

# Monomorphic allele rs109231213 in 3'UTR PLAG1 gene in purebred of Bali cattle (*Bos javanicus*)

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**Abstract.** The mutation rs109231213 that is located in 3'UTR of PLAG1 gene is associated with the growth and body weight in several *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus* breeds. This study aimed to identify SNP rs109231213 in Bali cattle (*Bos javanicus*). The study used 41 samples of Bali cattle. The PLAG1 gene polymorphism was analyzed using PCR and direct sequencing methods. PCR primers were 5'- TTGCACAGAATCAGTGTGTC-3' and 5'- AGCCTAACGTGGATCTATGG-3'. The results showed that primers successfully amplified the 331 bp fragment at annealing 60°C that contained rs109231213. SNP was monomorphic in Bali cattle with one allele (G). This study concludes that rs109231213 in 3'UTR of PLAG1 gene can be used as specific marker in purebred of Bali cattle that have never been crossed with *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus*.

## 1 Introduction

Bali cattle (*Bos javanicus*) are indigenous beef cattle in Indonesia that were domesticated from Banteng and are most preferred among small farmers [1-2]. Bali cattle are classified as beef cattle [3] with higher carcass percentages (42.1-51.1%) [4], well adapted to tropical climates, good adaptations to intensive and extensive maintenance, and good reproductive ability [5]. The genetic diversity of Bali cattle is one of the important information in evaluating the genetic potential of livestock for the sake of conservation, sustainable use, and be developed into premium beef cattle.

Pleomorphic adenoma gene 1 (PLAG1) is associated with birth weight in Nellore and PO cattle [6-8], also with body size in Jersey, Friesian holstein, Simmental, Red Angus, Angus, Hereford, Limousin, Gelbvieh, Brangus, Maine Anjou cattle, Shorthorn, Charolais cattle [9-11] furthermore reproductive traits in *Bos indicus* and *Bos taurus* cattle [12-14]. Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) rs109231213 (chr 14:g.23.326.588, C>G forward strand

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based on ensembl) located on the 3'UTR of PLAG1 gene associated with height [15] and body weight in cattle [16]. Thus, the aim of this research was to identify rs109231213 polymorphism in Bali cattle.

## 2 Materials and methods

### 2.1 DNA samples

Total of DNA samples were used in this research are forty one. The sample of Bali cattle from the Superior Livestock Breeding and Livestock Forage Center of Denpasar (BPTU-HPT Denpasar). DNA was obtained using the geneaid DNA extraction kit.

### 2.2 PCR amplification and genotyping

Primers were designed to amplify 331 base pairs fragment (Table 1). The SNP was accessed through ensembl (<http://asia.ensembl.org/>, SNP rs109231213, chromosome 14 : 23.326.588 C>G and gene sequence PLAG1 (access no. : ENSBTAG00000004022). This set of primers was made with software MEGA7 then evaluated by primer stats ([www.bioinformatics.org](http://www.bioinformatics.org)) to test their suitability.

**Table 1.** A pair of primer to amplify 3'UTR of PLAG1 gene

Primer	Sequence (5'-3')	Length	Ta (°C)
Forward	F: TTGCACAGAATCAGTGTGTC	331 bp	60
Reverse	R: AGCCTAACGTGGATCTATGG		

GenBank access No. NC\_037341 fragment position PCR : 23.326.380-23.375.751 (331 bp) SNP position rs109231213 (chr 14: 23.326.588, C>G) ensembl rs109231213

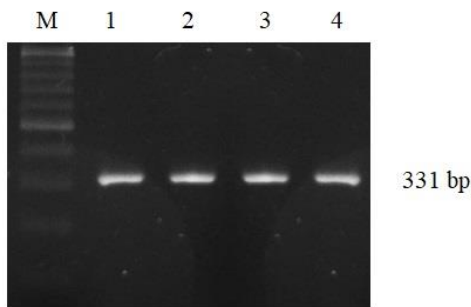
The PCR mix volume was 25 µL, containing of 1 µL DNA template (50 ng), 0.3 µL primer forward and reverse (5 pmol), 12.5 µl GoTaq® Green Master Mix (1x Promega), and 10.9 µL nuclease-free water. PCR mix run using Applied Biosystem thermal cycler, with condition pre-denaturation was at 95° C for 5 min, and amplification for 35 cycles (denaturation at 95° C for 10 s, annealing at 60° C for 20 s, extension at 72° C for 30 s, and final elongation at 72° C for 5 min. The PCR products visualized by electrophoresis using 2% agarose gel and sequenced by First BASE Laboratories Selangor, Malaysia.

### 2.3 Data analysis

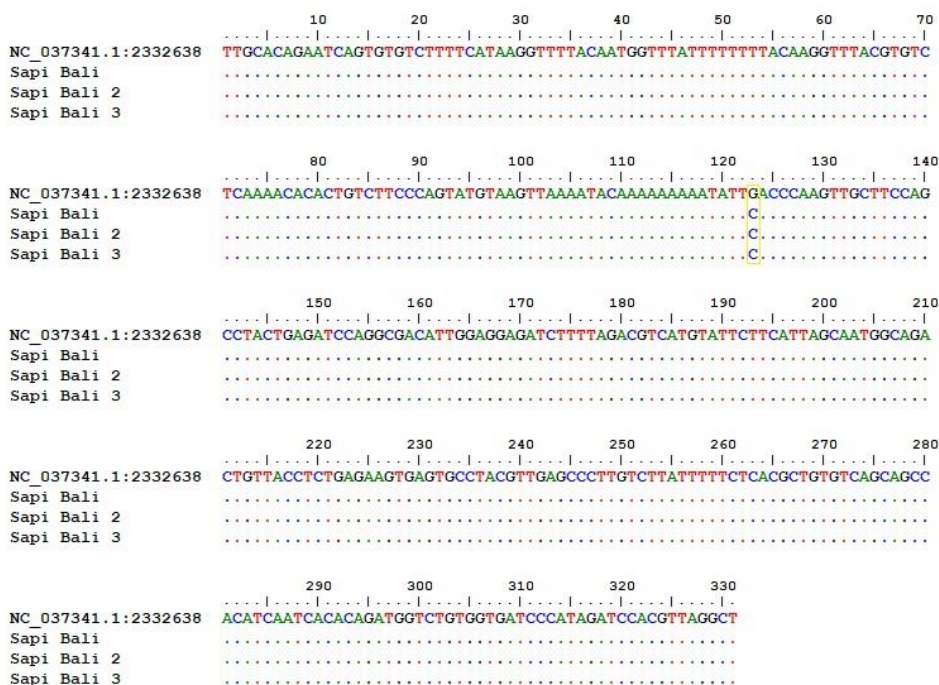
The frequencies genotype and allele were calculated by software Popgene 3.2 [17].

## 3 Results and discussion

PLAG1 gene located on 5'UTR of Bali cattle was 100% successfully amplified at 60°C of annealing temperature (Fig. 1). The length of PCR product was 331 bp. Sequencing of PLAG1 gene located on 5'UTR was monomorphic in Bali cattle, only one allele C was found (Fig. 2).



**Fig. 1.** Visualization of PCR product, M was marker 100 bp, line 1,2,3, 4 were analyzed samples.



**Fig. 2.** Visualisation of the 3'UTR sequence alignment of the PLAG1 gene in Bali cattle

The rs109231213 was polymorphic in *Bos taurus*, *Bos indicus* and Tropical Composite cattle with frequency C allele was 0.96, 0.52, 0.68 and G allele 0.04, 0.48, 0.32, respectively. The C allele increased hip height, weight, net food intake, age at puberty, fat depth and decreased IGF-I concentration in blood [9-11,18]. The results show that Bali cattle have genetic potential to be developed into premium beef cattle based on this SNP. Furthermore, PLAG1 became as a key regulator of mammalian growth [6-8].

Previously study of rs109231213 reported that G is ancestral allele and C is derived allele. The C allele was introgressed from *Bos taurus* to Brahman cattle during the grading up of Brahman cattle [19]. Introgression is the transfer of genetic information from *Bos taurus* to Brahman cattle as a result of hybridization between them and repeated backcrossing. In this study Bali cattle did not have the G allele. The results show that Bali cattle have never been

crossed with *Bos taurus* (i.e. Hereford, Angus, Shorthorn) and *Bos indicus* (i.e. Brahman, PO).

## 4 Conclusion

SNP rs109231213 is monomorphic in Bali cattle (C allele). Bali cattle have genetic potential to be developed into premium beef cattle based on this SNP. Furthermore, providing information that Bali cattle have never been crossed with *Bos indicus*, *Bos taurus*, and composite cattle.

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