



Supplementary Materials

Table S1. EST-SSR, genomic (G-) SSR and EST-PCR primer pairs: their sequences and annealing temperatures.

Primer pair ¹	Forward and Reverse primer sequence (5'-3')	Annealing temperature (°C)
EST-SSR		
CA23	F: GAGAGGGTTTCGAGGAGGAG R: GTTTAGAAACGGGACTGTGAGACG	60
CA112	F: TCCACCCACTTCACAGTTCA R: GTTTATTGGGAGGGAATTGAAAC	49
CA169	F: TAGTGGAGGGTTTTGCTTGG R: GTTTATCGAAGCGAAGTCAAAGA	52
CA236	F: GTTAAGCTTTTAGATGAGTTGATGG R: GTTTAACCAGTCCCAGACCCAAAT	54
CA421	F: TCAAATTCAAAGCTCAAATCAA R: GTTTAAGGATGATCCCGAAGCTCT	58
CA483	F: GTCTTCCTCAGGTTCCGGTTG R: GAACGGCTCCGAAGACAG	58
CA787	F: TCCTCGTCTCTCCCTCTCA R: GTTTCGCTGAAGTTGGAGTCCTT	60
NA800	F: CAATCCATTCCAAGCATGTG R: GTTCCCTAGACCAGTGCCACTTA	62
NA961	F: TCAGACATGATTGGGGAGGT R: GTTTGGAATAATAGAGGCGGTGGA	56
NA1040	F: GCAACTCCCAGACTTTCTCC R: GTTTAGTCAGCAGGGTGCACAA	58
G-SSR		
VCC_B3	F: CCTTCGATCTGTTCCTTGC R: GTTTGATGCAATTGAGGTGGAGA	62
VCC_I2	F: AGGCGTTTTTGAGGCTAACA R: TAAAAGTTCGGCTCGTTTGC	62
VCC_I8	F: TTCAGCATTCAATCCATCCA R: GTTCTCTTCTCCAATCTCTTTTCCA	58
VCC_J1	F: CTCATGGGTTCATAGACAA R: TGCAGTGAGGCAAAAGATTG	60
VCC_J3	F: TGATTACATTGCCAGGGTCA R: TGGAAACAACCGGGTTACAT	58
VCC_J9	F: GCGAAGAACTCCGTCAAAA R: GTGAGGGCACAAGCTCTC	62
VCC_K4	F: CCTCCACCCCACTTTCATTA	62

	R: GCACACAGGTCCAGTTTTTG	
VCC_ S10	F: ATTTGGTGTGAAACCCCTGA	60
	R: GTTTGGCGCTATATCCGTGTTTGT	
EST-PCR		
CA21	F: TCCGATAACCGTTACCAAGC	52
	R: TATACAGCGACACGCCAAAA	
CA54	F: CCGGTGAACTTCCACTTGTT	52
	R: AGATACTACTGGGGGTGGGG	
CA227	F: TGGAGACTGGAGTGATGCAA	56
	R: TTTGCAAGAACCATGCTGAG	
CA287	F: AGGGCTTTCCTCAATCACT	58
	R: CCTTGTTGTTCCCTTCCTTCG	
CA791	F: AGAGCCAAAAGAAGGGGAAG	56
	R: TCAAAATTTCCGGACCAG	
CA1029	F: GAAGTTTTCCGTTCTCTGCAA	52
	R: CTGCAGCTAGGACCGAAGAG	
CA1423	F: TCATAGCCAATACACTCGAACC	60
	R: GCCCCACCTTTAGCAAATC	
NA27	F: CGCTCGCTCCATTGTTTC	60
	R: TATGCATGAAGCTTGCCGTA	

¹Above markers were developed from EST libraries generated from floral buds of cold acclimated (designated as prefix CA) and non-acclimated (designated as prefix NA) highbush blueberry plants [20].

Table S2. Total antioxidant activity (TAA), phenolic (TPC) and flavonoid contents (TFC) of individual wild clones collected from four Canadian provinces: Newfoundland and Labrador (NL), Prince Edward Island (PE), Quebec (QC) and New Brunswick (NB), cultivars (CV): Fundy, Polaris, Patriot, Chippewa, St. Cloud, Northblue (NOB), hybrids: Cross1 and Cross2. GAE = gallic acid equivalents, CE = catechin equivalent, fl = fresh leaf.

Clones/Cultivars/Hybrids	TAA (mg GAE/g fl)	TPC (mg GAE /g of fl)	TFC (mg CE/g fl)
BC1	4.45 ± 0.07	0.18 ± 0.01	6.55 ± 0.39
BC2	4.58 ± 0.07	0.24 ± 0.01	9.99 ± 0.11
BC3	4.03 ± 0.09	0.20 ± 0.02	6.99 ± 0.12
BC4	2.75 ± 0.08	0.14 ± 0.01	3.93 ± 0.13
BC5	4.57 ± 0.05	0.20 ± 0.02	6.03 ± 0.02
BC6	5.82 ± 0.03	0.20 ± 0.01	7.07 ± 0.05
BC7	4.20 ± 0.07	0.11 ± 0.00	3.49 ± 0.03
BC8	3.53 ± 0.12	0.09 ± 0.01	2.00 ± 0.01
BC9	2.45 ± 0.07	0.11 ± 0.01	2.41 ± 0.07
BC10	3.04 ± 0.08	0.13 ± 0.00	4.18 ± 0.01
BC11	4.88 ± 0.05	0.15 ± 0.01	2.92 ± 0.13
BC12	1.14 ± 0.08	0.11 ± 0.01	1.56 ± 0.02
BC13	5.45 ± 0.09	0.14 ± 0.00	2.65 ± 0.12
BC14	2.77 ± 0.05	0.10 ± 0.01	1.37 ± 0.04

BC15	1.79 ± 0.10	0.10 ± 0.01	1.22 ± 0.02
BC16	2.85 ± 0.07	0.11 ± 0.00	1.66 ± 0.09
BC17	4.14 ± 0.08	0.10 ± 0.01	1.89 ± 0.12
BC18	4.40 ± 0.05	0.15 ± 0.00	3.77 ± 0.09
BC19	2.86 ± 0.03	0.10 ± 0.00	2.35 ± 0.17
BC20	3.14 ± 0.08	0.09 ± 0.00	1.96 ± 0.11
BC21	2.56 ± 0.07	0.06 ± 0.01	0.81 ± 0.02
BC22	5.82 ± 0.03	0.18 ± 0.01	5.56 ± 0.04
BC23	3.25 ± 0.08	0.07 ± 0.01	1.35 ± 0.02
BC24	4.71 ± 0.07	0.10 ± 0.01	2.15 ± 0.08
BC25	4.62 ± 0.03	0.09 ± 0.01	2.26 ± 0.02
BC26	3.26 ± 0.07	0.09 ± 0.00	1.11 ± 0.01
BC27	1.41 ± 0.05	0.08 ± 0.00	0.89 ± 0.07
BC28	1.14 ± 0.05	0.08 ± 0.00	0.93 ± 0.03
BC29	1.84 ± 0.05	0.08 ± 0.00	1.19 ± 0.02
BC30	3.85 ± 0.05	0.09 ± 0.00	1.43 ± 0.04
BC31	4.82 ± 0.07	0.11 ± 0.01	1.82 ± 0.04
BC32	4.85 ± 0.05	0.11 ± 0.01	1.92 ± 0.04
BC33	4.71 ± 0.07	0.11 ± 0.00	1.59 ± 0.01
BC34	5.13 ± 0.07	0.10 ± 0.00	2.70 ± 0.05
BC35	4.60 ± 0.05	0.10 ± 0.01	1.85 ± 0.03
BC36	4.49 ± 0.03	0.15 ± 0.01	1.45 ± 0.02
FUN	5.12 ± 0.07	0.15 ± 0.01	2.83 ± 0.02
PAT	4.55 ± 0.05	0.13 ± 0.01	1.76 ± 0.04
POL	5.19 ± 0.03	0.16 ± 0.01	1.92 ± 0.04
CHIP	4.73 ± 0.07	0.12 ± 0.02	2.69 ± 0.02
STC	2.48 ± 0.08	0.09 ± 0.00	1.20 ± 0.02
NOB	3.28 ± 0.05	0.10 ± 0.00	0.64 ± 0.02
HB1	1.95 ± 0.09	0.16 ± 0.01	1.04 ± 0.03
HB2	2.75 ± 0.08	0.09 ± 0.00	1.57 ± 0.02
HB3	4.07 ± 0.10	0.07 ± 0.01	1.71 ± 0.02
HB4	3.68 ± 0.05	0.11 ± 0.00	1.40 ± 0.02
HB5	2.94 ± 0.17	0.10 ± 0.01	1.42 ± 0.02
HB6	0.29 ± 0.10	0.13 ± 0.01	1.22 ± 0.02
HB7	2.41 ± 0.10	0.09 ± 0.00	1.23 ± 0.02
HB8	2.00 ± 0.33	0.14 ± 0.01	1.48 ± 0.06
HB9	2.74 ± 0.08	0.10 ± 0.00	1.42 ± 0.02
HB10	0.79 ± 0.10	0.10 ± 0.00	1.32 ± 0.02
HB11	4.48 ± 0.04	0.16 ± 0.01	1.49 ± 0.02
HB12	4.82 ± 0.09	0.09 ± 0.01	1.95 ± 0.03
HB13	3.13 ± 0.10	0.10 ± 0.02	1.27 ± 0.01
HB14	5.11 ± 0.05	0.12 ± 0.00	1.67 ± 0.02
HB15	4.47 ± 0.07	0.09 ± 0.00	1.40 ± 0.02
HB16	2.52 ± 0.07	0.09 ± 0.00	0.91 ± 0.03
HB17	4.79 ± 0.07	0.10 ± 0.00	1.30 ± 0.04
HB18	4.09 ± 0.03	0.10 ± 0.00	1.45 ± 0.02
HB19	2.74 ± 0.05	0.08 ± 0.00	0.87 ± 0.04
HB20	4.69 ± 0.09	0.10 ± 0.00	1.37 ± 0.02
HB21	5.13 ± 0.05	0.10 ± 0.00	1.40 ± 0.02
HB22	4.62 ± 0.03	0.10 ± 0.00	1.27 ± 0.01
HB23	4.01 ± 0.04	0.10 ± 0.00	1.82 ± 0.02
HB24	3.25 ± 0.08	0.09 ± 0.00	1.19 ± 0.01
HB25	2.76 ± 0.10	0.09 ± 0.00	1.22 ± 0.01

HB26	3.66 ± 0.07	0.10 ± 0.00	1.52 ± 0.03
HB27	4.79 ± 0.09	0.09 ± 0.00	1.56 ± 0.02
HB28	4.72 ± 0.06	0.10 ± 0.00	1.74 ± 0.04

Values are means ± SD values of at least three replicates. There was no significant difference among individuals in TAA, TFC and TPC according to the Kruskal-Wallis test.

Table S3. Pearson correlation coefficients of antioxidant properties. The respective p-values are shown in brackets. The significance level alpha is 0.05.

Variables	TAA (mg GAE/g fl)	TFC (mg CE/g fl)	TPC (mg GAE/g fl)
TAA (mg GAE/g fl)	1 (0)	0.387 (0.001)	0.352 (0.003)
TFC (mg CE/g fl)	0.387 (0.001)	1 (0)	0.826 (<0.0001)
TPC (mg GAE/g fl)	0.352 (0.003)	0.826 (<0.0001)	1 (0)

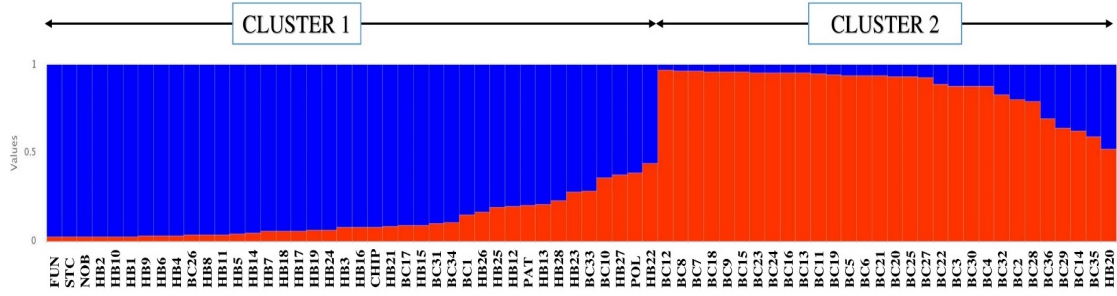


Figure S1. Distribution of blueberry genotypes as per STRUCTURE analysis ($K = 2$) based on EST-SSR primer pairs. The genotypes are represented as vertical bars, and the colour represents different clusters (see Tables 1 and 2 for genotype label).

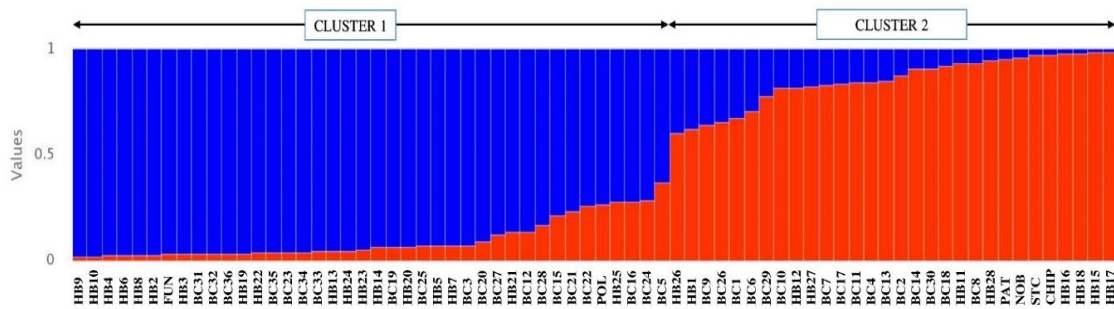


Figure S2. Distribution of blueberry genotypes as per STRUCTURE analysis ($K = 2$) based on genomic (G-) SSR primer pairs. The genotypes are represented as vertical bars, and the colour represents different clusters (see Tables 1 and 2 for genotype label).

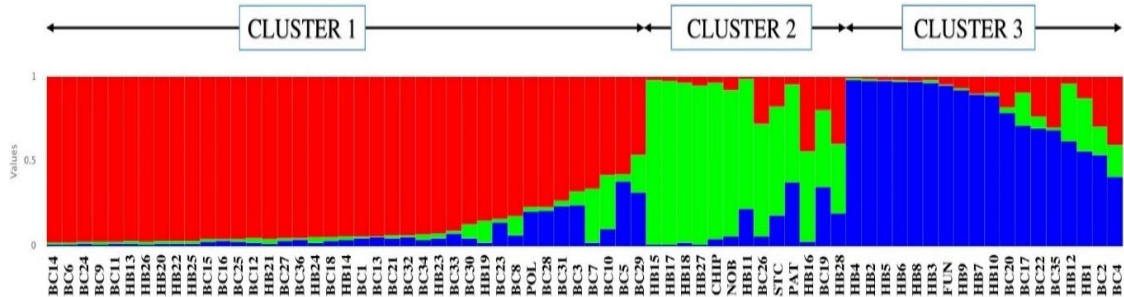


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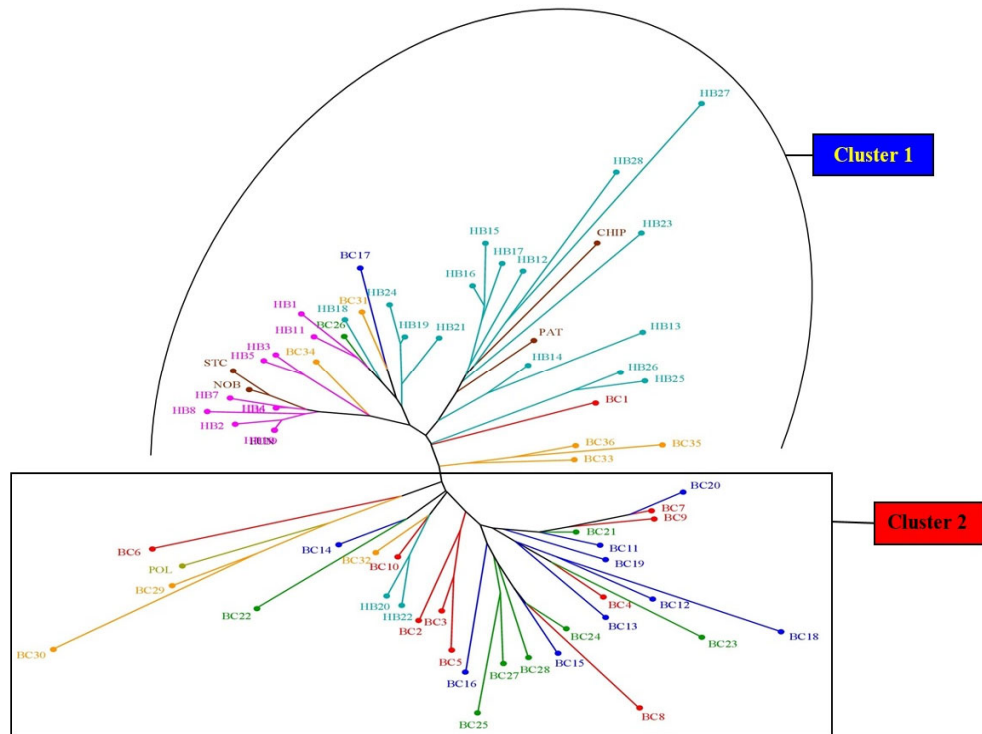


Figure S4. Dendrogram produced by using the unweighted neighbour-joining (NJ) method based on genetic dissimilarity produced by EST-SSR markers among blueberry genotypes. The colour of the branches indicates different groups (see Tables 1 and 2 for genotype label).

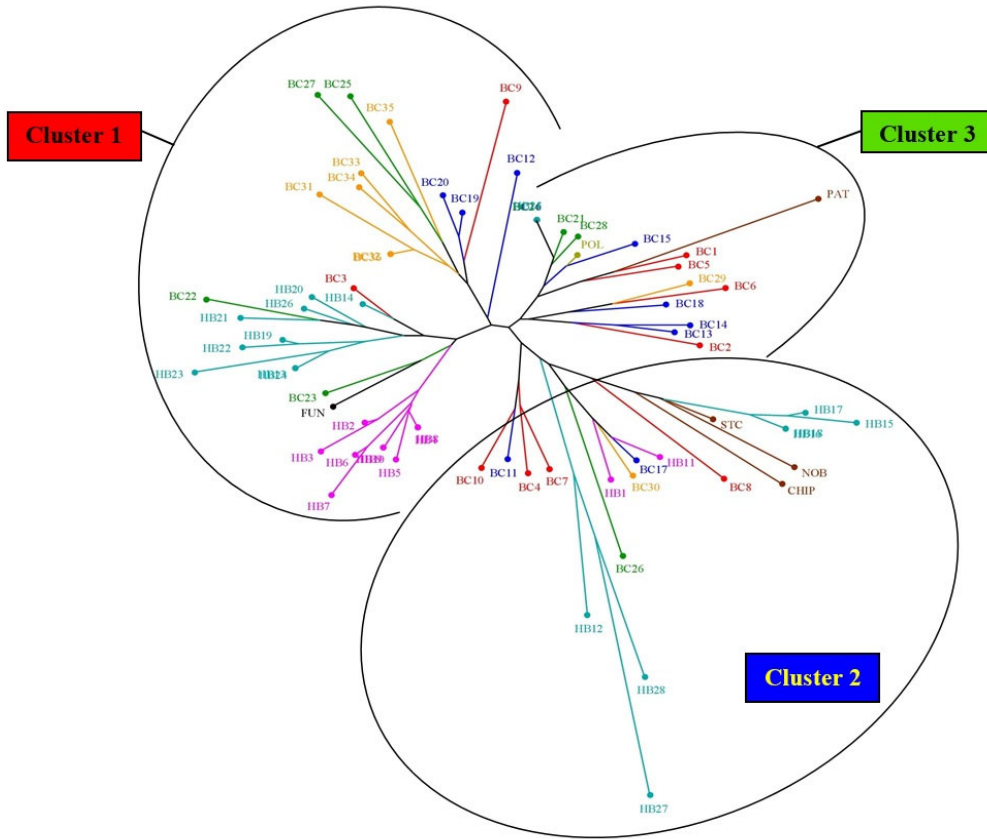


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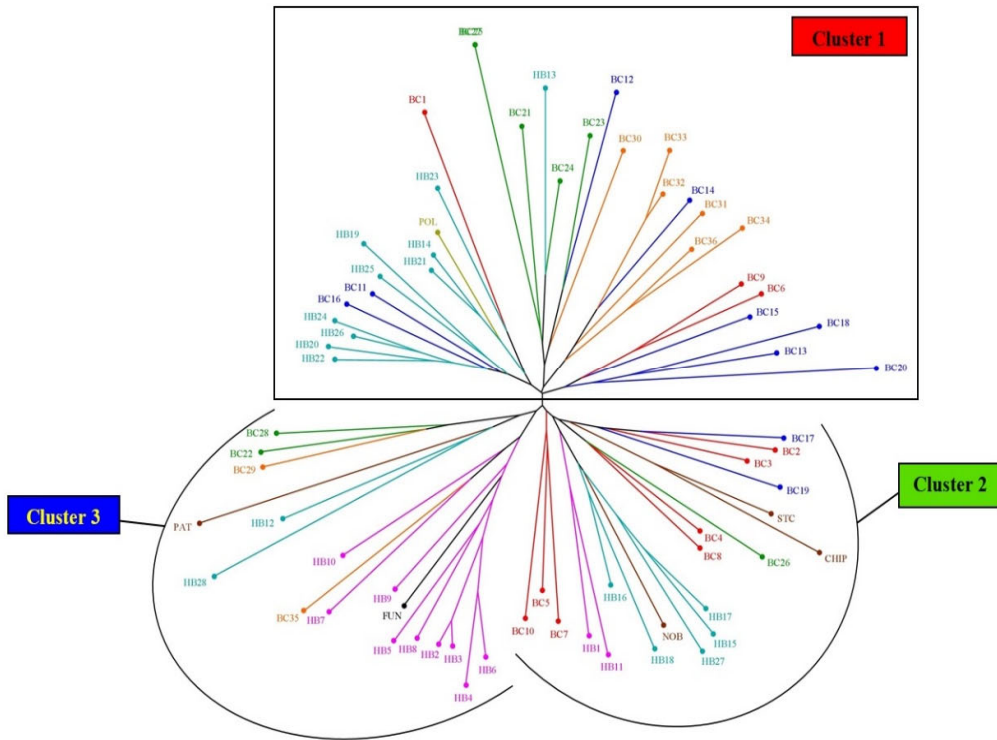


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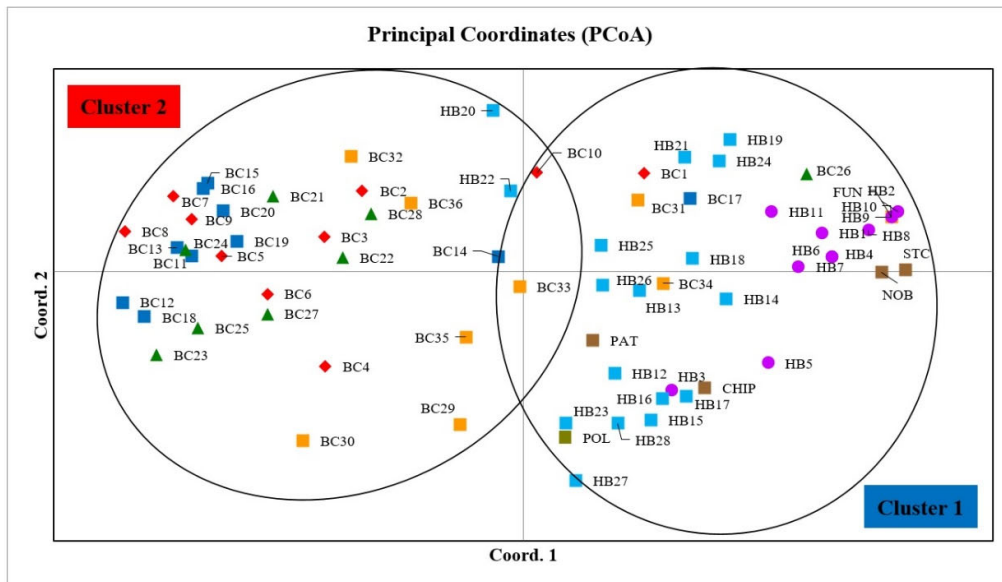


Figure S7. 2D principle coordinate analysis (PCoA) plot of blueberry genotypes using genetic distance matrix produced by EST-SSR markers. The colour and shape of the points indicate different groups (see Tables 1 and 2 for genotype label).

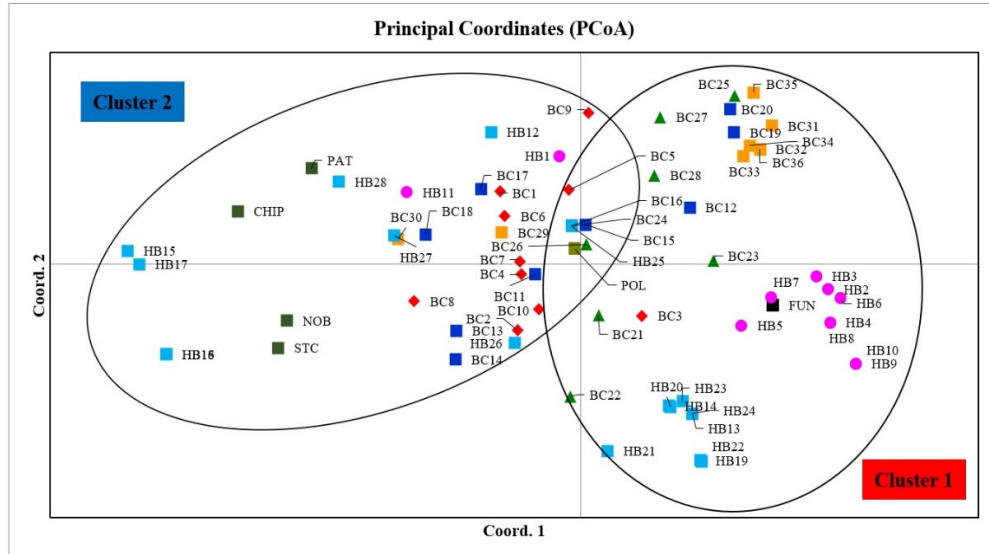


Figure S8. 2D principle coordinate analysis (PCoA) plot of blueberry genotypes using genetic distance matrix produced by genomic (G-) SSR markers. The colour and shape of the points indicate different groups (see Tables 1 and 2 for genotype label).

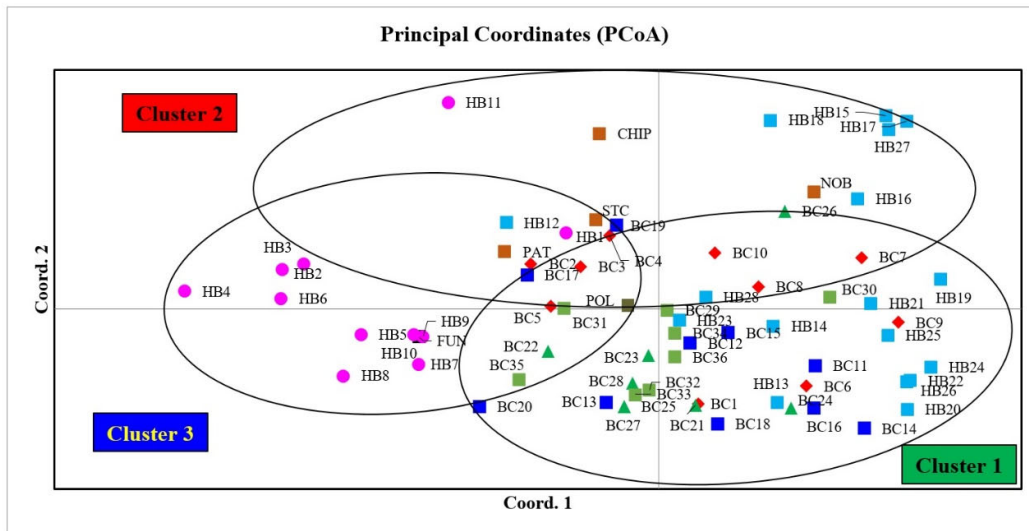


Figure S9. 2D principle coordinate analysis (PCoA) plot of blueberry genotypes using genetic distance matrix produced by EST-PCR markers. The colour and shape of the points indicate different groups (see Tables 1 and 2 for genotype label).