**Supplemental file 3** Characters used in the phenetic analysis of the cultivated potato species in the Russian National Potato Collection. See text for our method of "decomposition to binary variables" (Fil and Novikova, 2000; Sokolova and Razorenova, 1996). Such characters are indicated by the character number followed by an underscore and the character state, as stem color, character 1 below)

## Stem and habit characters

- 1. Stem color: (1\_1) entirely green, (1\_2) mostly green, (1\_3) evenly green and purple,
- (1\_4) mostly purple, (1\_5) entirely purple
- 2. Stem diameter from 1 cm above ground
- 3. Plant height (cm)
- 4. Plant habit: (4\_0) rosette, (4\_1) slightly rosette, (4\_2) semi-erect, (4\_3) erect, (4\_4) decumbent, (4\_5) prostrate
- 5. Number of primary stems per plant from base to 30 cm

## **Leaf characters**

- 6. Length of average adaxial leaf pubescence (mm)
- 7. Density of adaxial leaf pubescence (number of hairs/cm<sup>2</sup>)
- 8. Length of average abaxial leaf pubescence (mm)
- 9. Density of abaxial leaf pubescence (number of hairs/cm²)
- 10. Leaf surface: (10\_0) dull, (10\_1) shiny, (10\_2) very shiny
- 11. Length of leaf (cm)
- 12. Ratio: length of leaf/width of leaf
- 13. Ratio: length of the most distal lateral leaflet/distance on leaf rachis between the junction of the petiolules of the most distal lateral leaflet and the fourth-most distal lateral leaflet
- 14. Ratio: length from widest part of leaf to apex/length of leaf
- 15. Length of petiolule (cm)
- 16. Number of lateral leaflet pairs
- 17. Number of interjected leaflets
- 18. Number of secondary lateral leaflets
- 19. Leaflet margin: (0) undulate [waxy at margins], (1) straight [t wavy]
- 20. Length of terminal leaflet (cm)
- 21. Ratio: length of terminal leaflet/width of terminal leaflet
- 22. Ratio: length from widest point of terminal leaflet to apex/length of terminal leaflet

- 23. Width of terminal leaflet from a point 5 mm below apex
- 24. Terminal leaflet base: (24\_1) evidently cuneate, (24\_2) truncate to slightly cuneate,
- (24\_3) truncate to slightly cordate, (24\_4) evidently cordate
- 25. Length of terminal leaflet petiolule
- 26 Length of most distal lateral leaflet petiolule
- 27. Angle of most distal lateral leaflet from leaf rachis as measured by the ratio: one half of width between apices of most distal lateral leaflet pair/length of most distal lateral leaflet
- 28. Ratio: terminal leaflet length/length of most distal lateral leaflet
- 29. Width of most distal lateral leaflet
- 30. Ratio: length from widest part of most distal lateral leaflet to apex/length of most distal lateral leaflet
- 31. Width of most distal lateral leaflet from a point 5 mm below apex
- 32. Ratio: length of most distal lateral leaflet/width of most distal lateral leaflet
- 33. Length of decurrency of first lateral leaflet on basiscopic side as measured from leaflet petiolule to end of decurrency
- 34. Length from widest part of most distal lateral leaflet to apex
- 35. Ratio: length of third most distal lateral leaflet/length of second most distal lateral leaflet
- 36. Angle of base of leaf rachis to stem of fifth leaf down from apex of plant
- 37. Angle of base of leaf rachis to stem on center leaf of plant
- 38. Distal leaf (leaf tip) arching: (38\_1) slightly arched up, (38\_2) straight, (38\_3) slightly arched down, (38\_4) highly arched down

## Floral and fruit characters

- 39. Length of peduncle (mm)
- 40. Number of flowers per inflorescence
- 41. Ratio: number of flowers per inflorescence/number of peduncle forks per inflorescence
- 42. Length of pedicel (mm)
- 43. Ratio: length of pedicel from base to articulation/length of pedicel
- 44. Ratio: width of pedicel 2 mm below the base of the calyx/width of pedicel 2 mm below the articulation
- 45. Pedicel articulation: (0) distinct, (1) indistinct
- 46. Calyx symmetry: (0) symmetric, (1) asymmetric

- 47. Calyx base: (47\_0) smoothly arched, (47\_1) slightly angled without ribs, (47\_2) greatly angled and ribbed
- 48. Length of calyx acumen
- 49. Length of calyx lobe
- 50. Ratio: length of calyx lobe/width of calyx lobe
- 51. Radius of corolla (mm)
- 52. Ratio: length of center to base of corolla lobe/radius of corolla
- 53. Ratio: width of corolla lobe at base of junction of corolla lobes/lobe length from base to tip of corolla lobe
- 54. Length of anther
- 55. Length of style exsertion from apex of anthers to apex of stigma
- 56. Color of adaxial interpetolar tissue: (56\_1) white, (56\_2) light red, (56\_3) intense red,
- (56\_4) light blue, (56\_5) intense blue, (56\_6) light purple, (56\_7) intense purple.
- 57. Color of abaxial interpetolar tissue: (57\_1) white, (57\_2) light red, (57\_3) intense red,
- (57\_4) light blue, (57\_5) intense blue, (57\_6) light purple, (57\_7) intense purple.
- 58. Color of adaxial corolla ray: (58\_1) white, (58\_2) light red, (58\_3) intense red, (58\_4) light blue, (58\_5) intense blue, (58\_6) light purple, (58\_7) intense purple.
- 59. Color of abaxial corolla ray: (59\_1) white, (59\_2) light red, (59\_3) intense red, (59\_4) light blue, (59\_5) intense blue, (59\_6) light purple, (59\_7) intense purple.
- 60. Color of adaxial corolla acumen: (60\_1) white, (60\_2) light red, (60\_3) intense red, (60\_4) light blue, (60\_5) intense blue, (60\_6) light purple, (60\_7) intense purple.
- 61. Color of abaxial corolla acumen: (61\_1) white, (61\_2) light red, (61\_3) intense red,
- (61\_4) light blue, (61\_5) intense blue, (61\_6) light purple, (61\_7) intense purple.
- 62. Fruit length (cm)
- 63. Fruit length/fruit diameter at widest point

## **Tuber characters**

- 64. Predominant tuber skin color: (64\_1) white-cream, (64\_2) yellow, (64\_3) orange, (64\_4) brownish, (64\_5) pink, (64\_6) red, (64\_7) purplish-red, (64\_8) purple, (64\_9)
- intensely dark purple
- 65. Secondary tuber skin color: (65\_0) uniform color throughout, (65\_1) white-cream,
- (65\_2) yellow, (65\_3) orange, (65\_4) brownish, (65\_5) pink, (65\_6) red, (65\_7) purplish-red,
- (65\_8) purple, (65\_9) intensely dark purple
- 66. Secondary tuber skin color distribution: (66\_0) uniform throughout, (66\_1) in the eyes,
- $(66\_2)$  in the eyebrows 5 the curved depression adjacent to the eye,  $(66\_3)$  splashed,
- when the pigmented areas are around the eyes, (66\_4) spectacled, when the non-

- pigmented areas are around the eyes, (66\_5) scattered pigmented areas, (66\_6) spots few and scattered, (66\_7) stippled (66\_spots small and uniformly distributed).
- 67. Predominant tuber flesh color: (67\_1) white, (67\_2) cream, (67\_3) pale yellow, (67\_4) yellow, (67\_5) intense yellow, (67\_6) red, (67\_7) purple, (67\_8) violet
- 68. Secondary tuber flesh color: (68\_0) uniform color throughout, (68\_1) white, (68\_2) cream, (68\_3) pale yellow, (68\_4) yellow, (68\_5) intense yellow, (68\_6) red, (68\_7) purple, (68\_8) violet
- 69. Distribution of secondary flesh color: (69\_0) uniform color throughout, (69\_1) scattered spots, (69\_2) stippled small spots, (69\_3) scattered areas, (69\_4) in a narrow vascular ring, (69\_5) in a broad vascular ring, (69\_6) in the vascular ring and medulla, (69\_7) in all flesh except medulla.
- 70. Tuber shape: (70\_1) globose, (70\_2) ovate, (70\_3) obovate, (70\_4) elliptic, (70\_5) oblong, (70\_6) long-oblong, (70\_7) elongate
- 71. Tuber eye position: (71\_1) protruding, (71\_2) shallow, (71\_3) medium deep, (71\_4) deep, (71\_5) very deep
- 72. Tuber knobs: (72\_1) relatively smooth, (72\_2) slightly knobby, (72\_3) strongly knobby, (72\_4) digitate
- 73. Tuber curvature: (73\_1) curvature, as globose, to elongate, (73\_2) reniform, (73\_3) falcate, (73\_4) spiral
- 74. Tuber compression: (1) symmetrical in cross section, (2) flattened
- 75. Tuber dormancy: (1) tubers with sprouts at harvest, (2) tubers without sprouts at harvest
- 76. Existence of flowers: presence (0), absence (1)
- 77. Existence of fruits: presence (0), absence (1)
- 78. Existence of tubers: presence (0), absence (1)