A High-Density Linkage Map of the Ancestral Diploid Strawberry, *Fragaria iinumae*, Constructed with Single Nucleotide Polymorphism Markers from the IStraw90 Array and Genotyping by Sequencing

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**Abstract**

*Fragaria iinumae* Makino is recognized as an ancestor of the octoploid strawberry species, which includes the cultivated strawberry, *Fragaria xananassa* Duchesne ex Rozier. Here we report the construction of the first high-density linkage map for *F. iinumae*. The *F. iinumae* linkage map (Fii map) is based on two high-throughput techniques of single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) genotyping: the IStraw90 Array (hereafter “Array”), and genotyping by sequencing (GBS). The F₂ generation mapping population was derived by selfing *F. iinumae* hybrid F₁D, the product of a cross between two divergent *F. iinumae* accessions collected from Hokkaido, Japan. The Fii map consists of seven linkage groups (LGs) and has an overall length of 451.7 cM as defined by 496 loci populated by 4173 markers: 3280 from the Array and 893 from GBS. Comparisons with two versions of the *Fragaria vesca* ssp. vesca ‘Hawaii 4’ pseudo-chromosome (PC) assemblies reveal substantial conservation of synteny and colinearity, yet identified differences that point to possible genomic divergences between *F. iinumae* and *F. vesca*, and/or to *F. vesca* genomic assembly errors. The Fii map provides a basis for anchoring a *F. iinumae* genome assembly as a prerequisite for constructing a second diploid reference genome for *Fragaria*.

**The Octoploid** (2n = 8x = 56) genomes of the cultivated strawberry (*Fragaria xananassa* Duchesne ex Rozier and its immediate ancestors *Fragaria chiloensis* (L.) Miller and *Fragaria virginiana* Duchesne are recognized as having at least partially allopolyploid compositions (Rousseau-Gueutin et al., 2009; DiMeglio et al., 2014). As such, the ancestries of these octoploids must trace to two or more diploid ancestors via processes of hybridization and doubling of chromosome number. Based on their allelic signatures in phylogenetic studies, ancestors of the diploids *F. vesca* L. and *F. iinumae* Makino have emerged as likely subgenome contributors

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**Abbreviations:** Fii map, *Fragaria iinumae* linkage map; Fvb, *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ genome assembly anchored to a *F. vesca* ssp. bracteata linkage map; FvH, *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ v1.1 genome assembly anchored to the FV x FB linkage map; GBS, genotyping by sequencing; GDR, Genome Database for Rosaceae; LG, linkage group; NCGR CFRA, National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Corvallis collection of *Fragaria*; PC, pseudo-chromosome; PHR, Poly High Resolution; RB, reference-based; RZ, rearrangement zone; SNP, single nucleotide polymorphism; SSR, simple sequence repeat; UNEAK, Universal Network Enabled Analysis Kit.

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to the octoploids (Folta and Davis, 2006; Rousseau-Gueutin et al., 2009; DiMeglio et al., 2014; Tennessen et al., 2014; Sargent et al., 2015). On the basis of its many favorable features (Folta and Davis, 2006), including a diverse spectrum of available germplasm, *F. vesca* was adopted as the initial genomic model species for the genus *Fragaria* (Sargent et al., 2011; Shulaev et al., 2011), with relevance to all of the Rosaceae (Shulaev et al., 2008).

Early molecular phylogenetic studies of *Fragaria* that were based on chloroplast DNA and nuclear internal transcribed spacer regions did not discern the ancestral role of *F. inumae* in the evolution of the octoploid *Fragaria* species (Potter et al., 2000). The first molecular insight into its ancestral role came from the nuclear protein-encoding gene for alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH) as first reported by DiMeglio and Davis in 2003 (Folta and Davis, 2006; DiMeglio et al., 2014). Confirmatory evidence from two other nuclear, protein-encoding genes—those for granule-bound starch synthase 1 (GBSSI-2) and dehydroascorbate reductase (DHAR)—was provided by Rousseau-Gueutin et al. (2009). The initial establishment of the contributory role of *F. inumae* in 2003 prompted expansion of the USDA assemblage of *F. inumae* germplasm via a collection expedition in 2004 to Japan (Hummer et al., 2006), where *F. inumae* is endemic (Staudt, 2005). The acquired *F. inumae* accessions, which are archived by the USDA National Clonal Germplasm Repository (NCGR) in Corvallis, Oregon, represent a broad range of molecular diversity as assessed through interrogation with simple sequence repeat (SSR) markers (Njuguna et al., 2011), thus providing a diverse germplasm resource for genomic research in *F. inumae*.

At present, the only published reference genomes for strawberry, are versions of the *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ genome. The initial anchoring of *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ scaffolds to produce PCs (Shulaev et al., 2011) utilized a linkage map based on an F1 mapping population derived from a cross of *F. vesca* ‘815’ by *F. bucharica* Losinsk ‘601’ (Fv × FB) (Sargent et al., 2011). This mapping population was genotyped with SSR markers using both the full mapping population and bin mapping (Sargent et al., 2009). Since its initial publication as v1.0 (Shulaev et al., 2011), the *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ reference assembly has been revised twice. First, Sargent et al. (2011) added newly developed SSR markers to the Fv × FB map, enabling additional scaffold anchoring that resulted in *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ v1.1 (FvH). More recently, Tennessen et al. (2014) re-anchored the *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ assembly using new linkage maps developed in *F. vesca* ssp. bracteata (Tennessen et al., 2013, 2014), resulting in another *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ assembly (Fvb).

Assembly of a reference genome for a second ancestral diploid, *F. inumae*, would provide a valuable new genomic resource for the *Fragaria* research community. As a step toward anchoring an *F. inumae* reference genome, an appropriate segregating population was needed as the basis for linkage map development. As a foundation for map construction, a set of 3751

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**Materials and Methods**

**Plant Material**

Two *F. inumae* locally numbered accessions, J17 and J4, both collected from Hokkaido, Japan, in 2004 (Hummer et al., 2006), were used in the initial J17 × J4 cross to produce progeny plant F1D, which was subsequently self-pollinated to produce an F2 generation population of 150 individuals collectively designated F2D (Fig. 1). The parental trio (J17, J4, and F1D) and the F2D population plants were maintained in 8-inch-diameter pots in the Macfarlane Greenhouse facility at the University of New Hampshire, Durham. The members of the parental trio are available for distribution from the USDA National Clonal Germplasm Repository, Corvallis, Oregon, under PI numbers 637969 (CFRA1855), 637963 (CFRA1849), and 674769 (CFRA2214), respectively.

**DNA Isolation**

The DNA for genotyping on the Array and by GBS was isolated from fresh or lyophilized young, furled leaf tissue using the E-Z 96 Plant DNA kit (Omega Bio-tek) following the procedure described by Gilmore et al. (2011), including the use of Proteinase K as required by Affymetrix. The DNA for the Array was quantified with QuantIT PicoGreen dsDNA (Life Technologies) with a Tecan Infinite 200 (Tecan Austria GmbH) microplate reader; for GBS it was quantified with a Qubit fluorometer (Invitrogen). A minimum of 750 ng (15 μL of a concentration of 50 ng/μL) and 1 μg of DNA were provided for genotyping with the Array and GBS, respectively.

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**GBS**

GBS has been used successfully for linkage map construction in *Rubus idaeus* L. (Ward et al., 2013), *Rubus occidentalis* L. (Bushakra et al., 2015), *Prunus avium* L. (Guajardo et al., 2015), *Prunus persica* L. Batsch (Bielenberg et al., 2015), and *Malus × domestica* Borkh. (Gardner et al., 2014), which, like *Fragaria*, are members of the Rosaceae (Shulaev et al., 2008). In this paper we describe the development of the first genetic linkage map for *F. inumae*, which was constructed with a combination of Array and GBS markers, and compare its structure to that of two PC assemblies of the *F. vesca* reference genome.
The parental trio and 109 randomly selected F2D plants (Table 1) were genotyped using the Array following the procedures detailed by Bassil and Davis et al. (2015). The Array contains 3751 SNPs that were based on SNP discovery in F1D (F1D SNPs), 85,663 SNPs based on an octoploid strawberry discovery panel (octoploid-based SNPs), and 5648 non-discovery-based (codon-based) SNPs as described by Bassil and Davis et al. (2015).

**GBS Marker Data**

For GBS analysis, 95 samples, including 89 F2D plants chosen at random from the subset of 109 genotyped on the Array, and duplicate trio member samples were assayed (Table 1). A two-enzyme GBS approach as outlined by Poland et al. (2012) using the methylation sensitive enzymes MspI and PstI (Fellers, 2008; Deschamps et al., 2012) was performed by the Hubbard Center for Genome Studies (Univ. of New Hampshire, Durham). A pooled, multiplexed library preparation containing DNA from the 95 samples and one negative control was sequenced as 100 × 100 paired end reads on one lane of Illumina HiSeq 2500 in single-flow-cell, high-output run mode.

**Genotyping and Marker Selection**

The samples on the Array were genotyped with the Affymetrix Genotyping Console and SNPolisher software packages using the default settings for diploid organisms. The genotyped SNPs were classified into six cluster classes according to the Affymetrix rating system, of which the markers rated as Poly High Resolution (PHR; Affymetrix SNP genotyping highest-quality cluster designation) met the strictest quality criteria, as described in Bassil and Davis et al. (2015), and contained the expected three genotypic classes (aa:ab:bb). The SNPs from the GBS dataset were identified by means of two pipelines: the TASSEL 3.0 Universal Network Enabled
Analysis Kit (UNEEK), a non-reference-based pipeline (http://www.maizegenetics.net) and a reference-based (RB) pipeline that employed a draft sequence of the genome of the *F. iinumae* FID parental genotype (unpublished data). This draft sequence is to be archived in the GDR (Jung et al., 2014) and is subject to ongoing revision.

Markers were considered for linkage analysis when the following conditions were met: they were classified as heterozygous in F1D; their genotypes were concordant in the parental trio; and the genotype calls for all replicates of parental trio members were consistent. In addition, for the GBS data, a minimum sequence alignment read depth of six was required at each SNP site.

### Linkage Map Construction

Marker genotypes were coded for an F₂ population according to the founding parent genotypes on the basis of the standard JoinMap (Van Ooijen, 2006) conventions. Where the founding parents were both heterozygous, the progeny genotypes were coded in both coupling and repulsion phases, and the correct phase was determined during the mapping process as correct if mapped and incorrect if unmapped or polarizing.

Linkage mapping was performed with JoinMap 4.1 using the maximum likelihood algorithm and the Haldane mapping function. A minimum logarithm of odds score of 20.0 to group was specified, and default settings were in effect for the remaining parameters. The markers with identical segregation patterns were grouped into genotypic bins during the mapping process. As a convenient basis for data presentation, markers were placed in provisional orders within bins based on comparisons to three reference assemblies archived in the GDR (Jung et al., 2014): the *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ FvH and Fvb assemblies, and a preliminary assembly of the *F. iinumae* genome (unpublished data). The LGs were numbered in correspondence with the homologous *F. vesca* PCs (Shulaev et al., 2011).

For each locus, a Chi-square goodness-of-fit test was performed in JoinMap using a 1:2:1 expected genotypic segregation ratio. Within each LG, the locus-specific segregation data sets were subjected to homogeneity Chi-square testing performed in Microsoft Excel to determine whether these data sets could be pooled as a basis for more sensitively detecting LG-wide segregation distortion.

### Synteny and Colinearity Comparisons between *F. iinumae* and *F. vesca*

Following construction of the Fii linkage map, the correspondences between the Fii LGs and the *F. vesca* (FvH and Fvb) PCs were examined to define the chromosomal patterns of synteny and colinearity between the Fii map and the *F. vesca* assemblies. The known sequence tags flanking the mapped Array and GBS markers were used as queries for BLASTN searches against the PCs of the two published genome assemblies of *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’: FvH (Sargent et al., 2011; Shulaev et al., 2011) and Fvb (Tennessen et al., 2014), where the latter is referred to as *Fragaria vesca* Whole Genome v2.0.a1 Assembly & Annotation in the GDR database (Jung et al., 2014). In addition, comparisons were performed to the original ‘Hawaii 4’ scaffold assembly, v1.1, as archived in GDR (Jung et al., 2014). The comparisons of each LG of Fii to FvH and Fvb PCs were depicted visually by means of Circos diagrams (Krzywinski et al., 2009), and the Circos figures were annotated manually with Microsoft PowerPoint to include information about Fii marker correspondences to FvH PC0 (PC zero) and to the ‘Hawaii 4’ scaffold assembly v1.1 as well as detailed information about discrepant positional assignments.

### Synteny Comparison between *F. iinumae* and an Octoploid *F. xananassa* Map

Following completion of the Fii map, common markers between the Fii map and an *F. xananassa* map also based primarily on Array markers (Sargent et al., 2015) were identified with Microsoft Excel to evaluate the extent of synteny.

### Results

#### Mapping Population

Of the F2D individuals subjected to genotyping, 5 using the Array and 10 using GBS were excluded from further consideration due to excessive missing data, low read depth, and/or conflicting data suggestive of potential sample cross-contamination. Thus, construction of the Fii linkage map relied on Array genotyping data from 104 individuals, for which 79 also contributed GBS data.

#### Identification of Candidate Markers for Mapping

### Array Markers

Genotyping outcomes for the three distinct SNP discovery categories of Array markers (F1D, octoploid, and codon) are summarized in Table 2. Of the 95,062 SNP sites interrogated on the Array, application of the F1D no-call and F1D homozygous filters eliminated all but 3872 candidate markers. Further candidate elimination on the basis of trio non-concordance and parental no-call filters narrowed the Array set to 3391 filtered candidates (Table 2). Overall, the F1D SNPs outperformed the octoploid-based and codon-based SNPs in terms of surviving the filtration steps (Table 2). The respective conversion rates of F1D, octoploid-based, and codon-based Array markers to filtered candidate markers were 82.1, 0.4, and 0.2%.

### GBS Markers

The GBS reads were deposited in NCBI Short Read Archive (SRA312421). The GBS bioinformatics pipelines resulted in an initial 5281 candidate SNPs from the UNEAK pipeline and 2213 from the RB pipeline. After filtering of SNPs for mapping suitability on the basis of heterozygosities in F1D, trio concordance, and minimal missing data, the UNEAK and RB pipelines provided 579 and 690 filtered candidate SNPs.
Table 2. Identification and performance of the IStraw90 Array for mapping.

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<th>Description†</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>3,209</td>
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FID genotype filters

| FID no-call | (235) | (1) | (203) | (31) |
| FID homozygous | (90,958) | (488) | (84,881) | (5,586) |
| FID heterozygous | 3,872 | 3,262 | 579 | 31 |

Trio non-concordance filter

| Parental no-call filter | (279) | (31) | (232) | (16) |

Filtered candidate total

| Filtered candidates mapped | 3,280 | 3,050 | 222 | 8 |
| Affymetrix PHR class | 3,239 | 3,031 | 200 | 8 |
| Not PHR class | 41 | 19 | 22 | 0 |

† Counts are provided for the three major Array marker categories: F1D, octoploid-based, and codon-based. In the filtration pipeline, exclusion criteria were as follows: F1D no call, no genotyping call for F1D; F1D homozygous, genotyped as homozygous in F1D; non-concordant, genotype calls inconsistent among members of parental trio; parental no call, no genotyping call for one or both parents (J17 and J4).

‡ PHR, Poly High Resolution performance class.

Marker Performance in Mapping

Array Markers

Overall, 96.7% of the filtered candidate Array markers were mapped. The F1D SNPs outperformed the octoploid-based and codon-based candidates in terms of achieving map incorporation. Of the filtered candidate SNPs, the percentages mapped from the F1D, octoploid-based, and codon-based categories were 99%, (3050 out of 3078), 74% (222 out of 301), and 67% (8 out of 12), respectively (Table 2). Considering the performance of the Array SNPs by cluster class, 3239 (92.3%) of the 3509 PHR-class markers were mapped (Table 2), whereas less than 0.05% (41 of 91,553) of markers in the other (non-PHR) cluster classes were mapped (Table 2). Of the filtered candidate SNPs that were mapped, 98.8% (3239 of 3280) were classified as PHR (Table 2).

GBS Markers

The GBS dataset provided 893 mapped markers. The mapped markers included 300 markers unique to the UNEAK pipeline, 397 unique to the RB pipeline, and 196 in common between the two pipelines.

The Fii Linkage Map

Following co-segregation analysis and mapping, the Fii map (Fig. 2) contained the expected seven LGs, which ranged in length from 50.1 cM (LG2) to 92.9 cM (LG6), summing to a total map length of 451.7 cM (Table 3). Overall, 3280 Array and 893 GBS markers were incorporated into the Fii map (Table 3). Further examination of incorporated SNPs showed that 21 of the mapped GBS markers were identical in their reference genome locations to mapped Array markers. For each of these 21 SNPs, the GBS genotyping calls were identical to the respective Array genotyping calls across the 79 F2D individuals for which both Array and GBS data were generated. Despite this apparent redundancy, the 21 duplicative GBS markers were retained in the map because their F1D sequence tags, which are based on F. inumae sequence, were not necessarily identical to the corresponding Array tags, which are based on F. vesca sequence. Thus, the final map has a total of 4173 SNP markers archived as GDR1023 (Table 3), including the 21 redundant GBS SNPs.

The 4173 markers contained on the Fii map were distributed among 496 loci, with an average of 8 SNP markers per locus (Table 3). Each mapping bin constitutes a unique map locus, and thus the mapping bins define 496 loci. The numbers of markers and loci per LG varied across an approximately twofold range: from 439 markers in LG7 to 938 in LG6; and from 42 loci in LG4 to 101 in LG6 (Table 3). Overall, the map density of 0.91 cM/locus was less than the calculated saturated map density of 0.48 cM/locus ( = 100 × 1/104 individuals × 2 gametes/individual). Of the 496 loci, 473 contained at least one Array marker, 463 contained at least one F1D based Array marker, and 270 contained at least one GBS marker (Table 3). A total of 226 loci were populated exclusively by Array markers; 187 of which were populated exclusively by F1D markers, while only 23 loci were populated exclusively by GBS markers. Notably, 14% (6 of 42) of the loci on LG4 were populated only by GBS markers, while the next highest percentage was just 6% (5 of 80) on LG3 (Table 3).

Marker Distributions across the Fii Linkage Groups

When the marker densities were charted at each locus along the length of each LG, a single region of exceptionally high marker density was apparent within each LG (Fig. 3). In LGs 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7, this density peak was at, or very near, one end of the LG, while the density peak was centrally located in LG6 and sub-centrally located in LG3.

Segregation Distortion

When examined on a single-locus basis, significant segregation distortion was present in only 17 of the 496 loci composing the Fii map. Of these 17 loci, 12 were on LG4, 4 were on LG5, and 1 was on LG6. In each case, the pattern of distortion favored the allele derived from the paternal parent, J4. When examined at the level of entire LGs (Table 4), homogeneity Chi-square testing (results not shown) determined that locus-specific segregation data could be pooled across all loci within each LG. Goodness-of-fit testing of LG totals to a 1:2:1 expected genotypic segregation ratio showed that for each LG, transmission of paternally derived alleles was favored (p ≤ 0.05), although the effect was small (Table 4). Overall, of the 496 loci comprising the map, the genotypic proportions of aa:ab:bb averaged 0.24:0.48:0.28 (Table 4; Fig. 4). Similarly, the allelic proportions averaged 0.48:0.52 for a:b rather than the expected 0.50:0.50 proportions (Table 4), thus displaying a small but systematic bias toward the paternally derived alleles.
Parental Heterozygosity

Of the 4173 mapped markers, the two parents were homozygous for the alternate alleles of 2920 markers. Of the remaining markers, 162 (3.88%) and 1071 (25.67%) markers were heterozygous in J17 and J4, respectively, and 20 markers were heterozygous in both parents.

Synteny Comparisons between *F. iinumae* and *F. vesca*

Chromosomal assignments were conserved in relation to Fii for 3702 markers in FvH and 3810 markers in Fvb (Table 5) and were mutually conserved among Fii, FvH, and Fvb for 3493 (84%) of the 4173 markers on the Fii map. The results of linkage-group-specific synteny are reported in Table 5 and graphically displayed in.

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**Fig. 2.** *Fragaria iinumae* high-density linkage map. The nomenclature of the genotypic bins consists of three parts: (i) the letter B (for bin) followed by the appropriate linkage group (LG) number (1–7); (ii) a two- or three-digit position number, assigned sequentially in increments of 10 (beginning with 10) to indicate the linear map order; and (iii) the number of markers in the respective bin. For example: bin B110-5 is on LG1 (B1), is the first bin in LG1 (B110), and contains five markers (B110-5). Similarly, bin B220-1 belongs to LG2 (B2), is the second bin (B220), and contains one marker (B220-1).
Supplementary Figures S1.0–S1.7. Among the discrepancies specific to the Fii versus FvH comparison, 394 Fii markers were assigned to non-corresponding FvH PCs other than PC0, and an additional 13 GBS markers were assigned to FvH PC0. Also, 39 GBS markers that were not represented in the FvH PC assembly were assigned to scaffolds within the ‘Hawaii 4’ v1.1 scaffold assembly. Regarding discrepancies specific to the comparison between Fii and Fvb, 89 Fii markers were assigned to non-corresponding PCs, while 249 markers (247 GBS and 2 Array) were not represented in the Fvb assembly. The chromosomal assignments of 61 markers were conserved between FvH and Fvb but were discrepant in relation to Fii. Finally, an additional 25 Fii GBS markers were not represented in either FvH or Fvb (Table 5). A graphic, global overview of the synteny comparisons is provided by the Circos diagrams in Fig. 5, wherein the total number of discrepant connections is reduced from 394 in the FvH comparison to 89 in the Fvb comparison.

With regard to synteny comparisons by Fii LG, the percentages of markers mutually syntenic among Fii, FvH, and Fvb ranged from a low of 81% in LG6 (757 out of 938 markers) to a high of 90.7% in LG7 (398 out of 439 markers) (Table 5; Supplementary Figures S1.0–S1.7). Regarding pairwise comparisons to Fii, synteny percentages ranged from 85.6 (LG6) to 95.0% (LG7) for FvH, and 88.5 (LG4) to 94.5% (LG7) for Fvb. In pairwise comparisons to Fii, the number of syntenous marker assignments was greater in Fvb than in FvH for all LGs except for LG7, whereas the numbers of non-syntenous marker assignments was less for Fvb than for FvH in all seven LGs (Table 5). Specific synteny discrepancies of the individual Fii LGs compared with the FvH and Fvb PC assemblies are explored in detail in Supplementary Figures S1.0–S1.7.

### Colinearity Comparisons between F. iinumae and F. vesca

Substantial departures from locus and marker colinearity were observed between the Fii map and FvH PCs across all seven Fii LGs (Table 6), as graphically displayed with Circos diagrams in Supplementary Figures S2.1–2.7, wherein connecting links for discrepant markers are color-coded in black. Compared with FvH, departures from colinearity were substantially reduced across all seven LGs in the Fvb PCs (Table 6), as graphically indicated by the marked reduction in the number of black connecting links in the Fvb colinearity diagram (Fig. 5). Among Fii LGs, colinearity of Fii with Fvb PCs at the locus level was greatest (100%) for LG1 and least for LG3 (89%), and at the marker level was greatest for LG7 (94%) and least for LG3 (78%).

### Synteny Comparison between F. iinumae and an Octoploid F. ×ananassa Map

A total of 28 markers (Table S1) were identified to be in common between the Fii map and the recently published F. ×ananassa DA × MO map (Sargent et al., 2015), which contains 8407 Array markers. Synteny is uniformly conserved between the respective homologs of the Fii and DA × MO maps, yet without discernible correspondences to specific F. ×ananassa subgenomes (Table S1). With respect to colinearity, no rearrangements were discernible in comparisons between Fii LGs and their respective F. ×ananassa homologs.

### Discussion

A number of phylogenetic evaluations of the genus Fragaria (Rousseau-Gueutin et al., 2009; DiMeglio et al., 2014) including some recent pan-genomic studies of the genomes of the octoploid Fragaria (Njuguna et al., 2013;
Fig. 3. Marker distributions along the seven *Fragaria iinumae* linkage groups (LGs). The y axis indicates the number of markers per locus (diamonds) along the length (cM) of each the LGs (x axis). On each LG the most pronounced peak in marker density is inferred to coincide with the centromere location.
Tennessen et al., 2014; Sargent et al., 2015) have highlighted the key role of *F. iinumae* in the evolution of the octoploid *Fragaria* and thus the importance of developing genomic resources for *F. iinumae* to assist in genomics research in the cultivated strawberry (Sargent et al., 2015). To this end, we present a robust, saturated linkage map for *F. iinumae* that will facilitate efforts to assemble a reference genome sequence for this species.

Construction of a Fii map required the development of an appropriate mapping population. The two *F. iinumae* accessions, J17 and J4, used as founder parents, were collected in 2004 from Hokkaido, Japan (Hummer et al., 2006) and correspond to the subpopulation numbers SP1855 and SP1849 specified by Njuguna et al. (2011). These two accessions were shown to belong to distinct population subgroups differentiated by SSR markers.
As reported here, 4173 segregating Array and GBS SNP markers were genotyped and mapped in this population, thus confirming the expectation of abundant polymorphism between the founder parents.

The Fii map contains the expected seven linkage groups, corresponding to the base chromosome number \( (x = 7) \) of all diploid Fragaria. The total map length of 451.7 cM is remarkably similar to the 442.8 cM length of the revised \( FV \times FB \) linkage, which was based on 76 F2 generation plants and consisted of 411 markers distributed into 275 bins (loci) (Sargent et al., 2011). The lengths of individual LGs ranged from 50.1 to 92.9 cM on the Fii map and from 48.3 to 98.1 cM on the \( FV \times FB \) map, with LG6 being the longest LG on both maps. Notably, LG3 was the shortest LG (48.3 cM) on the \( FV \times FB \) map (Sargent et al., 2011) but was the second longest (81.4 cM) on the Fii map. The mean map resolutions (i.e., locus densities) were one locus per 0.91 cM for the Fii map and 1.61 cM for the \( FV \times FB \) map. In comparison, the Fvb maternal and paternal linkage maps constructed by Tennesen et al. (2013) have mean resolutions of one locus per 2.43 cM and 2.73 cM, respectively. Thus, the Fii map has the highest mean resolution (locus density) of any diploid linkage map currently available for Fragaria.

Although individual marker segregation patterns were generally normal, there was a slight but statistically significant pattern of transmission bias favoring paternal derived alleles (Table 4). This pattern held true for each of the seven LGs. However, locus-specific segregation distortion was substantial and widespread in two prior diploid strawberry mapping populations. On the 80-marker \( F. vesca \) BS × WC6 map (Davis and Yu, 1997), which consists primarily of RAPD (random amplified polymorphic DNA) marker loci, segregation distortion was observed for 38 loci located on five of the seven LGs, and without exception the transmission bias favored the

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† \( FvH \), \( F. vesca \) ‘Hawaii 4’ v1.1 genome assembly anchored to the \( FV \times FB \) linkage map. Columns show number of Fii markers delineated as follows: Syn (syntenic), markers assigned to corresponding \( FvH \) PC; N-syn (non-syntenic), markers assigned to non-corresponding \( FvH \) PC; PC0, markers assigned to \( FvH \) PC0; scf (scaffold), markers assigned to an \( F. vesca \) scaffold but not to an \( FvH \) PC.

‡ \( Fvb \), \( F. vesca \) ‘Hawaii 4’ genome assembly anchored to a \( F. vesca \) ssp. bracteata linkage map. Columns show number of Fii markers delineated as follows: Syn, markers assigned to the corresponding \( Fvb \) PC; N-syn, markers assigned to a non-corresponding \( Fvb \) PC; and N-rep (not represented), markers not present in the \( Fvb \) assembly.

§ Number of markers qualifying as Syn, mutually syntenic among Fii LGs and PCs of \( FvH \) and \( Fvb \); N-syn, markers not syntenic with Fii but syntenic between \( FvH \) and \( Fvb \); and N-rep, markers not assigned to either \( FvH \) PCs and/or scaffolds, or \( Fvb \) PCs.

¶ Number of markers mapped to Fii LGs.
Table 6. Colinearity between *Fragaria iinumae* (Fii) linkage groups (LGs) and corresponding *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ v1.1 genome assembly anchored to the FV × FB linkage map (FvH) and *F. vesca* ‘Hawaii 4’ genome assembly anchored to a *F. vesca* ssp. *bracteata* linkage map (Fvb) pseudo-chromosome (PC) assemblies.†

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† Under the “Loci” heading, the columns (left to right) provide the number of loci on the indicated Fii LG, and the numbers of Fii loci that are colinear (Colin) within the corresponding FvH and Fvb PCs. Under the heading “Markers,” the columns provide the numbers of markers on the indicated Fii LG that are syntenous (Syn) to and colinear (Colin) or non-colinear (N-colin) within the corresponding FvH and Fvb PCs.
maternally derived allele. On the FV × FB SSR-based map (Sargent et al., 2006), 59% of the markers displayed segregation distortion, and every LG had at least one distorted marker. It is important to emphasize that in the prior diploid mapping studies, in which locus-specific segregation distortion was prevalent and often extreme, the founding parental crosses were between widely divergent parents: 'BS' and ‘WC6' belong to separate F. vesca subspecies (vesca and americana, respectively), whereas FV and FB belong to different species (F. vesca and F. bucharica, respectively). Wide crosses were employed in these earlier studies in part to assure the availability of sufficient numbers of segregating markers, given the marker platforms employed. In the present study, which relied on SNP markers, the F. iinumae accessions used as founder parents were sufficiently genetically distinct to yield an abundance of markers. Although a systematic segregation bias favoring paternally derived alleles was evident in the F. iinumae F2D population, the effect was slight and on a locus-specific basis rose to the level of statistical significance for only 3.4% of the 496 loci.

Inclusion on the Array of a set of 3751 SNPs identified on the basis of their apparent heterozygosity in hybrid F1D provided a valuable source of SNPs for use in map construction while also providing a measure of Array utility to complement the assessments of its performance on octoploid germplasm by Basil and Davis et al. (2015) and Sargent et al. (2015). Of the 3751 F1D based SNPs on the Array, 488 were genotyped as homozygous in F1D and did not segregate in the F2D population, while 3050 of the remaining 3262 F1D based Array SNPs, or 93.5%, provided segregation data suitable for mapping. Thus, the Array performed very well with respect to SNPs designed for a specific diploid population. In contrast, of the 85,663 Array SNPs based on discovery in octoploid germplasm, only 222 (0.26%), were incorporable into the Fii map. Of the 5648 speculative, codon-based Array SNPs, which had been designed using a non-discovery-based process, only 8 (0.14%), were incorporable into the Fii map. Of the 3751 F1D based SNPs on the Array, 488 were genotyped as homozygous in F1D and did not segregate in the F2D population, while 3050 of the remaining 3262 F1D based Array SNPs, or 93.5%, provided segregation data suitable for mapping. Thus, the Array performed very well with respect to SNPs designed for a specific diploid population. In contrast, of the 85,663 Array SNPs based on discovery in octoploid germplasm, only 222 (0.26%), were incorporable into the Fii map. Of the 5648 speculative, codon-based Array SNPs, which had been designed using a non-discovery-based process, only 8 (0.14%), were incorporable into the Fii map. Thus, in the absence of the F. iinumae—specific F1D SNPs, the Array provided useful segregation data for only 230 SNPs, a number far short of that required to construct a high-resolution linkage map. It will be of considerable interest to see how the Array performs in other diploid species as well as in other F. iinumae populations.

Overall, 3.45% of the 95,062 Array markers were mapped (Table 2). Considering the performance of Array by cluster class, 92.3% (3239 out of 3509) PHR-class markers were mapped (Table 2), whereas less than 1% (41 of 95,062) of the markers assigned to the other cluster classes was mapped. The high conversion rate of the PHR-class markers confirms the expected superiority of this marker class for use in mapping. Thus, at the expense of only 41 mapped Array markers, SNP candidate selection could have been conveniently achieved by application of only three criteria: heterozygosity in F1D, trio concordance, and marker membership in the PHR class.

As a complementary, non-discovery-based platform, GBS provided useful segregation data for 893 markers, distributed among 270 loci. Due to co-segregation between many GBS and Array markers, the GBS data added only 23 unique loci (bins) to the map (Table 3). Nevertheless, 5 marker bins containing a total of 12 GBS markers were clustered in a poorly marked region of LG4, which otherwise contained only a single Array marker bin (Fig. 2). These 5 uniquely GBS-marker loci contributed importantly to the continuity of LG4. The absence of Array-based markers in the respective LG4 region may have been the consequence of a deficiency in the assembly of the FvH F. vesca reference genome (Shulaev et al., 2011), precluding marker discovery in that region. Similarly, Tennessen et al. (2013, 2014) encountered difficulty in constructing LG4 in their F. vesca ssp. bracteata linkage mapping project, which encountered a sequence-capture approach that had also relied in its design on the original F. vesca ‘Hawaii 4’ reference assembly. Thus our findings emphasize the critical importance of reference genome completeness and accuracy in relation to reference-based processes of marker development and, by extrapolation, the importance of a genomic resource for F. iinumae to facilitate studies of the genome of the cultivated strawberry.

**Fii Map Comparison to FvH and to Fvb Assemblies and Associated Linkage Maps**

The structure of the Fii linkage map provided a basis for three types of comparisons with the F. vesca genome, involving (i) inferred centromere position, (ii) syntenic relationships (i.e., LG assignments), and (iii) colinearity (i.e., locus order within LGs). On the FV × FB map of Sargent et al. (2011), centromere positions were inferred on a qualitative basis and assigned on each chromosome to its major focal point of marker clustering, which was taken to be an indicator of recombination suppression. In the present study, a quantitative approach was taken, with much the same rationale and outcome. In both the Fii and FV × FB maps, centromeres were positioned near the ends of all LGs except on LG3 and LG6.

On the Fii linkage map, markers were assigned to LGs entirely on the basis of recombination frequency data, whereas the comparator PC assemblies are the products of two processes: genomic sequence assembly and anchoring of assembled contigs and scaffolds to linkage maps. Our synteny comparisons relied on the use of marker sequence tags as BLASTN queries of the two PC assemblies, and thus correspondences are subject to the possibility of artificial discrepancies in cases where the true orthologous site is atypically divergent or is missing from the respective PC assembly due to either deficient assembly or to site loss from the comparator genome itself.

Several important conclusions can be drawn from the synteny and colinearity comparisons of the Fii map to the FvH and Fvb assemblies. First, the marked reduction in discrepancies in the comparisons to the Fvb assembly as compared with the FvH assembly indicates...
that the Fvb reassembly (Tennessen et al., 2014) has significantly improved the accuracy of the F. vesca 'Hawaii 4' reference genome. This improvement is particularly apparent with respect to the colinearity comparisons, indicating that errors in the ordering and orientation of scaffolds within PCs have been markedly reduced in the Fvb assembly. Yet it must be noted that in several instances, new discrepancies may have been introduced into the Fvb assembly. Additionally, 247 GBS markers that were assigned to LGs in the FvH PC assembly were not represented on Fvb PCs (Table 5), even though all but two of the markers are present in the FvH v1.1 scaffolds.

Second, comparison of the Fii and Fvb maps documents substantial similarity between the F. iinumae and F. vesca genotypes with respect to synteny. Of the 3899 Fii markers that could be assigned to specific Fvb PCs, only 89 (2.3%) were assigned to a non-corresponding PC. Of these 89 discrepancies, which involve 70 Array and 19 GBS markers, almost all are markers that are located in putative centromeric regions on the Fii map but that are widely dispersed on the Fvb PCs (see Supplementary Figures S1.0–S1.7). Thus, no substantial translocaitional differences were revealed between the F. iinumae and F. vesca genotypes. However, for 61 markers (Table 5), the respective chromosomal assignments agreed in the FvH and Fvb PC assemblies but differed in the Fii map. As noted above, these discrepancies may be artifactual consequences of the employed homology comparisons; however, at least some may be evidence of actual structural differences between the F. iinumae and F. vesca genotypes.

Third, the comparison of colinearity between the Fii map and Fvb assembly documents substantial similarity yet reveals a number of discrepancies, which are identified as rearrangement zones (RZs) in Supplementary Table S2 and Figures S2.1–2.7. Four distinct RZs are evident on LG3 (Supplementary Figure S2.3), and one or more such zones exist on every LG except for LG7 (Supplementary Figures S2.1–2.7). The presence of these RZs points to areas that warrant close scrutiny as sites of possible error remaining in the Fvb assembly. However, it is likely that at least some of these constitute true inversionsal and other intrachromosomal rearrangements differentiating the F. iinumae and F. vesca genotypes. Completion of an F. iinumae reference assembly, now in progress, will provide a basis for further exploring such potential structural divergences.

**Conclusions**

The Fii linkage map provides an important new resource for *Fragaria* genomics. Although not explored here, the F2D mapping population is segregating with respect to traits of economic interest, providing a basis for identification of marker-trait associations in *F. iinumae*. The fact that the 3280 Array–based markers are all located in coding sequences adds to the potential for identifying gene-trait associations in *F. iinumae*. Due to its high resolution and substantial number of 4173 sequence-characterized markers, the Fii map will constitute a key resource for the anchoring of an *F. iinumae* genome assembly. Comparisons with the *F. iinumae* genome will help to reveal remaining errors in the *F. vesca* reference genome assembly and will reveal true biological differences between these two divergent genomes. The synteny between the markers common to the Fii and the *F. xananassa* DA × MO maps, and the improvement of marker representation on LG4, support the expectation that the Fii map and anticipated *F. iinumae* genome assembly will provide an important new resource for reference-based marker discovery in *F. xananassa*. Finally, the establishment of genomic resources for *F. iinumae* will support continuing efforts to dissect the subgenomic structure and evolutionary history of the octoploid, cultivated strawberry and its wild octoploid ancestors.

**Supplemental Information Available**

The supplemental materials include two tables and two series of figures. Table S1 includes a list of markers common between the Fii map and an *F. xananassa* map, and Fii linkage map information for the 4,173 mapped markers are included in Table S2. Comparisons of Fii LGs to individual PCs of FvH and Fvb are included for synteny in Figures S1.0–S1.7 and for colinearity in Figure S2.1–S2.7.

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