



## DETERMINATION OF GENETIC DIVERSITY IN SESAME

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**ABSTRACT:** The present investigation was carried out to identify eleven sesame lines during two successive seasons (2016 and 2017). The phenotypic variance ( $\sigma_p^2$ ) was greater than the corresponding variance for all studied traits except capsule thickness. The genotypic variance and phenotypic variance values for number of capsules/plant and oil yield/fad., were high over the two years. High broad-sense heritability accompanied with high genetic advance was recorded for No. of branches/plant, seed yield/plant and seed yield/fad. Five SSR primers were used for fingerprinting of the eleven sesame genotypes generated 19 bands, 10 of them were polymorphic with 53% polymorphism, N.A<sub>554</sub> produced one band negative marker in primer SSR1. Line 59-3-1 produced two band markers, one of them negative marker in primer SSR1 and the other positive marker in primer SSR5, while Line 82-7 produced one band positive marker in primer SSR5.

**Key words:** Sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.), morphological characters, simple sequence repeat (DNA-SSR).

## INTRODUCTION

Sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.) is important oil seeds crops and is widely cultivated in Africa and Asia. It is the queen of high quality vegetable oils for human consumption as it contains high levels unsaturated fatty acids and antioxidants e.g. sesamol, sesamin, sesamol and sesaminor (Nupur *et al.*, 2010). The genetic diversity has been mainly depended on agro-morphological traits and present of the genetic variability in gene pool to improve yield and yield contributing traits. The effectiveness of selection depends on genetic variability, heritability of traits and nature of gene action. Genetic diversity parameters in sesame were studied by many sesame investigators *i.e.* Banerjee and Kole (2006), Laurethin and Korlovsky (2006) and Fazal *et al.* (2011) who reported that genetic variability among Indian sesame accessions was very high based on morphological and molecular markers. Spandana *et al.* (2011) indicated that among the thirteen traits studied, seed yield was higher in genotypic coefficient of variability (GCV), followed by

nodes/main stem, meanwhile, seed weight exhibited lower estimates of GCV. Number of branches/plant registered the highest PCV, while seed weight was the lowest in respect to PCV. The difference between the PCV and GCV values for nodes/main stem was high indicating the influence of environment on these traits. However, the narrow difference between the PCV and GCV values for other traits, indicating minimum effect of environment. High genotypic coefficient of variability and phenotypic coefficient of variability were observed for number of branches/plant, number of capsules/plant, and seed yield/plant. Meanwhile, high heritability with high genetic advance as percent of mean were observed in number of branches/plant, number of capsules/plant and seed yield/plant (Revathi *et al.*, 2012). Simple sequence repeats are widely used in plant molecular genome coverage Powell *et al.* (1996) showed that SSR marker development in sesame are limited and most work involved the development of gene SSRs from expressed sequence tag (EST), compared to more than 1000 SSR loci mapped in other oil seed crops like soybean as revealed

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by **Song *et al.* (2004)**, **Spandana *et al.* (2012)** used 111 SSR in sesame and recognized 156 EST SSR along with primer sequence information from 16,619 EST mined from genbank. The recent advances made in the development of molecular tools in sesame are encouraging, however to make use of a high density molecular linkage map, the number of available SSR markers is further research efforts are needed to develop sesame-specific markers in abundance to make use of the variability present in the sesame germplasm. There for SSR markers would be one of the useful molecular markers in sesame genetic diversity analyses and in marker assisted breeding program, **Zhang *et al.* (2010)** and **Surapaneni *et al.* (2014)** reported that SSR markers are appropriate for evaluation of genetic diversities in sesame and also concluded that extensive genetic divergence existed among indigenous and exotic collections of sesame. **Park *et al.* (2013)** reported that 41 genotype specific alleles were identified for 12 of 14 SSR markers. The objectives of the present study was to study the phenotypic variability, sesame seed quality by using some vigor and viability tests and to determine the major chemical composition of seed and fatty acid composition of oil. Also to estimate the genetic purity of ten promising sesame lines and commercial cultivar, in order to obtain reliable information for recommending desired genotypes and making decisions concerning the proper breeding method for improving yield and yield components.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Field Trail

The materials under study consisted of commercial sesame cultivar Shandwell 3 and ten sesame genotypes namely, N.A<sub>554</sub>, Line 59-3-1, Line 88-2, Line 89-26, Line 106-2, Line 82-7, Line 111-8, N.A<sub>542</sub>, N.A<sub>558</sub>, and N.A<sub>432</sub>. The pedigree of these genotypes is shown in Table 1. The experiments were carried out during the summer seasons of 2016 and 2017 at Giza Research Station (ARC), Egypt. The experiment was laid out using randomized complete block design with three replications. Each entry was grown in a plot consisting of four redges, 4 meters long, distance between redges was 50 cm

and distance between plants within the redge was 20 cm, with one plant left per hill after thinning. The culture practices were done according to recommended methods. The observations were recorded on ten randomly selected plants per plot for the following agronomic characters:

### Morphological Traits

The following morphological traits were measured based on individual plants *i.e.* plant height (cm), length of fruting zone (cm), number of branches/plant, number of nodes /plant, internode length (cm), stem thickness (cm), number of capsules/plant, capsule length (cm) and capsule thickness (cm).

### Yield parameters

At harvest, seed yield/plant (g), seed index (g), seed yield/fad., (ard) and oil yield/fad., (kg) were determined.

### Laboratory Tests

#### Germination test

Normal seedlings were counted according to the international rules of **ISTA (1993)**. Germination percentage was calculated using the formula by **Krishnasamy and Seshu (1990)**.

#### Seedling evaluation

Normal seedlings were used for seedling evaluation according to the rules of the Association of Official Seed Analysis (**AOSA, 1983**). Seedling, shoot and root length were measured after six days of germination test. The shoots and roots were also dried at 70°C for 72 hr. Seedling vigor index was calculated according to formula describe by **ISTA (1985)**.

#### Chemical composition

Samples of about 50 g air dried seeds of each genotype were randomly chosen from three replications and fine ground for estimating chemical composition. Total nitrogen was determined using kjeldhel method **AOAC (2000)**.

### Statistical Analysis

Analysis of variance was calculated for data according to **Mather and Jinks (1982)**. According to homogeneity test, the results of 2016 and 2017 did not differ significant, so the combined analyses of the two seasons were conducted. The phenotypic and genotypic variances and their coefficients of variation and

**Table 1. Pedigree and origin of eleven sesame genotypes**

| Genotype                | Original     | Pedigree                             |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Shandwell 3</b>      | Egypt        | Commercial cultivar                  |
| <b>Line 88-2</b>        | Egypt 1974   | Selected from local 25*N.A.126-19    |
| <b>NA<sub>554</sub></b> | FAO 1983     | -                                    |
| <b>Line 59-3-1</b>      | Egypt 1968   | Selected from local S14/18*Mahly     |
| <b>Line 89-26</b>       | Egypt 1974   | Selected from local Local25*N.A.129  |
| <b>Line 106-2</b>       | Egypt 1978   | Selected from local N.A.114*N.A. 247 |
| <b>Line 82-7</b>        | Egypt 1972   | Selected from local N.A.114*Giza25   |
| <b>Line 111-8</b>       | Egypt 1981   | Selected from local B32*N.A.32       |
| <b>NA<sub>542</sub></b> | FAO 1983     | -                                    |
| <b>NA<sub>558</sub></b> | Barazil 1982 | -                                    |
| <b>NA<sub>432</sub></b> | USA 1976     | -                                    |

broad sense heritability for each trait were calculated according to **Singh and Chaudhry (1985)** as follow:

Genotypic variance ( $\sigma_g^2$ ) =  $(M_s - M_e)/r$

Phenotypic variance ( $\sigma_p^2$ ) =  $\sigma_g^2 + \sigma_e^2$

Where :

$M_s$ : is an estimate of mean square of tested accession,

$M_e$ : is an estimate of mean square of error, and r refers to the number of replications,

$\sigma_e^2$  : is an error of variance.

Genotypic coefficient of variance (GCV) and phenotypic coefficient of variance (PCV) were calculated as follow:

$\sigma_g^2$ ,  $\sigma_{ph}^2$  = Genotypic and phenotypic variation respectively and  $\bar{x}$  grand mean (GA%) =  $\sigma_{ph}^2 \times 100$

Broad sense heritability and genetic advance as percent of mean (GA% of mean) for each trait were computed according **Allard (1960)** as follow:

$$h_b^2 = \sigma_g^2 / \sigma_p^2 \times 100$$

The expected genetic advance (GA) =  $k \times \sigma_{ph}^2 \times h_b^2$ .

Genetic advance as (%) of the mean =  $GA/\bar{x} \times 100$ . Where K selection differential at 5% selection intensity (K=2.06) and  $\bar{x}$ =grand mean.

Genotypic and phenotypic correlations between traits were calculated according **Miller et al. (1958)**.

## Molecular Markers

### SSR-PCR analyses

Five SSR primers were used to evaluate the eleven sesame genotypes as shown in Table 2.

### DNA extraction

For genomic DNA isolation, seeds of each of the sesame genotypes were germinated and grown to the four-leaf stage. The seedlings were used for DNA extraction by DNeasy plant minikit (Qiagen Inc., Cat.no. 69104, and USA). The DNA concentration of the final samples was measured by ultraviolet (UV) spectrophotometer at 260nm. The integrity of the DNA was checked out by electrophoresis in a 2% agarose gel in TAE buffer.

### Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) conditions

DNA amplification was carried out in PCR tubes containing 25  $\mu$ l reaction mixture, having 1  $\mu$ l template DNA, 1  $\mu$ l SSR primer, 15  $\mu$ l of add H<sub>2</sub>O and 7  $\mu$ l PCR mix. Amplification was carried out in a PTC- 200 thermal cycler (MJ Research, Watertown, USA) programmed as follows: The temperature profile consisted of an initial denaturation step of DNA at 94°C for 2 min.,

**Table 2. Name and sequence of SSR primers which were used for SSR-PCR analyses**

| Primer name  | Sequence   |
|--------------|--|
| Sa07- SSR 1  | Forward 5'TCA TAT ATA AAA GGA GCC CAA C3'<br>Reverse5'GTC ATC GCT TCT CTC TTC TTC3'        |
| Sa08- SSR 2  | Forward 5'GGA GAA ATT TTC AGA GAG AAA AA C3'<br>Reverse 5'ATT GCT CTG CCT ACA AAT AAA A 3' |
| Sa72- SSR 3  | Forward 5'GC AGA GTT CCG TTC TTG 3'<br>Reverse 5'AGT GCT GAA TTT AGT CTG CAT AG 3'         |
| Sa108- SSR 4 | Forward 5'CCA CTC AAA TTT TCA CTA AGA A 3'<br>Reverse 5'TCG TCT TCC TCT CTC CCC 3'         |
| Sa123- SSR 5 | Forward 5'GCA AAG ACA TGC ATC CCT 3'<br>Reverse 5'GCC CTG ATG ATA AAG CCA 3'               |

followed by 35 cycles: 94°C for 45 sec., 57–65°C for 1 min, and 72°C for 1 min 30 sec. Annealing temperatures were optimized individually for each SSR (listed in Table 2). After the final cycle, samples were incubated at 72°C for 10 min., to ensure complete extension.

#### Gel electrophoresis

Gel electrophoresis was applied according to **Sambrook *et al.* (1989)**. The run was performed for one hour at 80 volt in pharmacia submarine (20 x 20 cm). Bands were detected on UV-transilluminator and photographed by Gel documentation 2000, Bio- Rad. Fragment size of simple sequence repeat (SSR) was estimated from the gel by comparison with the 100+1.5 kb ladder marker. The bands were recorded as either present or absent into a database of "+" and "-"

#### Data Analysis

The data of PCR systems were analyzed to detect the similarity matrices using Gel/works 1D- advanced software UVP-England program. The relationships among different eight genotypes as revealed by dendrograms resolved using SPSS Windows (Version 16) program were estimated. Possible molecular markers for different qualitative and quantitative characteristics were detected for subsequent linkage and genome analyses.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Agronomic Traits

Results given in Table 3 show mean performance of eleven sesame genotypes for some morphological traits. Significant differences were recorded among genotypes for agronomic traits *i.e.* Plant height, length of fruting zone, No. of branches/plant, No. of nods/plant internod length, stem thicknes, No. of capsules/plant and capsule length. Plant height varied from 167.2 cm to 233.3 cm with a mean of 206.6 cm. The tallest genotype was N.A<sub>558</sub>, while N.A<sub>554</sub> was the shortest one.

With respect to length of fruting zone, it ranged from 101.7cm for N.A<sub>554</sub> to 162.8cm for N.A<sub>558</sub>. Number of branches/plant exhibited wide range from 1.3 to 7.7. Genotypes line 88-8, line 59-3-1, line 106-2, line 82-2, line111-8 and N.A<sub>558</sub> had a great number of branches/plant, in contrast, Shandwell 3, N.A<sub>432</sub> had low number of branches/plant Number of nods/plant ranged from 30.5 to 42.0. Line 89-26 and Line 111-8 had the greatest number of nods/plant mean while, Line 88-8 and Line 111-8 had the lowest number of nods/plant With respect to internod length, it ranged from 8.1 to 12.2 cm with mean 10.3 cm. Shandwell 3 had significantly the largest internod length compared to the other genotypes, while, N.A<sub>554</sub> and line 106-2 were

**Table 3. Mean performance and range for some morphological traits for eleven sesame genotypes (over two years)**

| Genotype           | Plant height (cm) | Length of fruting zone | No. of branches/plant | No. of nods/plant | Internod length (cm) | Stem thicknes (cm) | No. of capsules/plant | Capsule length (cm) | Capsule thicknes (cm) |
|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Shandwell 3        | 206.3             | 135.5                  | 1.3                   | 35.2              | 12.0                 | 2.7                | 187.3                 | 2.6                 | 0.77                  |
| Line 88-8          | 195.5             | 124.8                  | 7.0                   | 30.5              | 10.3                 | 2.3                | 238.3                 | 3.5                 | 0.68                  |
| N.A <sub>554</sub> | 167.2             | 101.7                  | 3.2                   | 32.7              | 8.7                  | 2.3                | 163.3                 | 3.5                 | 0.75                  |
| Line 59-3-1        | 221.2             | 146.2                  | 7.7                   | 35.2              | 10.8                 | 2.8                | 200.5                 | 3.5                 | 0.73                  |
| Line 89-26         | 215.5             | 147.2                  | 5.0                   | 42.0              | 10.9                 | 2.7                | 241.3                 | 3.1                 | 0.74                  |
| Line 106-2         | 217.2             | 133.8                  | 7.3                   | 34.6              | 9.1                  | 2.7                | 192.2                 | 3.4                 | 0.72                  |
| Line 82-7          | 225.3             | 147.3                  | 7.3                   | 38.6              | 10.3                 | 3.0                | 222.7                 | 3.3                 | 0.78                  |
| Line 111-8         | 211.8             | 141.8                  | 7.2                   | 40.0              | 12.2                 | 2.7                | 202.1                 | 3.5                 | 0.73                  |
| N.A <sub>542</sub> | 173.0             | 103.3                  | 3.5                   | 30.7              | 8.1                  | 2.2                | 154.8                 | 3.6                 | 0.76                  |
| N.A <sub>558</sub> | 233.3             | 162.8                  | 7.3                   | 35.8              | 11.4                 | 3.1                | 284.0                 | 2.9                 | 0.77                  |
| N.A <sub>432</sub> | 206.2             | 144.5                  | 2.9                   | 38.7              | 9.4                  | 2.5                | 229.7                 | 3.8                 | 0.77                  |
| LSD 0.05           | 34.73             | 32.7                   | 1.7                   | 5.6               | 1.96                 | 0.31               | 34.6                  | 0.24                | NS                    |
| Mean± SE           | 206.6±16.87       | 135.4± 16.0            | 5.7±0.85              | 35.8± 2.76        | 10.3± 0.95           | 2.6 ± 0.15         | 210.6 ±16.75          | 3.3 ± 0.12          | 0.75± 0.04            |
| range              | 167.2-233.3       | 101.7-162.8            | 1.3-7.7               | 30.5-42.0         | 8.1-12.2             | 2.2- 3.1           | 154.8-284.0           | 2.9- 3.8            | 0.68- 0.78            |

the shortest one. Stem thicknes ranged from 2.2 to 3.1 cm. N.A<sub>558</sub> had greatest value of stem thicknes, while, N.A<sub>542</sub> showing lowest value of stem thickness. Moreover for number of capsules/plant, N.A<sub>558</sub> recorded greatest number of capsules, while, N.A<sub>542</sub> recorded the lowest one. Furthermore, capsule lenght varied from 2.9cm for N.A<sub>558</sub> to 3.8cm for N.A<sub>432</sub>. The range for capsule thicknes was from 0.68 to 0.78 cm with mean of 0.75 cm.

### Yield and Yield Attributes

Results presented in Table 4 shows mean performance and range for yield traits *i.e.* seed yield/plant, seed index, seed yield/fad., and oil yield/fad., of eleven sesame genotypes over two years. It was obvious that the range for seed yield/plant was from 18.97 to 43.42g .N.A<sub>558</sub> recorded the highest yield (43.42g) followed by line 89-26 (37.63g). They were highly significantly higher yielding than the commercial cultivar Shandawell 3 by 112.5% and 84.19%, respectively. Significant and differences has been registered in seed index among eleven sesame genotypes over the two years (Table 4), N.A<sub>558</sub> had the heaviest value of seed index (4.84 g), meanwhile, shandwell 3 recoded the

lowest (3.47g) seed index. Regarding seed yield/fad., the maximum seed yield/fad., was obtained from Line 89-26 (9.71 ard/fad.) followed by N.A<sub>558</sub> (9.29 ard/fad.). Both genotypes were higher than commercial cultivar shandwell 3 (5.36 ard/fad.) over the two years by 1.7 and 1.6 respectively. Five genotypes *i.e.* Line 88-2, Line 89-26, Line 82-7, N.A<sub>558</sub> and N.A<sub>432</sub> were higher than mean value 23.8%, 33.1%, 9.7%, 27.3% and 14.7%, respectively. Also, Table 4 show significant differences in oil yield/fad., among eleven sesame genotypes over two years. N.A<sub>558</sub> recorded the greatest value of oil yield/fad., (717.7 kg), while N.A<sub>542</sub> was the lowest oil yield/fad., (293.8 kg).

### Germination traits

Mean performance in standared germination (%), seedling lenght, redical lenght, shoot length, seedling vigor and seedling dry weight are presented in Table 5. Standared germination percentage of seeds had significant differences among the studied genotypes. The line 106-2 recorded the highest value of germination (97.7%) with no significant difference with N.A<sub>542</sub>, N.A<sub>558</sub>, Line 88-2, Line 111-8 and Line 89-26. Meanwhile, the lowest germination percentage was 93.7% in

**Table 4. Mean performance and range for yield traits for eleven genotypes (over two years)**

| Genotype           | Seed index<br>(g) | Seed yield/plant<br>(g) | Seed yield/fad.<br>(ardap) | Oil yield/fad.<br>(kg) |
|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Shandwell 3        | 3.47              | 20.43                   | 5.36                       | 347.9                  |
| Line 88-8          | 4.28              | 35.09                   | 9.04                       | 582.1                  |
| N.A <sub>554</sub> | 3.71              | 21.30                   | 5.59                       | 365.8                  |
| Line 59-3-1        | 4.29              | 27.28                   | 7.16                       | 452.9                  |
| Line 89-26         | 4.20              | 37.63                   | 9.71                       | 604.6                  |
| Line 106-2         | 3.85              | 23.57                   | 6.19                       | 391.6                  |
| Line 82-7          | 4.81              | 30.52                   | 8.01                       | 507.5                  |
| Line 111-8         | 4.11              | 25.37                   | 6.66                       | 413.2                  |
| N.A <sub>542</sub> | 3.90              | 18.97                   | 4.98                       | 293.8                  |
| N.A <sub>558</sub> | 4.84              | 43.42                   | 9.29                       | 717.7                  |
| N.A <sub>432</sub> | 3.62              | 31.90                   | 8.37                       | 533.8                  |
| L.S.D0.05          | 0.22              | 4.42                    | 1.13                       | 71.88                  |
| Mean± S.E          | 4.10± 0.11        | 28.68± 2.15             | 7.31± 0.31                 | 473.7± 19.23           |
| Range              | 3.47-4.84         | 18.97- 43.42            | 4.98- 9.71                 | 293.8-717.7            |

**Table 5. Mean performance and range for seedling traits for eleven genotypes (over two years)**

| Genotype           | Standard germination<br>(%) | Seedling length<br>(cm) | Radical length<br>(cm) | Shoot length<br>(cm) | Seedling vigor | Seedling dry weight<br>(mg) |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Shandwell 3        | 94.7                        | 7.54                    | 4.79                   | 2.75                 | 713.8          | 4.18                        |
| Line 88-2          | 96.6                        | 8.18                    | 5.42                   | 2.77                 | 790.2          | 3.52                        |
| N.A <sub>554</sub> | 95.3                        | 9.60                    | 6.34                   | 3.27                 | 914.7          | 3.77                        |
| Line 59-3-1        | 96.8                        | 8.49                    | 5.68                   | 2.81                 | 821.6          | 3.53                        |
| Line 89-26         | 96.1                        | 8.46                    | 5.43                   | 3.03                 | 813.3          | 4.44                        |
| Line 106-2         | 97.7                        | 7.33                    | 4.54                   | 2.79                 | 715.9          | 4.59                        |
| Line 82-7          | 95.8                        | 8.82                    | 5.44                   | 3.38                 | 845.2          | 3.49                        |
| Line 111-8         | 96.3                        | 8.46                    | 5.53                   | 2.93                 | 815.0          | 3.53                        |
| NA <sub>542</sub>  | 97.6                        | 8.11                    | 5.38                   | 2.74                 | 791.7          | 4.27                        |
| NA <sub>432</sub>  | 97.5                        | 9.33                    | 6.16                   | 3.16                 | 909.4          | 3.65                        |
| NA <sub>558</sub>  | 93.7                        | 8.26                    | 5.44                   | 2.82                 | 773.2          | 4.53                        |
| LSD 0.05           | 2.02                        | 0.96                    | 0.54                   | 0.35                 | 69.39          | 0.38                        |
| Mean± SE           | 96.2±0.99                   | 8.42±0.33               | 5.47±0.26              | 2.95±0.17            | 809.5±29.39    | 3.95±0.18                   |
| Range              | 93.7-97.7                   | 7.33-9.60               | 4.54-6.34              | 2.75-3.38            | 713.8-914.7    | 3.49- 4.59                  |

NA<sub>558</sub> without significant difference with Shandawell 3. Seedling length significantly varied across the two years. It ranged from 7.33 to 9.6 cm with a mean of 8.42 cm. The genotype NA<sub>554</sub> gave the highest value of seedling length. Range for radical length was from 4.54 to 6.34 with a mean of 5.47 cm. The longest radical length was observed from NA<sub>554</sub> followed by NA<sub>558</sub>, while, Line 106-2 had the shortest one. Shoot length varied from 2.75 to 3.38 cm across the two years. Line 82-7 was the longest shoot length (3.38), whereas, Shandawell 3 was the shortest length (2.75 cm). NA<sub>554</sub> recorded the highest seedling vigor (914.7) followed by NA<sub>432</sub> (909.4) with no significant differences between them, meanwhile, Shandawell 3 had the lowest seedling vigor (713.8). Line 106-2 followed by NA<sub>559</sub> had significantly highest seedling dry weight over two seasons. Otherwise, Line 82-7 recorded the lowest seedling dry weight.

#### Chemical composition

Results in Table 6 illustrates that chemical composition of eleven sesame seeds genotypes was significantly affected by genetic makeup. Range for crude oil was 49.15- 54.53%. NA<sub>554</sub> followed by Shandawell 3 had the greatest crude oil value, while, NA<sub>542</sub> produced the lowest crude oil (49.15) across the two years. The crude protein ranged between (21.68%) for Line 106-2 to (25.78%) for NA<sub>542</sub> with a mean of 23.23%. With respect to total carbohydrates, it ranged from 11.20% to 13.10%, Line 89-26 had the highest value being (13.10%), while, NA<sub>554</sub> and NA<sub>432</sub> had the lowest value 11.2% and 11.21%, respectively.

#### Genetic parameters

Component of genetic variance ( $\sigma^2_g$ ), phenotypic variance ( $\sigma^2_p$ ) and environmental variance ( $\sigma^2_e$ ), genetic variability (genotypic (GVC) and phenotypic (PCV) coefficient of variability, broad sense heritability, expected genetic advance (GC) and expected genetic advance under 5% selection intensity as percentage of the general mean (GS%) for yield and some agronomic traits of eleven sesame genotypes are presented in Table 7. The phenotypic variance ( $\sigma^2_p$ ) was greater than the corresponding genotypic variance for all studied traits except capsule thickness. The genotypic

variance and phenotypic variance value for number of capsules/plant and oil yield/fad., were high over the two years. Similar results were obtained by **Babu et al. (2005)**, **Kumar and Sasivannan (2006)**, **El-Shakhess et al. (2008)**, **Ahmed et al. (2013)** and **Abate et al. (2015)**. The phenotypic coefficient of variance (PCV) was greater than genotypic coefficient of variance (GCV) for all traits, indicating the influence of this trait by environmental modifications and the lower scope of improving these traits through selection. Number of capsules/plant and oil yield/fad., exhibited high estimates of GCV and PCV. The GCV for number of capsules/plant and oil yield/fad., were 43.4 and 579.57, suggesting wide spectrum of genotypic variation for these traits. The GCV and PCV were nearly equal for stem thickness, capsule length, capsule thickness, seed index and seed yield/fad., indicating that negligible influence of environment and improving such traits by selection will be effective. Meanwhile, low magnitude GCV and PCV were observed for number of branches/plant, number of nodes/plant, internode length, stem thickness, capsule length, capsule thickness, seed index and seed yield/fad., suggesting minimal influence of environment on the expression of the traits so that it is easy to improve the previous traits based on the phenotypes. Besides traits such as, plant height, length of fruiting zone and seed yield/plant, they exhibited moderate estimates of PCV and GCV. These results are in harmony with those obtained by **Iwo et al (2007)**, **El-Shakhess et al (2008)**, **Spandana et al (2011)**, **Revathi et al (2012)**, **Ahmed et al (2013)**, **Bharathi et al (2014)**, **Abate et al (2015)**, **Swapa et al (2016)** and **Spandana et al (2016)**, High heritability was exhibited for plant height, length of fruiting zone, number of branches/plant, No of nodes/plant, internode length, stem thickness, number of capsules/plant, capsule length, seed yield/plant, seed index, seed yield/fad., and oil yield/fad. The findings are in harmony with those obtained by **El-Shakhess et al. (2008)**, **Alake et al (2010)**, **Jadhav and Mohrir (2013)**, **Abate et al (2015)** and **Swapa et al. (2016)**. Only capsule thickness exhibited (0.0) heritability. **Allard (1960)** reported that heritability depends upon the amount of genetic variation presented in the population and environmental conditions under which the population is evaluated. Heritability

Table 6. Chemical composition of eleven sesame genotypes (over two years)

| Genotype           | Oil (%)     | Crude protien (%) | Total carbohydrate (%) |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Shandwell 3        | 54.07       | 23.60             | 11.67                  |
| Line 88-2          | 52.65       | 21.78             | 13.10                  |
| N.A <sub>554</sub> | 54.53       | 23.56             | 11.20                  |
| Line 59-3-1        | 52.70       | 22.70             | 12.43                  |
| Line 89-26         | 51.01       | 23.78             | 13.10                  |
| Line 106-2         | 52.75       | 21.68             | 12.85                  |
| Line 82-7          | 52.80       | 23.33             | 11.83                  |
| Line 111-8         | 51.72       | 23.74             | 12.35                  |
| NA <sub>542</sub>  | 49.15       | 25.78             | 12.16                  |
| NA <sub>558</sub>  | 52.50       | 22.08             | 12.87                  |
| NA <sub>432</sub>  | 53.13       | 23.45             | 11.21                  |
| LSD 0.05           | 0.79        | 0.76              | 0.72                   |
| Mean               | 52.46       | 23.23             | 12.25                  |
| Range              | 49.15-54.53 | 21.68-25.78       | 11.20-13.10            |

Table 7. Estimates of component of variance heritability and genetic advance for yield and agronomic traits of eleven sesame genotypes (over two years)

| Trait                   | Component of variance |              |                 | Genetic variability |        |                | Genetic advance |                      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
|                         | $\sigma^2_s$          | $\sigma^2_e$ | $\sigma^2_{pp}$ | GCV                 | PCV    | $h^2_b$<br>(%) | GC at<br>5%     | GS as (%)<br>of mean |
| Plant height            | 327.33                | 147.67       | 475.00          | 28.23               | 194.48 | 68.91          | 33.66           | 16.30                |
| Length of fruiting zone | 238.86                | 131.2        | 370.06          | 79.48               | 174.03 | 64.55          | 25.58           | 18.89                |
| No. of branches/plant   | 3.25                  | 0.37         | 3.62            | 20.08               | 26.35  | 89.78          | 3.61            | 63.40                |
| No. of nods/plant       | 11.06                 | 3.86         | 14.92           | 4.76                | 41.68  | 74.12          | 5.90            | 16.47                |
| Inter nod length        | 1.51                  | 0.47         | 2.08            | 0.39                | 20.19  | 72.59          | 2.30            | 22.32                |
| Stem thichnesed         | 0.07                  | 0.01         | 0.09            | 7.34                | 3.24   | 77.78          | 0.52            | 19.74                |
| No. of capsle/plant     | 1194.36               | 420.69       | 1615.07         | 43.4                | 63.90  | 73.95          | 23.64           | 11.22                |
| Capsule length          | 0.12                  | 0.02         | 0.14            | 1.16                | 1.37   | 85.71          | 0.73            | 8.02                 |
| Capsule thicknes        | 0.00                  | 0.00         | 0.00            | 0.00                | 0.10   | 0.00           | 0.00            | 0.07                 |
| Seed yield/plant        | 55.64                 | 6.96         | 62.6            | 64.67               | 72.76  | 88.88          | 15.53           | 54.14                |
| Seed index              | 0.19                  | 0.07         | 0.21            | 1.55                | 1.69   | 90.45          | 0.90            | 21.94                |
| Seed yield/fad.         | 1.18                  | 0.14         | 1.32            | 9.25                | 10.38  | 89.39          | 22.62           | 61.75                |
| Oil yield/fad.          | 4641.25               | 554.92       | 5196.17         | 579.57              | 648.86 | 89.32          | 37.71           | 10.31                |

estimates coupled with the genetic advance would be more useful than heritability alone, because the estimates of heritability (broad sense) alone is not very much useful in predicting effect for selecting best genotypes because it includes both additive as well as non-additive gene effects. A high genetic advance occurs only due to additive gene action (**Panase, 1957**).

High broad-sense heritability accompanied with high genetic advance was recorded for No. of branches/plant, seed yield/plant and seed yield/fad., indicated lesser influence of environment in expression of these traits. The high heritability associated with low genetic advance expressed as percentage of mean were shown in plant height, length of fruiting zone, No. of nodules/plant, internode length, stem thickness, No. of capsule/plant, capsule length, seed index and oil yield/plant, suggested that these traits were controlled by high genotype environment interaction. In such situation, selection would not be rewording. Similar results were reported by **El-Shakhess et al. (2008)**, **Paramesh Warappa et al. (2009)**, **Alake et al. (2010)**, **Revathi et al. (2012)**, **Ahmed et al. (2013)**, **Jadhav and Mohrir (2013)**, **Bharath et al. (2014)**, **Abate et al. (2015)**, **Gadisa et al. (2015)** and **Swapa et al. (2016)**. Estimation of component of variance, GCV and PCV,  $h^2_b$  and GA (%) for germination and chemical traits over two years are presented in Table 8. phenotypic variance was greater than genotypic one for all traits. These results are in confirmatory with these of **Iwo et al (2007)**, **El-Shakhess et al. (2008)** and **Ahmed et al. (2013)**. Phenotypic coefficient variation (PCV) values were higher than genotypic coefficient of variation values for standard germination (%), seedling length, radical length, seedling vigor, seedling dry weight and crude protein (%) indicating sensitivity of most of these traits to environmental modification and the lower scope of improving them through selection. On the other hand, the values of GCV were higher than values of PCV for shoot length, crude oil (%) and total carbohydrate, indicating that those traits were not affected by environmental conditions. Broad sense heritability was high for all studied traits. The expected genetic advance ranged from 2.28% for standard germination to 22.31% for seedling dry weight. These results are in confirmatory with those of **El-Shakhess et al. (2008)** and **Ahmed et al. (2013)**.

### Molecular Marker Combined Analyses for Eleven Sesame Genotypes

In the present study five primers of SSR were selected to recognize between eleven genotypes of sesame. These primers produce multiple bands, which ranged between seven bands for primer SSR 5, to two bands for primer SSR2 and SSR3. The total number of bands was 19, 10 of them were polymorphic (53% polymorphism). The highest level of polymorphism was observed in primer SSR1 which showed 80% polymorphism, while the lowest of polymorphism was 0% polymorphism in primer SSR2 and SSR3 as show in Table 9 and Fig. 1. Primer SSR1 produced 5 bands, 4 of them were polymorphic (80% polymorphism). This primer SSR1 produced negative makers in two different genotypes, NA<sub>554</sub> and Line 59-3-1. Primer SSR 2 generated 2 bands with 0% polymorphism, also SSR3 gave the same results. Primer SSR 4 revealed 3 bands one of them was polymorphic with (33% polymorphism). Primer SSR5 showed 7 bands, 5 of them were polymorphic (71% polymorphism). This primer (SSR5) produced two makers for two different genotypes Line 59-3-1 and Line 82-7.

SSR markers can produce different markers at different three genotypes from eleven genotypes under study, two of them were positive bands and two of them were negative bands. NA<sub>554</sub> showed one negative band marker in primer SSR 1 at molecular weight (MW) 295bp, also Line 59-3-1 produced one negative marker in the same primer SSR 1 at MW 165 bp, while Line 59-3-1 produced one positive marker in primer SSR 5 at WM 180 bp. Line 82-7 showed one band positive marker in primer SSR 5 at MW 120 bp. Also Line 106-2 and Line 82-7 produced one positive band in MW at 120 bp in primer SSR 1, in the same way the N.A<sub>554</sub> and Line 59-3-1 produced one positive band at MW 435 bp in primer SSR 5. **Wu et al. (2014)** suggested that domestication along with advanced plant breeding techniques have likely narrowed the genetic basis of cultivated sesame. Many newly developed sesame varieties were bred with a few number of landrace in their pedigree. The genetic variation in sesame was consequently reduced by genetic drift and selection characterization of genetic diversity of available landraces especially the indigenous and exotic collection by molecular markers is of

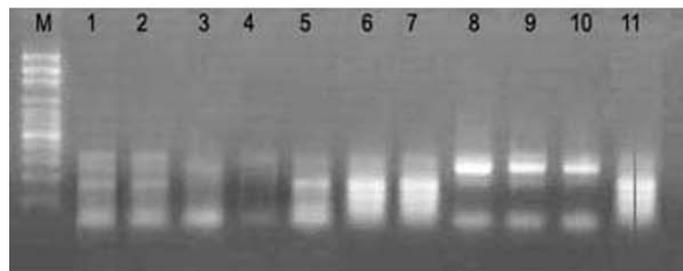
**Table 8. Estimates of component of variance, genotypic (GCV) and phenotypic (PCV) coefficients of variation broad sense heritability estimates ( $h^2_b$ ,%) and genetic advance for germination and chemical traits of eleven sesame genotypes (over two years)**

| Trait                    | Component of variance |              |                 | Genetic variability |       | $h^2_b$<br>(%) | Genetic variability |        |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|----------------|---------------------|--------|
|                          | $\sigma^2_g$          | $\sigma^2_e$ | $\sigma^2_{ph}$ | GCV                 | PCV   |                | GS                  | GS (%) |
| Standard germination (%) | 1.34                  | 0.51         | 1.85            | 0.02                | 1.66  | 72.43          | 2.19                | 2.28   |
| Seedling length          | 0.41                  | 0.06         | 0.47            | 0.29                | 5.23  | 87.23          | 1.26                | 15.15  |
| Radical length           | 0.24                  | 0.04         | 0.28            | 0.05                | 4.75  | 85.71          | 0.98                | 17.89  |
| Shoot length             | 0.04                  | 0.01         | 0.06            | 4.34                | 1.68  | 66.67          | 0.39                | 13.24  |
| Seedling vigor           | 3857.6                | 589.4        | 4447            | 5.34                | 51.95 | 86.75          | 123.3               | 15.23  |
| Seedling dry weight      | 0.19                  | 0.02         | 0.21            | 0.04                | 5.06  | 90.48          | 0.88                | 22.31  |
| Crude oil (%)            | 1.97                  | 0.08         | 2.05            | 6.34                | 3.84  | 96.10          | 2.87                | 5.47   |
| Crude protein (%)        | 1.3                   | 0.07         | 1.37            | 0.05                | 5.75  | 94.90          | 2.32                | 9.98   |
| Total carbohydrate (%)   | 0.41                  | 0.06         | 0.48            | 7.34                | 3.65  | 85.40          | 1.28                | 10.44  |

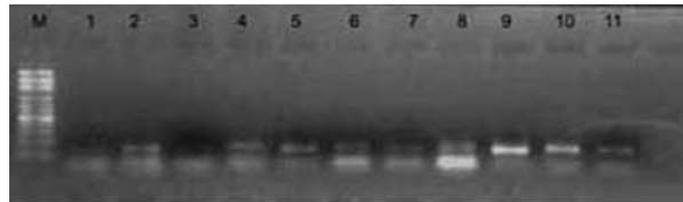
**Table 9. DNA polymorphic in eleven sesame genotypes using RCR with five SSR primers**

| Primer | TN | NB | P (%) | MW  | Sh3 | L88-2 | NA <sub>554</sub> | L59-3-1 | L89-26 | L106-2 | L82-7 | L111-8 | NA <sub>542</sub> | NA <sub>558</sub> | NA <sub>432</sub> | MM |
|--------|----|----|-------|-----|-----|-------|-------------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----|
| SSR1   | 1  | 1  |       | 295 | +   | +     | -                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 | NM |
|        | 2  | 2  |       | 225 | +   | +     | +                 | -       | -      | -      | -     | +      | +                 | +                 | -                 |    |
|        | 3  | 3  | 80    | 165 | +   | +     | +                 | -       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 | NM |
|        | 4  | 4  |       | 120 | -   | -     | -                 | -       | -      | +      | +     | -      | -                 | -                 | -                 |    |
|        | 5  | 5  |       | 75  | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
| SSR2   | 6  | 1  | 0     | 140 | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
|        | 7  | 2  |       | 80  | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
| SSR3   | 8  | 1  | 0     | 275 | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
|        | 9  | 2  |       | 85  | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
| SSR4   | 8  | 1  |       | 730 | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
|        | 9  | 2  | 33    | 220 | -   | +     | -                 | -       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
|        | 10 | 3  |       | 95  | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
| SSR5   | 11 | 1  |       | 435 | -   | -     | +                 | +       | -      | -      | -     | -      | -                 | -                 | -                 |    |
|        | 12 | 2  |       | 330 | -   | -     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | -     | -      | -                 | +                 | -                 |    |
|        | 13 | 3  |       | 255 | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |
|        | 14 | 4  | 71    | 180 | -   | -     | -                 | +       | -      | -      | -     | -      | -                 | -                 | -                 | PM |
|        | 15 | 5  |       | 120 | -   | -     | -                 | -       | -      | -      | +     | -      | -                 | -                 | -                 | PM |
|        | 16 | 6  |       | 70  | -   | -     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | -      | -                 | +                 | +                 |    |
|        | 17 | 7  |       | 60  | +   | +     | +                 | +       | +      | +      | +     | +      | +                 | +                 | +                 |    |

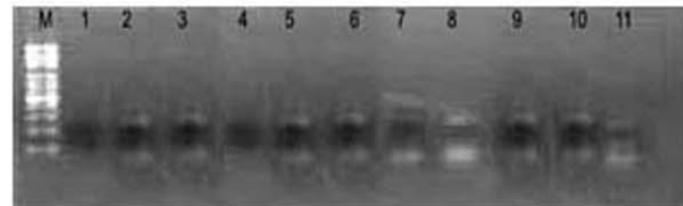
NB, number of bands  
 PM, positive marker  
 MM, molecular marker  
 NM, negative marker  
 TN, totally number  
 P (%) polymorphism (%)  
 Sh, Shandwell 3  
 L, Line  
 MW, molecular weight



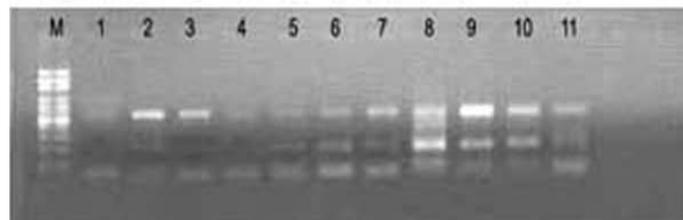
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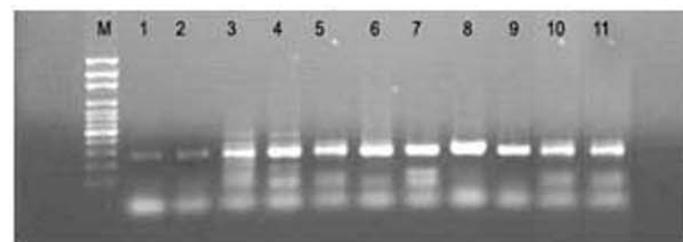
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SSR 4



SSR 5

M- Molecular marker, 1- Shandwell 3, 2- Line 88-2,3- N.A<sub>554</sub>, 4- Line 59-3-1, 5- Line 89-26, 6-Line 106-2, 7- Line 82-7, 8-N.A<sub>542</sub>, 9- Line 111-8, 10-N.A<sub>558</sub>, 11- N.A<sub>432</sub>

**Fig. 1. SSR banding patterns amplified with 5 primers**

great value to assist parentally design line selection and breeding strategy. **Zhang *et al.* (2012)** concluded that molecular markers are useful tool for detecting the genetic diversity, assessment genetic linkage map construction as well as marker assisted selection in sesame breeding programs.

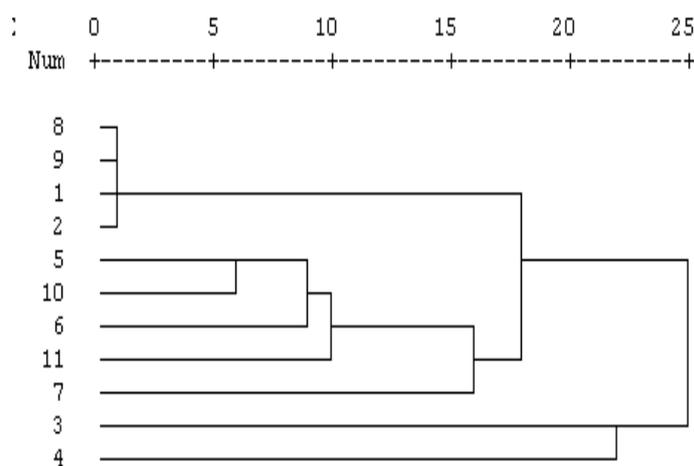
### Combined Analysis for Eleven Sesame Genotypes

Similarity index and dendrogram across the eleven sesame genotypes under investigation based on SSR analyses are shown in Table 10 and Fig. 2. The comparison revealed that the most closely related genotypes were Shandwell 3/ Line88-2, Shandwell 3/ Line111-8, Shandwell 3/NA<sub>542</sub>, Line 88-2/Line111-8, Line 88-2/ NA<sub>542</sub> and Line 111-8/ NA<sub>542</sub> (similarity matrix of 1).

The lowest relationships were recorded for genotype Shandwell 3/Line59-3-1, NA<sub>542</sub>/Line 59-3-1, Line59-3-1/Line111-2 and Line59-3-1/NA<sub>542</sub> (similarity matrix of 0.786). Genomic SSR and expressed sequence tag (EST)-SSR, which are considered complementary to plant genome mapping, have been reported in several primary oil crops such as peanut (**Hopkins *et al.*, 1999**) and soybean (**Akkaya *et al.*, 1992**) few EST-SSR were developed and used to detect genetic diversity for sesame germplasm (**Wie *et al.*, 2008; Wei *et al.*, 2011; Zhang *et al.*, 2012**), however their use is limited due to relatively low polymorphism and high possibility of no gene rich rejoins in the genome. In contrast, genomic SSR are highly polymorphic and tend to be widely distributed throughout the genome resulting in more accurate detection of genetic diversity.

**Table 10 . Similarity matrix among the eleven sesame genotypes used SSR analyses**

| Genotype             | 1-Shandwell 3 | Line 88-2 | NA <sub>554</sub> | Line 59-3-1 | Line 89-26 | Line 106-2 | Line 82-7 | NA <sub>542</sub> | Line 111-8 | NA <sub>558</sub> |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
| 2-Line 88-2          | 1.000         |           |                   |             |            |            |           |                   |            |                   |
| 3-N.A <sub>554</sub> | 0.857         | 0.857     |                   |             |            |            |           |                   |            |                   |
| 4-Line 59-3-1        | 0.786         | 0.786     | 0.867             |             |            |            |           |                   |            |                   |
| 5-Line 89-26         | 0.889         | 0.889     | 0.897             | 0.897       |            |            |           |                   |            |                   |
| 6-Line 106-2         | 0.857         | 0.857     | 0.867             | 0.867       | 0.966      |            |           |                   |            |                   |
| 7-Line 82-7          | 0.857         | 0.857     | 0.8               | 0.8         | 0.897      | 0.933      |           |                   |            |                   |
| 8-NA <sub>542</sub>  | 1.000         | 1.000     | 0.857             | 0.786       | 0.889      | 0.857      | 0.857     |                   |            |                   |
| 9-Line 111-8         | 1.000         | 1.000     | 0.857             | 0.786       | 0.889      | 0.857      | 0.857     | 1.000             |            |                   |
| 10-NA <sub>558</sub> | 0.929         | 0.929     | 0.933             | 0.867       | 0.966      | 0.933      | 0.867     | 0.929             | 0.929      |                   |
| 11-NA <sub>432</sub> | 0.923         | 0.923     | 0.857             | 0.857       | 0.963      | 0.929      | 0.929     | 0.923             | 0.923      | 0.929             |



Genotypes names -1- Shandwell 3, 2- Line 88-2, 3- N.A<sub>554</sub>, 4- Line 59-3-1, 5- Line 89-26, 6-Line 106-2, 7-Line 82-7, 8-N.A<sub>542</sub>, 9- Line 111-8, 10-N.A<sub>558</sub>, 11- N.A<sub>432</sub>

**Fig. 2. Dendrogram of the genetic distances among the eleven sesame genotypes used SSR analyses**

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## تحديد التباين الوراثي في السمسم

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أجريت هذه الدراسة للتمييز بين أحدى عشر صنفا من السمسم، أظهرت النتائج أن التباين المظهري كان أكبر من التباين الوراثي لجميع الصفات المدروسة كما أظهرت النتائج وجد مدى واسع من التباين الوراثي لصفات عدد الكبسولات/ نبات ومحصول الزيت/ فدان كما أظهرت النتائج ارتفاع قيمة نسبة التوريث في المعنى الواسع مقرونا بارتفاع التحسين الوراثي لصفات عدد الفروع/نبات ومحصول البذور/نبات ومحصول البذور/فدان، أجريت هذه الدراسة للتمييز بين أحدى عشر صنف من السمسم باستخدام تكتيك SSR باستخدام ٥ بادئات و أظهرت النتائج وجد ١٩ علامة جزيئية منهم ١٠ مختلفة بنسبة ٥٣%، أظهر التركيب الوراثي N.A554 علامة جزيئية واحده سالبه في البادئ SSR1، التركيب الوراثي Line59-3-1 قدم علامتين جزيئيتين واحده سالبه في البادئ SSR 1 بينما الأخرى موجبه في البادئ SSR 5 ، بينما أعطى التركيب الوراثي Line82-7 علامة جزيئية واحده موجبه في البادئ SSR 5.

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