Supplementary information

Improvement of the banana “Musa acuminata” reference sequence using NGS data and semi-automated bioinformatics methods

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SUPPLEMENTARY METHODS

This section describes principles, pipelines and tools used to perform the different modules presented in this work and does not describe tools options. For tools options description, please see the readme and tutorial files available with presented tools on GitHub [https://github.com/SouthGreenPlatform](https://github.com/SouthGreenPlatform).

Module 2: Identification and splitting of scaffold/contig misassemblies

This module aims at identifying and splitting misassembled scaffolds. The complete process and tools used are summarized in Figure 1.

Data requirement:

- Genetic markers (SSR, GBS, DArT)
- Multi-fasta file containing markers sequence
- Paired read fastq files
- Multi-fasta file containing scaffolds/contigs sequence

Module 2 can be described as follows: genetic markers are grouped using JoinMap4.1 software (van Ooijen, 2011) and standard grouping parameters; In parallel, marker sequences are aligned to scaffolds using the locOnRef tool; At the end of these two steps, scaffolds harboring markers attributed to more than one linkage group are investigated for evidence of misassembly. To search for the evidence of misassembly, mate-pair reads located in scaffolds comprising genetic markers from different linkage groups are plotted to generate visual data of sequencing coverage at a local scale. The principle is to identify all reads located on these scaffold regions, draw pairing information by joining both reads of a pair and detect a region with no pair overlap that may indicate misassembly.

Paired reads are first mapped onto scaffold regions using 1_create_conf and 2_map tools. Identical read pairs (duplicates) and reads having multiple hits are filtered out with the 3_filter_single_pair tool and 4_filter_sam tool, respectively. Statistics such as median insert size that is used to re-estimate correctly mapped reads are calculated at this step and scaffold coverage and proportion of discordant reads are also calculated with the 5_calc_stat tool. Read pairs are then parsed according to their orientation and insert size with the 6_parse_discord tool. Finally, configuration files with data on reads pair links, coverage and discordant proportion in scaffold regions are generated with conf4circos tool and circos pictures (Krzywinski et al., 2009) are generated using the draw_circos tool.

Zones that are not covered by read-pairs are visually identified and sequence breakpoint coordinates are identified using a coverage file generated by the 5_calc_stat tool. Once all scaffold splitting zones are identified, scaffolds are split using convert2X and SplitOnX tools. The final file is a multi-fasta file containing all scaffolds, including the newly split scaffolds. All scaffolds are renamed by decreasing order of length for module 3 processing.
Figure 1: Overview of module 2 that identifies scaffold/contig misassemblies. Tools regrouped under Scaffhunter and Scaffremodler toolboxes are in green and blue rectangles respectively. Grey rectangle presents final output. Program names are in parentheses.
Module 3: Scaffold fusions/junctions

This module identifies scaffolds fusions and junctions missed by automated methods and realizes the fusions and junctions after validation. The complete process and tools used are summarized in Figure 2.

Data requirement:

- Paired read fastq files
- Multi-fasta file containing scaffolds/contigs

To identify scaffold fusions and junctions, reads are mapped onto all scaffolds and filtered out from redundancy (1_create_conf to 5_calc_stat tool). Mapping parameters are adjusted with local statistics (i.e. median insert size) as in module 2. Reads are then parsed according to their orientation and insert size with the 6_parse_discord tool. Discordant zones (i.e. zones that include discordant reads in wrong orientation or with incorrect insert sizes) are identified with the 7_select_on_cov tool. Configuration files with data on discordant reads pairs, discordant proportion in scaffold regions and coverage are generated with conf4circos tool (already described in module 2). Tab files containing putative fusion and junction zones and corresponding circos pictures are generated using look4fusion tool.

Candidate scaffold fusion zones are manually validated by ensuring that read pairs linking scaffolds are correctly orientated on each circos pictures. Scaffolds are then merged (scaffold fusion) using fusion_scaff tool. Once scaffold fusions are performed, fusion zones are verified by running the analysis again from 1_create_conf to 6_parse_discord tools on the newly merged scaffolds. Circos configuration files are created using conf4circos tool and circos figures representing paired read link at each scaffold fusion boundaries are drawn with verif_fusion tool. The presence of correctly orientated read pairs, overlapping the newly assembled fusion zones validates fusions performed.

Candidate scaffold junction zones are manually validated by ensuring that read pair linking scaffolds are correctly orientated on each circos picture. To manage multiple scaffolds joining, scaffolds are first grouped using group4contig tool that creates a table ordering scaffolds relative to each other with respective orientations of scaffolds within groups. In some cases the program cannot decide, which scaffold putting one after another (one scaffold extremity linked to more than one scaffold). For these cases, the program takes arbitrarily one scaffold and the other scaffold in reported at the end of the scaffold group (see tutorial). In these cases the table file has been manually re-formatted to order these scaffolds based on precise paired read inspection. When this inspection did not allow concluding, these scaffolds were removed from the junctions table file. This step cannot be automated because, in several cases, some links are missing (especially for small scaffolds and those containing repetitive sequences) and this can lead to ordering errors if automated. Scaffolds are then joined using contig_scaff tool.

Scaffold junctions are checked by running again the analysis from 1_create_conf to 6_parse_discord tools on newly joined scaffolds. Configuration files for circos are created using conf4circos tool and circos pictures representing paired read links at scaffold junction boundaries are drawn with verif_fusion tool. Resulting circos figures are inspected for scaffold junction verification by observing correctly orientated read pair overlapping the newly assembled junction zone.

If a scaffold is subjected to a single operation only (junction or fusion), all steps can be performed at once. If multiple events affect the same scaffold (e.g. two scaffolds should be joined and further integrated into a third one, cascade of scaffold fusions), the steps should be performed sequentially by running again the whole process. As an example, if multiple small scaffolds have to be integrated into a single region, these small scaffolds should be either grouped together first (using contig_scaff tool) and then integrated as a single scaffold, or sequential fusion steps should be performed using the complete process from 1creat_conf to fusion_scaff tools until there is no fusion left.
The verification involved mapping and read filtering that are time consuming steps. To save time, these verification steps have been performed on a randomly reduced set of paired-reads representing $\frac{1}{4}$ of the complete dataset.

**Figure 2:** Overview of module 3 that identifies and performs scaffold fusions and junctions. Tools developed are grouped in Scaffremodler toolboxes. Grey rectangles present intermediate and final outputs. Program names are in parentheses.
Module 4: Scaffold gap re-estimation

This module re-estimates scaffold gap size to include the appropriate number of Ns. The complete process and tools used are summarized in Figure 3.

Data requirement:

- Paired reads fastq files
- Multi-fasta file containing scaffolds/contigs

For this module, paired reads are mapped onto the scaffolds (\texttt{1\_create\_conf} and \texttt{2\_map} tools). Reads having multiple hits and read pair duplicates are filtered out (\texttt{3\_filter\_single\_pair} and \texttt{4\_filter\_sam} tools respectively). Gap sizes (i.e. number of N) are then re-estimated with \texttt{reEstimateN} tool which uses correctly orientated read pairs in overlapping gap regions. To use this pipeline several times with multiple libraries and to prevent re-estimating already estimated gap regions, the pipeline generates re-estimated gaps with an “E” character for undetermined bases (instead of a classical “N” character). At the end of a gap size re-estimation process, “E” are replaced by “N” in the resulting multi-fasta file.

Figure 3: Overview of module 4 that re-estimates gaps in scaffolds. Tools grouped in Scaffremodler toolbox are in blue rectangles. Grey rectangles present intermediate and final outputs. Program names are in parentheses. For details, refer to Material and Methods section.
Module 7: Scaffold anchoring

This step aims at grouping, ordering and orientating scaffolds into pseudo-molecules using GBS markers from a segregating population. The complete process and tools used are summarized in Figure 4.

Data requirement:

- Genetic mapping markers (SSR, GBS, SNP)
- Multi-fasta file containing markers sequence
- Multi-fasta file containing scaffolds/contigs

Genetic markers are grouped using JoinMap4.1 software (van Ooijen, 2011) and standard grouping parameters. Within each linkage group, all pairwise linkage LODs between markers are calculated using JoinMap4.1. The JoinMap pairwise file is then converted into pairwise matrix (JMpwd2matrix tool). In parallel, markers sequences are mapped onto scaffolds (locOnRef tool). A first order is then calculated using an UPGMA like approach based on mean pairwise linkage LOD with the UPGMA tool. Final scaffold ordering and orientation are optimized by performing scaffold permutations and re-orientations with the reorderient tool. Scaffold sequences are then assembled into pseudo-molecule (scaff2chrom tool). In addition to a fasta file containing ordered scaffold sequences separated by 100 N, an AGP file locating scaffolds into pseudo-molecules is also generated. A dot-plot showing marker linkage along pseudo-molecules is performed and inspected for scaffold miss-ordering (matrix2ortho tool).

![Diagram of scaffold anchoring process](image)

**Figure 4:** Overview of module 7 that orders scaffolds into pseudo-molecules. Tools grouped in Seaffhunter toolbox are in green rectangles. Final outputs are in grey rectangles. Tool names are in parentheses. For details, refer to Material and Methods section.
SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

Figure S1: Example of scaffold fusion verification.
Graphical representation of paired read mapping at the boundaries of the fusion of scaffold1112 into scaffold24. (A) Verification of the 5’ fusion extremity. (B) Verification of the 3’ fusion extremity. This representation is drawn using Scaffremodler’s tools. In the inner circle, read pair link are color coded according to their orientation and insert size: concordant pairs (correct orientation and insert size) are drawn in grey, discordant pair due to insert size are drawn in orange and red respectively for smaller and greater insert size. Pair showing the reverse-reverse orientation are drawn in purple, forward-forward orientation in green and pair having the complete reverse orientation relative to the expected (reverse-forward or forward-reverse, depending of paired library construction) are drawn in blue. The second circle represents the scaffolds and black regions locate gaps in the scaffold. The following circle is a scatter plot presenting the proportion of discordant on window size of 1 kb. The last circle represent a scatter plot of read coverage on window size of 100 bases. The absence of discordant reads overlapping both 5’ and 3’ fusion zones validate the fusion performed. The presence of well orientated read pairs (grey link) overlapping scaffold fusion regions (left and right borders) confirm scaffold improvement performed.
Figure S2: Linkage dot-plots between markers ordered along scaffolds in each chromosome.
Each dot represents linkage between two markers. The intensity of the linkage is color coded. Warm color indicates strong linkage and cold color indicates weak linkage. Grey bars in dot plots indicate markers belonging to a same scaffold. These dot-plots have been drawn using matrix2ortho tool of scaffhunter toolbox.
Figure S3: Comparison of scaffold anchoring between the first version and the new version of *Musa acuminata* pseudo-molecules.

For each pseudo-molecule, the new pseudo-molecule assembly (right) is compared to the pseudo-molecule assembly of D’Hont et al (2012) (left). Colored links join identical markers mapped along the two assemblies. Blue: markers located on same pseudo-molecules between the two assemblies. Orange: markers located on different pseudo-molecules between the two assemblies. Boxes symbolize scaffolds and their orientation along the pseudo-molecules.