ESTIMATES OF GENETIC COMPONENTS, PREDICTION AND GENETIC CORRELATION IN WHEAT (*TRITICUM AESTIVUM*,L.) USING NORTH CAROLINA DESIGN III [17]

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ABSTRACT

North Carolina Design III was used to estimate gene effects in bread wheat crosses. Twelve Egyptian bread wheat genotypes i.e. Sakha 69, Sakha 8, Gemmeiza 1, Gemmeiza 3, Gemmeiza 7, Giza 160, , Giza 162, Giza 164, Giza 165, Sids 1, Sids 3 and Sids 4, each was crossed back to testers, high performing (Gemmeiza 9) and low performing parent (Sakha 92) during three winter successive seasons i.e. 2002/2003, 2003/2004 and 2004/2005, to study; heading date (days) plant height (cm), flag leaf length (cm) flag leaf width (cm), flag leaf area $(cm)^2$, extrusion length (cm), number of spikelets/spike, spike grain weight (g.), number of spikes/plant, number of grains/spike, 1000-grain weight (g.) and grain yield/plant (g.) characters. Results indicated that epistasis played great role in the inheritance of all studied characters except number of spikes/plant. Additive(D)and dominance(H) genetic variances were significant in all studied characters except number of spikes/plant and number of grains/spike. The additive genetic variance was more than dominance for heading date, plant height, flag leaf length, flag leaf width, extrusion length, spike length and 1000- grain weight. The ratio of (H./D)^{0.5} was less than one for these characters but for the remaining characters the dominance genetic variance was more than additive. The values of(F) indicated that dominance was unidirectional for flag leaf length and flag leaf area, whereas it was ambidirectional for the remaining characters Prediction results revealed that it could be possible to derive reasonable proportion of new recombinants which are falling out side parental range for heading date, flag leaf length, flag leaf width, spike length, number of spikelets/spike, number of spikes/plant, 1000- grain weight and grain yield/plant. Genetic correlation indicated that additive, dominance and epistasis gene effects controlling grain yield/plant and spike grain weight, number of spikes/plant, number of grains/spike, 1000- grain weight, were signifant, suggesting common genetic pool or pleiotropy. Thus, selection based on additive genetic correlation indicated that indirect selection via, spike grain weight, number of spikes/plant, number of grains/spike and 1000- grain weight would be effective and enhance its importance as selection criteria.

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INTRODUCTION

In any breeding programme the standpoint is to determine mode of gene action controlling types of gene effects to help the breeder for rightful decision making about breeding methodology to be adopted. The North Carolina Design III (N. C. D.) is considered the one which have been developed to provide information on specific genotypes. Such information could be helpful for better choice promising genotypes which should be included in breeding programme of all the genetic procedures based on second degree statistics which are used to estimate the components of continuous variations. North Carolina Design III (Comstock and Robinson 1952) and its modified version triple test cross (Kearsev and Jinks, 1968) had the least assumptions (retracted), and therefore is more widely applicable for investigating materials of various kinds. In addition allowing detection of epistasis and unambiguous estimation of additive as well as dominance components if epistasis is absent.

Many researchers used triple test cross and North Carolina Design in wheat i.e. Singh *et al* 1988; Singh (1989); Nanda *et al* (1990) and Eissa (1994 a) to estimate the dominance, additive and epistasis components of genetic variation for morphological characters and indicated the importance of these components in the genetic variance of wheat yield and vield characters while, Eissa (1994b) and (1994c) indicate that the epistatic gene effects played an important role in genetic system for vield characters of wheat. North Carolina Design III (N.C.D.III) was studied by Al-Kaddoussi (1997) for several characters in Egyptian bread wheat genotypes. and found that epistasis played a great role in the inheritance of all characters, except extrusion length, spike length, spike grain weight and number of spikes/plant. Many researches on genetic variance of wheat were applied by Pawar et al (1994), Kativar and Ziauddin (1996), Salama (1998), Salama (2000 a), Salama (2000 b) and Salama (2002) to study the genetic component and inheritance of yield in wheat.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

The present study was carried out at Tag El-Ezz Research Station Dakahlia Governorate during three winter successive growing seasons i.e. 2002/ 2003, 2003/2004 and 2004/ 2005 using fourteen wheat genotypes, namly; Sakha69, Sakha 92, Sakha 8, Gemmeiza 1, Gemmeiza 3, Gemmeiza 7, Gemmiza 9, Giza 160, Giza 162, Giza 164, Giza 165, Sids 1, Sids 3 and sids4 The genotypes names and pedigree are shown in Table (1). The fourteen wheat genotypes were evaluated for the studied characters during 2002/2003 to obtain information about the highest and the lowest performing wheat genotypes to

Serial number	Genotype	Pedigree
1	Sakha 69	Inia/RL 4220//72/Kr " s"
2	Sakha 8	Indus/Norteno "s"//PK 3418
3	Gimmeiza 1	Maga 74 "s"/oN // 1160. 147 / 3 / B6 / Gallo//4/Chat "s"
4	Gimmeiza 3	B6/7c*2//y50E/Kal//*3 x Sakha 8/4 RR V/ww 15/3/Bj
		"s" // on * 3/BON.
5	Gimmeiza 7	CMM 74A.630/Sx//seri 82/3/Agent
6	Giza 160	Chenab70/Giza 155.
7	Giza 162	Vcm //CnO 67 "s"/7c/3/KalBb.
8	Giza 164	Kvz/Buha "s" // Kal / Bb
9	Giza 165	Cmo / Mfd // Man "s".
10	Sids 1	HD 2171 / pavan "s" // 1158. 57 / rlaya 74 "s"
11	Sids 3	Sakha / Giza 155
12	Sids 4	Maya "s" / Mon "s" // CMH 74 A. 59/5/Giza 157.z
13	Gimmeiza 9	ALD "s" / Huac "s" // CM 74A/ 6301
14	Sakha 92	Napo 63 / Inia 66 // wern "s".

Table 1. Pedigree of the studied parental wheat genotypes .

be used as testers to construct N. C. D. III population. A randomized complete block design with three replications was used. The genotypes were sown on 15^{th} of November 2002.

In 2003/2004 winter growing season, each of the twelve wheat genotypes were crossed to high performing parent (H. P) Gemmeiza 9 and low performing one (Lp)Sakha 92 to produce the F_1 seeds for L_{1i} (Hp × Gi) and 12 L_{2i} (Lp × Gi) respectively, where Gi = 1 to 12 the F_1 grains of 24 families(F1¹S) with the parental genotypes were sown on 15th November 2004. A randomized complete block design with three replications was used of row was 2m, row to row 20 cm.and plant to plant spacing was 10 cm, Number of rows F_1 and parental was for each 3 rows.Length Data recorded on 10 competitive plants for each genotype in each replication. The studied characters were; heading date (days), plant height (cm), flag leaf length (cm), flag leaf width (cm), flag leaf area (cm²), extrusion length (cm), spike length (cm), number of spikelets/spike, spike grain weight (g.), number of spikes/plant, number of grains/spike, 1000-grain weight and grain yield/plant (g.). The normal agricultural practices in wheat production were applied at the proper time during the abovementioned seasons

Biometrical analysis

Two-way analysis of variance of $(L_{1i} + L_{2i} - p_i)$ and $(L_{1i} + L_{2i})$ sets of families have been carried out for every character separately. The significancy $L_{1i} + L_{2i} - p_i$

MST to test epistasis, significancy $L_{1i} + L_{2i}$ used to test of additive and $L_{1i} + L_{2i}$ used to test of dominance gene effects.

For test of epistasis twelve values of $L_{1i} + L_{2i}$ p_i , $G_1 = 1$ to 12 with degree of freedom was used to test of overall epistasis (**Jinks and Virk 1977**).

Detection and estimation of additive (D) and dominance (H) and direction of dominance

Mean squares of $L_{1i} + L_{2i}$ (additive gene effects, $L_{1i} + L_{2i}$ (dominance gene effects) for 11 degrees of freedom were used. The estimation of D and H, were obtained according to **Comstock and Robinson (1952).** The direction of dominance (F) was computed from covariance of sums ($L_{1i} + L_{2i}$ / differences ($L_{1i} + L_{2i}$) which equal 1/8.

The correlation coefficient of sums/differences was used to estimate the significancy of F-value (**Jinks** *et al* **1969**).

Genetic correlation

The additive, dominance and epistasis genetic correlation were used to obtain 12 values for each of the studied character (Kearsey and Jinks, 1968; Jinks & Perkins, 1970 and Kearsey *et al* 1987).

Predicting the properties of recombinant lines

The proportion of inbred superior or out perform parental range is equal to the probability integral corresponding to the value of d/\sqrt{D} while the range of inbred is given by $m \pm 2/\sqrt{D}$ where $L_1 - L_2 = [d]$ and $m = P_1$. The proportion of recombinant lines corresponding to the probability level were obtained using **Fisher and Yates Tables (1963)**.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Mean squares of analysis of variance (Table 2) provide evidence for significant between families terms in all studied characters. These results might suggest that L_{1i} , L_{2i} and P_i families were significantly different from each other, revealing presence of fair amount of genetic variability which could be considered adequate for proceeding to further biometrical analysis by means of N.C.D. III.

1- Test for epistasis

Mean square for epistasis (Table 3) indicate significant overall epistasis in all studied characters except for number of spikes/plant In this respect Eissa (1994 a and b) and Al-Kaddoussi (1997) reported significant epistasis, but absence of epistasis was reported by Singh et al (1984) and Iqbal Singh et al (1989). Since epistasis played an important role in the inheritance of these characters, thus ignoring such effect one would not only lose information about epistasis, but also the estimates of additive and dominance components would be biased. For this reason the breeder should take epistasis into account in producing genetic models for studying quantitatively inherited characters.

Detection and estimation of additive, dominance and direction of dominance

Analysis of variance for sums $(L_{1i} + L_{2i})$ and differences $(L_{1i} - L_{2i})$ indicated significant mean squares in all studied characters except for plant height and number of spikes/plant of sums $(L_{1i} + L_{2i})$ and for plant height of differences $(L_{1i} - L_{2i})$. Significant mean squares for sums providing evidence for the presence of Gene effects in wheat

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additive gene effects in the genetic control for these characters. Similar results were obtained by **Singh & Singh (1976)**; **Eissa (1994 a and b) and Al-Kaddoussi** (**1997)**. Significant of differences ($L_{1i} - L_{2i}$) indicated that the dominance played the major role in the genetic control for these characters In this respect, **Nanda** *et al* (**1983) and Al-Kaddoussi (1997)**.

Estimates of the genetic components of variations (Table 4) generally, indicated that the additive genetic components were larger in magnitude than the dominance ones for heading date, plant height, flag leaf length, flag leaf width, extrusion length, spike length and 1000- grain weight. But for the remaining characters the dominance genetic variance (H) was larger than the additive (D) resulting in $(H / D)^{0.5}$ more than one confirming the role of over dominance gene effects in the genetic control for these characters. The (F) value was not significant for studied characters, revealing that dominance was ambidirectional. The estimation of additive and dominance genetic components were biased by epistasis to unknown extent as a result of which to no precise conclusion can be drawn about the relative importance of these components. The absence of epistasis for number of spikes/plant may suggest that additive and dominance genetic components was unambiguous. The value $(H/D)^{0.5} >1$ for these character suggest that, until hybrid vigor in wheat becomes more feasible the population improvement through pedigree method or triple test cross would be of great response (Jensen, 1970).

Predicting the properties of recombinant lines

The information obtained from the (N.C.D.) families was used to predict the

likely proportion of recombinant lines that could be derived from selfing the F_2 progeny of cross between parents. N. C. D III may be considered as useful source for such information to make prediction (Jinks & Pooni 1976 and Pooni & Jinks 1978). Prediction results given. in Table (5) revealed that best predictable inbred line (P max) and having alleles for the desired traits and exceeding of F₁ hybrid were obtained for heading date, flag leaf length, flag leaf width, spike length, number of spikelets/spike, number of grains/spike, 1000- grain weight and grain yield/plant. Similar results were reported by Eissa (1994c) and Al-Kaddoussi (1997).

The conventional breeding methods are of labour and time consuming to overcome to predict the potential of recombinant lines that could be derived by number of selfing generations of a cross between two inbred lines. They used the normal probability integral equation ([d] $/\sqrt{D}$) to predict the proportion of inbred falling out side parental range of a cross. The results of prediction provide evidence that the highest proportion of recombinant lines were obtained for heading date (38.97), flag leaf length (37.82), flag leaf width (44.43), number of spikelets/spike (43.64), number of grains/spike (39.74), 1000- grain weight (41.29) and grain yield/plant (47.21) indicating that these characters are promising ones and give the breeder courage to consider these parents and crosses in a breeding programme aiming to improve these characters. In this respect, high proportion of recombinant inbreds likely to fall out side parent range were obtained for spike length (Al-Kaddoussi and Eissa 1990) and grain weight/spike (Eissa 1994c and Al-Kaddoussi 1997).

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Genetic correlation

The kind of relationship which accur between characters is important for better planning of a selection programme. The knowledge of phenotypic and genetic correlation help the breeder to improve the efficiency of selection by using favorable combination of characters and to minimize the retarding effect of those characters It is possible to increase the efficiency of selection for one character by indirect selection via another character.

Separation out the genetic correlation to its components of epistasis, additive and dominance genetic correlations computed the epistasis genetic correlation. Table (6) provides evidence for positive and significant genetic correlation between epistatic gene effects controlling heading date and each of plant height, flag leaf length and flag leaf width; between plant height and each of extrusion length, number of spikelets/spike, spike grain weight, number of spikes/plant and number of grains/spike, between flag leaf width and each of, flag leaf area, spike grain weight and 1000- grain weight, between spike length and number of spikelets/spike, between number of spikelets/spike, and each of number of grains/spike and grain yield/plant, between grain yield/plant and each of, number of spikes/plant, number of grains/ spike and 1000- grain weight.

The additive genetic correlation results (Table 7) indicate positive and significant correlation between heading date and each of, flag leaf area and 1000grain weight; between spike length and number of spikelets/spike and between grain yield/plant and each of; spike grain weight, number spikes/plant, number of grains/spike and 1000- grain weight.

The dominance genetic correlation shown in Table (8) indicate that, positive and significant correlation between heading date and grain vield/plant, between each of flag leaf length, spike length and grain vield/plant, between grain vield/plant and each of: spike length, number of spikelets/spike, spike grain weight, number of spikes/plant, number of grains/spike and 1000- grain weight generally the results revealed that both additive and dominance gene effects controlling yield and its contributing characters (number of spikes/plant, number of grains/spike, 1000-grain weight) were significantly correlated with each other, suggesting a common genetic pool, or pleiotropy. Since additive effect of genes is a fixable type, therefore, correlation between additive genes is favorable. Thus, selection based on such type may indicate that the indirect selection via number of grains/spike or grain weight/spike would be effective in improving grain yield and reinforcing its importance as a selection criteria.

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تقدير المكوبات الوراثية والتنبق والارتباط الوراثي في قمح الخبز باستخدام النموذج الثالث للنورث كارولينا

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كلاً منهم رجعياً مع الصنفين جميزة ٩ الأعلى ميعاد طرد السنابل باليوم وارتفاع النبات وحساب الارتباط الوراثي بين جينات التفاعل بالسم وطول ورقبة العلم بالسم وعرض ورقبة غير الأليلي وكذلك الجينات المضيفة والسائدة العلم بالسم ومساحة ورقبة العلم ^{بالسم} وطول حامل السنبلة بالسم وطول السنبلة وعدد السنبيلات للسنيلة ومحصول السنيلة بالجرام وعدد السنابل للنبات وعدد حبوب السنبلة ووزن الألف حبة بالجرام ومحصول النبات

أجرى هذا البحث في الموسم الشتوي لأع_وام ٢٠٠٣/٢٠٠٢ ، ٢٠٠٤/٢٠٠٣، سلوكاً والصنف سخا ٩٢ الأقل سلوكاً. و ۲۰۰۰/۲۰۰٤ بغرض تقدير المكونات وتم دراسة الصفات التالية الوراثية والتنبؤ بالتراكيب الوراثية الجديدة وذلك باستخدام النموذج الإحصائي الوراثي (نورث کارولینا ۳)، واستخدم فے ذلك ۱۲ تركيب وراثي من قمح الخبز وهي سخا ٦٩، سخا ۸، جميزة ۱، جميزة ۳، وجميزة ۷، جيزة ١٦٠ ، جبزة ١٦٢ ، جبزة ١٦٤ ، جبزة ١٦٥ الفردي بالجرام . ، سدس ١ ، سدس ٣ ، وسدس ٤ وتم تهجين ولقد أظهرت النتائج الآتي

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١- كان للتفاعل الغير آليلي دوراً هاماً في السلوك الوراثي لجميع الصفات المدروسة ماعدا صفة عدد السنابل/ نىات. ٢- كــان التبـاين المضــيف والسيـادي للجينات معنوياً في جميع الصفات المدروسة ماعدا صفتي عدد السنابل/ نبات وعدد حبوب السنبلة. ٣- أظهرت النسبة بين التباين السيادي إلى المضيف أقل من $(H_1/D)^{0.5}$ الصفات ميعاد السنابل وارتفاع النبات وطول ورقبة العلم وعرض ورقبة العلم وطول الحامل وطول السنبلة ووزن الألف حمة مما يوضح أهمية التباين الراجع للفعل المضبف في دوراته تلك الصفات بينما كان لنسبة أكبر من الوحدة لباقي الصفات المدروسة. ٤- كانت قيمة F معنوية وموجبة لصفتي طول ورقة العلم ومساحة ورقة العلم مما بدل على أن السبادة كانت موجه يبنما كانت غير موجهة لباقي الصفات المدر وسة.

٥- تشير النتائج انه يمكن الحصول على نسبة من التراكيب الوراثية التي تفوق حدود الأبويين لصفات ميعاد طرد السنابل، طول ورقة العلم، وعرض ورقة العلم، طول السنبلة، عدد السنيبلات/ سنبلة، وعدد السنابل، ووزن الألف حبة، ومحصول الحبوب للنبات.

آطهرت نتائج الارتباط الوراثي وجود ارتباط بين جينات التفاعل الغير آليلي وكذلك الجينات المضيفة والسائدة التي التعكم صفات محصول السنبلة وعدد السنابل/ نبات وعدد الحبوب للسنبلة ووزن ووجود ارتباط موجب ومعنوي بين الجينات المضيفة لهذه الصفات مع صفة محصول الحبوب للنبات يؤكد أن الانتخاب الغير مباشر للمحصول عن طريق هذه الصفات ذات فاعلية عالية ويمكن استخدامها كأدلة انتخابية لتحسين المحصول في القمح.

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