

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

***FRIZZY PANICLE* drives supernumerary spikelets in bread wheat (*T. aestivum* L.)**

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Supplemental Information.

Plant materials - Seventeen bread wheat lines with the SS phenotype were used in this study. Of these lines, 13 are genetically related and present the MRS type of SS. All of these lines are fertile and produce seeds.

The MRS lines. The Rüc163-1-02 (designated Ruc163 throughout the paper) and Rüc167-1-02 (designated Ruc167 throughout the paper) lines were developed by Martinek and Bednar (2001) and were previously used for the genetic mapping of the *mrs1* gene, which determines the MRS trait (Dobrovolskaya *et al.*, 2009). Ten MRS lines, V3-79-08, V3-82-08, V3-83-08, V3-84-08, V3-85-08, V3-86-08, V3-87-08, V3-88-08, V3-89-08, and V3-90-08, carry the *mrs1* gene in different genetic backgrounds. These lines were characterized using SSR markers that are closely linked to the *mrs1* gene (Dobrovolskaya *et al.*, 2008). The near-isogenic line NIL-*mrs1* was recently developed by Prof. N. Watanabe (College of Agriculture, Ibaraki University, Ibaraki, Japan). The donor of the MRS trait, KM240, is related to the other MRS lines used in this work; the recurrent parent was the Russian spring bread wheat variety Novosibirskaya 67 (N67).

The other four lines are genetically unrelated. The lines are spontaneous or induced mutants.

The Skle128-09 line. The Skle128-09 (Skle128 throughout the paper) line is derived from the Tibetan triple-spikelet wheat (TTSW) (*Triticum aestivum* L. conv. *tripletum* nom. nud.), a landrace of common wheat collected from Tibet, China. The donor of this material was Dr. Bao-Rong Lu (Fudan University, Shanghai). The line is characterized by genetically stable supernumerary spikelet trait; most of the supernumerary spikelets are presented by triple spikelets. The trait is under the control of two recessive genes (Yang *et al.*, 2005); one of the genes, *qTS2A-1*, was genetically mapped to chromosome 2AS (Li *et al.*, 2011). The SS phenotype of this line is determined by a spontaneous mutation(s).

The MC1611 line. The MC1611 line is a mutant produced through chemical mutagenesis and provided by Dr. V.M. Melnick (Altai Research Institute of Agriculture, Siberian Branch of Russian Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Barnaul, Russia). Seeds of Russian spring variety Saratovskaya 29 (S29) were treated with nitrosomethylurea (NMU). The SS trait of this line is affected by a gene localized to chromosome 2D through monosomic analysis (Laikova *et al.*, 2005). The SS trait of MC1611 is weaker than other SS lines used in our study. Under greenhouse conditions, the additional spikelets developed only at several (1-3) nodes at the lower part of the spike (Figure S1).

The So164-02 line. The So164-02 (So164 throughout the paper) line is characterized by the SS trait of *horizontal spikelets* (HS) (syn. '*tetrastichon sessile spikelets*'), occurring when two or three spikelets are in a horizontal position at a spike rachis node. The initial SS form was obtained by Dr. Svetka Korić (Agriculture University of Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia) from the cross of a branched tetraploid with a common bread wheat line. The donor of this line (accession N 7344-85) was Prof. Slavko Borojević (University of Novi Sad, Novi Sad, Serbia).

The Rüc204-08 line. The Rüc204-08 line (Ruc204 throughout the paper) is characterized by genuine branching (GB) (syn. '*turgidum* type of branching) under field conditions in Kroměříž, Czech Republic (2008) and Novosibirsk, Russia (2009, 2010). In addition to the development of supernumerary spikelets,

lateral branches bearing spikelets are formed in the basal part of the spike. Under greenhouse conditions, this line exhibits a weaker mutant phenotype; additional spikelets only develop at a rachis node (Figure S1). This line originated from China under the name '47hh-C', but the details of its origin are unknown.

Light microscopy and SEM analysis - The developing spikes from mutant lines, MC1611, NIL-*mrs1*, and normal spiked cultivars, Saratovskaya 29 (S29), Novosibirskaya 67 (N67), Chinese Spring were dissected with a scalpel under a binocular microscope (Altami PS0745, "Altami", St. Petersburg, Russia). The analysis of inflorescence structure of MC1611, NIL-*mrs1*, S29, and N67 was performed using the Carl Zeiss Stereo Discovery V12 (Carl Zeiss Microscopy GmbH, Germany) light microscope. The images were captured using the AxioCam MRC-5 (Carl Zeiss Microscopy GmbH, Germany). Scanning electron microscope, SEM (TM-1000, Hitachi Co. Hitachi, Ltd, Japan), was used to observe the morphological features of the inflorescences of NIL-*mrs1* and N67. Dissected young spikes were examined under low vacuum conditions (30-50Pa) and an accelerating voltage of 15kV.

C-banding procedure - C-banding analysis was carried out as described earlier (Badaeva *et al.*, 1994). The slides were analysed on the Leitz Wetzlar microscope, and the selected metaphase plates were captured using CCD Leica DFC 280. Chromosomes were classified according to standard genetic nomenclature (Gill *et al.*, 1991).

Primers - All primers developed and used in this study are listed in Table S3. Information on the SSR markers used here is available at <http://www.graingenes.org>.

Mapping procedure - The mapping populations were genotyped using SSR markers. PCR reactions were performed as described in Nicot *et al.*, 2004. The amplification products were detected using an ABI PRISM 3100 Genetic Analyzer (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, Calif.). The ABI GeneScan, version 2.1, and Genotyper, version 2.0, software programs (Applied Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA) were used to determine the size of the fragments based on an internal lane standard. Genetic maps were constructed using MAP-MAKER/EXP v3.0b software (Lander *et al.*, 1987) with the Kosambi (Kosambi *et al.*, 1943) mapping function and a LOD threshold of 3.00. The QTL mapping of the trait was performed using MapQTL @ 5 software (Ooijen 2004).

COS-SSCP analysis - The COS-SSCP analysis was performed as described in Quraishi *et al.*, (2009) and Pont *et al.*, (2013).

BAC clone screening, sequencing and annotation - A BAC library from *T. aestivum* cv. Chinese Spring, "Tae-B-Chinese spring", developed at the INRA – CNRGV (<http://cnrgv.toulouse.inra.fr/>) was used in this study. The library has a 9.0x genome coverage and consists of 1147776 clones organized in 2988 384-well plates. The screening was performed as previously described (Dibari *et al.*, 2012). BAC sequencing was performed on the GS Junior (Roche) using the 454 sequencing technology according to the procedure described by the manufacturer at the genotyping platform GENTYANE (UMR-1095 GDEC, Clermont-Ferrand). Genes and repeated elements (TEs) were identified by computing and integrating the results based on BLAST algorithms (Altschul *et al.*, 1990), predictor programs and the software described below. The gene structure and putative functions were identified by combining the results of BLASTN and BLASTX alignments against dbEST (NCBI; <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>) and

SwissProt databases (Expasy; <http://expasy.org/sprot/>) with the results of the predictor program, FgeneSH (Salamov and Solovyev, 2000), with default parameters. Known genes were named based on the BLASTX results of proteins with known functions (SwissProt). The characterization of the protein functional domain was performed using InterPro (Hunter *et al.*, 2009) and SMART database (Schultz *et al.*, 1998; Letunic *et al.*, 2009), while protein motifs were analyzed using ScanProsite (De Castro *et al.*, 2006). ChloroP1.1 and ProtComp 9.0 were used to identify signal peptides and to predict protein subcellular localization, respectively. Transposable elements (TEs) were detected by a comparison with two databases of repetitive elements: TREP (Graingenes: A database for Triticeae and Avena; <http://wheat.pw.usda.gov/ITMI/Repeats/>) and Repbase (Jurka 2000). The boundaries of TEs were identified with the REPET package (Flutre *et al.*, 2011). The insertion profile of the TEs was identified using a modified version of `svg_ltr.pl` script (Kronmiller and Wise 2008).

Resequencing - Sequences of the three *WFZP* orthologous genes (~3000 bp each, including the coding part of the genes, promoter regions and 3'-regions) of seven SS mutant lines and four normal spiked bread wheat cultivars were obtained by direct Sanger sequencing of PCR products using the BigDye Terminator v3.1 cycle sequencing kit (Applied Biosystems), following the manufacturer's instructions. Fluorescently terminated extension products were separated using a capillary ABI-3730 Bioanalyzer (Applied Biosystems).

RT-PCR - Total RNA was extracted from the developing spikes, leaves and roots of cv. Chinese Spring (Cs). The developing spikes were dissected with a scalpel under a binocular microscope (Altami PS0745, "Altami", St. Petersburg, Russia). Five to eight isolated young spikes per sample were pooled. Total RNA was also isolated from the vegetative organs, young leaves and roots of Cs at the floret differentiation stage of spike development. RNA extractions were performed on three independent biological replicates according to the ZR Plant RNA MiniPrep™ (Zymoresearch) protocol; DNase set (Qiagen) was used for RNA purification. If it was necessary, the residual DNA in the RNA samples was removed using DNase set (Qiagen) and RNeasy Minelute Cleanup (Qiagen) kits. cDNA synthesis was performed with a Transcriptor first strand cDNA synthesis kit (Roche) following the procedure described by the manufacturer with 0.5 µg of RNA in 20 µl of reaction. The thermal cycling conditions were 10' at 25°C/ 30' at 55°C/ 5' at 85°C. The reverse transcription reaction was diluted to a final volume of 200 µl, and 4 µl of synthesized cDNA was used as a template for real-time PCR using the LightCycler® 480 (Roche Diagnostics). The reactions were performed in 10 µl containing 1 x LightCycler® 480 DNA SYBR Green I Master (Roche Diagnostics). Three homoeologous gene-specific primer pairs used in quantitative Real-Time PCR analysis are listed in Table S3. All samples were prepared in three technical replicates, and a negative control using water as a template was included. The quantification cycles (Cq) were analyzed using the LightCycler®480 software version 1.5.0 and normalized with a reference gene Ta.304.3 (primers CCTCTGAGAGCCTCCACGTC; TGGTAAGCAGGACACCCAAAC) using an 'Advanced Relative Quantification' module to obtain a normalized ratio E_t^{-CqR}/E_r^{-CqR} (with CqT/CqR : cycle number at target/reference detection threshold (crossing point) and E_t/E_r : efficiency of target/reference amplification ($10^{-1}/\text{slope}$)). The specificity of the amplification was confirmed via

melting curve analysis of the final PCR products by increasing the temperature from 65°C to 95°C. The PCR efficiency was calculated for each gene using a standard curve of serial dilutions and was used in the relative expression analysis. All observations were expressed as means \pm S_D.

***Brachypodium* mutant identification and sequencing.** The *Brachypodium* mutant library available at <http://www-ijpb.versailles.inra.fr/en/plateformes/crb/index.html> was PCR screened with *FZP* primers. PCR products were sequenced and mutants phenotyped for spike architecture. 500 families (3000 plants with 6 plants per family) were grown in greenhouse and mature plants were screened for phenotypes in spikes development. Two independent families (Bd8202 and Bd8972) were identified with a clear supernumerary spikelet phenotype. In order to verify the co-segregation of the mutated alleles and phenotypes, 12 M2 seeds from each family were grown and genotyped. All plants with the homozygous mutation allele showed the supernumerary spikelet phenotype as well as their own progenies (2 generation were tested).

qSS mapping - To evaluate the genetic contributions of the 2DS deletions in Ruc204 and Skle128 to their SS traits, interval mapping was performed on F₂ mapping populations from the Ruc204xS29 (149 F₂s) and Skle128 x S29 (134 F₂s) crosses. The F₁ progenies of both crosses had spikes of the conventional type, and the F₂s segregated into several phenotypic classes.

The Skle128xS29 cross. In addition to the Skle128 and S29 parental phenotypic classes, two intermediate SS classes were identified (Figure S6a). The ratio of SS segregants of the Skle128 type (10 plants) to the other F₂ plants (124 plants) conformed to the 1:15 segregation ratio ($\chi^2=0.34$, $0.75 < P < 0.5$), suggesting that the SS trait of Skle128 is under the control of two recessive genes. One of the genes was recently mapped as a QTL on 2AS (Li et al., 2011), and here, we demonstrated that the region of 2DS carrying a terminal deletion (Figure S4) explained 49.6% of the phenotypic variance (LOD = 12.4) (Figure S7).

The Ruc204 x S29 cross. F₂s from the Ruc204xS29 cross showed several phenotypic classes (Figure S6b.). In this cross, the segregation ratio of the parental (Ruc204) type segregants (21) to the other F₂s (128) deviated from both the 1:15 ($\chi^2=15.6$) and 1:3 ($\chi^2=9.5$) ratios. The interval mapping for the SS trait detected two QTLs on chromosomes 2DS and 2AS, which explained 47.4% (LOD = 13.25) and 16% (LOD = 3.8) of the phenotypic variance, respectively, suggesting that the main contribution was from the 2D QTL (Figure S7). The 2D QTL was localized to the region of the interstitial deletion (Figures S4 and S7). Thus, both of the 2DS deletions contribute to the SS phenotype of the Ruc204 and Skle128 lines.

The MC1611 x Skala cross. The F₁ plants had spikes of the conventional type. The F₂ progeny showed either SS or the conventional spike type. The segregation ratio was close to 3 normal spiked to 1 SS ($\chi^2=8.6$; $0.01 < P < 0.001$) (Table S1), suggesting that, in addition to the major gene, a minor gene(s) affects the mutant phenotype. Using monosomic analysis, a gene responsible for the SS phenotype of MC1611 was previously assigned to 2D (Laikova et al., 2005), and here we defined the position of the QTL for SS on the 2DS map (Supplemental Figure 5) using interval mapping.

COS mapping - COS-SSCP analysis. A set of 62 COS -SSCP markers developed for the short arm of the 2-group chromosomes (Quraishi et al., 2009) were tested for polymorphisms between the parents of the Ruc163 x So149 and Ruc167 x So149 mapping populations. Polymorphic markers were detected and

applied for genotyping of the F₂S of both populations; seven markers for the Ruc167 x So149 population and four markers for the Ruc163 x So149 population were chosen. One marker, BG263521-5p, was mapped on the 2D maps of the two mapping populations (Figure 2A). This marker was located proximally to *mrs1*, and to obtain a COS marker distally flanking this gene, we performed *in silico* mapping of the sequenced RFLPs from the 2DS consensus map (Figure 2A). The map was constructed based on the 2DS consensus map from (Dobrovolskaya et al., 2009) and includes the *mrs1* gene and the BG263521-5p (COS1) marker (Figure 2A).

The WFZP expression pattern - Total RNA was extracted from young spikes of Chinese Spring plants grown under greenhouse conditions. The spikes were at the following developmental stages:

- 1) *Spikelet differentiation stage*. At this stage, the spikelets are differentiated, and glume primordia are initiated at the base of each spikelet;
- 2) *Early floret differentiation stage 1*. Floret primordia are initiated in each spikelet; lemma primordia start to be visible;
- 3) *Early floret differentiation stage 2*. Florets are forming on opposite sides of the spikelet axis, rachilla; floret meristem starts to produce floral organs;
- 4) *Late floret differentiation stage*. Floral organs are differentiated in each floret; inflorescence meristem initiates the terminal spikelet.

Quantitative RT-PCR. To understand the expression pattern of *WFZP*, we performed quantitative RT-PCR analysis of *WFZP* transcription in different organs, young spikes at various stages of development and young leaves and roots of bread wheat cv. Chinese Spring (Cs), using A, B, and D homoeoallele-specific primers (sequences of the primers are given in Table S3). The *WFZP* gene showed organ-specific and stage-specific expression patterns. *WFZP* transcripts were detected in young spikes with the highest level of expression at the early floret developmental stage (Figures 4D). Moreover, the results of the quantitative RT-PCR showed a consistently higher relative expression of *WFZP-D* compared to that of *WFZP-A* and *WFZP-B*: up to a twenty-fold increase was detected for *WFZP-D/WFZP-B* and three to four-fold increases were detected for *WFZP-D/WFZP-A*. The *WFZP-B* relative expression was very low at any stage of development; this low expression might be a consequence of an ME insertions into the proximal promoter of the *WFZP-B* gene.

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Table S1: Segregation data for the numbers of normal-spiked (NS) and supernumerary spikelet (SS) plants in the F₂ and BC₁ progenies.

	Parents of crosses (allelic composition)	Type of cross	F1	F2/BC1					
				Total	Observed segregation		Segregation ratio NS to SS	χ^2	P
					NS	SS			
1	Ruc167* (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>) x So149 (<i>wfzp -A.1 WFZP-D</i>) [1]	F2**	NS	106	80	26	3 to 1	0,013	0.90-0.95
2	Ruc163* (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>) x So149* (<i>wfzp-A.1 WFZP-D</i>) [1]	F2**	NS	100	78	22	3 to 1	0,48	0.25-0.50
3	NIL-mrs1* (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>) x Skle128 (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>)	F2***	SS	140	-	140	-	-	-
4	NIL-mrs1* (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>) x Ruc204 (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>)	F2***	SS	140	-	140	-	-	-
5	NIL-mrs1* (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>) x MC1611 (<i>WFZP-A wfzp -D.2</i>)	F2***	SS	142	26	116	1 to 3	4,2	0.05-0.025
6	MC1611 (<i>WFZP-A wfzp -D.2</i>) x S29 (<i>WFZP-A WFZP-D</i>)	F2	NS	158	121	37	3 to 1	0,21	0.50-0.75
7	MC1611 (<i>WFZP-A wfzp -D.2</i>) x S29 (<i>WFZP-A WFZP-D</i>)	BC1 (MC1611/S29// MC1611)	NS	155	77	78	1 to 1	0,013	0.90-0.95
8	MC1611 (<i>WFZP-A wfzp -D.2</i>) x S29 (<i>WFZP-A WFZP-D</i>)	BC1 (MC1611/S29// S29)	NS	140	140	-	-	-	-
9	MC1611 (<i>WFZP-A wfzp -D.2</i>) x Skala (<i>WFZP-A WFZP-D</i>)	F2**	NS	135	116	19	3 to 1 15 to 1	8,6 14,2	0.001-0.01
10	Skle128 (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>) x S29 (<i>WFZP-A WFZP-D</i>)	F2**	NS	134	124'	10	15 to 1	0,34	0.50-0.75
11	Ruc204 (<i>wfzp -A.1 wfzp -D.1</i>) x S29 (<i>WFZP-A WFZP-D</i>)	F2**	NS	149	128'	21	3 to 1 15 to 1	9,5 15,6	

** used as a mapping population

*** used for complementation test

' this class of segregants consist of all the F2s that do not have the SS parental phenotype

in red are mutant alleles

in green are wild alleles

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Table S2: List of orthologous genes (rice, sorghum, maize, *Brachypodium*) at the *Mrs1* locus.

Markers name	COS	Rice7	Brachyl	Sorghum2	Maize2	Maize7	Rice function
CDO405	BE499478	LOC_Os07g45064	Bradi1g19650.1chr01	Sb02g041160			ATM-like protein, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g45080		Sb02g041170	ZmEvi110931-2		expressed protein
		LOC_Os07g45090		Sb02g041180	ZmEvi110933-2	ZmEvi068263-7	NADH-ubiquinone oxidoreductase 51 kDa subunit, mitochondrial precurs.
		LOC_Os07g45260		Sb02g041310			transferase, transferring glycosyl groups, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g45280	Bradi1g19570.1chr01	Sb02g041320			protein Mo25, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g45290		Sb02g041330			cytochrome P450 72A1, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g45320	Bradi1g19530.1chr01	Sb02g041360		ZmEvi039280-7	COX VIIa-like protein, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g45350	Bradi1g19510.1chr01	Sb02g041380		ZmEvi039308-7	ZCF61, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g45360	Bradi1g19500.1chr01	Sb02g041390		ZmEvi093709-7	ATP-dependent RNA helicase DDX52, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g46160	Bradi1g19390.1chr01	Sb02g041470		ZmEvi093725-7	speckle-type POZ protein, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g46170	Bradi1g19380.1chr01	Sb02g041460	ZmEvi120564-2		transmembrane protein 115, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g46180	Bradi1g19370.1chr01	pseudomolecule brac version0 15495039-15483590	BestGuessCds		PWWP domain containing protein, expressed
		LOC_Os07g46220	Bradi1g19340.1chr01	Sb02g041420	ZmEvi024687-2	ZmEvi093711-7	expressed protein
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		LOC_Os07g47284		Sb02g042330			DNA polymerase zeta catalytic subunit, putative
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		LOC_Os07g47530	Bradi1g18160.1chr01	Sb02g042560			ATP binding protein, putative, expressed
		LOC_Os07g47570	Bradi1g18130.1chr01	Sb02g042590			expressed protein
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		LOC_Os07g47590	Bradi1g18090.1chr01	Sb02g042630			expressed protein
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		LOC_Os07g47760		Sb02g042740			phyloplanin precursor, putative, expressed

Table S3: Primer sequences derived from *FZP-A-B-D* gene copies. Primer name (first column), primer sequence (second column) and location (third column).

Primer Name	Sequence 5' – 3'	location
BAC library screening		
FZP_F1	CACTGGCTCGGCACCTTC	CDS
FZP_R1	CTCAGGTACCCGGAGTTGTTCG	
FZP_F1	CACTGGCTCGGCACCTTC	CDS
FZP_R2	AGGTCGTCCACGTCCTCCC	
Amplicon sequencing		
WFZP-A		
WFZP_2A_F1	CATGGGCAAATCGGTTAATG	5' region
WFZP_2A_R1	TGGATGAGATGGCGAGGTAG	
WFZP_F2	TCTTGTCAGTGGCAGGCATC	5' region
WFZP_2A_R2	TGGCAGAAGTGAAGTGAGGT	
WFZP_F3	GCTCACAGTCTCAGCAACCA	5'-UTR -CDS
WFZP_2A_R3	CACTGGGCACCGGCATGGAA	
WFZP_2AD_F4	CAGCCAACCTCACTTCACT	CDS
WFZP_2A_R4	GCTAGGGCACCGAAACAAC	
WFZP_F5	ACGACATGGTCGCCTCGT	CDS-3' region
WFZP_2A_R5	GGATCGGGGTGGATAGATTG	
WFZP_2AD_F5	CTCAGAGCCTCAGACCCATT	3' region
WFZP_2A_R5	GGATCGGGGTGGATAGATTG	
WFZP-B		
WFZP_2B_F1	TGGGCTCTGCCTTCACAATCAG	5' region
WFZP_2B_R1	GATGAGATGGCGACCTTGG	
WFZP_2B_F2	GGCACACAAATCCAAACACA	5' region -CDS
WFZP_2B_R2	GCCGTGATCCGCGGCATTGA	
WFZP_2B_F3	ACAGTGCTCTCAGCCTCTCA	5'-UTR -CDS
WFZP_2B_R3	CGGTGCATTTGCTTCAAGTGT	
WFZP_F3	GCTCACAGTCTCAGCAACCA	5'-UTR -CDS
WFZP_2B_R2	GCCGTGATCCGCGGCATTGA	
WFZP_2B_F4	GAGTGCTCCATGCCGGTGCT	CDS-3' region
WFZP_2B_R4	GCCACTTTAATTCCGCAGGACT	
WFZP_F5	ACGACATGGTCGCCTCGT	3' region
WFZP_2B_R5	GCATTGCTTAATTGGGTGAT	
WFZP_2B_F5	GAAGATCGTGAAGAAGAGTGG	3' region
WFZP_2B_R5	GCATTGCTTAATTGGGTGAT	
WFZP-D		
WFZP_2D_F1	TGTGCGCGCCGAAAATCTT	5' region
WFZP_2D_R1	GGATTTGTGTGCCCTAACCTA	
WFZP_F6	TCTTGGCAGGGGCTTCAAT	5' region
WFZP_2D_R2	GCCCTGCTGGTGGTAGCCGA	
WFZP_2D_F2	CTCCTCATCTCTTTGGTCCT	5'-CDS
WFZP_2D_R2	GCCCTGCTGGTGGTAGCCGA	
WFZP_2D_F3	TCAGTTCTGCCATGAGCATC	5'UTR-CDS
WFZP_2D_R2	GCCCTGCTGGTGGTAGCCGA	

WFZP_2D_F2	CTCCTCATCTCTTTGGTCCT	CDS-3' UTR
WFZP_2D_R3	GCCACTCTTCTTCTTCGTCG	
WFZP_F5	ACGACATGGTCGCCTCGT	3' region
WFZP_2D_R4	ACGAAGTCACTACAAGCACA	
Quantitative RT- PCR		
WFZP-A		
WFZP_F3	GCTCACAGTCTCAGCAACCA	5'-UTR-CDS
WFZP_2A_R2	TGGCAGAAGTGAAGTGAGGT	
WFZP-B		
WFZP_F5	ACGACATGGTCGCCTCGT	CDS-3'UTR
WFZP_2B_R3	CGGTGCATTTGCTTCAGTGT	
WFZP-D		
WFZP_F5	ACGACATGGTCGCCTCGT	CDS-3'UTR
WFZP_2D_R5	CTGGCTGGTGCATTTGTTG	
Detection of the <i>wfzp-D.1</i> allele		
WFZP_2D_F3	TCAGTTCTGCCATGAGCATC	CDS
wfzp-D.1_R*	TGGTCGGGTCGCGTATCTC	
Detection of the <i>wfzp-A.1</i> allele**		
WFZP-F7	ATGGCCTTCTCGGAGCATTTC	CDS
WFZP-R3	TGGTCGGGTCGCGTATCTT	

* - *wfzp-D.1* allele specific primer;

** - *wfzp-A.1* allele is discriminated using 2% high-resolution MetaPhor agarose.

Table S4: *WFZP-A* alleles characterized in bread wheat cultivars. Cultivar name (first column), origin (second column) and allele (third column).

Cultivar name	Country of origin	<i>WFZP-A</i> allele
AURORE	AUS	w
BALKAN	YUG	w
SHORTANDINKA	KAZ	w
CHYAMTANG	NPL	w
COPPADRA	TUR	w
COTIPORA	BRA	<i>WFZP-A.1</i>
CTIPORA	BRA	w
FRUMENTO CUPO	ITA	w
GLENLEA-CAN	CAN	w
GODOLLOI 15	HUN	w
MISKAAGANI	LIB	w
MOCHO DE ESPIGA BIANCA	PRT	w
NP120	IND	w
NYU BAY	JPN	<i>WFZP-A.1</i>
OPAL	DEU	w
PITIC 62	MEX	w
SEU SEUN 27	KOR	w
HOPEA	FIN	w
XERES	ESP	w
ZANDA	BEL	w
ORNICAR	FRA	w
APACHE	FRA	w
CHINESE SPRING	CHN	w
RENAN	FRA	w
SO149	CZE	<i>WFZP-A.1</i>
SARATOVSKAYA 29	RUS	w
NOVOSIBIRSKAYA 67	RUS	w
SKALA	RUS	w
BIYSKAYA OZIMAYA	RUS	w
OMSKAYA23	RUS	w
CHELABA75	RUS	w
VASSA	RUS	w
RASSVET	BLR	w
FESTIVAL	BLR	w
PAMIATI VAVENKOVA	RUS	w
TULAIKOV 100	RUS	w
PHILATOVKA	RUS	w
NOVOSIBIRSKAYA 40	RUS	w
BEZENCHUKSKAYA 98	RUS	w
NOVOSIBIRSKAYA 32	RUS	w
FISHT	RUS	w
TANYA	RUS	w
KULUNDINKA	RUS	w
BAGRATION	RUS	w
NOVOSIBIRSKAYA 15	RUS	w
NOVOSIBIRSKAYA 31	RUS	w
NOVOSIBIRSKAYA 44	RUS	w
NOVOSIBIRSKAYA 9	RUS	w

‘w’ (third column) designated the *WFZP-A* wild allele.

Table S5: SS phenotypes and associated mutations in *WFZP-D*.

Line	Phenotype (type of the SS trait)	Origin	Mutation in <i>WFZP-D</i>	<i>WFZP-D</i> allele
NIL- <i>mrs1</i> ¹ Ruc163 (<i>mrs1</i>) Ruc167 (<i>mrs1</i>) ten V3 lines (<i>mrs1</i>) ²	MRS MRS MRS and GB MRS	chemical mutagenesis	non-synonymous in AP2/ERF	<i>wfzp-D.1</i>
Ruc204	HS and GB ³	unknown	complete deletion	<i>null-</i> allele
Skle128	HS (triple-spikelet)	spontaneous	complete deletion	<i>null-</i> allele
So164	HS (tetrastichon)	cross of a bran- ched tetraploid with a common bread wheat line	complete deletion	<i>null-</i> allele
MC1611 ⁴	HS (weak)	chemical mutagenesis	premature stop codon in AP2/ERF	<i>wfzp-D.2</i>

¹ - near isogenic line (recurrent parent is cv. Novosibirskaya 67). The MRS trait was transferred from the hexaploid wheat gene resource 'Ra1', a mutant that was produced through chemical mutagenesis (Dobrovolskaya et al., 2009), and all the MRS lines bear the *mrs1* gene in different genetic backgrounds.

² - V3-79-08, V3-82-08, V3-83-08, V3-84-08, V3-85-08, V3-86-08, V3-87-08, V3-88-08, V3-89-08, and V3-90-08 lines.

³ - GB under field conditions

⁴ - MC1611 derived from cv. Saratovskaya 29 via chemical mutagenesis.

MRS – multirow spike; GB – genuine branching; HS – horizontal spikelets

Figure S1: Spike morphology of bread wheat lines with different SS phenotypes. The middle part of spikes and schematic illustration of spike structure of (A) cv. Novosibirskaya 67 (N67), (B) *NIL-mrs1*, (C) *Ruc204* grown under greenhouse (left) and field (right) conditions, (D) *Skle128*, (E) *So164*, (F) *MC1611*. Abbreviation: RS – ramified spike, HS – horizontal spikelet, MRS – multirow spikelet; SS - supernumerary spikelets, WT – wild type.

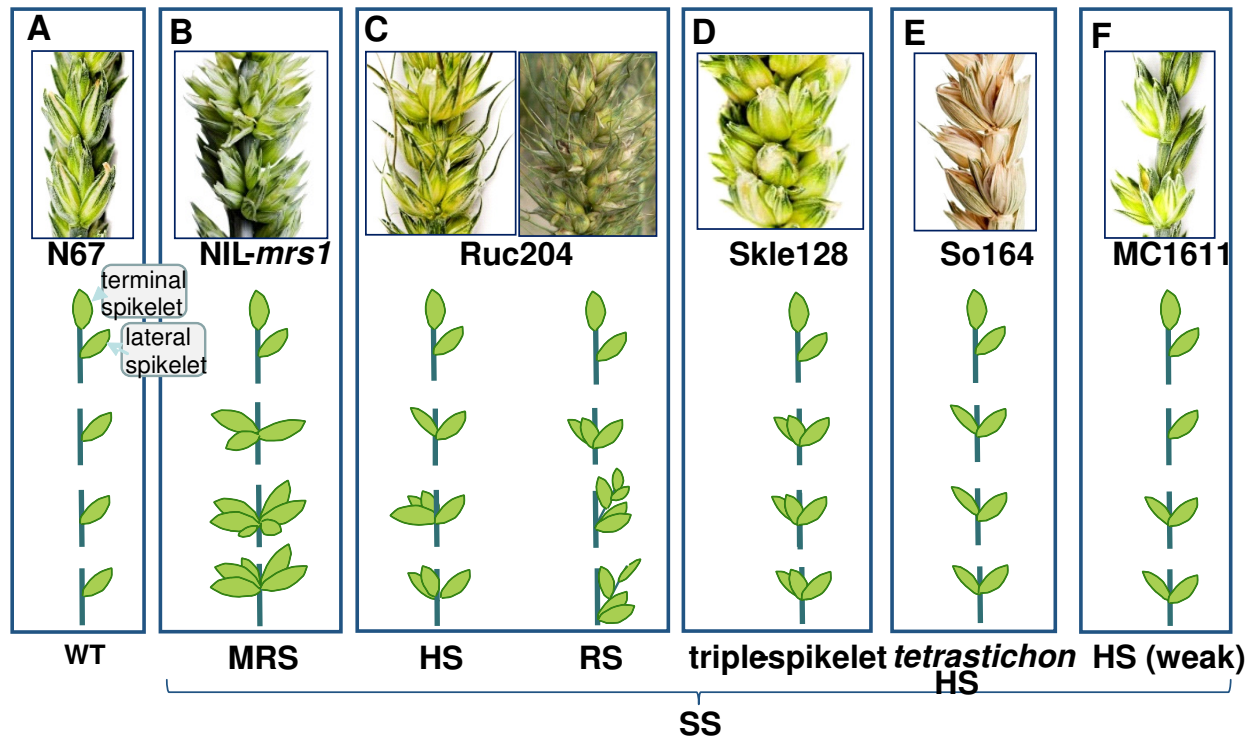


Figure S2: Genetic mapping of the NIL-*mrs1* line on the chromosome 2D. (A) Chromosome 2DS consensus map (B) from Dobrovolskaya et al. (2009). Green and red bars indicate chromosomal regions of the N67 recurrent parent, and KM240 (donor of MRS), respectively.

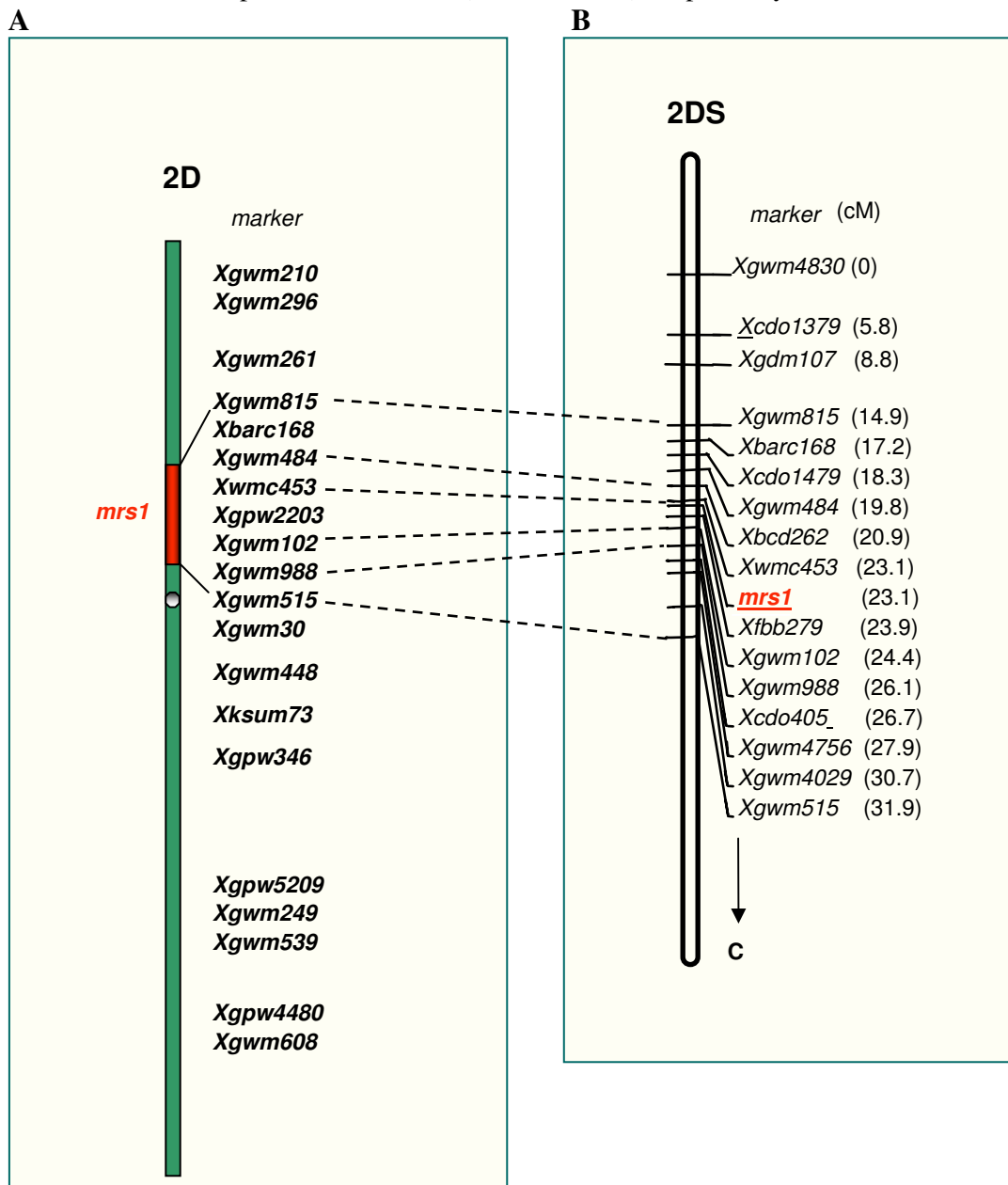


Figure S3: Light microscopy image of the MC1611 inflorescence showing developing ectopic spikelets.. Abbreviations: es – ectopic spikelet; sm, fm, gl – spikelet meristem, floret meristem and glume of a primary spikelet; sm*, fm*, gl* – spikelet meristem, floret meristem and glume of an ectopic spikelet

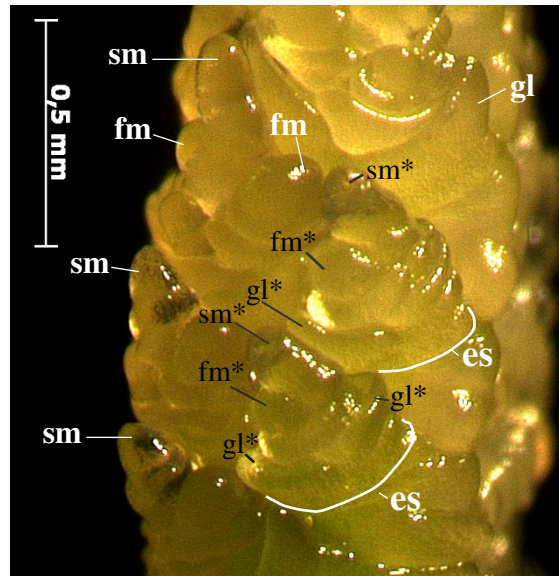
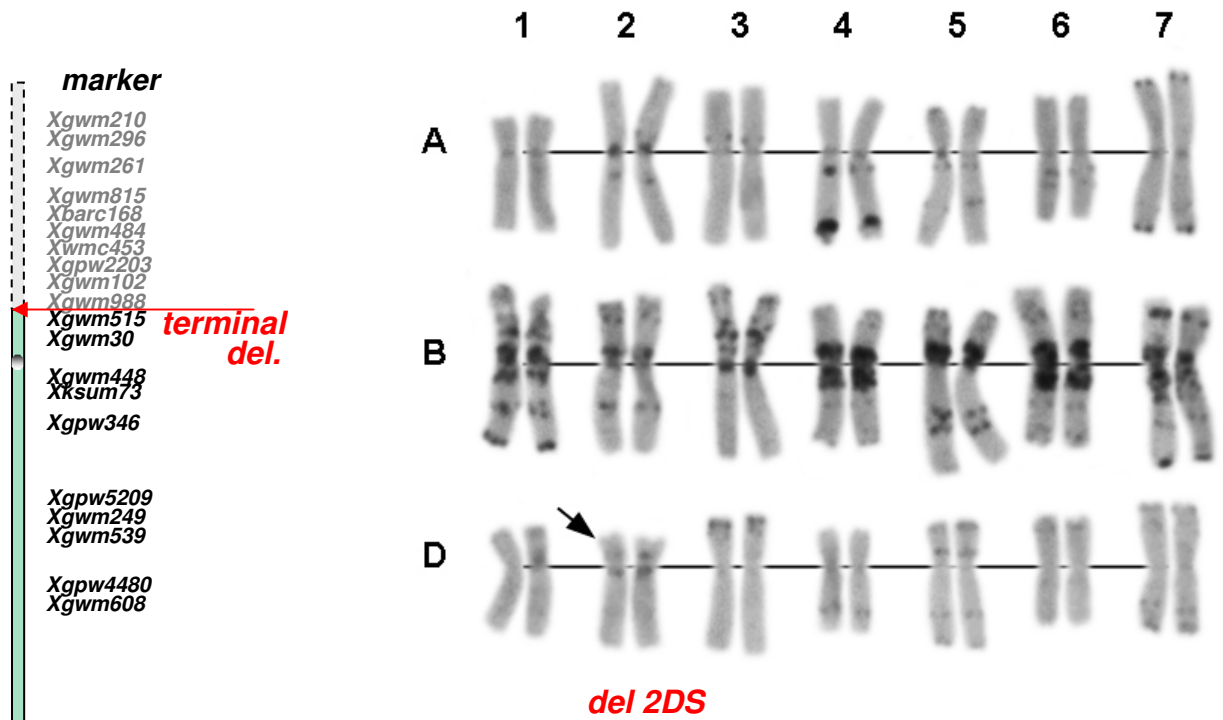


Figure S4: Deletion breakpoint mapping and ideograms for the Skle128 (a) and Ruc204 (b) lines on chromosome 2D. Deleted SSR loci are in grey. (c) Comparison of the lengths of chromosomes 2D of Skle128 and Ruc204 with that of cv. Pitic (control) showing ~10% and ~50% reductions, respectively.

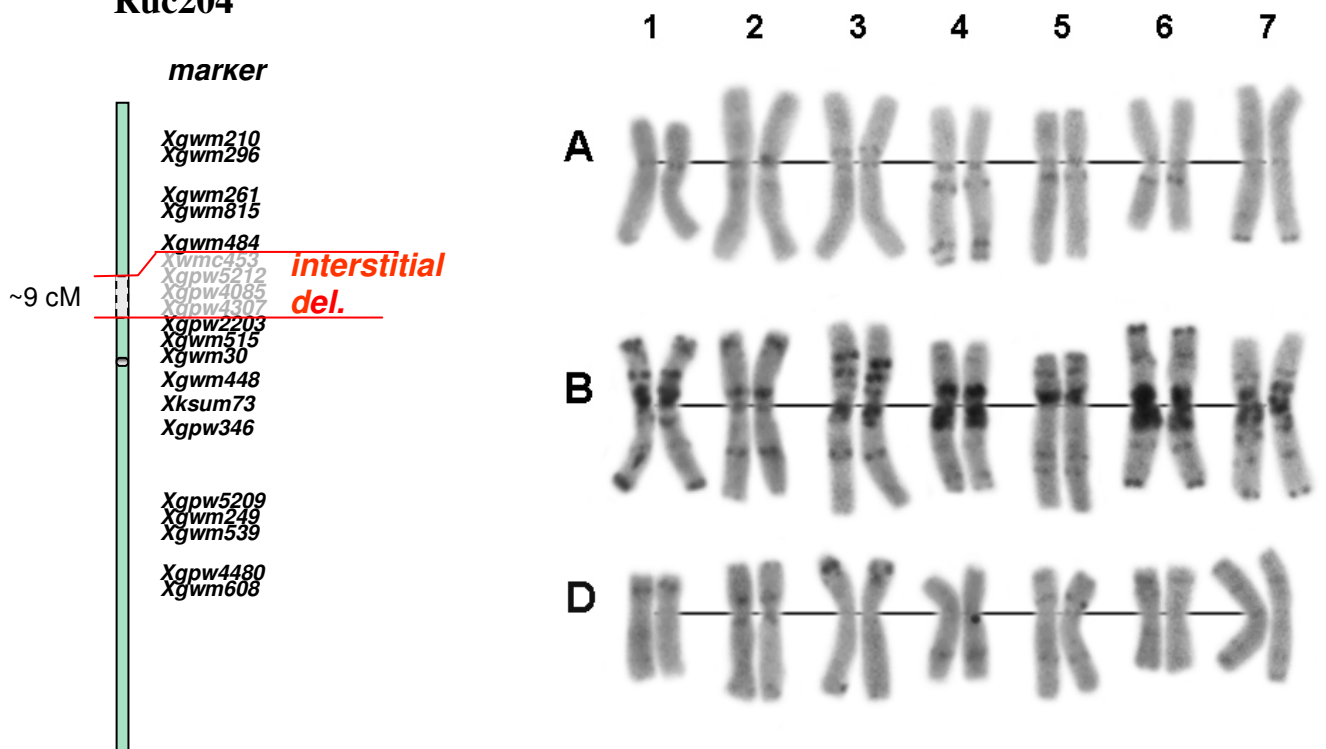
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B

Ruc204



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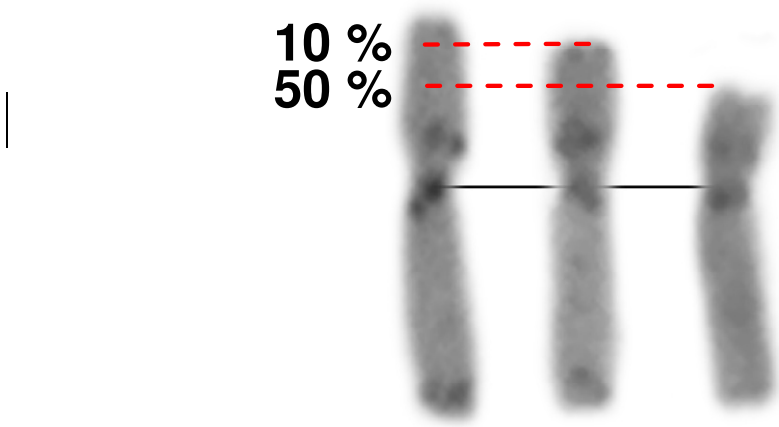


Figure S5: Ideogram of the So164 line (see legend Figure S4).

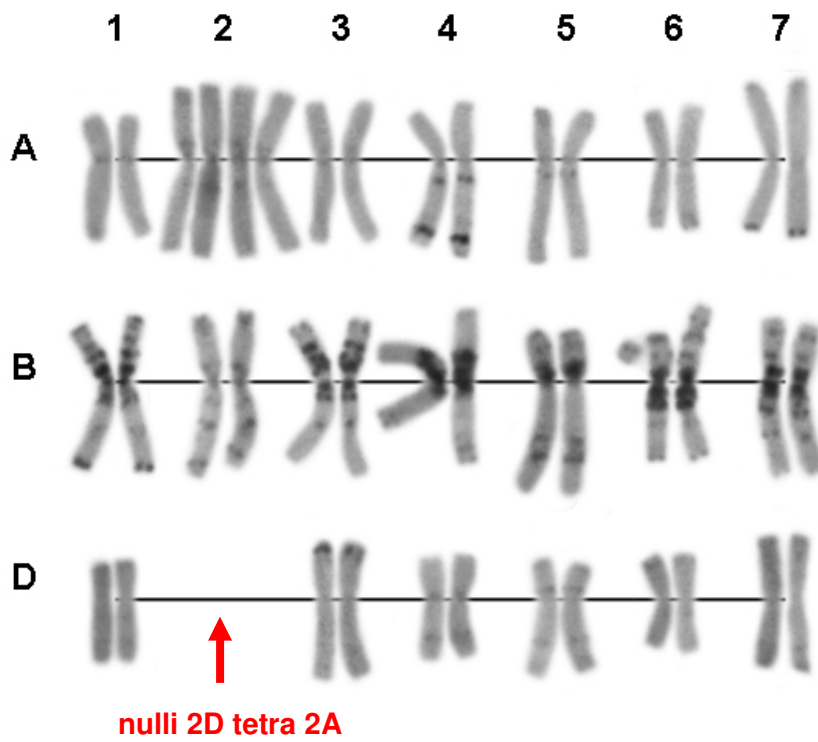
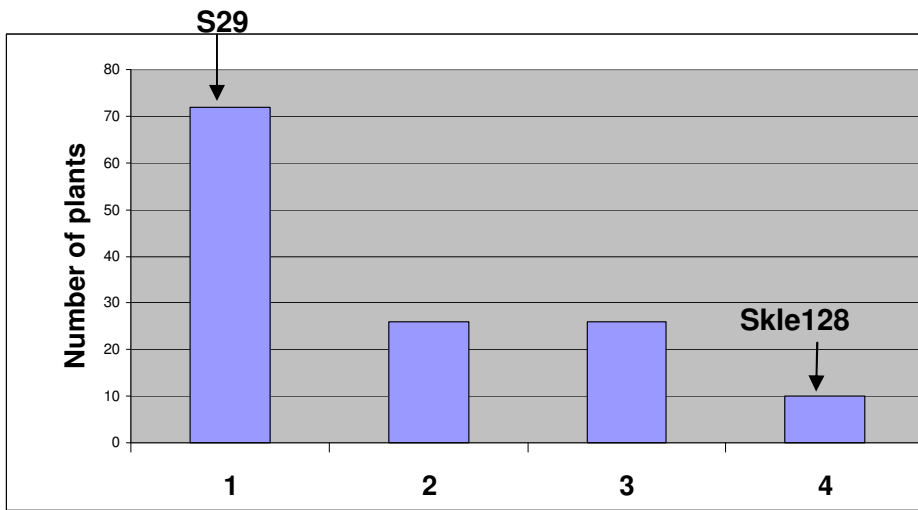


Figure S6: Frequency distribution of supernumerary spikelets in Skle128 x S29 and Ruc204 x S29 F₂ mapping populations. Plants from the classes #2 were similar to the normal spiked parent, S29, and had one or two supernumerary spikelets per a spike; plants from class #3 had numerous SS spikelets; class #5 includes plans with more severe SS phenotypes than SS parent.

A



B

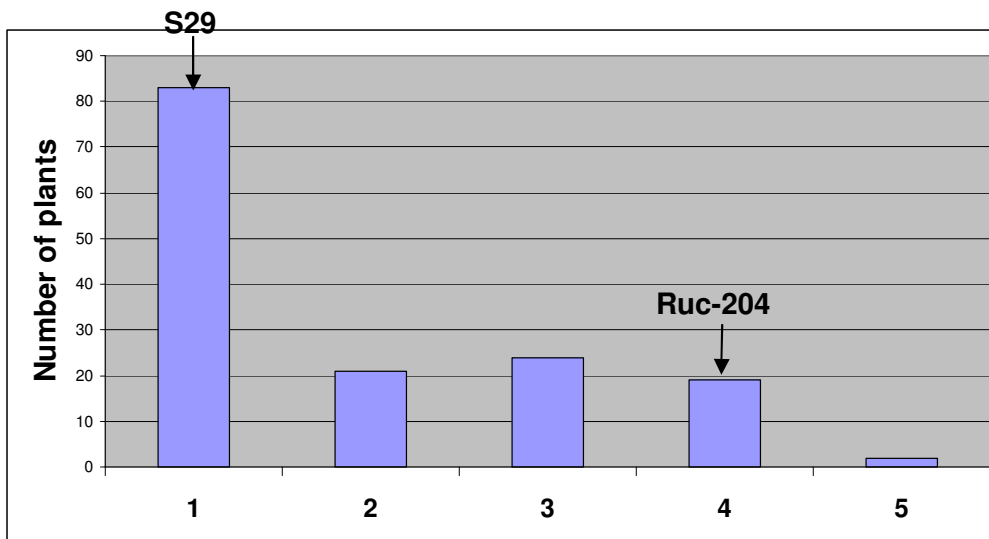


Figure S7: *mrs1* gene and QTL mapping in five F₂ mapping populations showing collocation of *mrs1*, SS-QTLs and *WFZP-D* on the chromosome 2D. (A, B) - 2D genetic maps including *mrs1* (the Ruc163 x So149 and Ruc167 x So149 crosses, respectively); (C) graphical representation of 2D in NIL-*mrs1* (green bars), showing a region of introgression (blue bar); (D, E, F) 2D genetic map including the *qSS-D* QTLs (the MC1611 x Skala, Skle128 x S29, Ruc204 x S29 crosses, respectively; Ruc204 and Skle128 carry deletions in 2DS). Red boxes delimit regions with calculated LOD score values indicated at the bottom of maps.

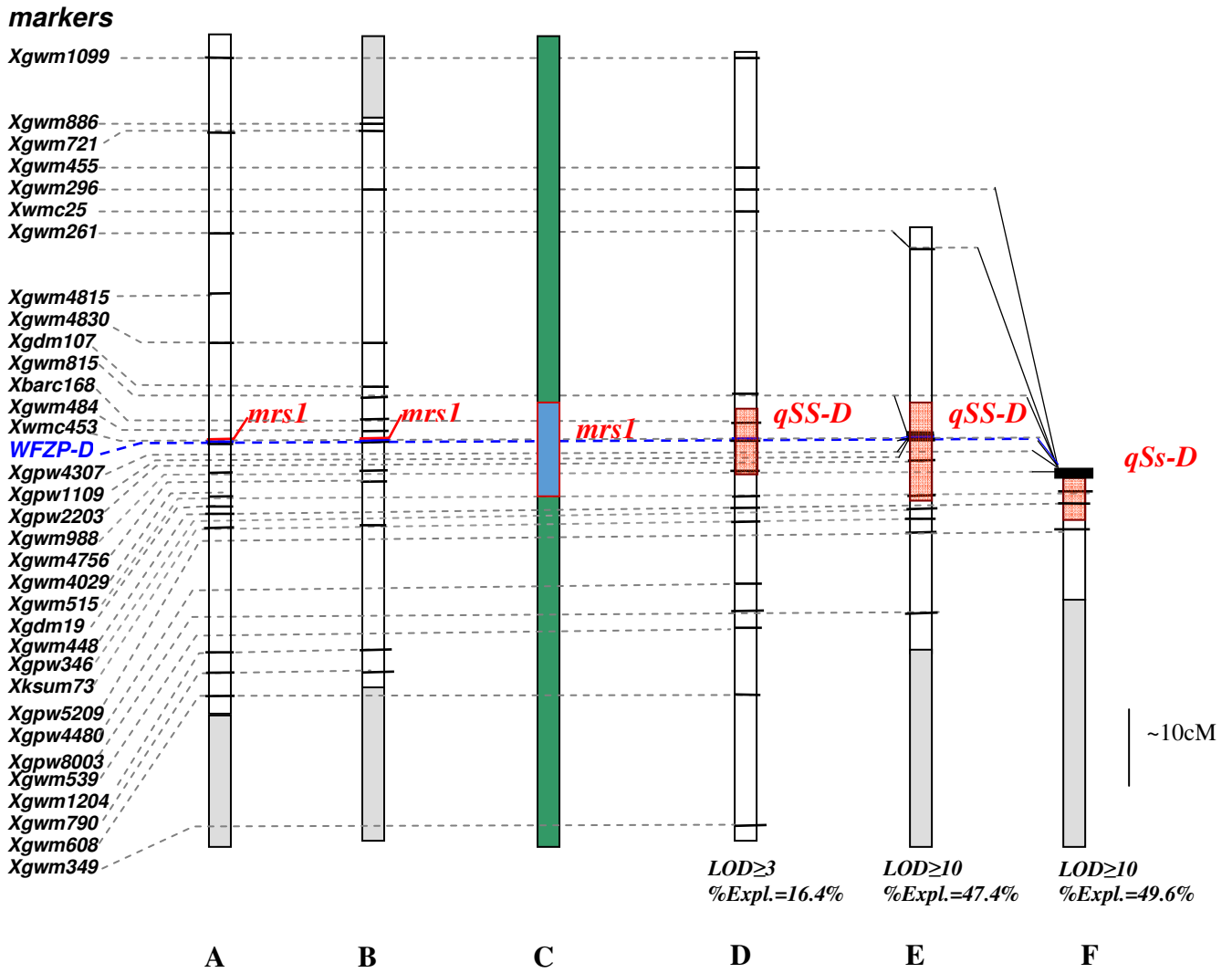
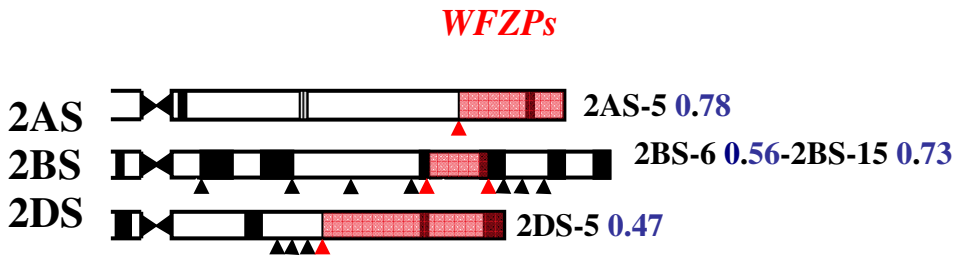


Figure S8: Alignment of wheat *WFZP* gene copies with rice and maize orthologs. The AP2/ERF domain is underlined in red.



Figure S9: Deletion bins and genetic positions of *WFZP* homoeologous genes on chromosomes 2AS, 2BS, 2DS. **(A)** Arrows indicate deletion breakpoints; dark bands on the chromosome indicate the location of C-bands (Gill et al., 1991); red arrows delimit the deletion bins that contain the *WFZP* homoeo-allelic genes. **(B)** Partial 2AS, 2BS and 2D genetic maps including the *WFZP* genes. Genetic mapping was performed on a subset of 96 F₂ individuals derived from a cross between cv. Chinese Spring and cv. Renan.

A



B

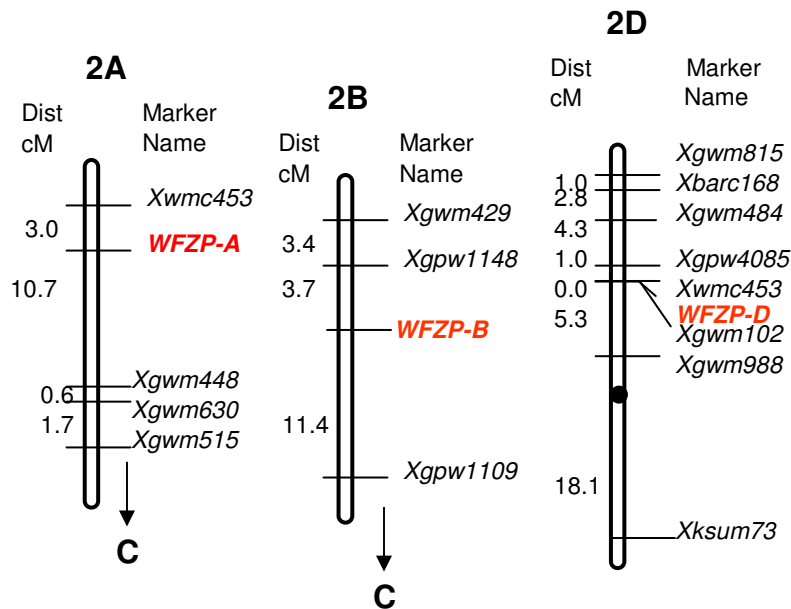


Figure S10: Alignment of deduced *WFZP-A*, *WFZP-B* and *WFZP-D* amino-acid sequences. Mutation are indicated in red.

