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18 Abbreviations: CARC, Central Agricultural Research Center; Cd, cadmium; *cdul*, gene

19 controlling cadmium accumulation in grain; EARC, Eastern Agricultural Research Center; IT,

20 infection type; MAES, Montana Agricultural Experiment Stations; SARC, Southern Agricultural

21 Research Center; NARC, Northern Agricultural Research Center; *ssIIa*, starch synthase IIa;

22 WTARC, Western Triangle Agricultural Research Center

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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 ‘Lustre’ is a spring durum wheat [*Triticum turgidum* L. ssp. *durum* (Desf.)] developed by the
26 Montana Agricultural Experiment Station and released in 2020. Lustre was bred using the single
27 seed descent method and was selected for its yield performance under dryland conditions across
28 Montana, low grain cadmium accumulation, good pasta firmness, high grain protein, high yellow
29 semolina color, and low semolina ash. Lustre performs well in both the North Central and North
30 East regions of Montana, where most Montana durum is produced and intended for pasta
31 production. Lustre has similar stripe rust resistance/susceptibility as top grown durum cultivars
32 in the state with susceptibility at the seedling stage and high-temperature adult-plant resistance.
33 Lustre is moderately susceptible to Fusarium head blight like other durum cultivars. Luster is
34 resistant to the predominant races of stem and leaf rust and is moderately resistant to fungal leaf
35 spot complex. Lustre is approximately 89.4 cm tall, with a yellow green color and a heading
36 date one day later than the cultivar ‘Mountrail’. Lustre has an erect flag leaf and an erect
37 tapering head having white glumes and awns.

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INTRODUCTION

40 In the United States, durum wheat [*Triticum turgidum* L. ssp. *durum* (Desf.)] is grown primarily
41 for pasta production. Starch-based foods in which the ratio of amylose to amylopectin has been
42 increased have a lower glycemic index and improve digestive system health due to the increase
43 in resistant starch (Regina et al. 2006, Sissons et al. 2020). Starch branching enzyme II (*sbeII*)
44 and starch synthase IIa (*ssIIa*) are the predominant genes controlling the ratio of amylose to
45 amylopectin in wheat seeds. As with bread wheat, the ratio of amylose to amylopectin in durum
46 has major implications for both nutrition and product quality. Improved pasta quality may be
47 achieved by increasing amylose content in durum. Pasta prepared from high amylose *ssIIa* and
48 *sbeIIa* null durum has increased firmness, resistant starch, and protein content (Hogg et al. 2015;
49 Hazard et al. 2015). While some quality traits are improved, seed size and milling yields are
50 significantly reduced in full *ssIIa* null lines due to a reduction in overall starch content (Hogg et
51 al., 2015). Selecting for *ssIIa* alleles that retain partial function or durum containing null
52 mutations in only one of the two *ssIIa* genes is crucial to maintain seed size and milling yields
53 while increasing product quality.

54 In addition to selecting for traits such as grain yield and quality, low accumulation of
55 cadmium (Cd) in grain is an important trait in durum wheat. Compared to other cereals, durum
56 wheats may accumulate high levels of grain Cd (Perrier et al., 2016), representing a risk to
57 human health. Consumption of Cd may lead to several health concerns (Grant et al., 1998;
58 Olsson et al., 2005; Menke et al., 2009; Nishijo et al., 2006). The major gene controlling Cd
59 accumulation in durum is *cdul* and selection for the functional *cdul* allele significantly reduces
60 grain Cd levels (Clarke et al., 1997).

84 homozygous for *cdul*, the null *ssIIa-A* allele from PI330546 and for a newly created allele in
85 *ssIIa-B* that contains a missense mutation resulting in amino acid change D327N (Hogg et al.,
86 2013). Line M175 was first crossed to Mountrail and the resultant F₁ was then crossed to
87 Divide. The resultant F₁'s were genotyped for the two mutations in *ssIIa-A* and *ssIIa-B* and dual
88 heterozygous plants were advanced. Approximately 600 Mountrail//Divide/M175 F₂'s were
89 advanced by single seed descent to the F₄ generation at which point a whole head was harvested.
90 In 2014, 262 F₅'s were planted in spaced head-rows in Bozeman, MT at the Post Agronomy
91 Farm and the best agronomic plant (tillering, height, disease, head size) was selected from each
92 row and threshed using a single plant thresher. Lines were genotyped for *ssIIa-A*, *ssIIa-B*, and
93 *cdul* by direct sequencing of PCR products.

94 **Line selection and evaluation**

95 In 2015, 262 F_{5:6} lines along with several varietal checks were grown in replicated short rows
96 (1.2 m) using a randomized complete-block design (RCBD) at the Montana State Post
97 Agronomy Farm in Bozeman, MT under dryland and irrigated conditions. Lines were evaluated
98 for agronomic traits (height, heading date, maturity date, yield) and quality traits (protein, seed
99 size) and a single row from the irrigated environment was harvested with a binder and Vogel
100 thresher for seed stock. The top 40 yielding lines across both environments were selected for
101 further testing and F_{5:7} plants were grown in replicated plots using a RCBD in 2016 at the Post
102 Farm under dryland and irrigated conditions (1.2 x 3 m) and in Conrad, MT under dryland
103 conditions (1.5 x 4.5 m). Lines were evaluated for agronomic traits (height, heading date,
104 maturity date) and quality traits (protein, mixograph, semolina color). To assess end-product
105 quality grain was milled and noodles prepared as in Martin et al., (2012). Milling to semolina
106 was carried out following AACCI Approved Method 26-41.01 with modifications and noodle

107 analysis was carried out according to AACCI Approved Methods 14-22.01 and 66-50.01. The
108 top performing lines (MTD16001-11, F_{5:8}) were selected for testing in the Montana Intrastate
109 Durum Variety Trials. From 2017-2019 the Montana Intrastate Variety Trials consisted of 24
110 entries with three replicates per entry, which were planted in either an alpha lattice design or
111 RCBD. Plot size, row number and row spacing varied by location to accommodate local
112 equipment requirements. Plots were seeded with approximately 2.2 million seeds per hectare.
113 Lustre was tested for three years (2017-2019) as MTD16005 at 14 locations across Montana to
114 evaluate agronomics and quality traits were assessed by the USDA-ARS quality lab in Fargo,
115 ND. Lustre was evaluated in the Montana Intrastate Durum Variety Trials at eight Montana
116 Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) locations in 2017 (F_{5:8}). Lustre was grown at these
117 eight MAES locations again in 2018 (F_{5:9}) and 2019 (F_{5:10}) along with six off-station locations
118 evaluated in both 2018 and 2019. MAES locations tested included Bozeman Post Agronomy
119 Farm (irrigated and dryland), Southern Agricultural Research Center (SARC; dryland), Eastern
120 Agricultural Research Center (EARC; irrigated, dryland and 3 off-station), Western Triangle
121 Agricultural Research Center (WTARC; dryland), Central Agricultural Research Center (CARC;
122 dryland), and Northern Agricultural Research Center (NARC; dryland and 3 off-station). Lustre
123 was selected for high yield, disease resistance, pasta quality, low cadmium uptake, and resistance
124 to stem and leaf rust.

125 **Purification and increase of seed stock**

126 In 2018, F_{5:9} plants were grown in a 1.2 x 21.3 m plot under dryland conditions for initial seed
127 increase. The rows were rogued for off-types several times throughout the season before being
128 bulk harvested. In 2019, a 0.12 ha field of F_{5:10} plants was planted as breeder's seed. The field
129 was rogued to eliminate off-types several times throughout the season prior to being bulk

130 harvested and approximately 25 bushels of F5:11 seed was delivered to the Montana State
131 University Foundation Seed Program.

132 **Statistics**

133 Replicated agronomic and quality data from the Montana Intrastate Durum Variety Trials (2017-
134 2019) were analyzed using analysis of variance (ANOVA) with PROC GLM (SAS v. 9.4, SAS
135 Institute, Cary, NC). Each combination of location and year was considered a unique
136 environment. Experiments grown at the same location in the same year, but with different
137 irrigation regimes, were considered separate location-years, or environments. Fungal leaf spot
138 data from 2019 was analyzed separately by location using ANOVA with PROC GLM. Fusarium
139 head blight data was analyzed separately by year using ANOVA with PROC GLM. Where
140 ANOVA was conducted significant differences between entries were determined using an
141 unrestricted LSD test ($\alpha = 0.05$). Data for stripe rust, leaf rust, stem rust, cadmium
142 concentration, and aluminum tolerance were single rep observations within a given year.

143 **CHARACTERISTICS**

144 **Agronomic characteristics**

145 Lustre is a spring durum wheat that carries the *cdul* allele for low grain cadmium accumulation
146 as well as a null *ssIIa-B* allele that increases pasta firmness. Lustre is a standard height durum of
147 approximately 89.4 cm tall, similar to other full height durum varieties, has white glumes and
148 awns, and has a heading date one day later than ‘Mountrail’, ‘Tioga’ and ‘Divide’, two days later
149 than ‘Joppa’ and five days later than ‘Alzada’ (Table 1). Lustre has an erect flag leaf and an
150 erect tapering head. It has 0.2% or 20 in 10,000 spikes that are taller.

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152 **Field Performance**

153 Under all locations and conditions (2017-2019, 24 location-years, no off-station) Lustre (5,030
154 kg ha⁻¹) yielded significantly more than the top grown cultivars ‘Divide’ (4,889 kg ha⁻¹), ‘Joppa’
155 (4,788 kg ha⁻¹), ‘Tioga’ (4,849 kg ha⁻¹), and ‘Alzada’ (4,439 kg ha⁻¹) (Table 1). Under only
156 dryland conditions (2017-2019, 17 location-years, no off-station) Lustre (4,102 kg ha⁻¹) yielded
157 significantly higher than ‘Divide’ (3,894 kg ha⁻¹), ‘Joppa’ (3,853 kg ha⁻¹), ‘Tioga’ (3,867 kg ha⁻¹)
158 and ‘Alzada’ (3,712 kg ha⁻¹) (data not shown). Averaged over EARC, WTARC, CARC,
159 NARC dryland environments (2017-2019, 12 location-years, no off-station) Lustre was the
160 highest yielding line (3,457 kg ha⁻¹) which was significantly higher than ‘Divide’ (3,147 kg ha⁻¹),
161 ‘Joppa’ (3,114 kg ha⁻¹), ‘Tioga’ (3,166 kg ha⁻¹), and ‘Alzada’ (3,168 kg ha⁻¹) (data not shown).
162 Over three years at EARC dryland (2017-2019, no off-station) Lustre had an average yield
163 (4,412 kg ha⁻¹) higher than ‘Divide’ (4,136 kg ha⁻¹), ‘Joppa’ (3,948 kg ha⁻¹), ‘Tioga’ (4,277 kg
164 ha⁻¹), and ‘Alzada’ (3,867 kg ha⁻¹), however no significant differences were detected (data not
165 shown). At CARC, NARC, and WTARC (2017-2019, 9 location-years), Lustre was the second
166 highest yielding line (3,134 kg ha⁻¹) which was significantly higher than ‘Divide’ (2,825 kg ha⁻¹),
167 ‘Joppa’ (2,831 kg ha⁻¹), ‘Tioga’ (2,804 kg ha⁻¹), and ‘Alzada’ (2,932 kg ha⁻¹) (data not shown).
168 Lustre’s grain protein is similar to the top grown cultivars ‘Divide’, ‘Joppa’, and ‘Alzada’ (Table
169 1). The grain volume weight of Lustre is similar to ‘Mountrail’ and ‘Alzada’ but less than
170 ‘Divide’ and ‘Joppa’ (Table 1), and Lustre’s individual kernel size and weight is similar to other
171 durum cultivars with the exception of ‘Alzada’ which has larger kernels (Table 1.).

172 **End-use quality characteristics**

173 Lustre (5.0) has improved protein strength based on mixograph scores compared to ‘Mountrail’
174 (3.1), but comparable to ‘Divide’ (5.1) and lower than ‘Joppa’ (5.8) and ‘Alzada’ (6.8) (Table 2).

175 Gluten index was measured in 2019 from Bozeman dryland and NARC dryland samples. Lustre
176 (57) had a statistically similar gluten index to 'Divide' (74) that was higher than 'Mountrail' (32)
177 but lower than 'Alzada' (95) (data not shown). The average semolina yield of Lustre (61.7 %)
178 falls within the range of currently grown cultivars as does its semolina brightness (L) and
179 yellowness (b^*) ($L=84.7$, $b^*=28.6$) (Table 2). Semolina from Lustre had higher protein content
180 (135 g kg^{-1}) than 'Divide', 'Joppa', and 'Alzada' and an ash content similar to 'Divide' and
181 'Joppa', but lower than 'Alzada' (Table 2). In 2017, whole grain samples from EARC dryland
182 experiments were evaluated for cadmium accumulation. Compared to lines with the high Cd
183 accumulation allele ($\text{avg}=0.17 \text{ ppm}$) Lustre had half the amount of Cd present (0.08 ppm) as
184 expected due to the presence of the low accumulation allele (Table 3).

185 **Disease resistance and tolerance to acidic soils**

186 Lustre was evaluated for resistance/susceptibility to stripe rust at Mt. Vernon, WA and Pullman,
187 WA over two years. Pullman measurements were collected on July 17 of both years, and
188 measurements at Mt. Vernon were collected on both June 7 and June 27. In both years, lines
189 were evaluated for infection type (IT) on a scale from 0 to 9, where 0-3 are considered resistant,
190 4-6 intermediate, and 7-9 susceptible. Severity was recorded as a percentage. In both years, the
191 susceptible check variety had an IT of 8 and an average severity of 95-100%. Lustre has a
192 similar stripe rust reaction as the top grown check cultivars, with susceptibility at the seedling
193 stage and high-temperature adult-plant resistance. At Pullman, Lustre had average IT of 3.5 with
194 10% severity. At Mt. Vernon, Lustre had an average IT of 6 with 55% severity early in growth
195 and IT of 3 with 25% severity later in growth. Fusarium head blight susceptibility was evaluated
196 in 2018 and 2019 at EARC. Lustre performed similarly as other susceptible top grown cultivars
197 in terms of severity, fusarium damaged kernels and DON (data not presented). Lustre showed

198 all-stage resistance to leaf rust isolate PBJJG-MSU09 and stem rust race TCMLK, the most
199 prevalent race in Montana.

200 In 2019, Lustre was evaluated for leaf spot caused by naturally occurring *Stagonospora*
201 *nodorum* and/or *Pyrenophora tritici-repentis* in Bozeman under irrigated and dryland conditions.
202 Leaf spot disease was evaluated on a scale of 0-5 (0 = no visible leaf spot symptoms, 1 = 10%, 2
203 = 25%, 3 = 50%, 4 = 75%, 5 = 100% upper canopy leaves with symptoms). In both
204 environments Lustre had moderate resistance to leaf spots (1.7 dryland, 2.1 irrigated) with more
205 symptoms than ‘Divide’ or ‘Joppa’ (0 dryland and 0 irrigated), but significantly less than
206 ‘Alzada’ which was very susceptible (4 dryland, 4.3 irrigated). Lustre was tested by Washington
207 State University for tolerance to acidic soils and was determined to be as susceptible as currently
208 grown varieties.

209 **AVAILABILITY**

210 Lustre contains a patented trait conferring improved resistant starch and pasta quality. Use of
211 Lustre requires a Material Transfer Agreement (research use only) or a commercial license to the
212 trait, as well as permission from the originator (Montana Agricultural Experiment Station). Seed
213 requests may be sent to the corresponding author. Seed of Lustre has been deposited in the
214 USDA-ARS National Plant Germplasm System, where it will be available for distribution after
215 the expiration of applicable patents and Plant Variety Protection. Seed of Lustre will be
216 maintained by the Montana State University Foundation Seed Program who will also collect fees
217 from any seed sales. Application has been made for U.S. Plant Variety Protection with the
218 certification option (____).

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221 **SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL**

222 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

223 The authors declare no conflict of interest.

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FIGURES AND TABLES

276 **Table 1.** Agronomic performance of Lustre and check cultivars from Montana Intrastate Durum
 277 Variety Trials (2017-2019).

| Cultivar | Grain yield ^a | Grain volume weight | Heading date ^b | Plant height ^b | Grain protein ^c | Individual seed weight | Individual seed diameter |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | kg ha ⁻¹ | kg m ⁻³ | d from 1 Jan. | cm | g kg ⁻¹ | mg | mm |
| Mountrail | 4,930 | 775 | 178 | 86.4 | 145 | 40.3 | 2.8 |
| Divide | 4,889 | 783 | 178 | 89.9 | 146 | 41.6 | 2.8 |
| Tioga | 4,849 | 780 | 178 | 92.7 | 149 | 42.8 | 2.9 |
| Joppa | 4,788 | 785 | 177 | 89.7 | 143 | 41.4 | 2.8 |
| Alzada | 4,439 | 776 | 174 | 72.1 | 146 | 44.8 | 3.0 |
| Lustre | 5,030 | 772 | 179 | 89.4 | 146 | 41.0 | 2.8 |
| CV (%) | 6.3 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 3.7 | 2.9 | 3.9 | 2.0 |
| LSD (0.05) ^d | 181 | 5 | 1 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 0.03 |
| Prob > F ^d | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 |
| Location-years | 24 | 24 | 17 | 17 | 24 | 24 | 24 |

278 ^aGrain yield reported on a 13% moisture basis.

279 ^bData from dryland locations only

280 ^cGrain protein reported on a 12% moisture basis.

281 ^dFisher's unrestricted LSD at the 0.05 probability level. Significance determination is based on
 282 the inclusion of the following entries: Alkabo, Grenora, Carpio, CDC-Dynamic, CDC-Fortitude,
 283 CDC-Precision, CDC-Vivid, MTD16001-11.

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Table 2. Quality performance of Lustre and check cultivars over 24 location-years from Montana Intrastate Durum Variety Trials (2017-2019).

| Cultivar | Large seeds % | Small seeds % | Hardness index | Grain ash ^a % | Falling number sec | Bran % | Shorts % | Semolina % | Semolina protein ^a g kg ⁻¹ | Semolina ash ^a % | L ^b | <i>b</i> ^{*b} | <i>a</i> ^{*b} | Mixograph pattern |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Mountrail | 44.9 | 15.5 | 74.5 | 1.46 | 430.5 | 27.7 | 10.1 | 62.2 | 135 | 0.64 | 85.2 | 25.7 | -2.7 | 3.1 |
| Divide | 58.1 | 11.4 | 73.7 | 1.41 | 420.9 | 27.7 | 10.1 | 62.2 | 132 | 0.60 | 85.1 | 27.3 | -2.9 | 5.1 |
| Tioga | 62.3 | 10.1 | 73.0 | 1.49 | 412.7 | 27.7 | 10.1 | 62.2 | 138 | 0.62 | 84.9 | 29.3 | -3.1 | 6.0 |
| Joppa | 56.9 | 11.6 | 76.2 | 1.46 | 420.1 | 27.8 | 10.4 | 61.8 | 132 | 0.61 | 85 | 29.4 | -3.1 | 6.0 |
| Alzada | 75.6 | 5.5 | 74.5 | 1.52 | 445.3 | 26.0 | 11.8 | 62.1 | 133 | 0.67 | 84.2 | 30.8 | -3.0 | 6.8 |
| Lustre | 50.0 | 12.4 | 74.6 | 1.41 | 433.4 | 27.6 | 10.7 | 61.7 | 135 | 0.60 | 84.7 | 28.6 | -2.9 | 5.0 |
| CV (%) | 12.6 | 28.0 | 3.0 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 5.0 | 0.4 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 12.7 |
| LSD (0.05) ^c | 4.0 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 0.03 | 12.8 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 0.02 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| Prob > F ^c | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 | <0.001 |

^a Reported on a 14% moisture basis.

^b Color measurements L=whiteness, *b*^{*}=yellowness, *a*^{*}=redness

^cFisher's unrestricted LSD at the 0.05 probability level. Significance determination is based on the inclusion of the following entries: Alkabo, Grenora, Carpio, CDC-Dynamic, CDC-Fortitude, CDC-Precision, CDC-Vivid, MTD16001-11.

Table 3. Elemental cadmium analysis of whole grain for EARC dryland 2017

| ID | <i>Cdul</i> allele ^a | Cd ^b (mg kg ⁻¹) |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Divide | High | 0.17 |
| MTD16001 | High | 0.12 |
| MTD16002 | Low | 0.05 |
| MTD16004 | High | 0.16 |
| Lustre | Low | 0.08 |
| MTD16006 | Low | 0.07 |
| MTD16007 | Low | 0.09 |
| MTD16008 | Low | 0.06 |
| MTD16009 | High | 0.13 |
| MTD16010 | High | 0.14 |
| MTD16011 | Low | 0.07 |

^a*Cdul*- gene controlling cadmium accumulation either the high or low accumulation allele.

^bSingle observation of bulked replications. European import standards are set to 0.2 mg kg⁻¹ Cd (Codex Alimentarius CDX 193-1995, Amended 2019)