	CCATCACTGCTATCTACCTCC		58	188	180	162	3		
BMС3224**	MS	CACAGCCAATTCTGATTICA		58	210					

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Chromosome	Syntenic group	Locus	Type	Forward primer sequence (5' → 3')		Reverse primer sequence (5' → 3')		Annealing temperature	Informative meioses	Allele (bp)	
				Max.	Min.	N ^a	Max.			Max.	Min.
		<i>BM860</i>	MS	ACCAAGATTGGCTGTTAGTGGTG	AAGCAAGGAAATTCCGGG	CATGCCGTGGCTTAAGACC	AAAGATTGGACACAACCTGAGC	58	251	182	164
		<i>BM1827</i>	MS	BREZINSKY <i>et al.</i> (1993c)		60	213	143	135	6	
		<i>ILSTS010</i>	MS	Table 4				222	292	282	5
		<i>TGLA28*</i>	MS	TTCTCTAGGCCTTATCAGTGGCC	TCTGGCATCTCAAGATTCG	GGAGTTGCCAAAGAGCTGGAC	GGCTGGCTCTCCCTACTC	60	42	103	77
		<i>BM6122</i>	MS	CIAMPOLINI <i>et al.</i> (1993)	TCTCTAACATGGCAAGATTCG	60	179	154	130	7	
		<i>BM6116</i>	MS		TCTCTAACATGGCAAGATTCG	56	249	144	116	9	
		<i>BM6108</i>	MS	GATTGA							
X	X	<i>TGLA36*</i>	MS	Table 4		250	107	77	8		
		<i>AGLA257</i>	MS	Table 4		227	136	102	15		
		<i>BM2713</i>	MS	TGAATACCTGTTCCAGCCC	CACAACTGACTGAGCCAGG	56	124	155	142	3	
		<i>BM4321</i>	MS	TCTATACTGACACAAGCCCAGG	AAAGTCCTTCAGGCAGAAAAG	58	272	114	110	2	
		<i>BM4604</i>	MS	TCCTCTCTGTTTCTCTCATCCC	GGAAACTAGCTTATGGTGTGG	56	281	175	163	5	
		<i>INRA30</i>	MS	GGGTITGCCAGAGACTAGACATC	TTTGACCCACITTTAACGCTC	58	139	166	156	4	
		<i>BM6017</i>	MS	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)		58	185	139	112	10	
		<i>BR215</i>	MS	GEORGES and MASSEY (1993)		58	78	150	136	6	
		<i>ETH123</i>	MS	TTGAGGCCACCTGGAAAGC	CAAGCGGTTGGTTCAAGATG	56	275	112	110	2	
		<i>BM861</i>	MS	BUCHANAN and CRAWFORD (1993b)	CCTTCTGAGAGAAAGCAACACC	56	174	144	96	10	
		<i>OarFCB1†</i>	MS	GCTGCCCTCTACCAAATACCC	ACTCAGGTGTCGCTGGAGC	58	332	168	139	10	
		<i>BM2113</i>	MS	CCCTGAAACTGTCAGTGGACC	TCATAAGGGTTGGAGGCTG	58	201	143	123	11	
		<i>BM4117</i>	MS	AGGCAAATTGGTGTTCAGC	TAGAGAGTTCCCTGTCATCC	58	138	117	105	5	
		<i>BM1223</i>	MS	CTCTGGGTACAAACACTGAGTCC	CTGCTGCCACTAGTCCTTC	58	300	171	141	12	
		<i>BM6444</i>	MS	GGCTGTGACATTTGTTCCC	ACAAGCAAAGGCCAATGAAC	58	251	157	147	5	
		<i>BM203</i>	MS	CCACTGAGCTTACCAAGGAAAG	AGTAACCTGCCCGGAAAG	56	332	233	203	11	
		<i>BM17052</i>	MS	GGCTGTGCTGTGCTGTG	CATCAGCATGAAGCAACCC	54	148	197	175	2	
		<i>BM1857</i>	MS	GGGCTCAAGTTCATCCATG	58	269	137	103	5		
		<i>BM1856</i>	MS	R. A. MCGRAW, Univ. Georgia, Athens	16	151	148	3			
		<i>RM209</i>	MS	CATGCCAAACAAATATCCAGC	265	145	115	9			
		<i>BM6526</i>	MS	TTCTCTCAAACACTGTGACACACC	56	301	172	142	8		
		<i>BM871</i>	MS	CCCCAAAGAAAGAAAGTATGTGC	58	290	147	125	9		
		<i>BM3507</i>	MS	TAGTGGGGACTCAGTCATGTC	58	346	187	159	14		

^a Anchored loci.^{**} Anchored loci from cosmid clones.^a Number of alleles.^b Transferin.^c Fragment of IgG, low affinity II; SYMONS and CLARKSON (1992).^d Erythrocyte antigens L, Z, A, C, R', M, T', S and B.^e Myogenic factor 5.^f Insulin-like growth factor I; GenBank Accession #X64400.^g Kappa-casein.^h Albumin.ⁱ Vitamin D binding protein.^j Calpastatin.^k RAS p21 protein activator (GTPase activating protein).^l Brain ribonuclease; SASSO *et al.* (1991).^m Pro-lactin.ⁿ Cytochrome P450, subfamily XXI (steroid 21-hydroxylase).^o Major histocompatibility complex, class II, DR beta, pseudogene.^{oo} Seven kilodalton heat-shock protein; GROSZ (1992).^{pb} Opioid binding and cell adhesion molecule.^{cc} Retinol-binding protein 3, interstitial.^{ad} Histamine receptor, H1 subclass; YAMASHITA *et al.* (1991).^w Atrial-natriuretic peptide C receptor; SAHEKI *et al.* (1991).^x Growth hormone.^y Post-transferrin factor 2.^z Microsatellite primer pairs derived from ovine genomic libraries.

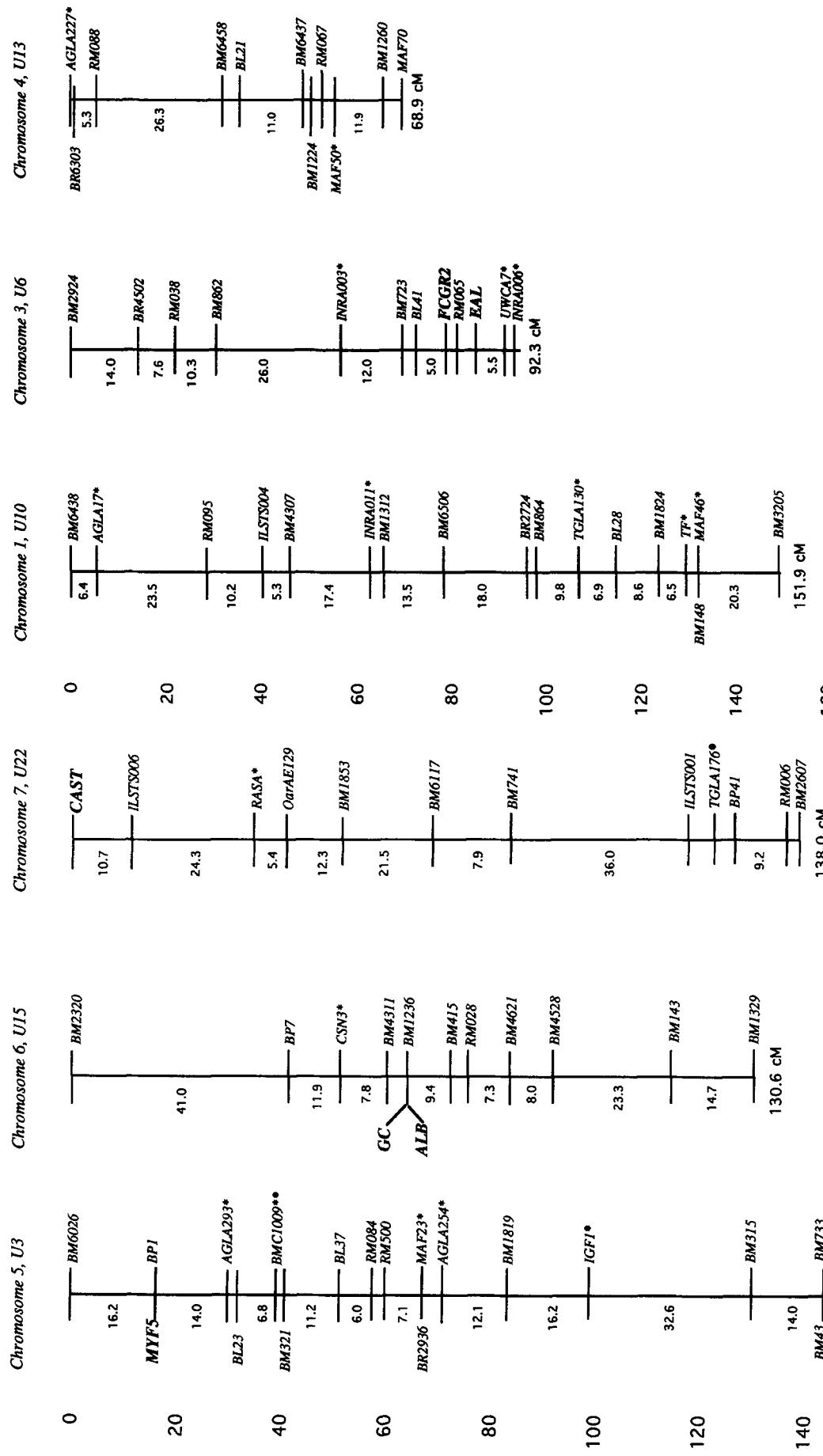


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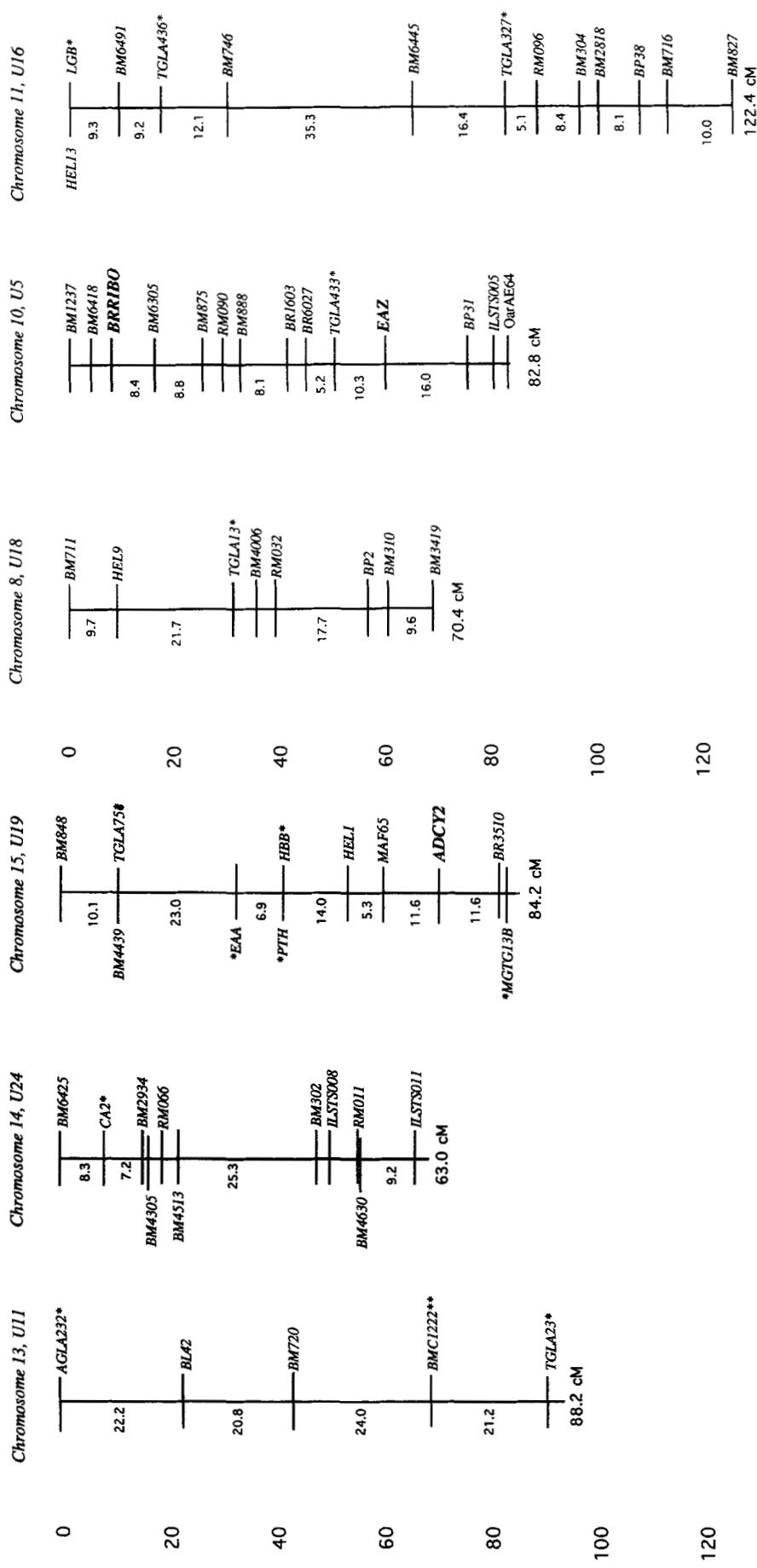


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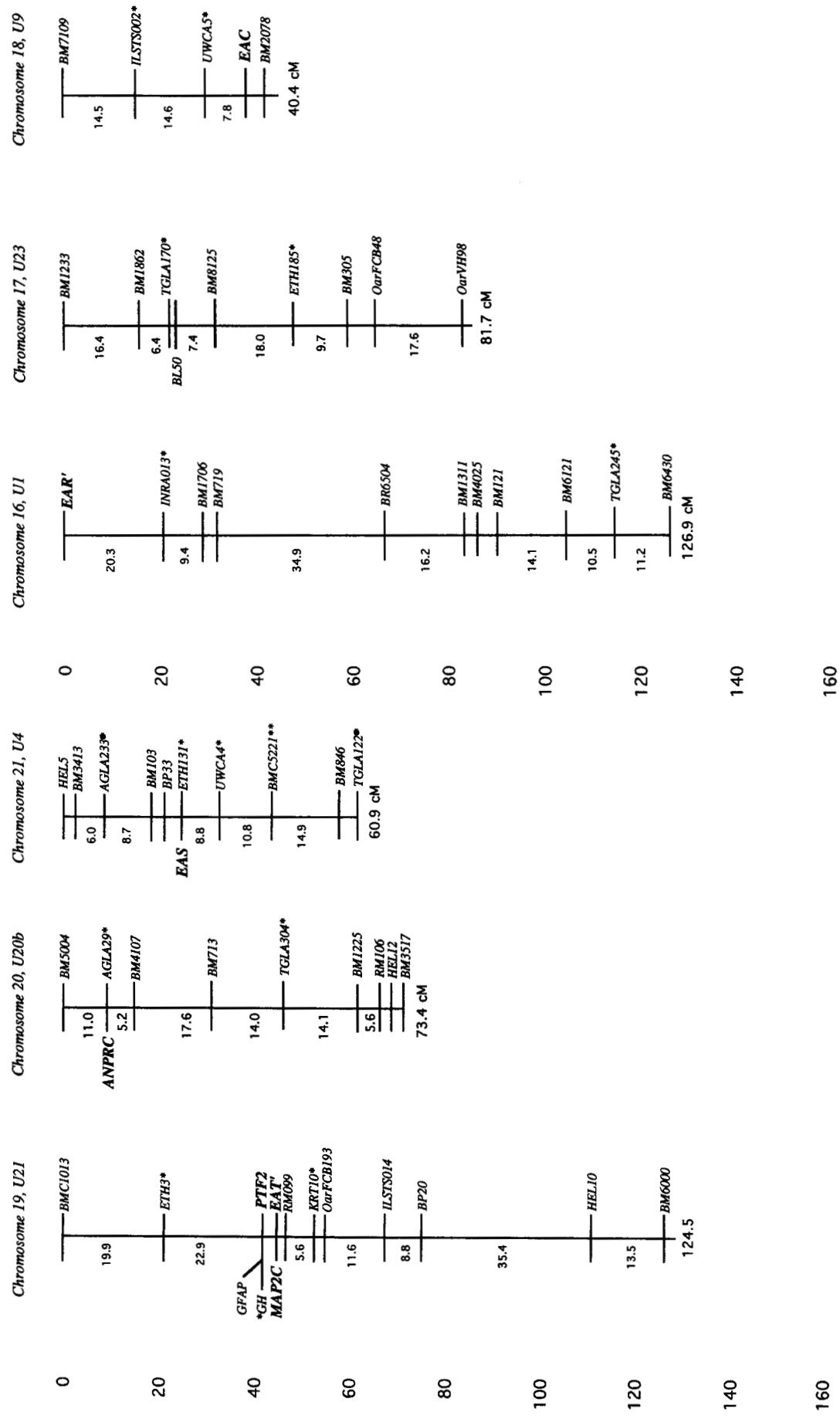


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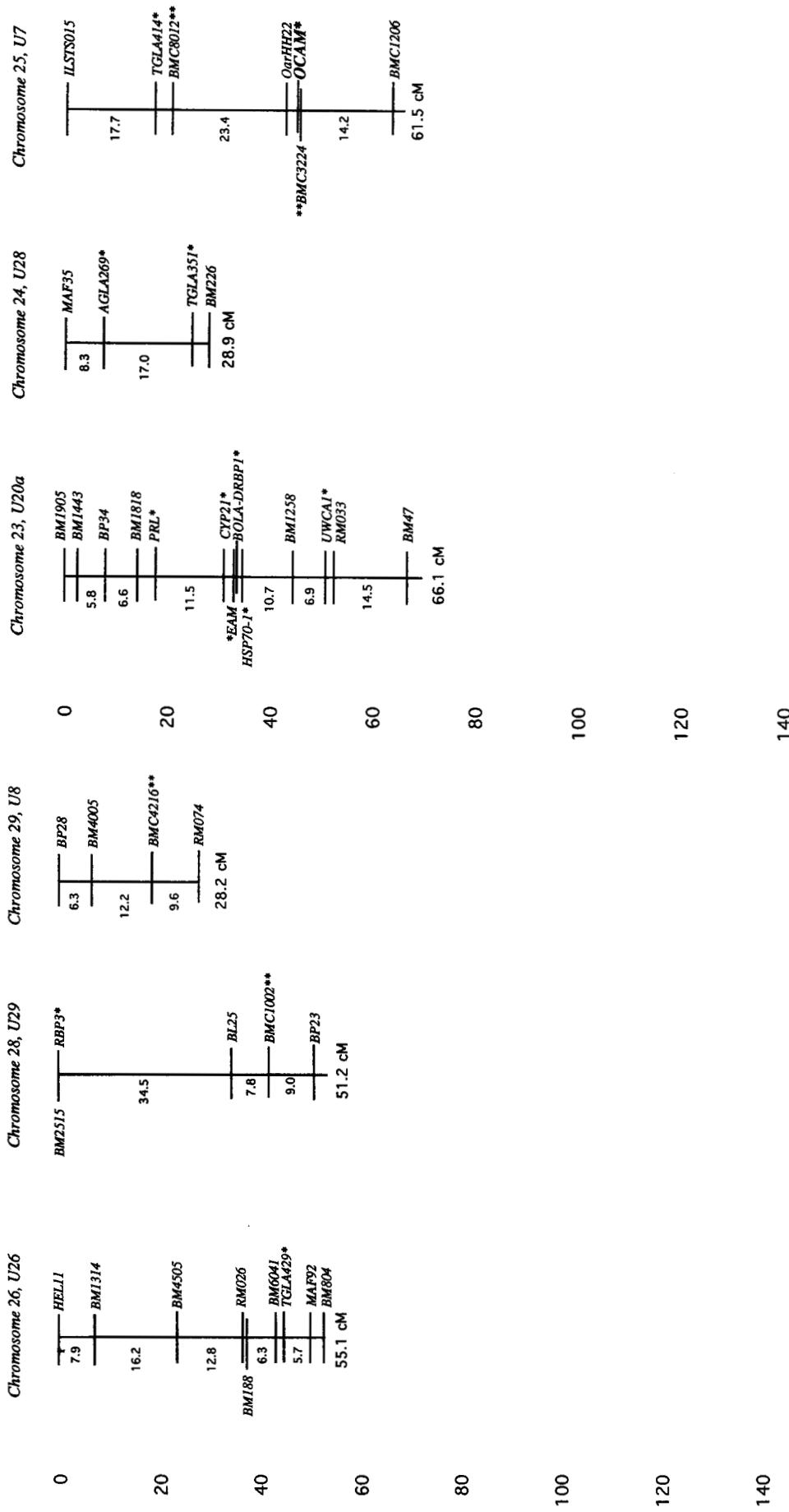


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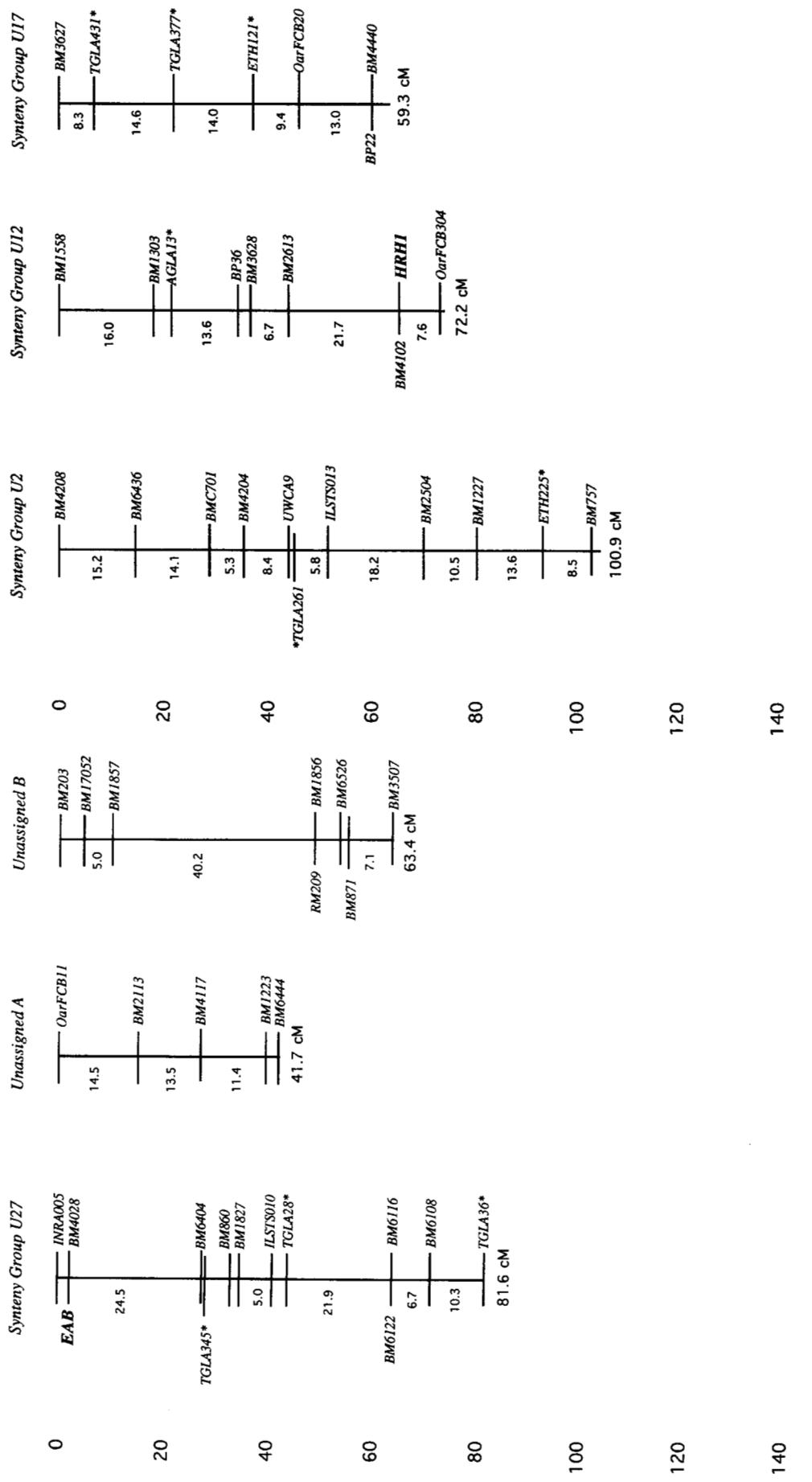


FIGURE 1.—Genetic linkage map of the bovine. Chromosomes and synteny assignments are indicated at the top of the ideogram. Centromeres and telomeres are arbitrary since no attempt was made to orient linkage groups for this publication. Markers listed with single (*) asterisks were used as previously mapped loci for anchoring linkage groups. Those markers with double (**) asterisks were anchors derived from cosmids mapped in this study. Centimorgans (cM) are based on Kosambi's map function. Estimated total coverage of each linkage group is given at the bottom of each ideogram and all intervals greater than 5 cM are indicated on the left of each diagram.

TABLE 4
References and chromosomal/synteny group assignments for anchor loci

Marker	Type	Chromosome	Synteny	Type of assignment ^a	Reference
<i>AGLA17</i>	MS	1	10	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>INRA011</i>	MS			S	VAIMAN <i>et al.</i> (1992)
<i>TGLA130</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TF</i>	Protein			L,R,S	THREADGILL <i>et al.</i> (1991)
<i>MAF46^b</i>	MS			S	SWARBRICK <i>et al.</i> (1992a)
<i>INRA003</i>	MS	3	6	S	VAIMAN <i>et al.</i> (1992)
<i>INRA006</i>	MS			S	VAIMAN <i>et al.</i> (1992)
<i>UWCA7</i>	MS			L	SUN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>AGLA227</i>	MS	4	13	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>MAF50^b</i>	MS			S	DIETZ (1992); SWARBRICK <i>et al.</i> (1992b)
<i>AGLA293</i>	MS	5	3	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>MAF23^b</i>	MS			S	DIETZ (1992); SWARBRICK <i>et al.</i> (1990)
<i>AGLA254</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>IGF-I</i>	MS			S	BISHOP <i>et al.</i> (1991)
<i>ETH152</i>	MS			P,S	STEFFEN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>CSN3</i>	MS	6	15	L,N,R,S	THREADGILL and WOMACK (1990)
<i>RASA</i>	MS	7	22	A,P,S	EGGEN <i>et al.</i> (1992)
<i>TGLA176</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA13</i>	MS	8	18	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA433</i>	MS	10	5	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>LGB</i>	RFLP	11	16	A,R,S,L	HAYES and PETIT (1993)
<i>TGLA436</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA327</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>AGLA232</i>	MS	13	11	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA23</i>	MS			L,P,S	DIETZ (1992)
<i>CA2</i>	Protein	14	24	L,R,S	THREADGILL <i>et al.</i> (1990)
<i>TGLA75</i>	MS	15	19	L,P,S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>A</i>	EA			L	LARSEN (1971)
<i>HBB</i>	MS			A,L,R,S	BARENDESE <i>et al.</i> (1991)
<i>PTH</i>	SSCP			A,L,R,S	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1988)
<i>MGTG13B</i>	MS			L,P,S	DIETZ (1992)
<i>INRA013</i>	MS	16	1	S	D. VAIMAN <i>et al.</i> (unpublished data)
<i>TGLA245</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA170</i>	MS	17	23	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>ETH185</i>	MS			P,S	STEFFEN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>ILSTS002</i>	MS	18	9	S	M. GEORGES (personal communication)
<i>UWCA5</i>	MS			L	SUN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>ETH3</i>	MS	19	21	A,S	R. FRIES (personal communication)
<i>GH</i>	SSCP		21	R,S	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>KRT10</i>	MS		21	A,R,S	FRIES <i>et al.</i> (1991)
<i>AGLA29</i>	MS	20	20b	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA304</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>AGLA233</i>	MS	21	4	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>ETH131</i>	MS			P,S	STEFFEN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>UWCA4</i>	MS			A	SUN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>TGLA122</i>	MS			L,P,S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>PRL</i>	MS	23	20a	L,R,S,T	HALLERMAN <i>et al.</i> (1988)
<i>CYP21</i>	MS			L,R,S	SKOW <i>et al.</i> (1988)
<i>M</i>	EA			L	LEVEZIEL and HINES (1984)
<i>BOLA-DRBP1</i>	MS			L,R	CREIGHTON <i>et al.</i> (1992)
<i>HSP70-1</i>	SSCP			A	GALLAGHER <i>et al.</i> (1993); GROSZ (1992)
<i>UWCA1</i>	MS			A	SUN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>AGLA269</i>	MS	24	28	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA351</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA414</i>	MS	25	7	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>OCAM</i>	MS			S	DIETZ (1992)
<i>TGLA429</i>	MS	26	26	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)

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Marker	Type	Chromosome	Synteny	Type of assignment ^a	Reference
<i>RBP3</i>	MS	28	29	R,S	THREADGILL and WOMACK (1991); GALLAGHER <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>TGLA261</i>	MS		2	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>ETH225</i>	MS			P,S	STEFFEN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>AGLA13</i>	MS		12	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA431</i>	MS		17	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA377</i>	MS			L,P,S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>ETH121</i>	MS			P,S	STEFFEN <i>et al.</i> (1993)
<i>TGLA345</i>	MS		27	S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA28</i>	MS			S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)
<i>TGLA36</i>	MS			L,P,S	GEORGES and MASSEY (1992)

^a Type of assignment was adopted from FRIES *et al.* (1993) as follows: A—*In situ* hybridization to metaphase chromosomes; L—linkage/family studies; N—neighbor analysis; P—PCR analysis; R—restriction digests; S—somatic cell hybrids; T—single sperm typing.

^b Denotes marker derived from ovine genomic libraries.

with WC-Meishan the most heterozygous breed type at 83.9%; ROHRER *et al.* 1994). Calculation of heterozygosity for inter- and intraspecific crosses allows prediction of the probability that an individual animal will be heterozygous at any randomly chosen locus. This type of information is crucial for determining the number of markers needed to expand the linkage map to a desired level of coverage and to determine the number of animals or markers needed to search for economic trait loci (ETL) particularly when heterozygosities are as low as in *Bos taurus* × *Bos taurus* crosses.

Linkage analyses and map construction: Three-hundred three markers were genotyped in up to 180 progeny (Table 1) with an average of 0.99 informative meioses/genotype/animal and were assigned to 30 autosomal linkage groups (Figure 1). Linkage groups were anchored to 24 autosomal chromosomes, and four unassigned synteny groups, U2, U12, U17 and U27. Two linkage groups containing 13 microsatellites spanning a total of 105.1 cM were unassigned. Linkage groups were anchored by three serum proteins, 11 microsatellites associated with type I loci, two erythrocyte antigens, two RFLPs and 43 microsatellites assigned by somatic cell panel or *in situ* hybridization to metaphase chromosomes (Table 4). Five anchor loci were placed on chromosomes 1, 5, 15 and 23; three on chromosomes 11 and 21; and three on synteny group U27. The remaining 18 chromosomes and three synteny groups have either one or two anchors each. We were unable to assign linkage groups to chromosomes 2, 9, 12, 22 or 27 and synteny group U14. A limited number of informative meioses precluded the formation of linkage groups on the sex chromosomes although nine markers cosegregated with the X and one marker with the Y chromosomes.

Linkage groups were initially formed based upon

two-point linkage of coinformative markers with LOD scores > 3.0. Markers with the highest two-point LOD were used to sequentially build a multiloci linkage group based on that linear order which maximized the log-likelihood. Marker interval and estimated size of each linkage group are a function of the sex-averaged rate of recombination using Kosambi mapping units (KOSAMBI 1944). For intervals greater than 25 cM, marker inclusion was determined by fixing the recombination rate of the large interval to 0.5 and comparing the resulting log-likelihood to the maximum log-likelihood. The linkage group was kept intact if the difference in log-likelihood was 3.0 or greater. In cases where a marker was linked to two previously separate linkage groups, multipoint analysis was used to determine whether one or both linkages were spurious. Orientation of marker order relative to physical chromosomal landmarks (*i.e.*, centromeres and telomeres) was arbitrary since relatively few markers (55) have been positionally assigned on chromosomes in the cattle genome (FRIES *et al.* 1993).

Two-thousand four-hundred sixty-four cM of the bovine genome were covered. Linkage groups (30) range in size from 28.2–152.5 cM (mean 74.2 cM) and contain between 4 and 21 markers (mean 10.1). Forty-four percent of the 273 total intervals were less than or equal to 5 cM, 48% were from 5 cM to 20 cM and 8% were greater than 20 cM. The average interval between linked markers was 8.9 cM. Marker interval estimates for the bovine genome are unavailable in the extant map (FRIES *et al.* 1993) for direct comparison. However, the average interval reported in pig was 5.5 cM (ROHRER *et al.* 1994) while both human (WEISSENBACH *et al.* 1992) and mouse (COPELAND *et al.* 1993) maps have estimated intervals of less than 3 cM. Only 12 (4.4%) of 273 intervals were ≥ 25 cM (max = 41 cM). Of these, only two were supported by

log-likelihood differences <6.0 (3.0 for chromosome 6 and 4.5 for chromosome 7). No linkage group contained more than one interval ≥ 25 cM.

New chromosomal, syntenic and gene assignments: Syntenic groups, U11, U7 and U8, are assigned to chromosomes 13, 25 and 29, respectively, using cosmids containing informative microsatellites (*BMC1222*, *BMC8012* and *BMC3224*, and *BMC4216*, respectively; Figure 1 and Table 3) further merging the bovine physical (FRIES *et al.* 1993) and linkage maps and increasing chromosome specific coverage to 2045 cM (83% of 2464). Integration of the two maps is important for comparative analyses to other species maps for identification of possible coding genes influencing a particular phenotype of interest. The assignment of synteny group U11 to chromosome 13 is supported by two-point linkage of the microsatellite *BMC1222* (chromosome 13q12) to *TGLA23* (LOD 5.8), assigned to U11 by DIETZ (1992) in a hybrid somatic cell panel. *BMC1222* is also linked to *BM720* (LOD 6.8) and *TGLA23* is linked to *BM720* (LOD 4.9). DIETZ (1992) also assigned *OCAM* (*opioid binding and cell adhesion molecule*) to synteny group U7. We anchor U7 to chromosome 25 by *in situ* hybridization of two cosmids, *BMC3224* (chromosome 25q24) and *BMC8012* (chromosome 25q15). The type II associated microsatellite for *OCAM* links to microsatellites derived from each of the two cosmids, *BMC3224* (LOD 16.3) and *BMC8012* (LOD 4.3). The two-point LOD between *BMC3224* and *BMC8012* was also 4.3. Cosmid *BMC4216* was anchored by *in situ* hybridization to chromosome 29q13. We indirectly assign synteny group U8 to chromosome 29 based upon the previous assignment of *protein Kinase C, beta 1* (*PRKCB1*) to cattle synteny group U8 (WOMACK *et al.* 1991) and the *in situ* mapping of *PRKCB1* to sheep chromosome 24, the homologue of cattle 29 (ISCNDA 1989, 1990), by *in situ* hybridization (ANSARI *et al.* 1993).

DISCUSSION

We have integrated 172 new microsatellite markers with 118 previously reported, three RFLPs and four SSPCs associated with type I markers, nine erythrocyte antigens and seven serum proteins into a skeletal map of the bovine genome. Twelve of the 24 linkage groups assigned to specific chromosomes contain markers for coding genes physically anchored in the map of FRIES *et al.* (1993). We have anchored nine cosmids containing microsatellites to seven chromosomes, placed linkage groups on three chromosomes, 13, 25 and 29 anchoring synteny groups U11, U7 and U8, respectively. The map represents an initial attempt to estimate genetic distances between informative markers and order loci within linkage groups. It is based on 63,607 genotypes for 303 polymorphic

genetic markers typed in 22 fullsib bovine families totaling 180 progeny. These 303 markers provide the basis for assignment of 28 linkage groups to 24 autosomal chromosomes (haploid $n = 29$) and four synteny groups covering 2,359 cM of the 2,464 cM in total detectable coverage. Only two linkage groups remain unanchored. We have also assigned linkage groups to all but one (U14) of the known synteny groups (FRIES *et al.* 1993) with the exception of synteny group U25 whose existence is speculative (J. E. WOMACK, unpublished data). Syntenic or linkage groups also remain to be assigned to chromosomes 2, 9, 12, 22 and 27. However, chromosomal homology and comparison of physical assignments between cattle and sheep (ANSARI *et al.* 1993) suggest synteny groups U17 and U12 reside on chromosomes 2 and 22, respectively.

The accuracy of interval order is of particular importance to the dissection of complex quantitative traits. An overall average of 81 coinformative meioses per marker is present in the current map. As only 70 phase known coinformative meioses are required to correctly order markers spaced 10–25 cM apart with a probability of 0.95, marker orders are well supported. However, at intervals less than 5 cM, marker order remains tentative since 100 coinformative meioses are needed for an ordering error rate of only 5% (J. W. KEELE, unpublished data). Additional markers should be rapidly placed on the bovine linkage map since the probability that a new marker will be within 20 cM of existing linked markers is approximately 0.97. However, two factors potentially limit rapid development of a saturated bovine linkage map. The overall yield of informative primer pairs is low: 35% of the total primer pairs developed from bovine M13 libraries yielded informative data for linkage analysis compared with 78% for human (WEISSENBACH *et al.* 1992) and approximately 80% for porcine (G. A. ROHRER, unpublished data). A similar yield of informative markers has been noted in sheep (A. CRAWFORD, unpublished data). Interspecific crosses such as *Bos taurus* \times *Bos indicus* are more heterozygous than intraspecific crosses or purebreds hence use of diverse crosses speeds development of the linkage map (COPELAND *et al.* 1993).

In addition to saturating the bovine genome with type II markers, we are merging the bovine cytogenetic and linkage maps by physically assigning (anchoring) cosmid and lambda genomic clones containing informative microsatellites to chromosomes. Continuous database searches will provide additional type II markers flanking, or within, type I loci. Our initial observations suggest that this parallel approach will rapidly provide sufficient anchors for each chromosome to orient each linkage group relative to the centromere and telomere and rapidly expand genomic coverage. As the bovine physical and linkage

maps are merged, new assignments of type I markers to chromosomes using a variety of approaches will improve the comparative map between the human, mouse and livestock genomes. Map resolution will also improve as templates of type II markers selected from several sources are genotyped across diverse bovine pedigrees. In summary, the number of informative markers linked in the present bovine genetic map provides an initial framework from which informative templates of markers can be selected in a concerted effort to identify ETL in any breed or breed cross.

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