

Allelopathy, genetic parameters and cluster analysis of some (*Oryza sativa* L.) genotypes

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ABSTRACT

The present investigation was conducted at Rice Research and Training Center (RRTC), Sakha, Kafr El Egypt during 2012 and 2013 seasons to evaluate twenty-one rice genotypes for allelopathic activity. The genotypes were classified into three categories, eight entries as Japonica type, nine entries as Indica and four as Indica/Japonica type. The results showed that some rice genotypes showed allelopathic activity against *Echinochloa galli* L. (barnyard grass) in the field after planting. These varieties showed biologically active suppression of *E. c. L.* by 80-90 % in the field. These genotypes are important and suitable for direct seeded rice; also it could be used in breeding programs to transfer this trait to commercial varieties. For agronomic traits, the most of traits under study showed wide range of variability. This range was reflected differences among these genotypes. Four genotypes namely; G Milyang 97, Giza 181 and Suweon 339 were very early. Five genotypes namely; Giza 178, Giza 177, Milyang 181 and IET 1444 scored high values for harvest index. Giza 177 and Giza 178 are cultivated in more than 50% cultivated area with rice in Egypt. Clustering varieties, based on similarity of quantitative characteristics, produced large groups. The first one included seven rice genotypes, *i.e.*; Giza 171, Giza 176, Suweon 339, IET 1444, IF Giza 178 and Giza 181. This group divided into two sub-groups, the first one included Giza 178 and Giza 181 were similar in plant height, No. of tillers plant⁻¹, Flag leaf area, grain yield plant⁻¹, No. of spikelets panicle⁻¹ and reaction. The phenotypic coefficient of variability (PCV %) was higher than genotypic coefficient variability (GC) for all genotypes, indicating that the most portion of PCV% was more contributed by environmental conditions and practices. Relatively, high genetic coefficient of variability was found to be higher for all traits, indicating that the additive and non-additive genetic variance which played an important role in the inheritance of these traits.

Key words: Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.), allelopathy, cluster analysis, genetic parameters.

INTRODUCTION

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is one of the most important cereal crops all over the world, and represents a staple food for more than half of the global population (FAO, 2009). In Egypt, rice is the second food crop after wheat, and also is the second one for cash money (Badawi, 1999).

Rice productivity has remarkably increased year after year according to the percentage replacement of the rice area with the modern varieties to realize a maximum yield average (10 t ha⁻¹) in the year 2014 against (5.7 t ha⁻¹) for the period 1986-1998. Because of adopting of the new short duration rice varieties, about 30% of the irrigation water consumption was saved every year (Aidy and Maximos, 2006). However, the weeds grown in rice fields are the main suppressor of rice growth and significantly affecting rice grain yield. Also the chemical treatments or herbicides for weed control are very dangerous due to the pollution and high production costs. Allelopathy is the result of

biochemical interactions between plant and weed. It represents an economic way to control weeds in agricultural fields. It is caused by toxic chemicals released by the plant through volatilization, leaching, or exudation or produced during decomposition of plant residues in the soil (Chou, 1995). Allelopathic rice varieties suppress weed emergence, root shoot development, tillering capacity and tiller canopy (Hassan and Rao, 1996). Allelopathic compounds for some weeds may be produced by other plant species. The genes responsible for allelochemicals could be cloned and introduced into rice through genetic transformation, leading to the development of rice cultivars with a broad spectrum of allelopathic properties against rice weeds. However, it should be remembered, however, that once weeds develop resistance to allelopathic chemicals (Khush, 1996). Success of breeding program depends on the magnitude of genetic variability. The extent to which the advantageous characters are heritable (Mruthunjaya and Mahad

1993). Therefore, the study of genetic variability in rice is not only essential for selecting valuable genotypes and predicting the effect of selecting best genotypes but it will also aid breeders in simultaneous improvement of characteristics through selection (Patil *et al.*, 1993). Using quantitative traits in genetic relationships has valuable advantages, especially in rice: (i) rice has many quantitative traits with high heritability values that can be easily scored (ii) rice databases are available that can be used (Dingkhun and Asch, 1999), and (iii) computer analyses for quantitative traits are available. The study of genetic relationships is important in selection and prediction of progeny as well as for the conservation and characterization of restrained germplasm (Fahmi *et al.*, 2005).

In this study, twenty-one rice genotypes were studied for nineteen agronomic characteristics to explore their genetic variability by determining the magnitude of mean performance to calculate heritability, genotypic coefficient variability, phenotypic coefficient variability and genetic advance. Also, averages of two years of quantitative characteristics were used for constructing genetic relationships among studied rice genotypes. The genetic relationships among individuals and populations could be constructed using similarity values of some quantitative characteristics (Souza and Sorrells (1991), Zhang *et al.*, (1995), Dinghuhn and Asch (1999), Bahrman *et al.*, (1999) and El-Malky (2004).

The aims of this investigation were to evaluate twenty-one rice genotypes for allelopathic activity against *E. crus-galli* L. and study the genetic parameters and phylogenetic relationships using nineteen quantitative characteristics for the studied rice genotypes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Twenty-one rice genotypes were selected to conduct this study, and were classified into three categories, eight entries as Japonica type, nine entries as Indica type and four entries as Indica/Japonica type (Table 1). All genotypes were evaluated at the experimental farm of Rice Research and Training Center (RRTC), Sakha, Kafr El-Sheikh, Egypt, during the two rice growing seasons; 2012 and 2013.

Studied characteristics

Nineteen quantitative characteristics were studied as following:

Allelopathic activity: Rice genotypes were screened in two field experiments, in 2012, 2013 to identify genotypes possessing allelopathic properties around *Echinochloa crus-galli* L. at RRTC, Sakha, Kafr Elsheikh. Pre-germinated seeds of each genotype were planted in five rows with 20cm space in 1m² plots in randomized complete block design

with three replicates. Each plot was infested with the selected weed before seeding rice. Other weeds were controlled with specific herbicide applied followed by hand weeding. Plots were drained 3 days after seeding, flooded every 3-4 days and permanently flooded 30 days after seeding. Allelopathic activity was recorded 30-40 days after seeding based on reduction in dry weight of weeds between rows.

Vegetative characteristics: included days to heading, plant height (cm), No. of tillers per plant, leaf area (cm²), total chlorophyll content (measured by using chlorophyll analytical apparatus as amount of total chlorophyll per square decimeter) (chlorophyll meter 5 PAD-502 Minolta cam Ltd., Japan), and blast reaction which evaluated according to the Standard Evaluation System for rice, International Rice Research Institute (1996).

Yield and its component characteristics: included No. of panicles plant⁻¹, grain yield plant⁻¹ (g), weight (g), 1000-grain weight (g), No. of grains per panicle⁻¹, No. of unfilled grains per panicle length (cm) and harvest index %.

Grain quality characteristics: which were measured as percentage, milling percentage, gel consistency which was determined based on the consistency of milled rice paste that has been gelatinized by boiling in dilute alkali and then cooled to room temperature. Then tubes were laid horizontally on a table with millimeter graph paper and total length of gel measured in millimeters, and cooking percentage. All these characteristics were calculated according to the Standard Evaluation System for rice (IRRI, 1980). Each studied genotype was grown in 10m² in a randomized complete block design (RCBD) experiment with three replicates. Weeds were chemically controlled by Satu using recommended dose. Monthly temperature and relative humidity are shown in Table (2) according to Sakha Meteorological Station.

Cluster analysis

Genetic relationships among studied genotypes were measured by similarity of studied qualitative characteristics as reported by Zhang *et al.*, Dinghuhn and Asch (1999) and El-Malky (2004). Analysis for clustering was conducted using Numerical Taxonomy and Multivariate Analysis system, Ver. 2.1 (NTSYS-PC; Rohlf, 2000) output was analyzed using an agglomerative hierarchical clustering method with complete linkage strategy. Firstly, a matrix of dissimilarity values was produced and the phenotypic distance between a pair of lines was estimated as Euclidean distance. Secondly, cluster analysis was then conducted using Euclidean distance matrix with unweighted group method based on arithmetic mean (UPGMA) to develop a dendrogram.

Table 1: The studied twenty-one rice genotypes with their parentage, origin and types.

No.	Entries	Parentage	Origin	Types
1	Giza 177	Giza 171 / Yamji No.1 //PiNo.4	Egypt	Japonica
2	Giza 178	Giza 175 / Milyang 49	Egypt	Indica/Japonica
3	Dular	Dumai / Larkoch	IRRI	Indica
4	TKY 1014	J692153X / Fukunishi // Taichung	China	Japonica
5	Giza 181	IR 28 / IR 22	Egypt	Indica
6	IET 1444	TN1 / Co29	India	Indica/Japonica
7	IET 11754	na*	India	Indica/Japonica
8	Suweon 339	SR 9373-71-3 / Pungsan Byeo	Korea	Japonica
9	IR 65598	na	IRRI	Indica
10	IR 65603	na	IRRI	Indica
11	IR 31775-30-3-2-2	IR 10154-23-3-3 / IR 9129-209-2-2	IRRI	Indica
12	IR 2037-93-1-3-1-1	IR 1697-47-2-2 / IR 1818-2	IRRI	Indica
13	IR 62155-138-3-3-2	na	IRRI	Indica
14	IR 29	IR833-6-1-1/IR1561-149-1//IR1737	IRRI	Indica
15	Giza 171	Nahda / Calady 40	Egypt	Japonica
16	Giza 176	Calrose 76 / Giza 172 // GZ 14	Egypt	Japonica
17	Giza 159	Giza 14 / Agami M1	Egypt	Japonica
18	Agami	Pure line selection	Egypt	Japonica
19	Milyang 97	na	Korea	Japonica
20	GZ 1368-S-5-4	IR 1615-31-3 / BG 94-2	Egypt	Indica/Japonica
21	IR 65829-28-H-P	GZ 2175 / GYEHWA 7	IRRI	Indica

* na, not available.

Table 2: Monthly average temperature and relative humidity at RRTC, Sakha, Kafr Elsheitk two rice growing seasons 2012 and 2013.

Month	Temperature (°c)				Relative humidity (%)	
	2012		2013		2012	2013
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.		
April	26.04	15.87	27.50	16.40	43.90	42.85
May	31.43	21.81	30.47	19.57	45.78	48.60
June	32.44	23.97	32.65	20.60	51.27	52.30
July	32.32	24.31	33.15	23.64	54.70	55.11
August	33.79	24.76	34.10	21.80	60.63	53.50
September	32.50	22.93	32.49	20.67	56.60	52.20
October	27.79	19.42	29.75	18.75	57.36	53.39
November	27.34	18.91	28.43	18.20	55.34	52.67

Statistical analysis and Genetic parameters

The analysis of variance was computed using IRRISTAT for Windows statistical program Ver. 5 (IRRI, 2005). Estimation of genotypic variance (σ^2_g), environmental variance (σ^2_e), phenotypic variance (σ^2_{ph}) and percentage of genotypic (GCV %) and phenotypic (PCV%) coefficients of variability were computed according to the formula suggested by Burton (1952). Genetic advance upon selection (ΔG) as percentage of the mean (ΔG %) was computed according to Johanson *et al.*, (1955). All recommended agricultural practices were applied for the permanent rice field.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION.

In this study twenty-one rice genotypes (Tables 1 and 3) originating from different sources were

evaluated for allelopathic activity against *I. galli* L. and also eighteen quantitative charac in direct seeded rice experiment.

1- Allelopathic activity

The obtained results showed that soi genotypes had allelopathic activity against *I. galli* L. at the field after planting (Table 3) genotypes had the biological capability to s germination and growth of *E. crus-galli* L. b % at the field. The most of these genoty indica and indica/japonica types and dem their allelopathic properties at 3-4 leaf sta mechanism is to inhibit the root developm emergence at first or second leaf stage of th So, it could be suggested and recommend

these genotypes are very useful as allelopathic rice genotypes suitable for direct seeded rice.

The highest activity was recorded for IR 62155-138-3-3-2 (90%) followed by TKY 1014 (89%), IR 31775-30-3-2 (88%), GZ 1368-S-5-4 (88%), IR 65829-28-H-P (85%), IET 1444 (80%) and IR 2037-93-1-3-1-1 (80%). Moreover, incorporating residues of some of these genotypes in the soil reduced soil seed bank of *E. crus-galli* L. These genotypes could be utilized in breeding programs as donors of this trait. On the other hand, five genotypes namely; Dular, IET 11754, IR 65598, Giza 159 and Giza 181 scored allelopathic activity ranged from 70% to 78%. The rest of the studied genotypes were non-allelopathic and that was very clearly for Giza 176, which scored zero allelopathic activity. Similar results were obtained by Hassan and Rao, (1996) and Hassan and Abou El-Darag, (2000).

2- Vegetative characteristics

Twenty-one rice genotypes were evaluated in two seasons under Egyptian conditions and the mean performances of these genotypes for vegetative characteristics are presented in Table (4). Results showed that, the most of the characteristics under study had a wide range of variability. This range was reflected that four genotypes namely; Giza 171, Giza 176, Giza 159 and Agami were highly susceptible to blast reaction and these varieties are old Egyptian varieties, the other genotypes were resistant to blast reaction. As for

short duration, varieties Giza 177, Milyang 97, 181 and Suweon 339 were very early and 93, 95, 97 and 98 days to heading, respectively could be utilized in breeding programs for early maturity. For plant height, the results showed the genotypes (IR65603, Giza 181, IR 65598, Giza 159, Suweon 339, Milyang 97, Giza 177 and IR 2037-93-1-3-1-1) had short stature and could be utilized as donors for this trait.

For No. of tillers plant⁻¹ both genotype Giza 178 and Giza 181 recorded the highest value. Generally, the genotypes Giza 177, Giza 178 and Giza 181 were the best varieties for all studied vegetative characteristics and could be utilized as donors for transferring these characteristics in breeding programs. Similar results were obtained for most studied traits by El-Abdalla (2004); Babu *et al.*, (2006); Hammoud (2005); Hammoud *et al.*, (2006 and 2007) and Mohapatra and Mohanty, (2008).

3- Yield and its component characteristics

Eight characteristics were investigated in twenty-one rice genotypes and the results are presented in Table (5). The genotypes Giza 181, IET 11754 and Dular scored the highest values for No. of panicle plant⁻¹ (24 panicles), panicle weight (3.84 g), No. of filled grains per panicle (200 grains) and panicle length (28 cm) respectively. These genotypes could be utilized as donors for these characteristics.

Table 3: Twenty-one rice genotypes with origin, types and weed control percentage.

No.	Entries	Origin	Types	Weed Control %
1	Giza 177	Egypt	Japonica	40
2	Giza 178	Egypt	Indica -Japonica	66
3	Dular	IRRI	Indica	70
4	TKY 1014	Japan	Japonica	89
5	Giza 181	Egypt	Indica	78
6	IET 1444	Indian	Indica -Japonica	80
7	IET 11754	India	Indica -Japonica	70
8	Suweon 339	Korea	Japonica	27
9	IR 65598	IRRI	Indica	73
10	IR 65603	IRRI	Indica	65
11	IR 31775-30-3-2-2	IRRI	Indica	88
12	IR 2037-93-1-3-1-1	IRRI	Indica	80
13	IR 62155-138-3-3-2-2	IRRI	Indica	90
14	IR 29	IRRI	Indica	45
15	Giza 171	Egypt	Japonica	39
16	Giza 176	Egypt	Japonica	0
17	Giza 159	Egypt	Japonica	74
18	Agami	Egypt	Japonica	30
19	Milyang 97	Korea	Japonica	35
20	GZ 1368-S-5-4	Egypt	Indica -Japonica	88
21	IR 65829-28-H-P	IRRI	Indica	85
L.S.D.	0.05			0.80
	0.01			1.15

Table 4: Mean performance of 21 rice genotypes for six vegetative morphological characteristics.

Entries	BR	DH	Ht	TiP	FLA	Chl
Giza 177	2	93	99	21	34	29
Giza 178	2	105	97	26	38	37
Dular	1	115	120	19	37	32
TKY 1014	2	118	112	24	42	37
Giza 181	1	97	95	26	43	27
IET 1444	2	107	108	25	38	28
IET 11754	2	109	107	24	37	29
Suweon 339	2	98	97	24	30	33
IR 65598	2	107	96	18	52	40
IR 65603	2	108	89	21	41	35
IR 31775-30-3-2-2	2	107	85	22	39	34
IR 2037-93-1-3-1-1	2	119	112	21	46	33
IR 62155-138-3-3-2-2	2	117	107	22	42	36
IR 29	1	104	100	20	49	34
Giza 171	7	122	134	23	32	33
Giza 176	6	112	104	25	31	34
Giza 159	7	115	113	24	37	41
Agami	6	110	108	19	32	40
Milyang 97	2	95	98	19	25	33
GZ 1368-S-5-4	2	110	104	22	38	39
IR 65829-28-H-P	2	112	94	23	45	37
L.S.D.	0.05	0.37	0.48	0.61	2.68	3.47
	0.01	0.53	0.69	0.87	3.85	5.00

Abbreviations: BR, Blast Reaction; DH, Days to Heading; Ht, Plant Height (cm); TiP, No. Tillers Plant⁻¹; FLA, F Area (cm²); Chl, Chlorophyll content (mg/ds²).

Table 5: Mean performances of 21 rice genotypes for yield and its component characteristics.

Genotypes	PaP ⁻¹	PnL	PaW	NFG	NUG	TGW	GYP ⁻¹	HI%
Giza 177	19	20	3.30	120	5.41	27.3	39	50
Giza 178	24	24	3.58	198	6.18	22.1	41	55
Dular	17	28	2.70	156	17.0	30.0	41	33
TKY 1014	22	24	3.30	184	5.10	32.0	35	45
Giza 181	23	25	3.84	176	8.71	26.5	46	49
IET 1444	22	25	3.56	181	3.80	23.7	36	47
IET 11754	21	21	2.97	200	3.60	24.0	43	44
Suweon 339	19	19	3.61	152	13.6	22.2	44	44
IR 65598	17	24	3.75	145	28.1	22.5	32	33
IR 65603	19	24	3.44	121	5.78	27.3	33	41
IR 31775-30-3-2-2	20	23	3.50	168	4.90	30.0	32	42
IR 2037-93-1-3-1-1	21	27	2.70	139	17.0	28.0	39	39
IR 62155-138-3-3-2	20	25	2.90	188	21.0	24.0	47	31
IR 29	18	22	2.19	99	13.5	22.7	45	41
Giza 171	21	23	3.40	158	6.34	26.7	42	38
Giza 176	23	24	3.48	156	9.66	27.1	40	40
Giza 159	20	24	2.81	112	9.80	26.5	39	40
Agami	17	16	2.26	119	12.6	23.7	34	38
Milyang 97	18	24	3.03	115	8.21	25.4	33	50
GZ 1368-S-5-4	20	21	2.49	110	11.4	21.6	42	43
IR 65829-28-H-P	22	25	3.70	144	5.65	29.0	32	43
L.S.D.	0.05	2.22	1.38	0.79	7.32	3.76	0.68	3.55
	0.01	3.19	1.99	1.13	10.53	5.42	0.98	5.11

Abbreviations: PaP⁻¹, No. of panicles plant⁻¹; PaW, panicle weight (g); NFG, No. of filled grains panicle⁻¹; NUG unfilled grains panicle⁻¹; PnL, panicle length (cm); TGW, 1000-grain weight (g); GYP⁻¹, grain yield plant⁻¹ (t harvest index %).

The lowest value for No. of unfilled grains panicle⁻¹ was recorded with IET 11754 (3.6 grains). For 1000-grain weight, six genotypes recorded high values and the highest was TKY 1014 (32.0 g). For grain yield plant⁻¹, nine genotypes yielded more than 40g plant⁻¹ and the highest values recorded for IR 62155-138-3-3-2 (47 g), and Giza 181 (46 g). For harvest index %, five genotypes namely; Giza 178, Giza 177, Milyang 97, Giza 181 and IET 1444 scored the highest values. The highest varieties were Giza 178 (55) and Giza 177 (50) which cultivated at about 50% of the total rice area in Egypt. Same results were obtained for most studied characteristics by El-Abd and Abdalla (2004), Babu *et al* (2006), Hammoud (2005), Hammud *et al* (2006 and 2008), and Mohapatra and Mohanty (2008).

4- Grain quality characteristics

Four grain quality characteristics were investigated; the results are presented in Table (6). For hulling percentage, the results showed that the percentage of hulling was ranged from 74% to 81% and the highest value was for Giza 177, while the lowest values were for Agami and GZ 1368. Also, Giza 177 scored the highest value for milling percentage (74%). For gel consistency, if it is hard, then cooked rice tends to be less sticky. Harder gel consistency is associated with harder cooked rices and this feature is particularly evident in high-amylose rice. While, if gel consistency is soft, then cooked rice has a higher degree of tenderness. This is a preferred characteristic. The trend of classification is hard ranged from 27-35, medium

hard 36-40, medium 41-60 and soft 61-100 k gel (mm). The results in Table (6) showed three genotypes; *i.e.*, Giza 181, IR 65603 and were belonged to medium gel consisten ranged from 45 to 49 (mm) length of the gel. the other genotypes belonged to soft category ranged from 62 to 93 (mm) length of the gel.

The amylose content % for the genotypes is presented in Table (6). The showed that the amylose % was ranged from 28%, with a mean value of 17%. Both Giza 171 and IR 65598 had the highest percentage of amylose %, followed by IR 29, IR 65603, 1444 and Giza 181. Generally, the amylose starches usually ranges from 15 to 35% amylose content rice has high volume expansion (not necessarily elongation) and high density; flakiness. The cooked grains are dry, less tend to become hard upon cooling. In contrast, low-amylose cooked rice is moist and sticky. Intermediate amylose rice is preferred in most rice-growing countries. Similar results were obtained by Magdy (2010) and Oko *et al.*, (2012).

5-Cluster analysis for studied genotypes on quantitative characteristics

The characteristics used for this analysis were the same agronomic quantitative characteristics. Normality was checked for all traits, and indicated that all traits had good approximate normal distributions (Fahmi *et al.*, 2005 ; Malky *et al.*, 2013).

Table 6: Mean performance of 21 rice genotypes for grain quality characters.

Genotypes	Hulling%	Milling%	Gel Consistency	Amylose%
Giza 177	81	74	79	18
Giza 178	77	71	64	21
Dular	76	63	44	24
TKY 1014	79	72	71	19
Giza 181	78	71	49	23
IET 1444	79	72	92	24
IET 11754	78	71	61	23
Suweon 339	76	68	93	20
IR 65598	76	67	48	28
IR 65603	77	71	64	26
IR 31775-30-3-2-2	77	71	64	28
IR 2037-93-1-3-1-1	77	65	41	27
IR 62155-138-3-3-2	79	65	44	28
IR 29	75	68	45	27
Giza 171	80	73	68	17
Giza 176	79	71	71	19
Giza 159	78	70	72	18
Agami	74	69	62	22
Milyang 97	77	69	72	21
GZ 1368-S-5-4	74	71	70	20
IR 65829-28-H-P	78	70	63	26
L.S.D.	0.05	2.48	2.62	0.54
	0.01	3.57	3.76	0.78

Clustering genotypes, based on similarity of quantitative characteristics, produced two large groups (Figure 1). The first one included almost Japonica genotypes and divided into two sub-groups, the first sub-group included three rice genotypes; *i.e.*, Giza 177, Milyang 97 and Agmi which were similar in non allopathy, No. of tillers plant⁻¹, No. of panicles plant⁻¹, No. of filled grains panicle⁻¹ and harvest index %. While, the second sub-group included three genotypes; *i.e.*, Suweon 339, Giza 176 and Giza 171 in one branch, these genotypes had the highest stature.

The second large group divided into two sub-groups, the first one included Dular, IR 2037-93-1-3-1-1 and IR 65598 these genotypes were similar in allopathy, resistance to blast, days to heading, No. of tillers plant⁻¹, hulling percentage, milling percentage, gel consistency and amylose percentage, while the second sub-group divided into two sub-sub groups the first one included two indica genotypes; *i.e.*, IR 65598 and IR 65603 which were similar in allopathy, days to heading, plant height, flage leaf area, grain yield plant⁻¹, panicle weight, gel consistency and amylose percentage, while the second sub-sub group included Giza 159 and GZ 1368 these two genotypes are belonged to Japonica and Indica/Japonica types and similar in allopathy, plant height, flage leaf area, chlorophyll content, No. of panicles plant⁻¹, panicle weight, No. of filled grains panicle⁻¹, No. of unfilled grains panicle⁻¹ and amylose percentage. Meanwhile, the second sub-group divided into two sub-sub groups the first one included IR 62155 and IR 29 which were indica type and similar in blast reaction, days

to heading, flage leaf area, chlorophyll content yield plant⁻¹, hulling percentage, milling percentage and amylose percentage. While the second one included TKY 1014 and IET 1444 branch this is due to the similarity in alloblast reaction, No. of tillers plant⁻¹, No. of plant⁻¹, grain yield plant⁻¹, panicle weight, filled grains panicle⁻¹, harvest index %, percentage and milling percentage. Also genotypes Giza 178 and IET 11754 were in one branch because these two genotypes are belong to Indica/Japonica type and were similar in allopathy, blast resistant, days to heading, height, flage leaf area, panicle weight, 100 weight, No. of filled grains panicle⁻¹ and milling percentage. The last branch included Giza 181 and IR 31775, which were Indica type and similar in allopathy, blast resistant, plant height, weight and milling percentage.

6- Genetic parameters for yield characteristics

The results of genotypic variance, phenotypic and genotypic coefficient of variability, percent heritability and genetic advance percentage characteristics are presented in Table 7. The studied twenty-one rice genotypes showed a wide range of mean performances. Mean square errors for all studied characteristics of all genotypes were highly significant, thus the selection for desirable characteristics among these genotypes will be effective to improve the performance of rice genotypes. Similar results were obtained by *et al.*, (1995), Tang (1995); Veillet *et al.*, (2012) and El-Malky *et al.*,

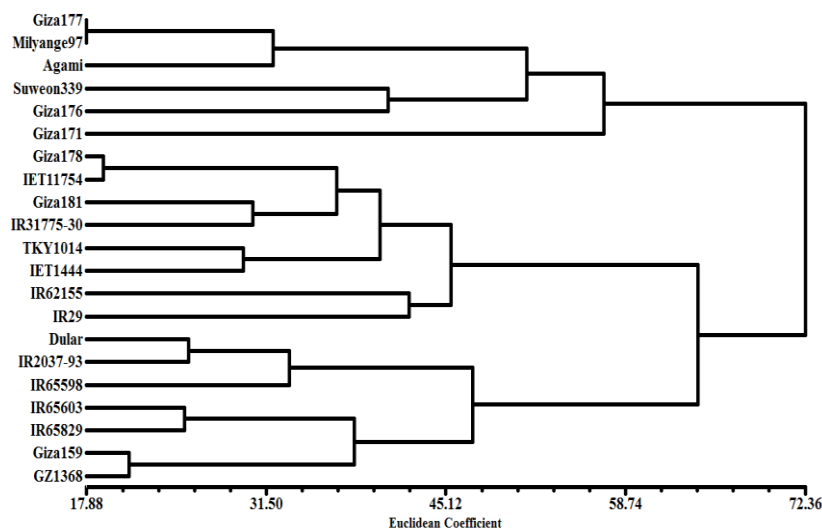


Figure 1: Cluster diagram for the studied 21 rice genotypes classified by nineteen quantitative characteristics.

Table 7: Estimates of genetic parameters for nineteen quantitative characteristics for the studied genotypes.

Traits	MS	(MSe)	Grand Mean	GV	PV	GCV	PCV	H _{bs}	GA	GA%
Blast reaction	10.6	0.07	3	3.5	3.6	71.6	72.3	97.9	3.8	116.3
Days to heading	186.3	0.12	109	62.1	62.2	7.2	7.2	99.8	16.2	56.9
Plant height (cm)	357.2	0.19	104	119.0	119.2	10.5	10.5	99.8	22.5	114.4
No. of tillers plant ⁻¹	17.3	3.79	22	4.5	8.3	9.5	12.9	54.3	3.2	20.4
Flag leaf area (cm ²)	130.3	3.80	39	42.2	45.9	16.8	17.5	91.8	12.8	108.1
Chlorophyll content	44.9	6.38	34	12.8	19.2	10.4	12.7	66.8	6.0	37.8
No. of panicles plant ⁻¹	12.9	2.60	20	3.5	6.1	9.3	12.3	57.0	2.9	17.3
Grain yield plant ⁻¹	73.1	6.67	39	22.2	28.8	12.1	13.8	76.9	8.5	56.8
Panicle weight(g)	0.4	0.33	4	0.02	0.4	4.4	17.6	6.4	0.1	0.6
1000-grain weight(g)	26.6	0.25	26	8.8	9.0	11.5	11.6	97.3	6.0	33.9
Filled grains panicle ⁻¹	2871.1	28.37	151	947.8	976.2	20.4	20.7	97.1	62.5	627.7
Unfilled grains panicle ⁻¹	120.0	7.51	10	37.5	45.0	58.5	64.1	83.3	11.5	375.1
Panicle Length (cm)	24.2	1.01	23	7.7	8.7	12.3	13.0	88.4	5.4	34.0
Harvest index %	109.9	5.33	42	34.9	40.2	13.9	15.0	86.7	11.3	82.5
Hulling %	9.8	3.25	78	2.2	5.4	1.9	3.0	40.1	1.9	2.8
Milling %	14.7	3.62	69	3.7	7.3	2.8	3.9	50.6	2.8	5.3
Gel consistency	643.7	0.16	64	214.5	214.7	23.0	23.0	99.9	30.2	337.3
Amylose %	40.2	0.03	23	13.4	13.4	16.1	16.2	99.8	7.5	58.9
Weed control %	1683.7	0.34	61	561.1	561.5	39.2	39.2	99.9	48.8	927.5

Abbreviations: MS, Mean squares; GV, Genotypic variance; PV, Phenotypic variance; GCV, Genotypic coefficient of variability; PCV, Phenotypic coefficient of variability; H_{bs}, Heritability (broad sense); GA, Genetic advance; GA%, Genetic advance %.

The phenotypic coefficient of variability (PCV %) was higher than genotypic coefficient of variability (GCV %) for all genotypes, indicating that the most portion of PCV % was more contributed to environmental conditions and cultural practices. Relatively, genetic coefficient of variability was found to be higher for all studied characteristics, indicating that these characteristics might be more genotypically predominant, and it would be possible to achieve further improvements. The genetic coefficient of variability refers to the additive and non-additive genetic variance which played an important role in the inheritance of these characteristics. These results are in agreement with those obtained by Han *et al.*, (1995); Tang (1995); Veillet *et al.*, (1996); Hammoud *et al.*, (2012) and El-Malky *et al.*, (2013).

Heritability and genetic advance under selection were computed and the obtained results are illustrated in Table (7). High estimates of heritability were found in all characteristics except for panicle weight. These results indicated that the presence of both additive and non additive genetic variance in the inheritance of most traits except panicle weight and also these traits were stable under different conditions and culture practices. Therefore, it could be concluded that selection procedures could be successful to improve the most of studied characteristics. Same results were previously obtained by Han *et al.*, (1995); Tang (1995); Veillet *et al.*, (1996); Hammoud *et al.*, (2012) and El-Malky *et al.*, (2013).

Genetic advance under selection presented in (Table 7) showed the possibility from selection when the most desirable 5% plants are selected. Relatively, moderate gains were obtained for grain yield, which more than 20%. Low genetic advance were found for remaining characteristics which were less than 20%. Johnson *et al* (1955) revealed that her estimates along with genetic gain upon selection were more valuable than the former estimates predicting the effect of selection. On the other hand, Dixit *et al.* (1970) pointed out that high heritability is not always associated with high genetic gain in order to make effective selection, high heritability should be associated with high genetic gain. In the present investigation, high genetic gain was found for panicle weight and grain yield, which are associated with high heritability estimates. Consequently, selection for these traits should be effective and satisfactory for successful breeding purposes. Moderate estimates of both heritability and genetic advance were obtained for panicle weight and grain yield. Therefore, selection for these characteristics using these two genetic parameters will be effective, but probably with less success for the former characteristics. Low genetic gain associated with low heritability values for the other characteristics studied. Hence, selection for these traits would be of less effectiveness. Similar results were obtained by Han *et al.*, (1995); Veillet *et al.*, (1996); Hammoud (2012) and El-Malky *et al.*, (2013).

1—Yield/vine

Data in Table (1) clearly show that spraying clusters of Early sweet grapevines with GA₃ at 10 to 40 ppm or Sitofex at 2.5 to 10 ppm was significantly effective in improving the yield relative to the check treatment. The promotion on the yield was accompanied with increasing concentrations of each plant growth regulator. Using GA₃ at 10 to 40 was significantly preferable than using Sitofex at 2.5 to 10 ppm in improving the yield. A slight and insignificant promotion on the yield was attributed to increasing concentrations of GA₃ from 20 to 40 ppm and Sitofex from 5 to 10 ppm. The maximum yield was produced on the vines that received one spray of GA₃ at 40 ppm but the best treatment from economical point of view was the application of GA₃ at 20 ppm (since no measurable promotion on the yield was recorded between 20 and 40 ppm of GA₃). Under such promised treatment, yield/ vine reached 13.6 and 14.0 kg during both seasons, respectively. The control vines produced 9.1 and 9.6 kg during 2013 and 2014 seasons, respectively. The percentage of increase on the yield due to application of GA₃ at 20 ppm over the check treatment reached 49.5 and 45.8 % during both seasons, respectively. The beneficial effects of GA₃ on the yield might be attributed to their positive action on increasing cluster weight. The promoting effects of GA₃ on the yield was supported by the results of Dimovska *et al.*, (2011) and Abu Zahra and Salameh (2012) on different grapevine cvs.

The results regarding the beneficial effects of Sitofex on enhancing the yield are in harmony with those obtained by Juan *et al.* (2009); Abdel Fattah *et al.*, (2010) and Al Obeed (2011).

2-Harvesting date:

It is clear from the data in Table (1) that all GA₃ and Sitofex treatments had significantly delayed on the harvesting date of Early Sweet grapevines rather than the control treatment. The degree of delayness on harvesting date was correlated to the increase of the concentrations of both GA₃ and Sitofex. Using GA₃ significantly delayed harvesting date comparing with using Sitofex. Increasing concentrations of GA₃ from 20 to 40 ppm and Sitofex from 5 to 10 ppm failed to show significant delay on harvesting date. A considerable advancement on harvesting date was observed on untreated vines the great delay on harvesting date was observed on the vines that received GA₃ at 40 ppm during both seasons. GA₃ and Sitofex were shown by many authors to retard the release of ethylene and the disappearance of pigments such as chlorophylls and carotenoids and onset of maturity start. Also they were responsible for prolonging pre-maturity stages Nickell (1985). These results regarding the delaying effect of GA₃ and Sitofex on harvesting date were in harmony with those obtained by Wassel *et al.*, (2007), Kassem *et al.*

(2011), Abu Zahra and Salameh (2012) and *et al.* (2012).

3-Cluster weight and dimensions:

It is evident from the data in Table (1) treating clusters with GA₃ at 10 to 40 ppm and Sitofex at 2.5 to 10 ppm was significantly accompanied with enhancing weight, length and width of cluster relative to the control treatment.

The promotion was significantly associated with increasing concentrations of GA₃ and Sifofex. GA₃ was significantly favourable than using Sifofex in this respect. The maximum values were recorded on the vines that received one spray of GA₃ at 40 ppm. Meaningless promotion was detected with increasing concentrations of GA₃ from 20 to 40 ppm and Sifofex from 5 to 10 ppm. The untreated vines produced the minimum values during both seasons. The positive action of GA₃ on cluster weight and dimensions might be attributed to its essential role on stimulating cell division and enlarging cells, the water absorption and the biosynthesis of proteins which will lead to increase berry weight (Dimovska *et al.*, (2011); Abu Zahra and Sifofex (2012) and Dimovska *et al.*, (2014).

The previous essential role of CPPU on cluster weight was attributed to its higher concentration of cytokinin when applied to plants (Nickell, 1994).

4- Shot berries %:

Data in Table (2) obviously revealed that the percentage of shot berries in the clusters of Sweet grapevines was significantly controlled by spraying GA₃ at 10 to 40 ppm or Sifofex at 2.5 to 10 ppm relative to the check treatment. Using GA₃ was preferable than using Sifofex in reducing the percentages of shot berries. There was a reduction in the percentage of shot berries with increasing concentrations of GA₃ and Sifofex. A slight reduction in such an unfavourable phenomenon with increasing concentrations from 20 to 40 ppm and Sifofex from 5 to 10 ppm. The minimum values of shot berries (7.3 and 7.5%) during both seasons, respectively) were recorded in the clusters harvested from vines treated with GA₃ at 40 ppm. The maximum values of shot berries (12.0 & 12.5 %) during both seasons were recorded on the untreated vines during both seasons. The reducing effect of GA₃ on shot berries might be attributed to its important role on enhancing cell division and the biosynthesis of proteins (1985). These results were supported by the work of Wassel *et al.* (2007) and Abu Zahra and Sifofex (2012).

5- Fruit quality:

Data in Tables (2, 3 & 4) clearly showed that spraying clusters with GA₃ at 10 to 40 ppm or Sifofex at 2.5 to 10 ppm significantly accompanied with enhancing weight, long and equatorial diameter of berry, total acidity%, pro-

~~and percentages of P, K and Mg and T.S.S. %, reducing sugars %, T.S.S. / acid and total carotenoids relative to the check treatment. The effect either increase or decrease was associated with increasing concentrations of each auxin. Using GA₃ significantly changed these parameters than using Sitofex. A slight effect was recorded on these quality parameters with increasing concentrations of GA₃ from 20 to 40 ppm and Sitofex from 5 to 10 ppm. From economical point of view, the best results with regard to fruit quality were observed due to treating clusters with GA₃ at 20 ppm. Untreated vines produced unfavourable effects on fruit quality. These results were true during both seasons. The effect of GA₃ on increasing berry weight and dimensions might be attributed to its effect in promoting cell division and enlargement of cells, water uptake and the biosynthesis of proteins Nickell (1985). These results were in concordance with those obtained by Williams and Ayars (2005) and Dimovska *et al.*, (2014).~~

~~The higher content of Sitofex from cytokinins surly reflected on enhancing cell division and the elongation of berries Nickell (1985). These results were in agreement with those obtained by Abu Zahra (2013) and Retamales *et al.* (2015).~~

CONCLUSION

~~Treating Early Sweet grapevines once when the average berries reached 6mm with GA₃ at 20 ppm was responsible for promoting yield and fruit quality.~~

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بي هذا البحث بمركز البحوث والتدريب في الأرز، سخا، كفرالشيخ، مصر خلال موسمي الزراعة 2012 لتقييم واحد وعشرون تركيباً وراثياً من الأرز لصفة الأليلوباثي وعدد من الصفات الوراثية الأخرى. وقد تم تقسيم الوراثة المنتخبة للدراسة الي ثلاث أقسام؛ ثمانية تنتع الطراز الياباني، تسعة تنتع الطراز الهندي وأربعة تنتع

هندي/الياباني. وقد أوضحت النتائج المتحصل عليها أن بعض التركيب الوراثية المدروسة أظهرت نشاط لمقاومة حشيشة الدنبية *E. crus-galli* L. في الحقل بعد الزراعة. وأظهرت هذه الأصناف تثبيطاً بيولوجياً لهذه يقدر بـ 80 – 90% في الحقل. وتعتبر هذه الأصناف مهمة ومناسبة لطريقة الزراعة بالبذرة مباشرةً وكذلك استخدامها في برامج التربية لنقل هذه الصفة للأصناف التجارية. كما أوضحت أغلب الصفات المدروسة مدى التباين. ويعكس هذا المدى درجة الإختلافات بين هذه التركيب الوراثية. وكانت أربعة أصناف مبكرة جداً ألا برة 177، ميلانج 97، جيزة 181 وسيون 339. بينما أعطت خمسة أصناف تقديرات عالية لدليل المحصول برة 177، جيزة 178، ميلانج 97، جيزة 181 وأي إي تي 1444. وقد أظهرت دراسة درجة القرابة بين المدروسة من خلال التشابة بين الصفات الكمية انقسامها الى مجموعتين أساسيتين. إشتملت المجموعة الأولى منة أصناف هي؛ جيزة 171، جيزة 176، سيون 339، أي إي تي 1444، أي أر 65598، جيزة 178 وجيزة 178. إنقسمت هذه المجموعة لتحت مجموعتين، أحتوت الأولى على الصنفين جيزة 178 وجيزة 181 والمتشابهين النبات، عدد الفروع، مساحة الورقة العلم، محصول الحبوب، عدد السنيبلات وتفاعل اللفحة. وكان معمل مظهري أعلى من معامل التباين الوراثي في كل التركيب الوراثية المدروسة وهو مايدل على أن الجزء الأغلب ل التباين المظهري يعود للظروف البيئية والمعاملات الزراعية. في حين كانت تقديرات معامل التباين الوراثي الصفات المدروسة، مما يشير الى أن هذه الصفات ربما تكون سائدة وراثياً ويمكن التحسين الوراثي فيها. ير معامل التباين الوراثي الى كلا من التباين المضيف والتباين الغير مضيف ويلعب دوراً مهماً في توارث هذه