

Relationship between genetic and phenotypic diversity of parental genotypes and specific combining ability and heterosis in tetraploid wheat

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Abstract

The purpose of the study was to evaluate the relationship between the genetic (GD) and phenotypic (PD) distance of parents and the specific combining ability (SCA) and mid – parent, heterosis, (MP).

The experiment comprised (8) cultivars of tetraploid wheat (*Triticum durum* Desf.) and (15) hybrids obtained by crossing in a (line× tester) scheme. Parents and hybrids were planted in the botanic experimental station, in the Agricultural and Forestry Collage of Mosul University, conducted in a randomized complete block design (R. C. B. D.) with three replications during the growing season (2010 – 2011), (2011 – 2012). SCA as well as at mid parent heterosis (MP) were estimated for quantitative characters, GD and PD values were investigated between pairs of parental genotypes. GD was evaluated by using randomly amplified polymorphic DNA markers. The ratio between the general combining ability components to that of the specific one revealed that the non-additive genes effects were more important in the inheritance of all the studied characters. Most of hybrids showed desirable or highly significant (SCA) and heterotic values at (MP) for most studied characters. As well as, a highest genetic distance determined between cultivars; 3(Azeghar– 1) and 6 (Acsad– 65) and the lowest between cvs. 2(Leeds) and 4(Doma– 1) by using (Nei and Li 1979). (Non-significant correlations were observed between genetic distance (GD) as well as (PD) with both: the amount of SCA and heterosis for grain yield, wherase the correlation coefficient between(GD) and heterosis for these characters had apositive and significant value.

Keywords:, Mid – Parents Heterosis, RAPD – DNA Marker

Introduction

Wheat is one of the most important and strategic crop all over the worlds. It is the most widely grown and consumed food crop of the world cultivated on alarger area. And produce more tonnage of food. (KrystKowiak *et a l*2009) reported that wheat contributes more calories and protein to the diet than any other cereal food crop, (Subhaschandra B.,2007).

However, total wheat consumption has drastically increased due to over population

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growth by about (2.5%) a year. This reflects the size of the problems and the efforts needed to increase wheat production. Thus, increasing production per unit area appears to one of the important factors for narrowing the gap between wheat production and consumption, (Gad, 2010). The choice of appropriate components for crossing is the first and foremost step in the creation of new crop cultivars. Knowledge on the effects of general combining ability (GCA) and specific combining ability (SCA) is useful in the selection of parental genotypes. The main goal of hybrid wheat breeding is the identification of parents with high SCA for technological quality and agronomic traits. Such data facilitate the choice of pairs of parental genotypes with high probability of heterosis in their F_1 progeny which having phenotype character appearance than mean of both parents, (Brieger,1950).The breeding value of genotypes, including combining ability is evaluated on the basis of the analysis of hybrids produced in appropriate crossing schemes(line x tester) is most frequently applied,(Marciniak *et al.*, 2003); (Ahuja and Dhayal, 2007). In case of self-pollinated crops, these methods require a large number of manual crossings, which make time consuming and expensive; (Shen *et al.* ,2006). Thus the selection of parental genotypes in wheat breeding based on combining ability is seldom used. Heterosis effects has been used in breeding of self-pollinated plants, including wheat (Weibmann and Weibmann ,2002). The agronomic value of wheat hybrids appears to be promising, (Oury *et al.* ,2000). However knowledge about heterosis the relative importance of GCA, SCA genetic background of parental materials for exploitation of heterosis in wheat remains limited.

Molecular marker technology was effective in learning phenomena as heterosis, specific combining abilities and parental genotypes interaction with environment. The initial studies were associated with the search for a relationship between the genetic diversity of parents evaluated with molecular techniques and their hybrids performance. DNA markers are most suitable for genetic diversity estimates, Sun *et al.* (2003). Randomly amplified polymorphic DNA(RAPD_S) has been widely employed because of its simplicity and ability to detect genetic variation among very closely related genotypes in a number of genotypes. (Jain *et al.*, 1994); (Kuczynska *et al.*, 2007). RAPD has been attempted to develop a method to select crossing components based on genetic distance (GD) between genotypes among sun flower, wheat and maize,(Corbellini *et al.* ,2002). In heterosis breeding this approach was found on the simultaneous evaluation of both GCA and SCA as well as GD. (Burkhamer *et al.*, 1998); (Corbellini *et al.* ,2002).

The aims of this research were:

1. To estimate the general combining ability(GCA) for eight varieties of tetraploid wheat.
2. To estimate the specific combining ability(SCA)for hybrids obtained by (line x tester) scheme according to Kempthorn (1957).

3. To determine the hybrid performance at mid – parent .
4. Determination of genetic and phenotypic diversity(GD and PD) between parents.
5. Examining the relationship between (GD,PD) with the magnitude of specific combining ability (SCA) and Heterotic effects.

Materials and Methods

Plant material:

Eight varieties of tetraploid wheat (*Triticum durum* Desf.) Um –Rabie 3, Leeds, Azeghar– 1, Acsad– 65, Buhoth– 7, Doma– 1, Korfela and Um –Rabie 5, (Table 1).

Table(1):Source of (8) varieties of tetraploid wheat.

Code	Genotype	Source
1	Um –Rabie– 3	ICARDA
2	Leeds	ICARDA
3	Azeghar– 1	Department field crop college of Agriculture and forestry – University of Mosul
4	ACSAD– 65	ACSAD
5	Buhoth– 7	The general organization for agricultural research in Syria
6	Doma– 1	Shared program between The general state for scientific and agricultural research in Syria and ICARDA and ACSAD
7	Korfela	ICARDA
8	Um –Rabie– 5	ICARDA

Field experiments:

Grains of these varieties were planted at botanic experimental field of agricultural and forestry college, Mosul University during the growing season(2010-2011).Fifteen hybrids (F1)have been obtained after crossing using (linextester) scheme (3) testers and (5) lines. All genotypes (8 parents and 15 hybrids grains were planted at growing

season (2011 – 2012) at the same field with three replications using randomized complete block design (R.C. B. D.).

1. Statistical Analysis:

Data for all characters had been subjected to an analysis of variance (ANOVA) according to (Kempthorn, 1957). General and specific combining ability (GCA and SCA) effects for (line x tester). Heterosis was calculated as a deviation of F_1 mean from the mean of mid – parent (MP) according to following formula:

$$H(\overline{M.P}) = \frac{\overline{F_1} - \overline{MP}}{\overline{MP}}$$

$H(\overline{M.P})$ = Heterosis over mid parents.

$\overline{F_1}$ = value of F_1 .

\overline{MP} = mean of parents.

DNA – extraction and RAPD Amplification :

The DNA samples were extracted from dried grains of tetraploid wheat varieties ground to a fine powder (1 gm) by CTAB method [cetyltrimethyl ammonium bromide] (Weigand *et al.*, 1993). With some modifications followed by an RNase-treatment

(promega com.) for 30 min at 37 °C., (Sambrook *et al.*, 1989).

The DNA quality was tested using (1%) agarose gel electrophoresis (UV – 1800 Shimadzu) at 260 – 280 nm. The concentration of DNA was calculated according to the following formula:

DNA concentration ($\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$) = $[\text{OD } 260 \times 100(\text{dilution factor}) \times 50 \mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}] / 1000$
 the DNA samples are adjusted to concentration of 50 ng/ μl with TE buffer and subjected to

polymerase chain Reaction (PCR) amplification, (Gyulai *et al.*, 2000).

PCR Amplification and Data analysis:

The reaction of RAPD – PCR were performed in a thin – walled 96 – well thermal cycler (model: Multi GENE Optimax, Lab net, USA) according to (Williams *et al.*, 1990) with 10mer oligo nucleotides from Bioneer as mentioned previously (Abdulla *et al.*, 2013). The final volume of 20 μl contained 5 μl of PCR premix from Bioneer Accu power, [each tube in PCR premix contain: 1U DNA polymerase, 250 μM dNTP'S (dAtP, dCtP, dGtP, dTtP), 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 9), 30 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl_2], 3 μl of 10 pmol of each primer, 5 μl of 50 ng of DNA template and 7 μl of dH_2O . The reaction tubes were treated to the following temperature cycles: 94 °C. for 4 minute (denaturation), followed by 36 cycles of annealing, 94 °C. for 30 sec, 35 °C. for 45 sec and 72 °C. for second final extension of 5 min at 72 °C.

The PCR products were analyzed on (2%) a garose gel at 40 volt for 3h. then the gel were stand in 0.5 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ of ethidiumbromid and DNA fragments visualized under UV trans-illuminator. the fragments were estimated based on a DNA ladder of 100pb (Tahir,2008).

RAPD Data analysis:

Clear and distinct amplification products were scored for presence (1), absence(0). The dissimilarity matrix (GS) between genotypes was estimated using Nie and Li dissimilarity coefficient, (Nei and Li, 1979). Dendrogram was concetructed from dissimilarity matrices using the un weighted pair group method with Arithmetic mean (UPGMA).

Clustering procedure, based on the dissimilarity matrices for RAPD data which obtained using the software NTSYS –pc numerical taxonomy system. ver 2.21c (Applied Biostatics Inc. Setaukett: (New york USA) (Rohlf ,2000)

Differences between studied varieties for all characters treated simultaneously were assessed by using Mahalanobis distance (D). Which was treated as a measure of phenotypic distance (PD) between parents, the analyzed data obtained by software PASW Statistics 18Mahalanobis(1936)

the correlation between genetic diversity (GD) evaluated on the basis of RAPD markers and phenotypic distance (PD) of parental forms, , SCA and heterosis at mid – parents. for grain – yield are obtained using Mantel test, (Mantel, 1967).

Result and Discussion

1. Field experiment (Genetic Analysis of Tetraploid Wheat Characters)

a. Analysis of variance:

(Table 2) revealed that mean squares of genotypes, parents and crosses (line x tester) were highly significant for all studied characters. Indicating wide diversity among the parents. The ratio of GCA/SCA variances was less than unity for all the studied characters suggesting that non – additive gene effects in the expression of these characters. In addition, the magnitude of SCA mean squares was greater than GCA mean squares, suggesting that non – additive genes effects were predominant and played a major role in the inheritance of all characters. These result are also in line with those obtained by (AL – Hamadany and yousif ,2006); (Srivastaval et al. ,2012); (Ayoob and Hazim ,2005).

Table (2): Analysis of variance (ANOVA) for studied characters of tetraploid wheat using (line x testers) scheme according to Kempthorne (1957).

Sources of variance	Means square										
	d. f.	Flag leaf area (cm ²)	Plant height(cm)	No. spike plant ⁻¹	No. spikelet's spike ⁻¹	Spike length (cm)	No. grains spike ⁻¹	100 grains weight (gm)	Grain yield plant ⁻¹ (gm)	Biological yield (gm)	Harvest index %
Replications	2	10,200	18,102	0,042	0,008	0,192	3,847	0,011	0,721	1,804	0,014
Genotypes	22	**132,00	**08,306	**1,019	**1,212	**0,313	**141,899	**0,313	**9,370	**18,019	**02,093
Parents	7	**10,396	**30,240	**0,906	**1,034	**1,317	**140,146	**0,398	**6,000	**18,702	**43,749
Parents vs. crosses	1	**160,870	20,240	0,330	0,021	*1,120	*38,037	0,049	0,276	2,442	4,333
Crosses	14	**136,710	**72,719	**1,032	**1,313	**7,016	**137,327	**0,261	**10,990	**17,420	**07,337
Line	4	9,186	0,700	0,200	0,139	0,023	37,200	0,040	2,078	4,020	13,146
Tester	2	77,908	01,090	0,147	0,028	3,410	10,399	0,034	1,310	0,714	0,007
Line x tester	8	**217,730	**113,809	**1,644	**2,221	**12,040	**217,846	**0,420	**17,879	**28,078	**92,378
Error	44	4,797	7,028	0,206	0,160	0,208	7,716	0,003	1,117	2,012	7,192
σ^2 G. C. A.		0,097	0,080	0,142	0,140	0,100	0,131	0,143	0,130	0,147	0,137
σ^2 S. C. A.											

* and ** Level 5% and 1% respectively.

G. C. A.= General combining ability.

S. C. A.= Specific combining ability.

b. Combining abilities:

It is often desirable to select lines as parents of crosses, most studies on wheat revealed that general combining ability (GCA) was found to be more important than specific combining ability (SCA) for most characters. From table (3) several parents showed apposite significant (GCA) such as:

parent (3)(Line): for flag leaf area, no. of spikes plant⁻¹, 100 – grains weight, grains – yield and harvest index.

Parent(4)(line): For flag leaf area, spike length and biological yield.

Parent(2)(line): For flag leaf area, no. of spikes plant⁻¹ and spike length.

Parent(6)(Tester): For flag leaf area, no. of spikelet's spike⁻¹, spike length, no. of grains spike⁻¹ and 100 – grains weight.

So therefore p_6 considered as the best general combiner.

Parent(8)(Tester): For plant height, no. of spikes plant⁻¹, no. of grains spike⁻¹, grain yield plant⁻¹ and harvest index.

All these parents considered as a good sources of genes for improving these traits by hybridization and selection programs.

From table(3) also several hybrids show apposite significant values of (SCA) as in:

(3×7): For no. of grains spike⁻¹, 100 – grains weight, grains – yield and biological yield.

(4×6): For flag leaf area, no. of spikes plant⁻¹, no. of spikelets per spike, length and no. of grains spike⁻¹.

(5×8): For flag leaf area, no. of grains spike⁻¹, spike length and biological yield.

These crosses can be considered as the best combinations for increasing such characters aggregate selection.

These highest (SCA) significant values of these hybrids due to their highest performance in combination, and that refers to the non-additive effects of genes controlling those characters similar results of wheat were obtained in (Saeed 2005; Saeed 2001; and Anwar 2011).

Table (3):Estimates of general combining ability and specific combining ability:

Genotype and hybrids		Flag leaf area (cm ²)	Plant height(cm)	No. spike plant ⁻¹	No. spikelet's spike ⁻¹	Spike length (cm)	No. grains spike ⁻¹	100 grains weight (gm)	Grain yield plant ⁻¹ (gm)	Biological yield (gm)	Harvest index %
Line	1	0.8741	0.9200	0.2800	-0.1422	-0.7608	-0.7089	0.1042	-0.708	3.1422	-2.0710
	2	1.9079	0.4707	0.0467	-0.0311	0.0631	-4.0089	-0.0328	-0.0270	-1.0800	-0.7600
	3	1.4948	-1.3911	-0.0233	0.0467	0.4320	1.7800	0.2384	2.4008	-0.0911	7.4092
	4	1.0019	0.0707	0.0133	0.1022	0.0831	-2.7644	0.0239	-0.7042	0.9422	-1.9744
	5	-0.3787	-0.0800	-0.0787	-0.4707	-0.8124	-3.2978	-0.3337	-1.2733	-2.4133	-1.7083
<i>S.E.(\hat{g}_i - \hat{g}_j)</i>		1.0216	1.2934	0.2141	0.1880	0.2101	1.2217	0.1080	0.4981	0.7471	1.1730
Tester	6	7.9373	-7.3077	-0.1107	0.0333	1.7477	1.9011	0.1000	0.2319	0.1477	0.4200
	7	-1.4400	2.0933	-0.2222	0.0933	-0.7231	-3.0022	-0.1249	-0.9813	-0.7777	-2.0010
	8	-0.4908	4.2133	0.3378	-0.1477	-0.9244	1.0011	-0.0301	0.7494	0.0200	1.0770
<i>S.E.(\hat{g}_i - \hat{g}_j)</i>		0.7913	1.0019	0.1708	0.1470	0.1777	0.9473	0.0837	0.3809	0.0787	0.9087
1×7		0.774	-1.827	-0.240	0.237	-1.094	2.382	0.100	2.117	0.898	4.349
2×7		-0.232	0.784	0.093	-0.877	0.700	-1.884	0.207	-0.043	0.203	-0.107
3×7		2378	-0.249	-0.173	-0.387	0.748	-2.073	-0.370	-2.243	-1.702	-4.201
4×7		0.007	-0.849	0.427	1.124	1.130	3.771	-0.209	0.770	1.031	1.192
5×7		-3.370	2.240	-0.107	-0.098	-1.434	-1.097	0.223	-0.701	-0.480	-1.134
1×8		0.991	0.907	0.277	-0.204	0.717	-1.431	-0.083	-0.807	-1.089	-1.300
2×8		1.307	-1.749	0.133	0.018	0.409	0.437	-0.174	-0.290	-0.800	-0.313
3×8		-1.087	1.218	-0.133	0.107	-0.190	0.780	0.281	2.087	1.744	3.992
4×8		-1.704	0.718	-0.033	-0.049	-0.092	-3.142	0.088	-0.740	1.011	-2.073
0×8		0.443	-1.093	0.277	0.129	0.730	-1.042	-0.112	-0.201	-1.277	0.193
1×9		-1.774	0.920	-0.027	-0.031	0.478	-0.901	-0.077	-1.270	0.191	-3.000
2×9		3.870	0.974	-0.227	0.808	-0.291	1.449	-0.033	0.333	0.047	0.479
3×9		-1.281	-0.979	0.307	0.280	-0.403	-3.107	0.089	0.107	0.008	0.209
4×9		-3.802	0.231	0.107	-1.077	-0.038	-0.029	0.122	-0.030	-2.042	1.381
0×9		2.922	-1.147	-0.170	-0.031	0.804	3.138	-0.111	0.802	1.747	0.941
<i>S.E.(\hat{g}_i - \hat{g}_j)</i>		1.7790	2.2403	0.3708	0.3277	0.3727	2.1170	0.1871	0.8728	1.2940	2.0317

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 Symbols of parents

c. Heterosis:

Heterosis effects evaluated in relation to mid – parent value are presented in table (4), these effects were observed in all the analyzed characters but the heterotic for value showed a significant variation from character to character and from hybrid to another among the same character according to (t) test from table (4): A hybrid(1×6) showed a highly significant values for flag leaf area (11.422) cm², plant height(-9.367) cm; no. of grains spike⁻¹(8.183), 100- grain weight(2.699) gm., and harvest index (5.378)% from hybrid (4×6); flag leaf area (21.163) cm² plant height (-8.233) cm spike length (1.183) cm, no. of spikelet's spike⁻¹(3.188), no. of grain (8.083) while (3x7) showed from parents

Table (4): Heterosis from mid parents by (line x tester) for studied characters:

hybrid	Flag leaf area (cm ²)	Plant height (cm)	No. spike plant ⁻¹	No. spikelet's spike ⁻¹	Spike length (cm)	No. grains spike ⁻¹	100 grains weight (gm)	Grain yield plant ⁻¹ (gm)	Biological yield (gm)	Harvest index %
1×7	**11,422	**9,377	-0,077	0,172	0,177	**8,183	**2,799	1,400	**0,278	0,181
2×7	**4,472	-2,717	**0,917	**2,070	**1,283	1,017	0,814	0,433	1,727	-0,033
3×7	**10,903	**7,833	-0,233	**2,227	-0,377	*4,777	-0,078	-1,783	-0,401	-0,270
4×7	**21,173	**8,233	0,700	**3,188	**1,183	**8,083	1,131	1,033	2,147	-0,092
5×7	**8,327	-3,100	-0,277	**0,890	-0,017	0,317	-0,249	-1,477	0,248	-0,111
1×8	-0,091	0,700	-0,200	-0,038	0,300	0,217	-1,008	-1,717	-2,722	0,271
2×8	-1,278	2,333	0,277	-0,000	0,183	-0,317	-0,777	-1,700	-0,782	-0,092
3×8	0,178	1,017	*0,883	-0,037	*0,700	**8,877	**2,028	0,033	**0,491	**0,714
4×8	1,074	0,717	**1,000	-0,400	0,083	-2,883	-1,713	0,483	*3,970	**0,028
0×8	-0,194	0,900	-0,083	*0,747	0,283	-3,783	-1,083	**3,283	-0,777	-0,123
1×8	**7,022	0,433	-0,100	0,073	0,183	0,700	-1,070	0,377	-2,723	0,093
2×8	-2,027	*4,717	0,300	-0,147	*0,733	0,700	0,798	0,400	1,749	-0,143
3×8	*3,803	-1,000	-0,000	-0,000	0,083	0,133	1,440	-0,300	3,007	0,329
4×8	**4,300	-0,100	-0,017	-0,170	*0,733	-0,217	-0,072	*2,877	1,734	*0,379
0×8	-1,492	0,077	-0,717	-0,332	-0,177	0,900	0,772	0,433	1,721	-0,310

* and ** Level 5% and 1% respectively.

ahighly significant heterosis value at no. of grains spike⁻¹(8.867), 100-grains – weight (2.528) gm., biological yield(5.491)gm.and harvest index (0.714%).It was concluded that most of these hybrid have the same parent (6) which was much superior than any other parents as well as it played an important role in transferring the genes that controlled such characters above to it's hybrids, such results corresponding with (Abdullah et al. , 2002); (Chowdhry et al., 2005);(Aknincl 2009),(Beche et al. ,2013).

d. Genetic and Phenotypic distances between parents

From the 24 RAPD decamer primers used in the PCR amplification the total number of the amplified bands (141 bands) are obtained, 101 of which were polymorphic, the DNA fragment size are ranged between 120 - 1500 bp, the polymorphism of RAPD markers are high (70.18%) and it was adequate to discriminate each variety, this gave an average of 26.740 bands for each primer combination. The dissimilarity matrix table (5)are obtained based on Nei and Li coefficient.. Genetic distances among the (8) parents ranged from the lowest value of(0.167) which was between p₂ and p₄ to the highest(0.629),between p₃ and p₆ .Theaverage value was (0.350) table (5).Estimated values of PD for morphological characters varied from (0.000604) between p₇ and1 The highest value (0.0227) between p 2 and p4.

Table (5): Genetic and phenotypic distances between 8 varieties of Tetraploid wheat on RAPD analysis:

<i>GD</i>								
Parents	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0.00							
2	0.199	0.00						
3	0.177	0.208	0.00					
4	0.222	0.167	0.218	0.00				
5	0.278	0.221	0.345	0.179	0.00			
6	0.504	0.337	0.629	0.389	0.214	0.00		
7	0.380	0.315	0.385	0.246	0.263	0.301	0.00	
8	0.416	0.388	0.499	0.314	0.328	0.314	0.180	0.00
<i>PD</i>								
Parents	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0.00							
2	0.00279	0.00						
3	0.0193	0.00896	0.00					
4	0.00321	0.0227	0.0154	0.00				
5	0.00985	0.00408	0.00846	0.00298	0.00			
6	0.00277	0.00324	0.0157	0.00842	0.0139	0.00		
7	0.000604	0.00313	0.0196	0.00516	0.0118	0.00136	0.00	
8	0.0022	0.00202	0.0118	0.00365	0.00569	0.00393	0.0024	0.00

e. Correlation analysis:

One of the most important aims of this work was to determine the relationship between genetic diversity GD evaluated on the basis of RAPD marker and phenotypic distance PD of parental forms for grain yield, SCA and heterosis at mid parents,(table6).

Table (6): Correlation coefficient between genetic (GD) and phenotypic distances (PD) of parents and specific combining ability as well as heterosis in grain yield.

Parameters		
GD	SCA	
	Heterosis	
PD	SCA	
	Heterosis	

*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level.

ns. No significant correlation.

Table (6) Demonstrate that (GD) as well as (PD) were not significantly correlated with SCA, (PD) also show no significant correlation with heterosis, whereas, the correlation coefficient between (GD) and heterosis for this character had a positive and significant value. The GD between varieties may be defined on the basis of molecular and morphological (phenotypic) markers (Shamsulddin, 1985); (Melchinger *et al.* 1990); (Diers *et al.* 1996). The investigation of distance based on phenotypic characters may be burdened with an error resulting from the dependence of the expression of these characters on environmental conditions. Molecular marker based on DNA analysis are independent of environmental factors and exhibit a high degree of polymorphism. Moreover, they appear to be a promising tool in the prediction of heterosis in wheat, (Martine *et al.* 1995). Other studies in maize did not show any association between combining ability and (GD), (Melchinger *et al.*, 1990); (Dudley *et al.*, 1991). In turn (Corbellini *et al.*, 2002) found statically significant correlation between (GD) based on molecular markers and mid – parents heterosis value for grain yield, but (Krystkowiak K. *et al.*, 2009) noticed that these correlations were too low to be of predictive value.

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علاقة البعد الوراثي والمظهري مع المقدرة الاتحادية الخاصة وقوة الهجين للتراكيب الوراثية الأبوية في الحنطة الرباعية

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الخلاصة

تهدف الدراسة إلى تقييم العلاقة بين البعد الوراثي والمظهري للأباء والمقدرة الاتحادية الخاصة وقوة الهجين عن متوسط الأبوين. استخدم في هذه الدراسة ثمانية آباء للحنطة الرباعية (*Triticum durum Desf.*) وخمسة عشر هجيناً استحصلت من النظام التزاوجي (السلالة x الفاحص). زرعت الآباء والهجن في محطة التجارب النباتية لكلية الزراعة والغابات في جامعة الموصل بثلاث مكررات وبموجب تصميم القطاعات العشوائية الكاملة (R. C. B. D) خلال موسمي النمو (2010 – 2011) و (2011 – 2012).

قدرت المقدرة الاتحادية الخاصة وقوة الهجين عن متوسط الأبوين للصفات الكمية المدروسة. وقدر البعد الوراثي باستخدام المؤشرات بالأعتماد على طريقة التضاعف العشوائي المتعدد الأشكال للحامض النووي الرايبيني منقوص الأوكسجين (RAPD). كانت النسبة بين مكونات التباين للمقدرة الاتحادية العامة إلى مكونات التباين للمقدرة الاتحادية الخاصة أقل من الواحد الصحيح ولجميع الصفات المدروسة مما يشير إلى أن الفعل غير الإضافي للجينات هو المسيطر على وراثتها الصفات المدروسة جميعها. أظهرت معظم الهجن قيمةً معنوية عالية بالاتجاه المرغوب للمقدرة الاتحادية الخاصة ولقوة الهجين عن متوسط الأبوين لمعظم الصفات المدروسة. بين التحليل العنقودي (Abdullah et al., 2013) الذي تم تشكيله بين الآباء الثمانية باستخدام طريقة المجموعات الزوجية غير المزانة (UPGMA) أعلى قيمة للبعد الوراثي بين الأبوين 3 (Azeghar-1) 6 (Doma-1) وأقل قيمة بين الأبوين 2 (Leeds) و 4 (Acsad-65) استناداً إلى معاملات التشابه المحسوبة بطريقة (Nei and Li (1979). أما قيمة البعد المظهري (PD) فتم احتسابها بطريقة (Mahalanobis (1936). لم يظهر ارتباط معنوي بين قيم كل من البعد الوراثي (GD) والبعد المظهري (PD) مع المقدرة الاتحادية الخاصة للهجن، وتبين انعدام الارتباط المعنوي للبعد المظهري مع قوة الهجين عن متوسط

الابوين . في حين أظهر البعد الوراثي ارتباطاً موجباً معنوياً مع قوة الهجين عن متوسط الابوين.

الكلمات المفتاحية: قوة الهجين عن متوسط الأبوين ، مؤشرات التضاعف العشوائي للحامض النووي منقوص الأوكسجين RAPD ، معلمات ال DNA.

البحث مستل من اطروحة الدكتوراه للباحث الثاني