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Genetic relationships among 29 accessions of AA AAB and BB bananas were grouped using 4 specific PCR primer, M4(A1-1), M5(A2-1), M6(A2-2) and M22(B-1), and they were classified into 3 genome groups, AA AAB and BB. The A_1A_1 genome was Kluai Pa Phrae. The A_2A_2 genome was Kluai Hom Champa (Pa Phatthalung). The BB genome were the group of all Kluai Tani varieties. The rest of wild species and hybrid cultivars of AA were A_1A_2 genome. The AAB bananas were A_1A_2B except Kluai Nue Mu Nang and Kluai Khai Boran. Both cultivars were A_2A_2B . DNA of all accessions were used for DNA fingerprinting with the techniques of random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD). sequence-related amplified polumorphism (SRAP) and amplified fragment length polymorphism (AFLP). Bands of DNA fingerprint were scored, analysed the genetic similarity and constructed the phylogenetic tree using the software, NTSYSpc-2.01e. The phylogenetic tree showed 2 main groups, BB and AA-AAB. The BB group were composed of 8 accessions and divided into 2 subgroups. The subgroup I were Kluai Tani I, Kluai Tani 2 and Kluai Tani Nua. The subgroup 2 were Kluai Tani 3, Kluai Tani 4, Kluai Tani Eisan, Kluai Tani Tai and Kluai Tani Dam. The AA-AAB banana group were composed of 21 accessions and divided into 5 subgroups. The subgroup 1 were 6 accessions of AAB bananas, Kluai Namphad, Kluai Chin, Kluai Roiwi, Kluai Nam, Kluai Khai Boran and Kluai Nue Mu Nang. Their genetic relationship were closed to Kluai Pa Phrae. The subgroup 2 were Kluai Klai and Kluai Nga Chang which were AAB and were closed to Kluai Flava, Kluai Pa Pli Som and Kluai Pa Pli Lucang. The subgroup 3 were Kluai Khom and Kluai Nom Sao. The subgroup 4 were all AA hybrids except Kluai Pa Abisiania which was in the subgroup 5. These results showed the efficacy of three DNA techniques for banana sample ascertaining.

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