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# **Whole‑genome sequencing reveals uniqueness of black‑hulled and straw‑hulled weedy rice genomes**

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### **Abstract**

# *Key message* **Both SH and BHA weedy rice genotypes evolved independently and have distinct genomic composition. Diferent genetic mechanisms may be responsible for their competitiveness and adaptation to diverse environmental conditions.**

**Abstract** Two major types of weedy rice are recognized in the USA based on morphology: straw-hull (SH) and black-hull awned (BHA) weedy rice. We performed whole-genome resequencing of a SH weedy rice 'PSRR-1', a BHA weedy rice 'BHA1115', and a *japonica* cultivar 'Cypress' to delineate genome-wide diferences and their relevance to genetics and evolution of weedy attributes. The high-quality reads were uniformly distributed with 82–88% genome coverage. The number of genotype-specifc SNPs and InDels was highest in Cypress, followed by BHA1115 and PSRR-1. However, more genes were afected in BHA1115 compared with other two genotypes which is evident from the number of high-impact SNPs and InDels. Haplotype analysis of selected genes involved in domestication, adaptation, and agronomic performance not only diferentiated SH from BHA weedy rice and supported evolution of weedy rice through de-domestication, but also validated the function of several genes such as *qAn*-*1, qAn*-*2, Bh4, Rc, SD1, OsLG1,* and *OsC1.* Several candidate genes were identifed for previously reported seed dormancy and seed shattering QTLs. The SH and BHA weedy rice have distinct genomic composition, and the BHA weedy rice likely diverged earlier than SH weedy rice. The accumulation of plant development, reproduction, and defense-related genes in weedy rice possibly helped them to compete, survive, and spread under a wide range of environmental conditions by employing novel and diverse mechanisms. The genomic resources will be useful for both weed management and rice improvement by exploring the molecular basis of key agronomic, adaptive, and domestication attributes.

#### **Abbreviations**



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- InDel Insertions and deletions RIL Recombinant inbred lines CDS Coding sequences
- UTR Untranslated regions
- GO Gene ontology
- NGS Next-generation sequencing

# **Introduction**

Weedy rice (*Oryza sativa* f. *spontanea* Rosh.), also known as red rice, is a major problem in rice-growing areas in the southern USA and other parts of the world, where farmers practice direct seeding. It outcompetes rice plants due to its aggressive growth habit leading to reduction in yield and contamination of harvests with its undesirable dark pigmented grains also reduces quality and marketability. In the southern rice-growing areas of the USA alone, reduction in rice yield can be as high as 80% with an annual economic

loss over \$50 million due to red rice infestation (Estorninos et al. [2005](#page-13-0); Gealy et al. [2012](#page-13-1)). Its high seed shattering, intense seed dormancy, and superior ability to compete for water, nutrient, and sunlight compared to cultivated rice is mainly responsible for the persistence and proliferation (Estorninos et al. [2005](#page-13-0); Burgos et al. [2006\)](#page-13-2). Its phenotypic resemblance to cultivated rice and ability to persist in soil has made eradication of weedy rice challenging. After the adoption of herbicide-resistant Clearfeld varieties, both farmers and scientists are concerned about the flow of resistant alleles to weedy rice populations (Shivrain et al. [2009\)](#page-14-0).

In the USA, two major morphologically diferentiated weedy rice ecotypes are prevalent: the straw-hull (SH) and the black-hull awned (BHA) types. SH weedy rice resembles most cultivated rice varieties with light brown hull without awns, whereas BHA type is phenotypically closer to *Oryza rufpogon,* a wild progenitor of Asian rice with black hulls and long awns (Londo and Schaal [2007\)](#page-13-3). Awn, an extension of the tip of the lemma of spikelet, is an important domestication trait present in BHA weedy and wild rice, but is absent in cultivated and SH weedy rice. The SH weedy rice difers from BHA weedy rice in a number of traits such as plant height, heading date, tiller number, and awn length (Shivrain et al. [2010\)](#page-14-1). For example, SH plants are shorter with fewer tillers and typically fower earlier compared to BHA plants in the southern USA. Wide range of variation for these traits is observed within each group.

The origin of weedy rice continues to be a scientifc puzzle for last several decades. There are several hypotheses proposed regarding the origin of weedy rice. Two of the earlier hypotheses suggested evolution of weedy rice resulting from ongoing selection and adaptation of wild rice to unfavorable environment (De Wet and Harlan [1975](#page-13-4)), and hybridization between cultivated rice and *O. rufpogon* (Londo and Schaal [2007](#page-13-3)). A third hypothesis suggested origin of weedy rice from *indica* or *japonica* rice cultivars (Londo and Schaal [2007;](#page-13-3) Vaughan et al. [2008\)](#page-14-2) or from *indica* x *japonica* hybrids (Qiu et al. [2014](#page-13-5)). This hypothesis has been supported by several molecular studies. Analysis of Korean weedy rice populations revealed genetic closeness to cultivated rice suggesting their evolution from *indica/indica* or *japonica/japonica* hybridization (He et al. [2017](#page-13-6)). Based on comparison at the mitochondrial genome level, weedy rice was more likely to have originated from cultivated rice instead of wild rice (Tong et al. [2017](#page-14-3)). The de-domestication hypothesis is gaining acceptance based on whole-genome sequence analyses of weedy rice from China and USA (Li et al. [2017;](#page-13-7) Qiu et al. [2017\)](#page-14-4). A recent population genomics study, however, suggested evolution of weediness through a semi-domestication process which happened with the breeding effort to improve the cultivated rice (Sun et al. [2019](#page-14-5)). The SH and BHA weedy rice were believed to have evolved independently from *indica* and *aus* varieties, respectively (Reagon et al. [2010\)](#page-14-6). Since neither *indica* nor *aus* was cultivated in North America, evolution of weedy rice through de-domestication process seems most plausible (Thurber et al. [2014](#page-14-7)). Distinct phenotypic diferences between SH and BHA weedy rice with diferent ancestors indicate their unique genetic composition. Since the evidences gathered in studies conducted so far led to competing hypotheses regarding the evolution of weedy rice, there is need for assessment of genome-wide variation in additional weedy ecotypes.

Weedy rice is an excellent model not only for evolutionary genetics studies (Qiu et al. [2017](#page-14-4)) but also for genetic dissection of weedy traits (Subudhi et al. [2012,](#page-14-8) [2014\)](#page-14-9). Analysis of weedy rice genome may allow discovery of benefcial alleles for yield and adaptive attributes which can be exploited to breed rice varieties with improved yield and stress adaptability in a rapidly changing global climate (He et al. [2017;](#page-13-6) Stewart [2017\)](#page-14-10). As few genetic loci were responsible for the transformation of cultivated rice into weedy rice (Li et al. [2017](#page-13-7)), genomic regions that have undergone selection should be targeted for an in-depth functional genetic analysis to discover benefcial variants from weedy rice for use in rice breeding programs. Analysis of genetic variation on a genome-scale in cultivated, weedy, and wild accessions of rice using high-throughput next-generation sequencing (NGS) technologies has provided insights into the molecular processes underlying weedy rice evolution (Li et al. [2017](#page-13-7); Qiu et al. [2017](#page-14-4)). The high-impact single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) and insertions/deletions (InDels) present within coding regions of a genome are assumed to be disruptive with regard to gene function. In addition, DNA sequence variations present in upstream regions regulate gene function by inducing or repressing gene expression. Our earlier study involving a SH weedy rice, an *indica*, and a *japonica* rice cultivar indicated that majority of high-impact DNA polymorphisms resulted in stop codon gain and genes carrying weed-specifc DNA polymorphisms were involved in protein modifcation/phosphorylation, protein kinase activity, and protein/nucleotide binding (Chai et al. [2018\)](#page-13-8). Therefore, discovery of high-impact SNPs and InDels related to gene function may provide insights into the molecular basis of the phenotypic variations in important agronomic, domestication, and stress adaptation attributes within weedy rice groups as well as between weedy and cultivated rice.

In this study, we performed whole-genome resequencing of a cultivated rice, a SH weedy rice, and a BHA weedy rice with many contrasting domestication traits. First, we assessed the genomic variability among them by discovering SNPs and InDels. Secondly, we also analyzed sequence variation in genes controlling some key weedy, agronomic, and abiotic stress tolerance attributes among them and identifed candidate genes for seed dormancy and seed shattering.

### **Materials and methods**

#### **Plant materials**

Three genotypes were used in this study: a SH weedy rice 'PSRR-1', a BHA weedy rice 'BHA1115', and a *japonica* rice cultivar 'Cypress' (Fig. [1](#page-2-0)) which were abbreviated as PSRR, BHA, and CPRS, respectively. CPRS is a high yielding, early maturing long grain cultivar developed at the Louisiana State University (LSU) Agricultural Center, LA, USA (Linscombe et al. [1993](#page-13-9)). It is a non-dormant, non-shattering, and awnless cultivar. PSRR-1 was purifed by single plant selection for two generations from a mixture of weedy rice seeds collected from the LSU Rice Research Station at Crowley, LA, USA (Subudhi et al. [2012\)](#page-14-8). It is straw-hulled, medium grain type, and awnless with high degree of seed dormancy and shattering. BHA is a black-hulled, highly dormant weedy rice from Arkansas with high degree of seed shattering and long awn, obtained from Dr. David Gealy of the United States Department of Agriculture's Dale Bumpers Rice Research Center, Stuttgart, AR, USA. Seed dormancy of all three genotypes was performed through germination test described earlier (Subudhi et al. [2012\)](#page-14-8) except for drying 6 days at room temperature to reduce moisture content.



<span id="page-2-0"></span>**Fig. 1** Phenotypic comparisons in CPRS, PSRR, and BHA. A comparison of germination of freshly harvested seeds at 7-day at 28°C (**a**), panicles showing seed shattering (**b**), awn characteristics (**c**), pericarp color (**d**) among CPRS, PSRR, and BHA

#### **Whole‑genome sequencing**

Genomic DNA was extracted from leaves of 14-day-old seedlings using Qiagen DNeasy kit (Qiagen Inc., Valencia, CA, USA). DNA quality and quantity were measured by Bioanalyzer 2100 (Agilent Technologies, Singapore) and Qubit 2.0 Fluorometer (Invitrogen Life Technologies, Eugene, OR, USA), respectively. The libraries were prepared using Illumina TruSeq DNA sample preparation kit (Illumina, USA). The paired-end sequencing of 'PSRR' and 'CPRS' was performed in Illumina HiSeq 2000 platform at the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute, Blacksburg, VA, and 'BHA' was sequenced in Illumina HiSeq 2500 platform at the Novogene Corporation Inc., Sacramento, CA, USA. The generated raw data were fltered using an in-built standard Illumina pipeline. The raw read sequences of PSRR-1, BHA1115, and Cypress were deposited in the NCBI's Sequence Read Archive (SRA) under the accession numbers PRJNA413818, PRJNA599347, and PRJNA598851, respectively.

#### **Reads mapping to the reference and fltering**

The FASTQ fles were analyzed by the NGS QC toolkit (v2.3.3) (Patel and Jain [2012](#page-13-10)) to eliminate low-quality reads and reads containing adapter or primer sequences. The highquality reads were mapped to the reference nuclear genome of Nipponbare (IRGSP 1.0) [\(http://rapdb.dna.afrc.go.jp/](http://rapdb.dna.affrc.go.jp/download/archive/irgsp1/IRGSP-1.0_genome.fasta.gz) [download/archive/irgsp1/IRGSP-1.0\\_genome.fasta.gz](http://rapdb.dna.affrc.go.jp/download/archive/irgsp1/IRGSP-1.0_genome.fasta.gz)) using BWA-MEM algorithm of Burrows–Wheeler Alignment (BWA) software (v0.7.15) with default parameter setting (Li [2013](#page-13-11)). The mapping output was processed and fltered using SAMtools (v1.3.1) (Li et al. [2009\)](#page-13-12) to keep the reads mapping to a single location on the reference genome and to remove alignments with mapping quality (MAPQ) smaller than 30. Prior to variant calling, local realignment of reads around InDels was performed using the Genome Analysis Toolkit (GATK) (v3.7) ([https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/\)](https://software.broadinstitute.org/gatk/).

#### **Identifcation and analysis of SNPs and InDels**

The realignment files were subjected to analysis by GATK's Unifed Genotyper to discover variants of the individual genotype. The SNPs and InDels were separated using GATK's Select Variants tool, followed by fltering using stringent criteria including depth of coverage >10. The bi-allelic and homozygous SNPs and InDels were selected for further analysis. The SNPs and InDels clusters were fltered if three of them were present in any 10 bp window using GATK's VariantFiltration program. After performing fltering procedure, SNPs and InDels between two genotypes (e.g., BHA/CPRS, PSRR/CPRS and BHA/ PSRR) were identifed by selecting unique variants using GATK's CombineVariants and SelectVariants program. Similarly, genotype-specifc SNPs and InDels were identifed from the intersection of combined variants. For example, if CPRS has 'T' allele and PSRR and BHA have 'A' allele in a certain position of genome, 'T' allele is considered as CPRS-specifc allele in that position. To analyze the distribution of SNPs and InDels per 1 Mb interval across rice genome, SNPs substitution type, and InDels length, VCFtools (v0.1.13) was used (Danecek et al. [2011](#page-13-13)). The genomic distribution of genotype-specifc SNPs and InDels identifed on each rice chromosome was visualized using Circos (v0.69-4) (Krzywinski et al. [2009](#page-13-14)).

The SnpEff  $(v.4.2)$  (Cingolani et al. [2012](#page-13-15)) program was used to annotate the identifed genotype-specifc SNPs and InDels using the rice7 gene models ([http://downl](http://downloads.sourceforge.net/project/snpeff/databases/v4_2/snpEff_v4_2_rice7.zip) [oads.sourceforge.net/project/snpeff/databases/v4\\_2/snpEf](http://downloads.sourceforge.net/project/snpeff/databases/v4_2/snpEff_v4_2_rice7.zip)  $f_v4_2_$ rice7.zip), and to predict variant effects (high, moderate, low, modifer) in the genic and other genomic regions. For determining the regions with signifcant deviation from the expected SNP rate, box-whisker plots were constructed. The outliers for genes with non-synonymous SNPs higher than the expected number were calculated using fve-number summary of the box and whisker plot.

Gene ontology (GO) analysis of the genes containing high-impact SNPs and InDels was performed by singular enrichment analysis (SEA) tool using Web-based agriGO v2.0 (Tian et al. [2017](#page-14-11)) with the following parameter settings: (i) Fisher's exact test with Benjamini-Yekutieli (FDR under dependency) multiple test adjustment method and (ii) significance level  $\alpha = 0.05$ . MSU7.0 gene ID (*LOC\_Os06g29340*) was used as the reference gene.

#### **Copy number variants (CNVs) detection**

The copy number variants were called using three algorithms: LUMPY (Layer et al. [2014\)](#page-13-16), cn.MOPS (Klambauer et al. [2012](#page-13-17)), and CNVnator (Abyzov et al. [2011](#page-13-18)). CNVs were frst called using CNVnator with bin size of 130 bp, 150 bp, and 110 bp for CPRS, BHA, and PSRR, respectively, with default values on other parameters. CNVnator output was passed as input into LUMPY using the -bedpe option. Resulting CNVs were used to create a set of copy number variable region (CNVRs) by merging CNVs across samples using svtools (Larson et al. [2019](#page-13-19)). CNVs with  $\lt 1$  kbp in length and QUAL score  $\lt 100$  were removed. To reduce the false positive calls, CNVs were called using cn.MOPS with window length of 500 bp, DNAcopy segmentation algorithm, and default values in other parameters. The CNVRs that overlapped in analyses with both LUMPY and cn.MOPS were retained for succeeding analyses.

# **Identifcation of variants in agronomically important genes**

To identify the DNA variants (SNPs/InDels) of the cloned genes for the seed dormancy and seed shattering traits in the US weedy rice, two major seed dormancy-related QTLs  $(qSD7-I^{CR})$  and  $qSD7-2^{CR}$  and a major shattering QTL *qSH4CR* were selected from an earlier study involving CPRS x PSRR RIL population (Subudhi et al. [2012,](#page-14-8) [2014](#page-14-9)). Since there were no QTL mapping studies for seed dormancy and seed shattering in crosses involving BHA, QTL intervals from the CPRS x PSRR population were used to identify the candidate genes. Several other genes controlling domestication and agronomically important traits were also selected to identify the variants. The start and end position of these QTLs were determined based on the genomic coordinates of fanking markers (McCouch et al. [2002\)](#page-13-20) using BLASTn search against Nipponbare reference genome ([http://rapdb](http://rapdb.dna.affrc.go.jp/tools/blast) [.dna.afrc.go.jp/tools/blast](http://rapdb.dna.affrc.go.jp/tools/blast)) (Table S1). The SNPs and InDels were identifed in the candidate genes located in the seed dormancy and seed shattering QTL intervals. Similarly, the SNPs and InDels in the CDS regions of other genes were identifed among the three genotypes. The putative functions of candidate genes of the above-mentioned traits were collected from both Rice Genome Annotation Project ([http://](http://rice.plantbiology.msu.edu/analyses_search_locus.shtml) [rice.plantbiology.msu.edu/analyses\\_search\\_locus.shtml](http://rice.plantbiology.msu.edu/analyses_search_locus.shtml)) and Rice Annotation Project Database (RAP-DB) ([http://rapdb](http://rapdb.dna.affrc.go.jp/) [.dna.afrc.go.jp/](http://rapdb.dna.affrc.go.jp/)).

# **Results**

# **Genome assembly and discovery of genotype‑specifc SNPs and InDels**

About 95% of the reads were high-quality reads, and 70-80% of those, which mapped to unique location of the reference rice nuclear genome, were considered for subsequent downstream analysis (Table [1](#page-4-0)). The reads were distributed uniformly with 82-88% genome coverage and sequencing depth of 18-24-fold. A total of 3,181,137 SNPs and 818,732 InDels were identifed in the three genotypes relative to Nipponbare (Table S2). The read depth of the identifed SNPs and InDels ranged from 11 to >50. Compared with Nipponbare, the number of both SNPs and InDels was fewer in cultivated rice 'CPRS' than both weedy rice genotypes (Table S2). The number of SNPs and InDels was comparable in all three comparisons with highest number of SNPs in BHA/CPRS and highest number of InDels in PSRR/CPRS (Table [2](#page-4-1), Table S3). Finally, we identifed DNA polymorphisms specific to PSRR (554,338 SNPs and 157,544 InDels), BHA (689,257 SNPs and 146,769 InDels) and CPRS (733,233 SNPs and 188,021 InDels) (Table S4).

<span id="page-4-0"></span>**Table 1** Summary of the genome resequencing data and read mapping statistics of the three cultivated and weedy rice genotypes



\* *HQ* high-quality, \*\**Q30* mapping quality of 30

<span id="page-4-1"></span>**Table 2** Number and frequency of SNPs and InDels detected in pairwise combinations

	Number of SNPs		Number of InDels		
	Total	SNPs/1 Mb	Total	InDels/1 Mb	
<b>PSRR/CPRS</b>	1.287.571	3468.3	345.565	928.1	
<b>BHA/CPRS</b>	1.422.490	3826.9	334,790	897.6	
<b>BHA/PSRR</b>	1,243,595	3341.2	304,313	813.2	

The density of genotype-specifc DNA polymorphisms per Mb was 1,491 (SNPs) and 422 (InDels) for PSRR, 1,850 (SNPs) and InDels (391) for BHA, and 1,977 (SNPs) and 506 (InDels) for CPRS (Table S4). All genotype-specifc SNPs and InDels were listed (Tables S5A, S5B, S6A, S6B, S7A and S7B).

#### **Genomic distribution of SNPs and InDels**

The number of PSRR and BHA-specifc SNPs was highest on chromosome 1, whereas it was chromosome 3 for CPRS (Fig. [2](#page-5-0)a, Table S4). The number of CPRS-specifc SNPs was higher in chromosomes 2, 3, 7, 8, and 9 compared to both weedy rice genotypes. In case of InDels, a larger number of PSRR and BHA-specifc InDels were present on chromosome 1 and CPRS-specifc InDels on chromosome 2 and 3 (Fig. [2b](#page-5-0), Table S4). The SNPs and InDels were unevenly distributed over the genome (Fig. [2](#page-5-0)c, d). There were 89 PSRR-specifc, 160 BHA-specifc, and 188 CPRS-specifc high-density ( $\geq$  [2](#page-5-0)000 SNP/Mb) SNP regions (Fig. 2c, Tables S5A, 6A, S7A). Following stringent criteria of  $\geq 4000$  SNPs per 1 Mb, 5, 6, and 7 SNP-rich regions were identifed for PSRR, BHA, and CPRS, respectively. The PSRR, BHA, and CPRS-specifc SNP-rich regions were detected on 2 chromosomes (Chr 1: 14–16 Mb and 17–18 Mb regions; and Chr 6: 7–9 Mb, 12–13 Mb, and 16–17 Mb regions), four chromosomes (Chr 1: 1–2 Mb and 8–9 Mb regions; Chr 2: 3–4 Mb region; Chr 4: 17–18 Mb and 22–23 Mb regions; and Chr 5: 7–8 Mb region), and six chromosomes (Chr 1: 11–12 Mb region; Chr 3: 14–15 Mb region; Chr 6: 20–21 Mb region; Chr 7: 24–25 Mb region; Chr 9: 14–15 region and 19-21 Mb

regions; and Chr 12: 27-27.5 Mb region), respectively (Fig. [2](#page-5-0)c). Using the criteria of  $\leq 100$  SNPs per 1 Mb, SNPpoor regions known as 'SNP deserts' were identifed. Four PSRR-specifc SNP deserts were on chromosome 1 (43- 43.2 Mb region), chromosome 3 (36–36.4 Mb region), and chromosome 4 (15–16 Mb and 26–27 Mb regions). Six BHA-specifc SNP deserts were identifed on chromosome 1 (16–17 Mb and 20–22 Mb regions), chromosome 6 (2–3 Mb, 12–13 Mb, and 15–16 Mb regions), and chromosome 10 (23–23.2 Mb region). Nine CPRS-specific SNP deserts were on chromosome 1 (8–9 Mb, 15–17 Mb, and 20–22 Mb regions), chromosome 4 (15–16 Mb and 26–27 Mb regions), chromosome  $6$  (2–3 Mb, 12–13 Mb, and 14–17 Mb regions), and chromosome 10 (23–23.2 Mb region) (Fig. [2](#page-5-0)c). There were 22 PSRR-specifc, 13 BHA-specifc, and 52 CPRSspecific high-density  $(≥ 800$  InDels/Mb) InDels regions, whereas a total of 16 PSRR-specific, 20 BHA-specific, and 15 CPRS-specifc low-density InDel regions or InDel deserts (<100 InDels/Mb) were identifed (Fig. [2d](#page-5-0); Tables S5B, S6B, S7B).

#### **Analysis of SNPs and InDels**

The SNPs identifed in each of the three pair-wise comparisons were classifed as transitions (A/G and C/T) and transversions (A/C, A/T, C/G, and G/T) based on nucleotide substitutions type (Fig. [3a](#page-6-0)). The frequency of transition (Ts) or transversion (Tv) SNPs and the ratio of Ts:Tv were of similar magnitude in all three comparisons (Table S8). The highest length of insertions (36-bp) and deletions (57 bp) were found in BHA/PSRR and BHA/CPRS, whereas the length of insertions and deletions were up to 29-bp and 45-bp in PSRR/CPRS, respectively (Fig. [3](#page-6-0)b). A major portion of InDels was of single nucleotide, followed by di- to hexa-nucleotides, and the remaining InDels were of  $\geq 7$  bp long in all three pairs (Table S9).

#### **Annotation of SNPs and InDels**

There were 27–29% SNPs and 23–24% InDels in genic regions (Fig. [4](#page-7-0)). The remaining SNPs and InDels were









<span id="page-5-0"></span>**Fig. 2** Number and distribution of genotype-specifc SNPs (**a**) and InDels (**b**) identifed on the rice chromosomes. Total number of SNPs and InDels identifed on each chromosome are displayed in the bar graphs. Genotype-specifc SNPs and InDels were indicated as PSRRspecifc, BHA-specifc, and CPRS-specifc. Distribution of SNPs (**c**) and InDels (**d**) identifed on each chromosome (1 Mb window size)

are demonstrated on the Circos diagram. The outermost circle represents rice chromosomes (chr 1–12) in different colors, and three inner circles represent distribution of SNPs/InDels specifc to BHA (I), PSRR (II), and CPRS (III). Diferent range of SNPs and InDels are shown by diferent colors of diferent types of glyph

detected in other genomic regions, which included 2 kb upstream (promoter), 2 kb downstream, and intergenic regions. Within the entire genome, only 11–12% SNPs were identifed in the CDS regions of all three genotypes (Fig. [4a](#page-7-0), b). But only 4–5% of InDels were identifed in the CDS regions (Fig. [4](#page-7-0)c, d). Among the SNPs in genic regions, 39–43% were in the CDS regions and 22–25% were nonsynonymous in all three genotypes. The number of non-synonymous SNPs was higher than that of synonymous SNPs. Among the InDels in the genic regions, 16–20% were in the CDS regions. In addition, the 3′-UTR regions contained 1.8–2.2 times more SNPs and 1.3-1.6 times more InDels than the 5′-UTR regions.

The high-impact SNPs and InDels result from disruption of splice sites, loss of start codon, loss of stop codon, gain of stop codon, and frame shift mutations. There were 2256 and 3698 CPRS-specifc high-impact SNPs and InDels, respectively, afecting 4523 genes that could distinguish CPRS from PSRR and BHA weedy rice (Fig. [4;](#page-7-0) Tables S5, S6, S7). There were 4182 genes impacted by 1992 and 3507 PSRR-specifc high-impact SNPs and InDels, respectively, whereas 4720 genes were afected by 2640 and 3686 BHAspecifc high-impact SNPs and InDels, respectively. The PSRR-specifc and BHA-specifc high-impact SNPs and InDels made them unique from each other.

Non-synonymous SNPs are moderate (non-disruptive) impact SNPs that are responsible for changing protein efectiveness. In the CDS regions, there were 35,962 PSRR-specifc, 46,949 BHA-specifc, and 47,218 CPRS-specifc nonsynonymous SNPs involving 14,283, 16,996, and 17,437 <span id="page-6-0"></span>**Fig. 3** Frequency of diferent types of substitution in the identifed SNPs and length distribution of InDels. **a** Frequency of substitution types of SNPs in PSRR/CPRS, BHA/CPRS and BHA/PSRR. **b** Length distribution of InDels. Number of InDels (*y*-*axis*) of diferent lengths (*x*-*axis*, in bp) is presented in the bar graph. PSRR/ CPRS, BHA/CPRS and BHA/ PSRR indicate InDels identifed between PSRR and CPRS, BHA and CPRS, and BHA and PSRR cultivars



genes, respectively (Fig. [3b](#page-6-0); Tables S5A, S6A and S7A). The range for the number of BHA-, CPRS-, and PSRRspecifc non-synonymous SNPs per gene was 1–59, 1–58, and 1–119, respectively. The number of non-synonymous SNPs per kb of genic region had wide distribution with a range of 0.11–38.76 (PSRR-specifc), 0.06-42.42 (BHAspecifc), and 0.06-42.86 (CPRS-specifc). Using the box and whisker plot, a total of 1159; 1306; and 1442 genes were classifed as outliers as they had higher density of PSRRspecific ( $> 6.86$ ), BHA-specific ( $> 7.75$ ) and CPRS-specific (>7.09) non-synonymous SNPs/Kb of genic region than expected (Fig. S1).

# **Gene ontology (GO) analysis of genotype‑specifc polymorphisms**

GO analysis was performed using PSRR-, BHA-, and CPRSspecifc high-impact SNPs and InDels to get further information about their involvement in biological processes, molecular functions, and cellular components. A total of 47, 45, and 57 GO terms were signifcant for biological processes and molecular functions in case of PSRR-, BHA-, and CPRS-specifc genes, respectively (Fig. [5,](#page-8-0) Table S10). The genes from all three genotypes were involved in 21 GO terms under biological process and 62–65% of genes were represented in the cellular process category. Similarly, the genes from all three genotypes represent 23 GO terms under molecular function and 80–83% of genes were involved in binding.

There were seven signifcant biological process GO terms (multi-organism process, pollen-pistil interaction, cell recognition, recognition of pollen, reproductive process, pollination, and reproduction) and two molecular function GO terms (sugar binding and purine nucleotide binding), which are enriched only in cultivated rice (Fig. [5](#page-8-0), Fig. S2). There were only 22 genes, which were common among the above seven GO terms. These were protein kinases, *S*-locus specifc genes, and carbohydrate binding proteins which may be involved in plant reproduction process. Many of these genes overlapped with the genes representing GO term 'sugar binding' of molecular function. There were 283 genes under the 'purine nucleotide binding' category which are involved in resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses.

There was only one GO term 'response to stimulus' which was signifcantly enriched in BHA and CPRS compared to PSRR. Most of these genes under this category were related to disease resistance. Furthermore, there was clear diference with respect to one biological GO term, metabolic process and two molecular function GO terms, purine ribonucleotide binding and ribonucleotide binding which are enriched in PSRR and CPRS but not in BHA. Majority of these genes under the 'metabolic processes' category were retrotransposons in addition to receptor kinases and gibberellin receptors.



<span id="page-7-0"></span>**Fig. 4** Annotations of genotype-specifc SNPs and InDels. Distribution of PSRR-specifc, BHA-specifc, and CPRS-specifc SNPs in different genomic (**a**) and genic regions (**b**). Distribution of PSRR-specifc, BHA-specifc, and CPRS-specifc InDels in diferent genomic

(**c**) and genic regions (**d)** was shown. The number of non-synonymous and synonymous SNPs identifed with the coding region was shown

Since weedy rice are known for higher level of stress tolerance compared to cultivated rice, we focused on the biological process GO term 'response to stress' which was common in all three genotypes. This GO term contained a total of 82, 98, and 95 genes, of which 44, 58, and 66 genes were private in PSRR, BHA, and CPRS, respectively (Fig. [5,](#page-8-0) Fig. S2). Most of them were disease resistant protein, heat shock protein, universal stress protein domain containing protein, peroxidase precursor, and jacalin-like lectin, etc.

## **CNV discovery**

A total of 5,011 CNVRs overlapped between cn.MOPs and CNVnator-LUMPY methods. Filtering out the CNVRs without copy number changes resulted in 1,886 CNVRs. Sizes of the CNVRs ranged from 1.5 to 585 kb, with an average of 19 kb. The CNVRs occupied a total of 36.5 Mb or 8.5% of the rice genome. Among the CNVRs, 1,705 showed copy number loss (deletion) and 181 showed copy number gain (duplication). A total of 3,666 genes from MSUv7 annotation of the reference genome overlapped the detected CNVRs (Table S11). The distribution of CNVs revealed that copy number loss was more pronounced in both BHA and PSRR compared with CPRS in which both CNV types were represented in high numbers (Fig. [6\)](#page-9-0). Among all the genes listed in Table [3,](#page-10-0) only two genes, *qAn*-*1* (*LOC\_Os04g28280*) and *Ptr (LOC\_Os12g18729)*, showed copy number loss in PSRR, whereas there was no copy number variation in BHA and CPRS.

# **Variants in genes controlling domestication and stress adaptation**

The variants in genes controlling several domestication and stress adaptation traits were identifed in all three genotypes (Table [3\)](#page-10-0). The synonymous SNPs were not considered for this analysis. In case of *An*-*1* (Luo et al. [2013](#page-13-21)), non-synonymous SNPs and a 3-bp deletion diferentiated awned BHA from awnless CPRS and PSRR. A 1-bp deletion causing a frame shift mutation and a 12-bp deletion were present only in PSRR and CPRS, respectively. For *An*-*2/LABA1* (Gu et al. [2015;](#page-13-22) Hua et al. [2015](#page-13-23)), one 1-bp deletion resulted in a premature stop codon in PSRR and CPRS but not in awned BHA. Both PSRR and CPRS had a 22-bp deletion and two non-synonymous SNPs in the black hull color gene *Bh4* (Zhu et al. [2011\)](#page-14-12). For the pericarp



**B** Molecular function

<span id="page-8-0"></span>**Fig. 5** Enrichment of the gene ontology term in the genes harboring high-impact SNPs/InDels specifc to PSRR, BHA, and CPRS. The biological process (**A**) and molecular function (**B**) gene ontology terms significantly enriched ( $P \le 0.05$ ) are displayed in x-axis and the percent of genes of each gene ontology term are shown in y-axis. GO terms for the biological process are: (a) DNA metabolic process, (b) RNA-dependent DNA replication, (c) DNA replication, (d) Nucleobase, nucleoside, nucleotide and nucleic acid metabolic process, (e) nitrogen compound metabolic process, (f) DNA integration, (g) cellular macromolecule metabolic process, (h) Macromolecule metabolic process, (i) programmed cell death, (j) apoptosis, (k) death, (l) cell death, (m) cellular process, (n) cellular metabolic process, (o) defense response, (p) primary metabolic process, (q) cellular macromolecule biosynthetic process, (r) macromolecule biosynthetic process, (s) response to stress, (t) metabolic process, (u) response to stimulus, (v) multi-organism process, (w) pollen–pistil interaction, (x) cell recognition, (y) recognition of pollen, (z) reproductive process,

color gene *Rc* (Sweeney et al. [2006](#page-14-13)), a 14-bp deletion and two non-synonymous SNPs diferentiated cultivated rice from the weedy rice. No mutation was found in all three genotypes in the shattering genes, *Sh4* (Li et al. [2006\)](#page-13-24)*, Shh* (Ji et al. [2010\)](#page-13-25), and *SHAT1* (Zhou et al. [2012](#page-14-14)), whereas a stop gain mutation was found in both CPRS and BHA in case of *qSH1* (Konishi et al. [2006\)](#page-13-26). For the closed panicle gene *OsLG1* (Ishii et al. [2013\)](#page-13-27), there were three nonsynonymous SNPs and a 3-bp deletion present in PSRR compared with other two genotypes.

(aa) pollination, (ab) reproduction, (ac) cellular biosynthetic process, and (ad) biosynthetic process. GO terms for the molecular function are as follows: (a) RNA-directed DNA polymerase activity, (b) DNA polymerase activity, (c) nucleotidyl transferase activity, (d) nucleic acid binding, (e) RNA binding, (f) transferase activity, transferring phosphorus-containing groups, (g) binding, (h) transferase activity, (i) ribonuclease H activity, (j) endonuclease activity, (k) endoribonuclease activity, producing 5'-phosphomonoesters, (l) endoribonuclease activity, (m) endonuclease activity, active with either ribo- or deoxyribonucleic acids and producing 5'-phosphomonoesters, (n) nuclease activity, (o) ribonuclease activity, (p) hydrolase activity, acting on ester bonds, (q) DNA binding, (r) catalytic activity, (s) ATP binding,(t) adenyl ribonucleotide binding, (u) sugar binding, (v) purine ribonucleotide binding, (w) ribonucleotide binding, (x) adenyl nucleotide binding, (y) purine nucleoside binding, (z) nucleoside binding, and (aa) purine nucleotide binding

For the semi-dwarfng gene *SD1* (Spielmeyer et al. [2002\)](#page-14-15), a 383-bp deletion distinguished CPRS from PSRR and BHA. A 10-bp deletion causing frameshift in the *OsC1* gene (Saitoh et al. [2004\)](#page-14-16) was present in both weedy rice genotypes. In case of the *Phr1* gene responsible for phenol reaction (Yu et al. [2008](#page-14-17)), a 1-bp insertion was responsible for a frameshift mutation in CPRS. Seven non-synonymous SNPs were identifed in the *Ptr* blast gene (Zhao et al. [2018\)](#page-14-18), diferentiating PSRR from both



<span id="page-9-0"></span>**Fig. 6** Distribution of CNVs per chromosome in Cypress, BHA1115, and PSRR-1. Red bars and blue bars indicate duplication and deletion, respectively

CPRS and BHA. For the cold tolerance gene *COLD1* (Ma et al. [2015\)](#page-13-28), a non-synonymous mutation distinguished all three genotypes. In case of the cold tolerant gene *CTB4a* (Zhang et al. [2017](#page-14-19)) and drought resistance genes, *MODD* (Tang et al. [2016](#page-14-20)) and *PYL9* (Zhao et al. [2016\)](#page-14-21), 2 nonsynonymous SNPs were identified between cultivated rice and weedy genotypes. We identifed a weedy ricespecifc non-synonymous SNP and an 18-bp deletion in PSRR for the low-temperature germinability QTL *qLTG*-*1* (Fujino et al. [2008\)](#page-13-29). There were three weedy rice-specifc non-synonymous SNPs in the *Salt Intolerance 1* (*SIT1*) gene (Li et al. [2014](#page-13-30)). The sequence analysis of *SLR1* gene (Fukao and Bailey-Serres [2008\)](#page-13-31) showed the same SNP in CPRS and PSRR. In case of submergence tolerance gene *SUB1A* (Xu et al. [2006](#page-14-22)), a C to A mutation induced a stop codon in CPRS and BHA, resulting in a truncated *SUB1A* protein. There was no sequence variation among all three genotypes for the plant architecture gene *Prog1* (Tan et al. [2008](#page-14-23)), and thermo-tolerance gene *ERECTA* (Shen et al. [2015\)](#page-14-24).

# **Candidate genes for seed dormancy and seed shattering**

Among the three genotypes, both weedy rice genotypes exhibited deep dormancy and high shattering (Fig. [1\)](#page-2-0). The major shattering QTL *qSH4*CR identifed earlier (Subudhi et al. [2014\)](#page-14-9) was used to identify the candidate gene(s) in the US weedy rice genotypes. Based on the genomic coordinates of the fanking markers, a total of 12 genes containing weedy rice-specifc SNPs and InDels were identifed within the QTL  $qSH4^{CR}$  region. By removing hypothetical proteins, expressed proteins, and transposon proteins from the QTL region, 3 candidate genes were identifed within the QTL *qSH4*CR region (Table S12). Similarly, a total of 69 and 121 genes containing weedy rice-specifc SNPs and InDels were present within the seed dormancy QTL *qSD7*-*1*CR and *qSD7*- *2*CR intervals, respectively. Based on the criteria discussed above, 28 and 41 candidate genes were identifed for the *qSD7*-*1*CR and *qSD7*-*2*CR, respectively (Table S13).

## **Discussion**

The whole-genome sequence analysis revealed an interesting fact: Both PSRR and BHA were not only unique in their genomic composition but were also genetically distinct from the cultivated rice. Although each weedy rice showed similar level of SNPs and InDels when compared with CPRS or Nipponbare, higher number of SNPs and lower number of InDels observed in BHA compared to PSRR suggests the importance of SNPs in their diferentiation. Greater level of polymorphisms observed between *japonica* type and weedy rice was expected because BHA and SH weedy rice were genetically closer to *aus* and *indica* types, respectively (Chai et al. [2018](#page-13-8); Reagon et al. [2010](#page-14-6)). However, lower level of cultivated rice-specifc SNPs was observed in BHA compared to PSRR suggesting evolution of BHA earlier than SH weedy rice (Li et al. [2017\)](#page-13-7). It is also supported by our observation on the genotype-specifc variants and number of genes carrying them. The genotype-specifc variants afected 4720 genes in BHA compared to 4,120 genes in PSRR. Li et al. [\(2017](#page-13-7)) identifed 178 and 307 candidate genes for weed-specific adaptation in SH and BHA, respectively, based on analysis of the whole-genome sequences from 18 SH and 20 BHA weedy rice along with 145 published *Oryza* genome sequences. Identifcation of fewer genes associated with weediness adaptation may be due to increasing power of contrast by using large number of SH, BHA, and other *Oryza* accessions. The occurrence of higher number of Ts compared to Tv observed in this study is in agreement with

<span id="page-10-0"></span>**Table 3** DNA polymorphisms in genes involved in domestication, adaptation, and agronomic performance in CPRS, PSRR, and BHA

Gene and MSU Locus ID	Physical position $\epsilon$	<b>CPRS</b>	<b>PSRR</b>	<b>BHA</b>	SNPs/InDels annotation <sup>*</sup>
qAn-1 (LOC_Os04g28280)	16,732,701	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf{A}$	<b>NS</b>
	16,732,732	$\mathsf{C}$	${\bf C}$	$\mathbf T$	$_{\rm NS}$
	16,732,870	$\mathbf T$	$\mathbf T$	$\mathbf C$	$_{\rm NS}$
	16,734,223	${\bf G}$	$13$ -bp $\alpha$	$13$ -bp $\alpha$	CCCD
	16,734,470	GC	G	${\rm GC}$	$_{\rm FS}$
	16,734,541	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf C$	<b>NS</b>
	16,734,724	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	A	$_{\rm NS}$
	16,734,743	GGGC	GGGC	${\bf G}$	CD
qAn-2/LABA1 (LOC_Os04g43840)	25,959,585	$\mathbf T$	$\mathbf T$	TC	FS
	25,959,672	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf T$	$_{\rm NS}$
Bh4 (LOC_Os04g38670)	22,971,803	$\mathsf{C}$	${\bf C}$	$23$ -bp $\beta$	$_{\rm FS}$
	22,972,021	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf T$	$_{\rm NS}$
	22,972,274	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf{A}$	$_{\rm NS}$
Rc (LOC_Os07g11020)	6,062,909	T	$\boldsymbol{\mathsf{A}}$	A	$_{\rm NS}$
	6,067,391	$\mathbf{A}$	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf G$	$_{\rm NS}$
	6,068,071	$\mathbf{A}$	$15$ -bp <sup><math>\gamma</math></sup>	$15$ -bp $^{\gamma}$	$_{\rm FS}$
Prog1 (LOC_Os07g05900)		Mono	Mono	Mono	Mono
Sh4 (LOC_Os04g57530)		Mono	Mono	Mono	Mono
SHAT1 (LOC_Os04g55560)		Mono	Mono	Mono	Mono
Sh-h (LOC_Os07g10690)		Mono	Mono	Mono	Mono
qSH1 (LOC_Os01g62920)	36,449,628	T	$\mathbf C$	$\mathbf T$	$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{G}$
OsLG1 (LOC_Os04g56170)	33,489,119	${\bf G}$	A	${\bf G}$	$_{\rm NS}$
	33,489,141	$\mathbf{A}$	${\bf C}$	$\mathbf{A}$	$_{\rm NS}$
	33,489,138	<b>CCAA</b>	${\bf C}$	<b>CCAA</b>	CD
	33,489,148	$\boldsymbol{A}$	$\mathbf C$	$\boldsymbol{\rm{A}}$	$_{\rm NS}$
SD1 (LOC_Os01g66100)	38, 382, 761	$\mathbf C$	383 bp $\Psi$	383 bp $\Psi$	deletion
OsC1 (LOC_Os06g10350)	5,316,058	$11$ -bp <sup><math>\pi</math></sup>	$\mathbf T$	$\mathbf T$	FS
Phr1 (LOC_Os04g53300)	31,749,300	${\rm GC}$	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	FS
	31,750,354	${\bf G}$	${\bf C}$	${\bf G}$	$_{\rm NS}$
Ptr (LOC_Os12g18729)	10,833,393	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf C$	${\bf G}$	$_{\rm NS}$
	10,833,400	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf{A}$	${\bf G}$	$_{\rm NS}$
	10,833,420	${\bf G}$	A	${\bf G}$	$_{\rm NS}$
	10,833,423	A	$\mathbf C$	$\mathbf{A}$	$_{\rm NS}$
	10,833,435	A	$\mathsf{C}$	A	$_{\rm NS}$
	10,833,448	T	A	T	<b>NS</b>
	10,833,460	${\bf G}$	$\mathbf T$	${\bf G}$	$_{\rm NS}$
CTB4a (LOC_Os04g04330)	2,035,097	$\mathbf C$	G	${\bf G}$	<b>NS</b>
	2,038,140	A	${\bf G}$	G	$_{\rm NS}$
MODD (LOC_Os03g11550)	5,985,056	$\mathsf{C}$	G	G	$_{\rm NS}$
	5,988,150	T	${\bf C}$	$\mathbf C$	$_{\rm NS}$
PYL9 (LOC_Os06g36670)	21,556,917	${\bf G}$	$\mathsf C$	$\mathbf C$	$_{\rm NS}$
	21,557,034	$\mathbf T$	A	A	$_{\rm NS}$
qLTG3-1 (LOC_Os03g01320)	220,116	$\mathbf{A}$	$\mathbf T$	$\mathbf T$	$_{\rm NS}$
	220,180	$18$ -bp $\phi$	$\boldsymbol{A}$	$18$ -bp $\Phi$	CD
SIT1 (LOC_Os02g42780)	25,724,389	$\mathbf{A}$	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	$_{\rm NS}$
	25,724,797	T	$\mathbf C$	$\mathbf C$	$_{\rm NS}$
	25,724,935	A	${\bf G}$	${\bf G}$	$_{\rm NS}$
SUB1A (LOC_Os09g15430)	9,448,092	A	$\mathbf C$	A	$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{G}$
SLR1 (LOC_Os03g49990)	28,513,517	T	$\mathbf T$	$\mathsf C$	$_{\rm NS}$



 ${}^{\epsilon}$ Physical position based on IRGSP 1.0

\* *ns* non-synonymous, *cccd* codon change plus codon deletion, *cd* codon deletion, *fs* frame shift, *ci* codon insertion, *sg* stop gained, *Mono* monomorphic

<sup>α</sup>13-bp (GCTTATCCTCTCC); <sup>β</sup>23-bp (CTGCTGTGCACGCTCAACTACGG)

<sup>7</sup>15-bp (AACGCGAAAAGTCGG); <sup>ψ</sup>383 bp (CC...CT) (Spielmeyer et al. [2002](#page-14-15); Sasaki et al. [2002\)](#page-14-29)

π 11-bp (TACTGGAACAG); ϕ19-bp (AGGCGGTGGCGGTGGCGGT)

earlier studies (Subbaiyan et al. [2012](#page-14-25); Jain et al. [2014](#page-13-32)). But higher number of Ts and Tv observed in BHA/CPRS compared to PSRR/CPRS supports earlier evolution of BHA compared with PSRR. Another line of evidence suggesting early divergence of BHA in the crop evolution process is our observation of wild type traits and the haplotypes of the corresponding awn and *Bh4* genes in BHA compared with PSRR.

Nonrandom distribution of SNPs and InDels over the rice genome led to identifcation of polymorphism-rich and polymorphism-poor regions, confrming earlier reports in rice, wild rice, and weedy rice (Feltus et al. [2004;](#page-13-33) Wang et al. [2009](#page-14-26); Subbaiyan et al. [2012](#page-14-25); Krishnan et al. [2014](#page-13-34); Li et al. [2017;](#page-13-7) Chai et al. [2018](#page-13-8)). Krishnan et al. [\(2014\)](#page-13-34) suggested that limited sequence variation in a 5 Mb region on chromosome 5 observed between Australian wild rice and cultivated rice may be due to natural selection before domestication. In a comparative study involving *indica* and *japonica* subspecies, Feltus et al. ([2004](#page-13-33)) indicated that introgression between them may have led to SNP-poor chromosomal regions. The SNP deserts in this study were much smaller compared to those studies (Feltus et al. [2004](#page-13-33); Krishnan et al. [2014\)](#page-13-34), but the number of CPRS-specifc SNP deserts was more than those from BHA and PSRR. The reduced genetic variations in these SNP/InDel poor regions may be the result of multiple introgression events between weedy and cultivated rice during the weedy rice evolution which is consistent with the de-domestication process (Li et al. [2017\)](#page-13-7).

Although weedy rice has better biotic and abiotic stress tolerance (Borjas et al. [2016](#page-13-35); Burgos et al. [2006;](#page-13-2) Jia and Gealy [2018\)](#page-13-36), there was no diferential enrichment in the GO term 'response to stress' between weedy and cultivated rice which is in agreement with an earlier study (Li et al. [2017](#page-13-7)). There were 44-66 private genes related to biotic and environmental stress tolerance in each genotype, which may be expressed diferentially in stress environments to diferentiate weedy and cultivated rice. The signifcantly enriched genes in CPRS compared with weedy rice included largely the protein kinase and *S*-locus genes, which are related to plant development, defense, reproduction, and self-incompatibility (Dievart and Clark [2004;](#page-13-37) Xing et al. [2013](#page-14-27)). The genes involved in sugar binding played a positive role on plant growth and development through sugar metabolism and energy production during photosynthesis (Sheen et al. [1999\)](#page-14-28). In addition, the genes associated with purine nucleotide binding activity are required for repair of some sort of DNA damage during vegetative growth in plants (Alani et al. [1989\)](#page-13-38). Therefore, our observation supports the earlier fndings that suggested contribution of balancing selection for self-incompatibility and resistances genes toward evolution of weedy rice through the dedomestication process (Qiu et al. [2017\)](#page-14-4). In this study, only one GO term 'genes for response to stimulus' was enriched in BHA and CPRS relative to PSRR. Many of these were disease resistance and LRR motif enriched genes with role in plant development and defense. In addition, genes involved in lipid metabolic process, carbohydrate metabolic process, protein serine/threonine kinase activity were found to be specifc to PSRR and CPRS, thus distinguishing them from BHA. Our study suggests that weedy rice populations might have evolved through accumulation of plant development, reproduction, and defense-related genes which helped them to compete, survive, and spread under a wide range of environmental conditions by employing novel and diverse mechanisms.

Since rice was domesticated from its wild progenitor through artifcial selection for many desirable traits, we selected few cloned genes involved in domestication, adaptation, and agronomic performance to examine the DNA polymorphisms or haplotypes (Table [3](#page-10-0)) among the three genotypes to assess genetic diferences as well as evolutionary path leading to crop domestication. The role of some genes could be validated by correlating the variants with the phenotypic diferences among them. BHA had a unique haplotype for the underlying genes *qAn*-*1, qAn*-*2/LABA1,* and *Bh4* (Zhu et al. [2011](#page-14-12); Gu et al. [2015;](#page-13-22) Hua et al. [2015](#page-13-23)), which diferentiated it from PSRR and CPRS with respect to awn and hull characteristics. Similarly, the variants identifed in *Rc*, *OsC1*, and *SD1*, separated CPRS from BHA and PSRR. The *OsLG1* haplotype of PSRR with open panicle

was diferent from BHA and CPRS with closed panicles. In case of the *Phr1* gene, 1-bp deletion causing frameshift was identifed in both weedy rice genotypes instead of the 18-bp deletion that diferentiates *japonica* cultivars from *indica* cultivar (Yu et al. [2008\)](#page-14-17).

This study delineated the genomic diferences between both weedy rice genotypes by analyzing haplotypes of several genes involved in biotic and abiotic stress tolerance. Copy number variations have been proposed to be associated with biotic and abiotic stress tolerance genes in plants (Oh et al. [2012](#page-13-39); Dolatabadian et al. [2017\)](#page-13-40). Although the type of copy number variations distinguished cultivated rice CPRS from both weedy rice BHA and PSRR, it was difficult to associate the stress tolerance with copy number variations, since these weedy rice used in this study have not been characterized for various biotic and abiotic stress tolerance. Therefore, evaluation of these genotypes for stress tolerance may enhance the usefulness of these identifed variants of these selected genes for rice improvement.

With respect to the domestication-related genes such as *Prog1, SHAT1, Sh*-*h,* and *Sh*4, presence of cultivar like haplotype in all three genotypes supported the de-domestication hypothesis (Li et al. [2017\)](#page-13-7). Since none of the shattering genes could distinguish high shattering PSRR and BHA from non-shattering CPRS through our analysis, it reinforces idea of a novel genetic mechanism for seed shattering despite the overlapping of *Sh4* with the QTLs identifed in mapping populations involving PSRR (Subudhi et al. [2014](#page-14-9)). There was disagreement with the earlier fnding (Li et al. [2017](#page-13-7)) with regard to *qSH1* because all three genotypes carried 3 distinct variants for the *qSH1.* The whole-genome scanning of PSRR, an *indica* genotype Nona Bokra, and a *japonica* cultivar Bengal in this QTL interval identifed eight candidate genes which are not known to be involved in shattering (Chai et al. [2018\)](#page-13-8). In this study, we compared the high-impact DNA polymorphisms present in the QTL interval in non-shattering genotype 'CPRS' and both high shattering weedy rice and identifed three candidate genes (GTP cyclohydrolase I, TLD family protein, and Tafazzin) for further investigation (Table S12). GTP cyclohydrolase I was reported to be involved in folate synthesis pathway impacting rice seed metabolism (Blancquaert et al. [2013](#page-13-41)). The other two candidates were involved in protein modifcation and transferase activity based on ontology classifcation [\(http://rice.plantbiology.msu.edu/\)](http://rice.plantbiology.msu.edu/) but were not investigated in plants.

To explore the genetic basis of seed dormancy in weedy rice, candidate genes in two major QTLs (*qSD7*- *1*CR and *qSD7*-*2*CR) were examined (Table S13). Since the  $qSD7-I<sup>CR</sup>$  interval did not include the *Rc* gene, which controlled both seed dormancy and pericarp color pleiotropically (Gu et al.  $2011$ ), involvement of other gene(s) could not be ruled out. However, the candidate gene,

*LOC\_Os07g09590*, which encodes a basic helix-loophelix (bHLH) protein like *Rc* gene, may be an ideal candidate for seed dormancy. Two out of 11 candidate genes, *LOC\_Os07g10490* (zeta-carotene desaturase) and *Rc,* were earlier suggested (Chai et al. [2018\)](#page-13-8). In the *qSD7*-*2*CR interval, there were 41 potential candidate genes including *Sdr4* (Sugimoto et al. [2010](#page-14-30)) carrying high-impact DNA polymorphisms. Although *Sdr4* co-localized with a major QTL for seed dormancy, its association with seed dormancy could not be validated due to sequence inconsistency between weedy genotype and cultivated rice (Subudhi et al. [2012](#page-14-8)). The candidate genes identifed in this study should be investigated for genetic dissection of seed dormancy in future.

Development of an efective weedy rice management strategy is complicated because weeds are adapted to wide range of environments due to genetic variability and phenotypic plasticity (Rathore et al. [2016\)](#page-14-31). The genome-wide diferences between PSRR and BHA revealed in this study suggest that SH and BHA weedy rice may have diferent adaptive mechanisms and therefore will require diferent management and control strategy (Qiu et al. [2017](#page-14-4)). Since diversity in functional traits is not sufficient to devise strategies for weedy rice management, molecular understanding of weedy traits and their evolution will be helpful.

Since weedy rice harbors a number of desirable agronomic and adaptive traits (Borjas et al. [2016](#page-13-35); Burgos et al. [2006](#page-13-2); Jia and Gealy [2018;](#page-13-36) Ziska and McClung [2008](#page-14-32)), it could be a valuable genetic resource for rice improvement. Our study showed that about one-third of the SNPs and one fourth of InDels occurred in the genic regions and most moderate and high-impact variants were in the conserved CDS regions. Therefore, these variants will be useful to diferentiate cultivated rice from weedy wild rice as well as to conduct molecular genetic analysis of important agronomic and adaptive traits.

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