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1 Multi-Criteria Selection in Gram (Cicerarietinum L.) Germplasm

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6 Abstract

7 An experiment involving 12 genotypes of Gram (Cicer arietinum L) was carried out at B. R.
8 D. P. G. college farm to select varieties close to ideal plant types through a multi-criteria
9 selection. These genotypes were grown in three replications under standard package of
10 practices to raise a good crop. These genotypes were evaluated on 12 characters namely, plant
11 height, days to 50

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13 **Index terms**— ideotype, chickpea, cicer, normalized cumulative ranks, selection.

14 I. Introduction chickpea (CicerarietinumL., $2n=2x=16$) globally ranks third among the pulse crops and accounts
15 for production of 10.1 million tons annually. This ranking places chickpea behind beans (21.5 billion tons) and
16 peas (10.4 million tons). These three pulses (beans, peas, and chickpeas) account for about 70% of global
17 pulse production with chickpea accounting for approximately 17% of the total annual production. Production of
18 chickpea in terms of harvested area from 1961 to 2013 ranged from a low of 8.9 million hectares in 1981 to a high
19 of 13.5 million hectares in 2013. These global acreage and production figures gave a productivity of 748 kg/ha.
20 Chickpea is produced in over 50 countries with India being the largest producer. Other chickpea producing major
21 countries after India are Pakistan, Turkey, Australia, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mexico, Morocco and Syria. The top
22 chickpea producing states in India in descending order have been Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka,
23 Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Chickpea is divided into two distinct
24 types. The most prominent type is referred to as "Desi" and is characterized by relatively small seeds that range
25 from light tan to black and with many variations including various markings of anthocyanin pigmentation. The
26 relatively small seeds have rather thick seed coats and yellow cotyledons. The second type is "Kabuli" with
27 bold and big seeds that are relatively white. It is important to study the traits of chickpeas based on which
28 suitable plant types could be selected for higher yields and other improvements. The present investigation was
29 undertaken with the twin objectives of designing an objective way of selection and advocating precise varietal
30 recommender system in chickpeas. This system is an effort to materialize the idea of crop ideotype of chickpea.
31 Ideotype concept was given by Donald 1968.

32 1 II. Materials and Methods

33 A field experiment was conducted during Rabi season 2021-2022 with twelve germplasm lines of chickpea namely
34 CSG 515, E-100YM, GNG 1581, ICC 1009, ICC 15850, ICC 16015, ICC 3535, IPC 94-94, KWR 108, P-3719,
35 PUSA 362, and RADHA that were procured from IIPR Kanpur, U. P., India for growing in BRDPG College,
36 Deoria. These genotypes were grown in three replications in a randomized block design. Standard package
37 of practices was adopted to raise a good crop. These lines were evaluated on 12 parameters viz., days to
38 50% flowering(D 50% F), days to 50% podding (D 50% P), plant height(PH (CM)), primary branches/plant
39 (PBPP), secondary branches /plant (SBPP), days to maturity (D 2 M), number of pods/plant (NPPP), number
40 of seeds/plant (NSPP), biological yield/plant (BYPP), seed yield/plant (SYPP), harvest index (HI%) and the
41 hundred seed weight (100 SEED WT). Observations were recorded on five randomly selected plants and tagged
42 to record the observation from each replication in each row on twelve parameters. Means of three replications
43 were calculated. These average data were subjected to normalized cumulative ranks analysis as used by Singh
44 2017, Singh et al., 2018, Yadav et al., 2020and Kumar 2021. The results of the NCR analysis are being given in
45 five tables to comprehend the NCR analysis step-bystep, although a single table (Table 5)is enough to present

46 the results of such experiments as given in many theses of research students and many papers of this college for
47 the sake of precision and paper economy.

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49 farm to select varieties close to ideal plant types through a multi-criteria selection. These genotypes were grown
50 in three replications under standard package of practices to raise a good crop. These genotypes were evaluated on
51 12 characters namely, plant height, days to 50% flowering, primary branches/plant, secondary branches/plant,
52 days to maturity, number of pods/plant, number of seeds/plant, biological yield/plant, seed yield/plant and
53 the harvest index. The normalized cumulative rank analysis was used to find out a preference order of these
54 genotypes. The preference order is PUSA 362, P-3719, CSG-151, E-100YM, ICCI6015, GNG1581, RADHA, IPC
55 94-94, ICC15850, ICC 3535, ICC1009 and KWR 108. The top five genotypes from these could be recommended
56 to farmers for cultivation in this region. A single table is enough to present the results of such experiments. The
57 top two varieties were compared with ideal plant type and the best one (PUSA 362) could be further improved
58 by crossing it with CSG515, IPC 94-94, ICC3535 and KWR 108.

59 **3 III. Results and Discussion**

60 The mean data of the three replications are given in Table ??.

61 **4 Table 1: The Mean Data of three Replications**

62 The ranks, cumulative ranks and normalized cumulative ranks are given in Table 2.

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65 Table ??: Combining Tables ?? and2 Together On sorting the table 4 on CR or NCR in increasing order we get
66 Table 5 which is enough to sum up the findings of this experiment. Thus, this single table (Table 5) is enough
67 for poster as well as paper presentation of such experiments.

68 From tables 3 & 5, it is clear that the preference order of evaluated chickpea genotypes is PUSA 362, P-3719,
69 CSG 515, E-100YM, ICC 16015, GNG 1518, RADHA, IPC 94-94, ICC 15850, ICC 3535, ICC 1009 and KWR
70 108. Top five varieties viz., PUSA 362, P-3719, CSG 515, E-100YM and ICC 16015 could be recommended for
71 cultivation by farmers of this region. Top two varieties were compared with ideal plant type and the graphical
72 presentation shows how close are the top two varieties to the ideal plant type as shown in Figure 1. The ideal
73 plant type being visualized here, on the basis of twelve evaluated parameters, is early flowering, early podding,
74 tall, having more primary and secondary branches, early maturing, more pods per plant, more seeds/pod, more
75 biological yield per plant, more seed yield per plant, high harvest index and higher 100 seed weight. From same
76 data set we can select various plant types by changing selection criteria as per our farmers' needs. From this
77 NCR analysis it is also clear that top performer viz., PUSA 362 has scope for future improvement in parameters
78 like secondary branches per plant (SBPP), days to maturity (D2M), harvest index (HI) and primary branches per
79 plant (PBPP). These characters can be improved by crossing PUSA 362 with CSG 515 (ranking first in SBPP),
80 IPC 94-94 or ICC 1009 (both ranking first in D2M), ICC 3535 (ranking first in HI) and KWR 108 (ranking first
in PBPP) respectively. ¹

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Figure 1: Table 2 :

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SN	VARIETY	D	50%	F	D	50%	P	PH(CM)	PBPP	SBPP	D	2	M	NPPP	NSPP	BYPP	SYPP	HI%
Sort Order?		1	1	0	0					0	1		0	0	0	0	0	0
1	CSG 515	89	114	43.89	5.33					12.8	129.67	17.87	18.47		9.88	3.94	37.07	
2	E-100YM	89	116	61.87	4.63					5.53	130		22.8	25.4	12.17	3.36	27.64	
3	GNG 1581	90	118	43.57	5.33					10.87	130		15.73	15.9	9.49	3.19	32.18	
4	ICC 1009	98	115.33	44.65	4.4					7	128		13.21	15.05	6.4	2.45	37.91	
5	ICC 15850	90	114	38.77	5.2					7.33	128.33	8.87	7.6		8.46	2.36	23.27	
6	ICC 16015	89	114	43.19	3.67					8	129		15.45	19.67	9.54	3.58	34.37	
7	ICC 3535	92	114.67	42.51	4.73					8	128.67	12.73	14.82		5.62	3.03	41.72	
8	IPC 94-94	92	115.33	39.19	5.07					5.47	128		15.6	16.33	6.98	2.38	37.84	
9	KWR 108	92	115.67	42.28	17.93					5.07	130		6.47	6.33	7.86	2.19	23.47	
10	P-3719	90	114	47.69	4.53					5.67	128.67	20.93	26.87	10.78		4.57	40.36	
11	PUSA 362	89	112	49.89	4.87					5.03	129.33	20.95	20.82	14.15		4.47	34.44	
12	RADHA	88	115	44.65	4.4					4.73	128.33	15.27	13.93	11.13		2.54	19.81	
SN	VARIETY	D	50%	F	D	50%	P	PH(CM)	PBPP	SBPP	D2M	NPPP	NSPP	BYPP	SYPP	HI%	100	
Sort Order?		1	1	0	0					0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	SEED
1	CSG 515	2	2	6	2					1	9	4	5	5	3	5	0	WT
2	E-100YM	2	11	1	8					8	10	1	2	2	5	9	8	
3	GNG 1581	6	12	7	2					2	10	5	7	7	6	8	5	
4	ICC 1009	12	8	4	10					6	1	9	8	11	9	3	12	
5	ICC 15850	6	2	12	4					5	3	11	11	8	11	11	4	
6	ICC 16015	2	2	8	12					3	7	7	4	6	4	7	7	
7	ICC 3535	9	6	9	7					3	5	10	9	12	7	1	11	
8	IPC 94-94	9	8	11	5					9	1	6	6	10	10	4	6	
9	KWR 108	9	10	10	1					10	10	12	12	9	12	10	2	
10	P-3719	6	2	3	9					7	5	3	1	4	1	2	9	
11	PUSA 362	2	1	2	6					11	8	2	3	1	2	6	1	
12	RADHA	1	7	4	10					12	3	8	10	3	8	12	3	
SN	VARIETY	D	50%	F	D	50%	P	PH(CM)	PBPP	SBPP	D2M	NPPP	NSPP	BYPP	SYPP	HI%	100	
Sort Order?		1	1	0	0					0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	SEED
1	PUSA 362	2	1	2	6					11	8	2	3	1	2	6	1	WT
2	P-3719	6	2	3	9					7	5	3	1	4	1	2	9	
3	CSG 515	2	2	6	2					1	9	4	5	5	3	5	10	
4	E-100YM	2	11	1	8					8	10	1	2	2	5	9	8	
5	ICC 16015	2	2	8	12					3	7	7	4	6	4	7	7	
6	GNG 1581	6	12	7	2					2	10	5	7	7	6	8	5	

Sort Order?	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	PUSA 362	2	1	2	6					11	8	2	3	1	2	6	1	
2	P-3719	6	2	3	9					7	5	3	1	4	1	2	9	
3	CSG 515	2	2	6	2					1	9	4	5	5	3	5	10	
4	E-100YM	2	11	1	8					8	10	1	2	2	5	9	8	
5	ICC 16015	2	2	8	12					3	7	7	4	6	4	7	7	
6	GNG 1581	6	12	7	2					2	10	5	7	7	6	8	5	

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Figure 3: Table 5 :

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