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SSR genetic diversity assessment of the INRA's walnut (*Juglans* spp.) germplasm collection

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Abstract

In France, walnut crop is the second largest fruit crop after apple, with 36,000 tons of in-shell walnuts produced in 2016, making France the 9th producer in the world with almost 20,000 hectares devoted. The INRA's walnut germplasm collection includes 253 accessions from worldwide thanks to the prospecting work of Eric Germain from 1977 to 2007, the former head of breeding program at INRA of Bordeaux. Among them, 217 are *Juglans regia* accessions including 194 cultivars and 23 intraspecific hybrids, coming from the major growing areas such as North-America, Europe and Asia. The germplasm collection includes also 36 *Juglans* accessions of 14 related species from the two sections *Rhysocaryon* (*J. nigra*, *J. hindsii*, *J. microcarpa*, *J. californica*, *J. major*, *J. mollis*) and *Cardiocaryon* (*J. sieboldiana*, *J. cathayensis*, *J. mandshurica*, *J. cinerea*). In this study, 13 simple sequence repeat (SSR) markers, selected from the literature (10 genomic SSRs from *J. nigra* and 3 EST-SSRs from *J. regia*), were used to genotype the 253 accessions. All SSR loci were highly polymorphic with a range from 2 to 17 alleles/locus (mean: 8.92) considering all the *J. regia* accessions. The results indicate a high diversity among the genotypes which could be useful for the new French walnut improvement program. This analysis permitted to select 170 accessions that will be used for association genetics studies, using the 600K SNP Affymetrix® array, in order to identify the genetic determinism of agronomic traits of interest such as those related to phenology, fruit and kernel quality, and susceptibility to different diseases.

Keywords:

Juglans spp., walnut germplasm, genetic diversity, French walnut improvement program, SSR

INTRODUCTION

Thought to be domesticated in Central Asia (Zeven & Zhukovsky, 1975), more precisely in the foothills of the Western Himalayas from the Kashmir region to Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, Persian walnut (*Juglans regia* L.) is a monoecious and dichogamous tree species (Germain et al., 1999) widely disseminated in many temperate regions of northern hemisphere and South

America, South Africa, Australia and New-Zeland which has always fed people. The genus *Juglans* belongs to the order *Fagales* and includes more than 20 diploid species (Woodworth, 1930) divided into three sections: *Rhysocaryon*, including *J. nigra*, *Cardiocaryon* and *Dioscaryon*, containing *J. regia* (Fjellstrom & Parfitt, 1994).

Knowledge of the genetic diversity is crucial for an effective management and use of germplasm. In walnut, several studies reviewed recently have been conducted using a wide range of molecular markers (Bernard et al., 2018). In France till now, the ‘Institut National de Recherche Agronomique’ (INRA, in English: French National Institute for Agricultural Research) has driven two walnut breeding programs in Bordeaux. In the first program, crosses were conducted to obtain hybrids combining a late budbreak date and good fruit quality mainly from French female parents, and lateral bearing habit found in Californian male parents. Seven cultivars were released between 1995 and 2010, including ‘Fernor’, well established nowadays in French walnut orchards. In the second program, a diverse genetic material was used (from Mediterranean area, Middle-East and Asia) with the best hybrids from the first program (Germain, 1997). However, even if some hybrids were characterized and evaluated as promising, following INRA’s strategic decisions, the INRA’s walnut breeding program stopped in 2007.

In light of the important economic development of walnuts (Fig. 1), the global competition and the climate change context, the choice of cultivars in France seems to be insufficient nowadays. The study of INRA’s walnut germplasm collection is a first step for the initiation of a new breeding program using marker-assisted selection. The ‘Centre Technique Interprofessionnel des Fruits et Légumes’ (Ctifl, in English: Fruit and Vegetable Interprofessional Technique Center) will be at the origin of this program, based on basic research (genetic diversity evaluation of germplasm and genetic determinism identification of traits of interest) and applied research (establishment of tools for marker-assisted selection achievement).

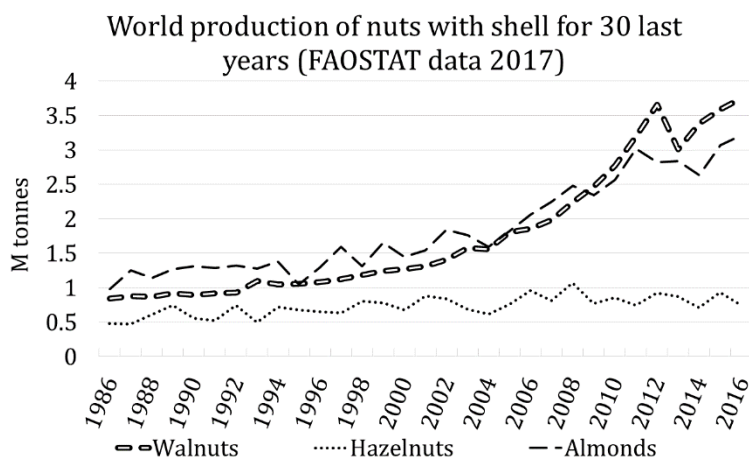


Fig. 1. World production of main nuts crops in-shell for three last decades (FAOSTAT data dec. 2017)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant materials: 253 accessions from the INRA's walnut germplasm collection were analyzed (Table 1), including 217 *J. regia* accessions (194 cultivars and 23 intraspecific hybrids) and 36 accessions part of 14 related species: *J. ailantifolia* Carr. (syn: *J. sieboldiana* Maxim.), *J. californica* S. Wats., *J. cathayensis* Dode, *J. cinerea* L., *J. hindsii* Jeps. *J. major* Heller, *J. mandshurica* Maxim., *J. microcarpa* Berl., *J. mollis* Engelm., *J. nigra* L., *J. pitteursii* C. Morren (isotype of *J. nigra*), *J. rupestris* Engelm. ex Torr. (isotype of *J. major*), *J. sieboldiana* Maxim., *J. sieboldiana* var. *cordiformis*. These accessions come from different countries of Europe, America and Asia, thanks to the prospecting work of M. Eric Germain, former head of breeding program at INRA of Bordeaux from 1977 to 2007. All accessions are 20-30 years grafted trees located in the Arboriculture Experimental Unit of INRA in Toulence (latitude 44°34'37.442"N – longitude 0°16'51.48"W), near Bordeaux (France).

SSR genotyping: Leafs were collected and sent to the BioGEVES laboratory in France to perform DNA extraction, using Macherey-Nagel NucleoSpin 96 Plant II Core kit. DNA concentration measurement was performed with spectrophotometry method (SPECTROstar Omega). All accessions were genotyped by the BioGEVES laboratory using 15 SSR markers chosen from the literature (Dang et al., 2016; Dangl et al., 2005; Woeste et al., 2002). The list of markers is reported in Table 2. The PCR reactions were carried out in 10 µL containing 4 µL of diluted DNA (2.5 ng/µL) and 6 µL of PCR mix. PCR mix consisted of 3.80 µL of ultra-pure water, 1 µL of 10X buffer, 0.2 µL of dNTP (10 mM), 0.60 µL of MgCl₂ (25 mM), 0.10 µL of Ampli Taq Gold polymerase, 0.10 µL of reverse (R) primers, 1 µM of forward (F) primers and 10 µM of 35 S oligo sequence. PCR steps were: 10 min – 94°C, (30 sec – 94°C, 1 min – 58°C, 40 sec – 72°C) x30 cycles (or x35 depending on the primers) and 10 min – 72°C. Amplification products were diluted and 5.8 µL of formamide, 0.2 µL of ladder and 4 µL of amplicon are added in each well. An Applied Biosystem 3730 DNA Analyzer was used and data were processed using GeneMapper software.

Table 2. List of the 15 SSR markers selected

| SSR marker | SSR type and source species | Primers sequences 5'-3' | Repeat array | Reference |
|------------|----------------------------------|---|---|---------------------|
| WGA 001 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F ATTGGAAGGGAAGGGAAATG R CGCGCACATACGTAAATCAC | (GA) ₅ GCA(GA) ₃ GCA(GA) ₃ | Dangl et al., 2005 |
| WGA 004 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F TGTGTCATTGACCCACTTGT R TAAGCCAACATGGTATGCCA | (GT) ₅ (GA) ₁₅ (GA) ₁₁ | Woeste et al., 2002 |
| WGA 009 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F CATCAAAGCAAGCAATGGG R CCATTGCTCTGTGATTGGG | (GA) ₁₆ | Dangl et al., 2005 |
| WGA 027 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F AACCTACAACGCCTTGATG R TGCTCAGCTCCACTTCC | (GA) ₃₀ | Woeste et al., 2002 |
| WGA 069 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F TTAGTTAGCAAACCCACCCG R AGATGCACAGACCAACCTC | (GA) ₄ ATATAA(GA) ₁₆ | Woeste et al., 2002 |
| WGA 072 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F AAACCACCTAAACCTGCA R ACCCATCCATGATCTTCCAA | (CT) ₁₄ | Woeste et al., 2002 |
| WGA 202 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F CCCATCTACCGTTGCACTTT R GCTGGTGGTTCTATCATGGG | (GA) ₁₁ | Dangl et al., 2005 |
| WGA 276 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F CTCACCTTCTCGGCTCTTCC R GGCTTTATGTGGGCAGTGGT | (GA) ₁₄ | Dangl et al., 2005 |
| WGA 349 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F GTGGCGAAAGTTTATTTTTTGG R ACAAATGCACAGCAGCAAAC | (CT) ₁₄ | Dangl et al., 2005 |
| WGA 376 | genomic SSR from <i>J. nigra</i> | F GCCCTCAAAGTGATGAACGT R TCATCCATATTTACCCCTTTCCG | (AG) ₂ AA(AG) ₆ | Dangl et al., 2005 |
| JR 0160 | EST-SSR from <i>J. regia</i> | F TCTCGGATTTGGGCTGTGAC R TCCGGGACCCTCGTCTAATT | (TC) ₁₀ | Dang et al., 2016 |
| JR 1739 | EST-SSR from <i>J. regia</i> | F GGATGTGGAGACGGCAAAGA R CGTCCACCCAAACCAAGAGA | (GAGCCG) ₈ | Dang et al., 2016 |
| JR 1817 | EST-SSR from <i>J. regia</i> | F CCTCAGAGCCAACCATCCTT R AGAACAGAACCAGCGTCACA | (AC) ₁₁ | Dang et al., 2016 |
| JR 6160 | EST-SSR from <i>J. regia</i> | F ACTTCAGGTTCCCAACGCAA R TAGAGGGAAGGTCTCCGGTG | (GA) ₁₀ | Dang et al., 2016 |
| JR 6439 | EST-SSR from <i>J. regia</i> | F TCGATGCGATCATCTCCGTG R CGGCACCAAAAACAGAACTCG | (TGCG) ₅ | Dang et al., 2016 |

F: Forward, R: Reverse

Genetic diversity and population structure analyses: Diversity parameters were estimated for each locus with the “adegenet 2.1.0” R package (Jombart, 2008), for the 217 *J. regia* accessions only. A Principal Coordinate Analysis (PCoA) was performed to determine the relationships between *Juglans* accessions using DARwin 6.0.14 software (Perrier & Jacquemoud-Collet, 2006). Software STRUCTURE (Pritchard et al., 2000) was used to explore population structure. Twenty runs were done by setting the number of clusters (K) from 1 to 10 to identify the best K. Each run consisted of a length of burn-in period of 5,000 followed by 50,000 Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) replicates, assuming an admixture model and correlated allele frequencies. When K was estimated, 10 runs were done by setting the K from 1 to 5. Each run consisted of a length of burn-in period of 100,000 followed by 750,000 MCMC replicates. For the choice of the most likely K, the plateau criterion described by Pritchard et al. (2000) and the ΔK

method described by Evanno et al. (2005) were used. Accessions with an estimated membership below 0.8 were assigned to the “admixed group”.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

SSR genetic diversity: 13 SSR markers among the 15 studied were retained for the analysis after control of amplification and goodness of signal recorded. For some SSRs, PCR amplification was observed only for part of the *Juglans* species: the WGA 001 and WGA 276 SSRs amplify in *J. regia* and *Rhysocaryon* section species but do not in *Cardiocaryon* section, whereas the JR 1817 SSR does not amplify in *Cardiocaryon* section species and in *J. californica* of the *Rhysocaryon* section but amplifies in other species of this section and in *J. regia*. Furthermore, for some SSRs, specific alleles are observed among the different *Juglans* species: for WGA 001 SSR, the ‘184 bp’ allele is found only in *J. mollis* whereas the ‘197 bp’ and ‘205 bp’ alleles are found only in *J. nigra*. Considering the 217 *J. regia* accessions, the number of alleles per locus (A) ranges from 2 to 17 with an average of 8.92 (Table 3). The expected heterozygosity H_e is higher than the observed heterozygosity H_o and with a mean value of 0.56 (p-value of *t*-test: $8.24E^{-04}$), showing a deficiency of heterozygotes, due to the presence of modern cultivars and hybrids. JR 1817 and JR 6439, both SSRs derived from EST, have the lower values of H_o and H_e , but transcribed regions of the genome are known to be more conserved, as observed on other crops (Scott et al., 2000; Hu et al., 2011).

Table 3. Genetic diversity estimations of the 217 *J. regia* accessions

| SSR markers | A | H_o | H_e | F_{IS} |
|-------------|------|-------|-------|----------|
| WGA 001 | 8 | 0.65 | 0.71 | 0.08 |
| WGA 004 | 7 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.08 |
| WGA 009 | 7 | 0.59 | 0.66 | 0.11 |
| WGA 027 | 2 | 0.43 | 0.46 | 0.07 |
| WGA 069 | 9 | 0.57 | 0.76 | 0.25 |
| WGA 072 | 6 | 0.32 | 0.42 | 0.24 |
| WGA 202 | 17 | 0.68 | 0.78 | 0.13 |
| WGA 276 | 16 | 0.63 | 0.76 | 0.17 |
| WGA 349 | 11 | 0.49 | 0.78 | 0.37 |
| WGA 376 | 13 | 0.61 | 0.66 | 0.08 |
| JR 1817 | 5 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.33 |
| JR 6160 | 10 | 0.43 | 0.49 | 0.12 |
| JR 6439 | 5 | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.18 |
| Min | 2 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.07 |
| Mean | 8.92 | 0.47 | 0.56 | 0.17 |
| Max | 17 | 0.68 | 0.78 | 0.37 |

A: number of alleles, H_o : observed heterozygosity, H_e : expected heterozygosity, F_{IS} : inbreeding coefficient

The PCoA performed with all the *Juglans* accessions reveal three well separated clusters: the biggest is formed by the 217 *J. regia* accessions and two additional clusters include on the one hand all the accessions of *Cardiocaryon* section, and on the other hand those of the *Rhysocaryon*

section. These results are in agreement with the botanical classification and a recent work regarding the phylogenetic resolution in *Juglans* (Dong et al., 2017).

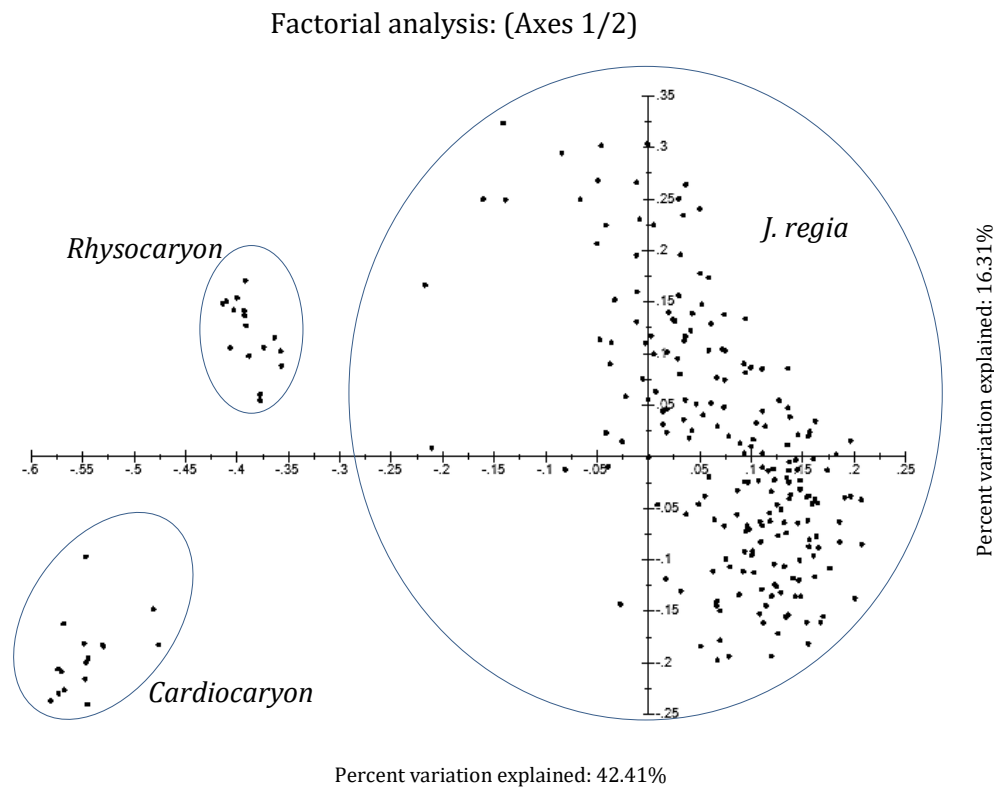


Fig. 2. Principal Coordinate Analysis (PCoA) plot of 13 SSRs with the set of 253 *Juglans* accessions

Population structure: Regarding population structure, the highest value was for K=2 (Fig. 3) with the identification of two ancestral populations: the first one contains 63 accessions mainly from Eastern Europe and Asia, whereas the second one comprises 127 accessions mainly from Western Europe and America. 27 accessions showed clear mixed ancestry with membership values lower than 80% in any of the two clusters. In this admixed cluster, there are INRA's hybrids and USA cultivars obtained from intraspecific crosses ('Feradam', 'Fernette', 'Serr', 'Chico', 'Amigo', 'Gillet', 'Forde' and 'Tulare'). As mentioned in Table 1, pedigree can explain this result. For examples, 'Gillet' and 'Forde', two cultivars released in California in 2004, have 'Chico' and 'UC 61-25' in their background. 'Chico' is a cross between 'Sharkey' and 'Marchetti' and 'Marchetti' is itself a cross between 'Eureka' and 'Payne'. 'Payne' for its part is a cross between a French cultivar and a Chinese seedling. UC 61-25 is a cross between 'Conway Mayette' and 'PI 18256', coming from China. So it is clear that 'Gillet', 'Forde' and 'Chico' show a complex pedigree. The first cluster contains accessions from different countries, such as: Bulgaria

(‘Sheinovo’ and ‘Izvor 10’), Romania (‘Sibisel 39’, ‘Sibisel 44’, ‘VL4B’ and ‘Germisara’), Greece (‘S 28 A Achille’, ‘S 4 B Thétis’, ‘S 34 B Pyrrus’ and ‘EAA 6’), Hungary (‘Milotai n°10’), Ukraine (‘UK-series’), India (‘Sopore’), Iran (‘IR-series’ and ‘Z 53’), China (‘Jin Long 1’ and ‘Lu Guang’), Japan (‘Shinrei’), and surprisingly, France (INRA’s hybrids H 110-34 and H 119-13) and USA (‘Sexton’, ‘Chase C7’, ‘Wepster W2’, ‘Adams 10’ and ‘PI series’). INRA’s hybrid H 110-34 is a cross between ‘Fernette’ and ‘Serr’, ‘Serr’ issued from a cross between ‘Payne’ and ‘PI 15 95 68’, coming from Afghanistan. H 119-13 is a cross between ‘Fernor’ and ‘EAA 6’, coming from Greece. Consequently, the clustering of these two hybrids is in agreement with their origin. In the same way, the USA accessions ‘Chase C7’, ‘Wepster W2’ and ‘Adams 10’ are Manregian-type walnuts, coming from China. The second cluster contains old French cultivars, INRA’s hybrids released recently such as ‘Fernor’, ‘Ferjean’, ‘Ferbel’, ‘Ferouette’, ‘Fertignac’, and accessions from Germany (‘Allemagne 139’ and ‘Geisenheim 286’), England (‘Northdown Clawnut 252’), Spain (‘MB- and MBT-series’, ‘Del Carril’ and ‘Gran Jefe’), Greece (‘S 1 A Diane’ and ‘S 1 B Ariane’), Portugal (‘Rego’), Hungary (‘M 10-37’), Chile (‘AS 1’) and USA (old cultivar ‘Payne’ and modern cultivars having the latter as genitors: ‘Howe’, ‘Pedro’, ‘Vina’ and ‘Chandler’). The membership of the accessions for the two clusters is indicated in Table 1.

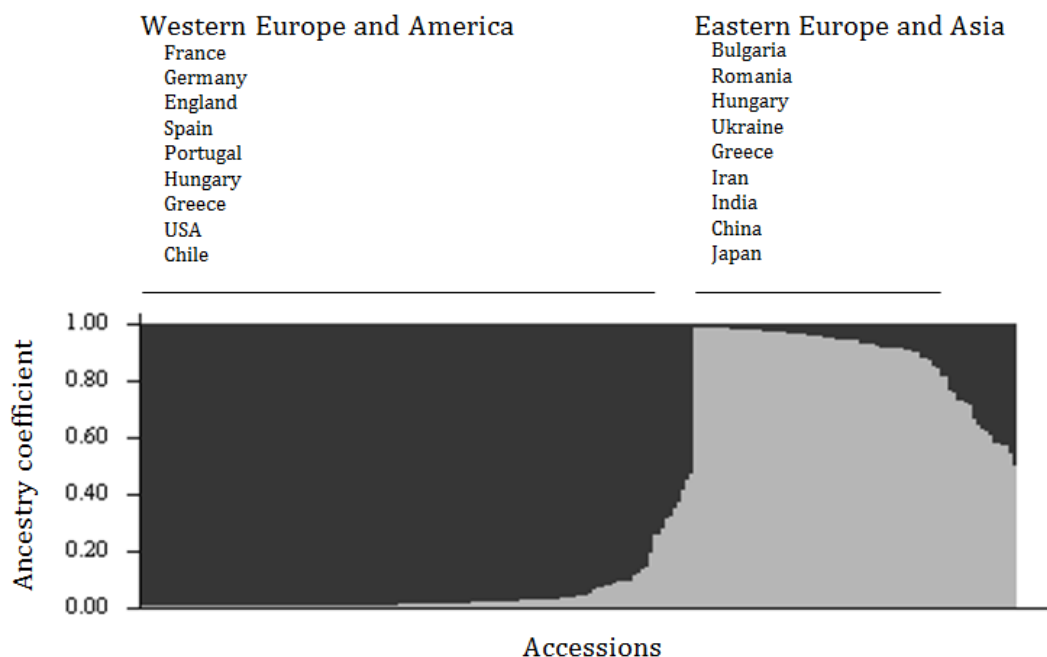


Fig. 3. Inferred population structure of the *J. regia* collection using STRUCTURE. Individual ancestry proportions (Q values) are sorted within each cluster

Selection of 170 accessions for further analysis in the frame of the new French walnut improvement program: This first genetic diversity analysis of the INRA’s walnut germplasm collection permitted the choice of accessions for further genetic analysis. Thanks to the first

600K SNP Axiom® Affymetrix array available and developed in the University of Davis (Marrano, 2018), following the walnut genome sequencing (Martínez-García et al., 2016), investigation of genetic diversity will continue in the frame of the new French walnut improvement program, led by the Ctifl. Synonymous accessions or very close genetic ones based on this analysis have been set aside. The 170 *J. regia* remaining accessions have been characterized for main agronomical traits such as: phenology (budbreak date, peak male/female bloom date), fruit traits (weight, size, height, diameter), and pathology (tolerance to main walnut pests and diseases in France). A genome-wide association study is scheduled for last quarter 2018 in order to determine the main genetic determinisms of traits of interest.

CONCLUSION

The INRA's walnut germplasm collection is a very rich collection in terms of geographical origins and is the result of an important prospecting work carried out by E. Germain between 1988 and 2000 in many countries of the world. Aware of the importance of safeguarding biodiversity, E. Germain knew that creating a valuable reservoir of genetic diversity is crucial to a successful and fruitful breeding program. The genetic diversity found in the INRA's walnut collection has proved to be high and the population structure follows the geographical origins of the accessions. This preliminary work permitted to select the suitable accessions for a future genome-wide association study.

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Table 1. List of *J. regia* accessions analyzed

| Accession | Name | Source country | Supposed origin | Breeding level | Pedigree | STRUCTURE K=2 |
|--------------|------|----------------|------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| RA 1100 | - | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0248 AF5 | - | France | France | Selection | Self-fertilization of RA 0248 | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0550 AF4 | - | France | France | Selection | Self-fertilization of RA 0550 | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0639 AF1 | - | France | France | Selection | Self-fertilization of RA 0639 | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0665-29 | - | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0248-8 | - | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1136 | - | Germany | Germany | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1044 | - | France | France, Aquitaine | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| IR 13-1 | - | Iran | Iran | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| IR 60-3 | - | Iran | Iran | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| IR TA 1-1 | - | Iran | Iran | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 11-4 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 6-2 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 47-1 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 52C9 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 53-3 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 56-21 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 107C-D2-2 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 123-D1-14 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Admixed |
| UK 123-D7-8 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 56-10 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 56-2 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 47-10 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 21-4 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| IR 100-2 | - | Iran | Iran | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| IR 60-1 | - | Iran | Iran | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 127AG11 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 56-12 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 118-23 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 55-40 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 52-12 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 127-D1-24 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 41-17 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 212AG5 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 214-D1-14 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 214-D7-15 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Admixed |
| UK 215AG12 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 216AG5 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 216AG18 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 216-D7-25 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |

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| UK 220-D5-3 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 223-1 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 224-6 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 234-5 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 239-10 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 239-13 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| UK 239-23 | - | Ukraine | Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| IR 21-7 | - | Iran | Iran | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1041 AF6 | - | France | France | Selection | Self-fertilization of RA 1041 | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1041 AF9 | - | France | France | Selection | Self-fertilization of RA 1041 | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1088 AF17 | - | France | France | Selection | Self-fertilization of RA 1088 | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1223 | - | Switzerland | - | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1195 | - | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1196 | - | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1217 | - | Switzerland | - | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1218 | - | Switzerland | - | Selection | - | Admixed |
| RA 1220 | - | Switzerland | - | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1219 | - | Switzerland | - | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1141 | 'A 117-15' | Hungary | Hungary | Modern | 'Alsószentiváni 117' × 'Pedro' | Admixed |
| RA 0488 | 'Adams 10' | U.S.A. | China | Selection | Open-pollination of Manregian walnut | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0399 | 'Allemagne 139' ('Geisenheim 139') | Germany | Germany | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0298 | 'Amigo' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Sharkey' × 'Marchetti' | Admixed |
| RA 1135 | 'AS 1' | Spain | Chile | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0982 | 'Ashley' | U.S.A. | U.S.A., California | Selection | Chance seedling | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1176 | 'Bijou' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0065 | 'Candelou' | France | France, Midi-Pyrénées | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0381 | 'Carmelo' | U.S.A. | U.S.A., California | Selection | Open-pollination of 'Payne' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0370 | 'Chaberte' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1036 | 'Chandler' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Pedro' × ['Sharkey' × 'Marchetti'] | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0493 | 'Chase C7' | U.S.A. | China | Selection | Open-pollination of Manregian walnut | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0223 | 'Cheinovo' ('Sheinovo', 'Sheynovo') | Bulgaria | Bulgaria | Landrace | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0430 | 'Chico' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Sharkey' × 'Marchetti' | Admixed |
| RA 1060 | 'Cisco' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Meylan' × 'Pedro' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0095 | 'Corne' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0354 | 'Corne' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0066 | 'Corne' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0968 | 'Culplat' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1207 | 'Del Carril' | Spain | Spain, Murcia | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1106 | 'EAA 6' | Greece | Greece, Central Greece | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1126 | 'Early Ehrhardt' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Selection | Open-pollination or budspout of 'Ehrhardt' | Western Europe and America |
| H 103-12 | 'Feradam' | France | France | Modern | 'Adams 10' × 'Chandler' | Admixed |
| H 108-4 | 'Ferbel' | France | France | Modern | 'Chandler' × 'Lara®' | Western Europe and America |
| H 102-3 | 'Ferjean' | France | France | Modern | 'Grosvert' × 'Lara®' | Western Europe and America |
| H 94-11 | 'Fernette' | France | France | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Lara®' | Admixed |
| H 94-12 | 'Fernor' | France | France | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Lara®' | Western Europe and America |
| H 100-30 | 'Ferouette' | France | France | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Howard' | Western Europe and America |

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| H 106-28 | 'Fertignac' | France | France | Modern | 'Ronde de Montignac' × 'Chandler' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1229 | 'Forde' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | UC 61-25 × 'Chico' | Admixed |
| RA 0319 | 'Franquette' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0212 | 'Franquette' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0314 | 'Franquette' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0311 | 'Franquette' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0468 | 'Geisenheim 286' | Germany | Germany | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1050 | 'Germisara' | Romania | Romania | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1228 | 'Gillet' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | ['Chandler' × UC 61-25] × 'Chico' | Admixed |
| RA 1101 | 'Gran Jefe' | Spain | Spain, Murcia | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0059 | 'Grandjean' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0289 | 'Grosjean' | France | France, Midi-Pyrénées | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0118 | 'Grosvert' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0439 | 'Hartley' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Mayette' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1037 | 'Howard' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Pedro' × ['Sharkey' × 'Marchetti'] | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1098 | 'Howe' | U.S.A. | U.S.A., Oregon | Selection | Chance seedling | Western Europe and America |
| H 95-87 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Meylannaise' × 'Payne' | Western Europe and America |
| H 91-88 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Payne' | Western Europe and America |
| H 110-34 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernette' × 'Serr' | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| H 109-3 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | H 92-28 × 'Chandler' | Western Europe and America |
| H 118-13 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × 'Chandler' | Western Europe and America |
| H 99-104 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Chandler' | Western Europe and America |
| H 113-24 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernette' × 'Chandler' | Western Europe and America |
| H 117-12 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × H 101-2 | Western Europe and America |
| H 119-13 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × RA 1106 | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| H 122-49 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × UK 41-17 | Admixed |
| H 122-27 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × UK 41-17 | Admixed |
| H 122-25 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × UK 41-17 | Admixed |
| H 122-4 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × UK 41-17 | Admixed |
| H 121-8 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × UK 41-10 | Admixed |
| H 120-3 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × UK 11-4 | Admixed |
| H 122-22 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × UK 41-17 | Admixed |
| H 122-33 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Fernor' × UK 41-17 | Admixed |
| H 92-28 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Ashley' | Western Europe and America |
| H 107-35 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Lara®' × 'Chandler' | Western Europe and America |
| H 93-63 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Pedro' | Western Europe and America |
| H 101-2 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Grosvert' × 'Chandler' | Western Europe and America |
| H 94-5 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Lara®' | Admixed |
| H 102-15 | Hybrid INRA | France | France | Modern | 'Grosvert' × 'Lara®' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1074 | 'Izvor 10' | Bulgaria | Bulgaria | Landrace | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0983 | J. regia A | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0984 | J. regia B | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0996 | J. regia E | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0998 | J. regia IX | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0930 | J. regia R41 | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0932 | J. regia R462 | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |

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| RA 1190 | 'Jin Long 1 | China | China | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1117 | 'Kasni Rodni' | Serbia | Serbia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1031 | 'Kfar Hanania' | Israel | Israel | Selection | - | Admixed |
| RA 0102-3 | 'Lalande' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0480 | 'Lara@' | France | U.S.A. | Selection | Open-pollination of 'Payne' | Admixed |
| RA 0967 | 'Le Bordelais' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RG 2 | 'Liba' | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0391 | 'Lieb Mayette' ('Leib Mayette') | France | U.S.A. | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0248 | 'Lozeronne' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1187 | 'Lu Guang' | China | China | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0611 | 'Lub' | France | France | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1140 | 'M 10-37' | Hungary | Hungary | Modern | 'Milotai n°10' × 'Pedro' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0306 | 'Marbot' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0459 | 'Marbot' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0097 | 'Marbot' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1103 | 'Marchetti' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Selection | Maybe 'Eureka' × 'Payne' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1065 | 'Maribor' | Slovenia | Slovenia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0474 | 'Mayette' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0058 | 'Mayette' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1197 | MB CO 45 | Spain | Spain, Galicia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1198 | MB LU 21 | Spain | Spain, Galicia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1199 | MB PO 2 | Spain | Spain, Galicia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1200 | MB PO 3 | Spain | Spain, Galicia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1201 | MB PO 55 | Spain | Spain, Galicia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1203 | MBT 159 | Spain | Spain, Catalonia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1204 | MBT 218 | Spain | Spain, Catalonia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1205 | MBT 231 | Spain | Spain, Catalonia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1206 | MBT 232 | Spain | Spain, Catalonia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1202 | MBT 40 | Spain | Spain, Catalonia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1019 | 'Meylannaise' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0953 | 'Midland' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Payne' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0498 | 'Milotai n°10' | Hungary | Hungary | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1168 | 'Mire' | Slovenia | Slovenia | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0489 | 'Moyer' | U.S.A. | U.S.A., Oregon | Selection | Chance seedling | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0394 | 'Northdown Clawnut 252' | France | England, Northdown | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0475 | 'Parisienne' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0473 | 'Parisienne' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0216 | 'Parisienne' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0385 | 'Payne' | U.S.A. | U.S.A., California | Selection | French cultivar × Chinese seedling | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1038 | 'Pedro' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Conway Mayette' × 'Payne' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1023 | PI 14 23 23 | U.S.A. | Poland, Lublin | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1104 | PI 15 95 68 | U.S.A. | Afghanistan | Selection | Open-pollination of PI 12 74 60 (Afghanistan) | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1014 | PI 2 657 12 | U.S.A. | Russia, Sochi | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0976 | 'Plovdivski' | Bulgaria | Bulgaria | Landrace | - | Admixed |
| RA 1215 | Pourpre Hollande | Netherlands | - | Selection | - | Admixed |
| RA 0061 | 'Quenouille' ('Moussine') | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |

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| RA 1090 | 'Rego' | Portugal | Portugal | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1221 | 'Robert Livermore' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Howard' × 'Rouge de la Réole' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0367-2 | 'Romaine' | France | France, Rhône-Alpes | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0038 | 'Ronde de Montignac' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1182 | 'Rosée de Montmorin' | France | France, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1041 | 'Rouge de la Donau' ('Geisenheim 1239') | Switzerland | Austria | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1088 | 'Rouge de la Réole' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1089 | 'Rouge de Laquenexy' ('Geisenheim 509') | France | France, Moselle | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1209 | S 1 A Diane | Greece | Greece, Crete | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1212 | S 1 B Ariane | Greece | Greece, Crete | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1211 | S 14 B Sparte | Greece | Greece, Peloponnese | Selection | - | Admixed |
| RA 1208 | S 28 A Achille | Greece | Greece, Central Greece | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1213 | S 34 B Pyrrus | Greece | Macedonia | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1210 | S 4 B Thétis | Greece | Greece, Crete | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0179 | 'Saint Jean' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0147 | 'Saint Jean' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0117 | 'Saint Martial' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0429 | 'Scharsch – Franquette' | U.S.A. | France, Rhône-Alpes | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0828 | Semence comité Dordogne | France | France, Aquitaine | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0499 | 'Serr' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Payne' × PI 15 95 68 (Afghanistan) | Admixed |
| RA 1230 | 'Sexton' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Chandler' × UC 85-8 (China) | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1032 | 'Shinrei' | Japan | Japan | Landrace | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0948 | 'Sibisel 39' | Romania | Romania | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0409 | 'Sibisel 44' | Romania | Romania | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0137 | 'Solèze' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1029 | 'Sopore' | India | India, Kashmir | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0962 | Souvenir du congrès | France | France, Aquitaine | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0491 | 'Spurgeon' | U.S.A. | U.S.A., Washington | Selection | Maybe open-pollination of 'Franquette' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0447 | 'Tehama' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Waterloo' × 'Payne' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0472 | 'Trinta' | U.S.A. | U.S.A., California | Selection | Open-pollination of 'Waterloo' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1099 | 'Tulare' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Tehama' × 'Serr' | Admixed |
| RA 1161 | UC77012 | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Selection | - | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0119 | 'Verdelet' | France | France, Aquitaine | Landrace | Maybe open-pollination of 'Grandjean' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0428 | 'Vina' | U.S.A. | U.S.A. | Modern | 'Franquette' × 'Payne' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 1175 | 'VL25B' | Romania | Romania | Selection | - | Admixed |
| RA 1174 | 'VL4B' | Romania | Romania | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 0386 | 'Waterloo' | U.S.A. | U.S.A., California | Selection | Open-pollination of 'Eureka' | Western Europe and America |
| RA 0492 | 'Wepster W2' | U.S.A. | China | Selection | Open-pollination of Manregian walnut | Eastern Europe and Asia |
| RA 1166 | 'Z 53' | Iran | Iran, Zabad | Selection | - | Eastern Europe and Asia |