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## Genotype x Environment Analysis of Blackgram (*Vigna mungo* L. Hepper) Cultures over Open Condition by Eberhart and Russell Model

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### ABSTRACT

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Ten cultures including four local checks T9, TAU1, Sumanjana and Syama of blackgram were evaluated over open conditions to study the stability parameters viz., regression coefficient (bi) and mean square deviation ( $S^2_{di}$ ) from linear regression along with *per se* performance for days to flowering, plant height, number of branches per plant, number of pod bearing branches per plant, number of pods per plant, pod length, number of seeds per pod, test weight, yield per plant and protein content. Variance due to genotype, environment, genotype x environment, environment (linear) was significant in all traits except plant height and test weight. Based on the stability analysis and ranking the genotypes T6, was the best followed by T9 and T5 suitable for cultivation under open condition.

### Introduction

Blackgram (*Vigna mungo* (L.) Hepper) is an important short duration pulse crop occupying unique position in Indian agriculture. Its seeds are highly nutritious and used in the preparation of many popular dishes. Pulses are part of the daily diet of vegetarians world over.

They are rich in protein (20-30 %) and are an excellent source of dietary fiber, low molecular weight carbohydrates, essential aminoacids, poly unsaturated fatty acids and range of micronutrients. In recent years there has been an increase in consumption of pulses in several developed countries where they are increasingly considered as health food.

In Kerala, cultivation of pulses especially black gram as third crop i.e., in summer fallows in paddy growing areas was a common practice by the farmers.

However, this trend has come down in the near past due to non-availability of labourers for harvesting and low yield of traditional varieties. Raising blackgram in coconut gardens seems as a viable option to increase area of cultivation. In Kerala, high yielding varieties suited to both open and shaded conditions are not available. In the present investigation, an attempt has been made to study the stability of 14 genotypes over open condition.

## Materials and Methods

The present study was undertaken during *kharif*, *rabi* and summer season in open (light) condition. Experiment was carried out at Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics; College of Horticulture.

During the period August 2013-December 2014. Ten genotypes of blackgram including four checks TAU-1, T9, Sumanjana and Syama.

Design used for experiment, randomised block design with two replication at each open condition. The plot size was 5 m x 0.8 m and plants were raised at a spacing of 30 x 10 cm<sup>2</sup>. Standard cultural and plant protection practices were followed to raise good crop KAU (2011).

The crop was harvested when the 90 per cent of the pods in the plants were dried. All the observations were recorded after harvest except days Phenotypic, genotypic and environmental coefficients of variation were estimated by following the formula as suggested by Burton and De vane (1953).

Phenotypic coefficient of variation (PCV) =  $(\sigma_p/\text{Mean}) * 100$

Genotypic coefficient of variation (GCV) =  $(\sigma_g/\text{Mean}) * 100$

Environmental coefficient of variation (ECV) =  $(\sigma_e/\text{Mean}) * 100$

Where  $\sigma_p$ ,  $\sigma_g$  and  $\sigma_e$  are phenotypic, genotypic and environmental standard deviations, respectively. According to Sivasubramanian and Madhavamenon (1973), PCV and GCV are classified as low if less than 10 per cent, moderate if is between 10 and 20 per cent, and high if is more than 20 per cent. to flowering.

## Stability analysis

### Eberhart and Russel model

Eberhart and Russell (1966) method was followed to estimate the three parameters of stability namely mean, regression coefficient ( $b_i$ ) and mean squared deviation ( $s^2_{di}$ ) for each genotype.

The linear model proposed by Eberhart and Russell (1966) was

$$Y_{ij} = \mu_i + b_{ij} + \sigma_{ij}$$

Where:

$Y_{ij}$  = Mean performance of  $i^{\text{th}}$  genotype in  $j^{\text{th}}$  environment

$\mu_i$  = Average performance of  $j^{\text{th}}$  genotype over all environments

$b_i$  = Regression coefficient that measures the response of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  genotype to varying environments

$\sigma_{ij}$  = Deviation from regression of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  genotype at  $j^{\text{th}}$  environment.

$L_j$  = Environmental index as the deviation of the mean of all genotypes in  $j^{\text{th}}$  environment from grand mean.

### Computation of regression coefficient

The regression coefficient is one which is the regression of the performance of each genotype under different environments on the environmental means of over all the genotypes. This was estimated as follows.

$$b_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^m Y_{ij} L_j}{\sum_{j=1}^m L_j^2}$$

Where,

$\sum_{ij} Y_{ij} I_j$  = The sum of products of environmental index ( $I_j$ ) with corresponding mean of that genotype at each environment ( $y_{ij}$ )

$\sum_j I_j^2$  = the sum of the squares of the environmental index ( $I_j$ )

(a) For each value of regression coefficient  $I_j^2$  is common and equal to

$$\sum_{ij} y_{ij}^2 = I_1^2 + \dots + I_i^2 + \dots + I_{54}^2$$

(b) on the other hand  $\sum_{ij} Y_{ij} I_j$  for each genotype is the sum of products of environmental index ( $I_j$ ) with the corresponding mean ( $x$ ) of the genotype in each environment.

These values may be obtained in the following manner

$$[X] \times [I_j] = [\sum_{ij} Y_{ij} I_j] = [S]$$

Where,

[ X ] = matrix of means

[  $I_j$  ] = Vector for environmental index and

[S]= Vector for sum of products ( $I_e$ )  $\sum_{ij} Y_{ij} I_j$

(c) Then  $b_i$  values for each genotype was calculated by dividing  $\sum_{ij} Y_{ij} I_j$  for each genotype by  $\sum_j I_j^2$

Where,

$I_j$  = environmental index of  $j$ th environment which can be calculated as follows.

**Computation of environmental index ( $I_j$ )**

$$I_j = \frac{\sum_i Y_{ij}}{g} - \frac{\sum_i \sum_j Y_{ij}}{ge} \text{ with } \sum_j I_j = 0$$

$$= \frac{\text{Total of all the genotypes at } j\text{th location}}{\text{Number of genotypes}}$$

$$= \text{Grand Total} / \text{Total number of observations}$$

Computation of mean square deviation ( $S^2_{di}$ ) from linear regression =  $S^2_{di} = (\sum_j S_{ij}^2 / e - 2 - S e^2 / r)$

Where,

$$\sum_j S_{ij}^2 = [\sum_j Y_{ij}^2 - Y_i^2 / g] - (\sum_j Y_{ij} I_j)^2 / \sum_j I_j^2$$

Where,

$\sum_j S_{ij}^2$  = variance due to deviation from the regression for a genotype.

$\sum_i Y_{ij}^2 - Y_i^2 / g$  = variance due to dependent variable

$$(\sum_j Y_{ij} I_j)^2 / \sum_j I_j^2 = [\sum_j Y_{ij} I_j] (\sum_j Y_{ij} I_j) / \sum_j I_j^2 = b_i \sum_j Y_{ij} I_j$$

From  $\sum_j S_{ij}^2$  values the stability parameter  $S^2_{di}$  for each genotype is computed as follows

$$S^2_{di} = [\sum_j S_{ij}^2 / (e - 2)] - S^2 / r$$

Mean square Deviation from regression  
 Deviation = -----  
 Degrees of freedom for each environment  
 = Pooled error / Number of replications

$S^2$  = Estimate of pooled error  
 r = Number of replications  
 e = Number of environments  
 g = Number of genotypes

**Results and Discussion**

Analysis of variance pooled over open condition (Table 1). There was significant deviation between environments for all the characters except test weight. Genotype and genotype x environment interaction was significant for all the traits tested. As the G x E interaction was significant further statistical analysis was attempted by partitioning genotype x environment mean squares into

components namely variance due to genotype x environment (linear) and pooled deviation (non-linear).

The analysis of variance for stability is presented in table 2. Environment (linear) was significant in all traits except plant height and test weight. G x E interaction linear was significant for number of branches, number of pods and yield per plant. Senthilkumar and Chinna (2012) also had the same opinion on these traits.

According to Eberhart and Russell (1966) an ideally adopted genotype could be the one having higher mean value, regression coefficient,  $b_i = 1$  near unity with least deviation from regression  $s^2d_i = 0$ .

### **Stability parameters of black gram genotypes pooled over open conditions. (Tables 3a and 3b)**

#### **Days to flowering**

Days to flowering did not show any variation between the dates of planting under open condition indicating that the character is highly stable. However, studies by Senthilkumar and Chinna, (2012); Sowmini and Jayamani, (2013) and Singh *et al.*, (2013), reported significant variations between days to flowering in blackgram genotypes. 2. Plant height even though the mean values ranged between 36.65 cm of T12 and 46.27 cm of T7, only T8 had significant  $b_i$  value. However, significant  $S^2d_i$  values was showed by many genotypes and T5, T7, T9, T13 and T14 were stable. As the height of the plant has effect on canopy coverage and hence tolerance to weed infestation, genotypes having tall plant stature is a desirable trait. 3. Number of branches per plant, none of the genotypes had significant  $b_i$  value. However, five genotypes had significant  $S^2d_i$  values and hence, nine genotypes were stable for

branches per plant. Senthilkumar and Chinna (2012), observed highly significant differences for number of branches per plant for thirty five blackgram genotypes over three diverse environments.

4. Number of pod bearing branches per plant, significant  $b_i$  value was showed by T8 and significant  $S^2d_i$  value was showed by T7. All other genotypes were showing stability for number of pod bearing branches per plant. Among these stable genotypes having high number of pod bearing branches per plant can be considered as superior. Rasul *et al.*, (2012), suggested that branching is basically a genetic factor but environmental conditions may also influence the number of pod bearing branches per plant and play an important role in enhancing seed yield.

#### **Number of pods per plant**

For the character, number of pods per plant significant  $b_i$  value was showed by T1, T9 and T14. While, significant  $S^2d_i$  values were showed by T12. The genotypes T5, T7 and T8 with non-significant  $b_i$  and  $S^2d_i$  value and pods more than 40 per plant can be considered as superior. 6. Length of pod did not shown any variation between the three dates of sowing under open condition. However, studies in greengram by Nath and Dasgupta (2013) reported highly significant differences between genotypes and environment for length of pod.

7. Number of seeds per pod did not show any variation between the dates of planting under open condition indicating that the character is highly stable. Senthilkumar and Chinna (2012), reported three stable genotypes for the character number of seeds per pod. Nath and Dasgupta (2013), based on their studies in green gram identified seven genotypes exhibiting average stability for seeds per pod having  $b_i$  value close to one. 8. For test

weight, significant bi values were showed by T1 and T6 while significant S<sup>2</sup>di was showed by T5, T8 and T12. Among the stable genotypes, T9 can be identified as having high mean value with more than 4.5 g.

**Table.1** Pooled ANOVA over three open conditions

Source of variation	df	Plant height (cm)	Number of branches per plant	Number of pod bearing branches per plant	Number of pods per plant	Test weight (g)	Protein content (%)	Yield per plant (g)
<b>Total</b>	41	27.89	3.55	4.09	124.68	0.13	3.27	6.84
<b>Environments (E)</b>	2	47.51*	64.92*	67.47*	2069.08*	0.04	30.01*	44.58*
<b>Genotypes (G)</b>	13	26.29*	0.24*	0.54*	22.21*	0.21*	1.68*	7.78*
<b>G x E</b>	26	27.18*	0.48*	0.86*	26.34*	0.10*	2.01*	3.47*
<b>Pooled error</b>		4.20	6.68	0.37	8.89	4.22	2.25	0.31

\*Significance at 0.05% probability level

**Table.2** Analysis of variance for stability for different traits under open condition

Source of variation	df	Plant height (cm)	Number of branches per plant	Number of pod bearing branches per plant	Number of pods per plant	Test weight (g)	Protein content (%)	Yield per plant (g)
<b>Total</b>	41	27.89	3.55	4.00	124.68	0.13	3.27	6.84
<b>Genotype(G)</b>	13	26.29	0.24	0.54	22.21	0.21*	60.02	7.78
<b>Environment -linear (E)</b>	1	95.02	129.84*	134.94*	4138.15*	0.08	1.54*	89.17*
<b>G x E linear</b>	13	21.47	0.71*	1.15	38.23*	0.13	1.54	1.06*
<b>Pooled deviation– linear</b>	14	30.54	0.23	0.53	13.43	0.07	2.29	5.46
<b>Pooled error</b>	42	4.20	0.06	0.37	8.89	0.04	0.02	0.31
<b>Nonlinear : linear</b>		1.42:1	0.74:1	0.46:1	0.35:1	0.53:1	1.48:1	5.15:1

\*Significance at 0.5% probability level

**Table.3a** Estimates of stability pooled over open condition (Eberhart and Russell model)

Genotypes	Plant height (cm)			Number of branches per plant			Number of pod bearing branches per plant			Number of pods per plant		
	Mean	bi	S <sup>2</sup> di	Mean	Bi	S <sup>2</sup> di	Mean	bi	S <sup>2</sup> di	Mean	bi	S <sup>2</sup> di
T1	40.78	1.84	73.38*	5.05	0.88	0.01	4.55	0.73	-0.14	35.20	0.93*	-8.89
T2	39.90	1.65	26.30*	5.21	0.76	0.31*	4.63	0.78	-0.16	37.83	1.23	0.98
T3	44.58	1.55	15.20*	5.26	0.65	0.29*	4.90	0.76	0.36	39.55	0.49	-3.67
T4	42.33	3.02	88.93*	5.58	1.07	0.12	5.05	1.02	-0.37	36.31	1.32	2.06
T5	44.29	2.88	0.81	5.23	0.64	0.03	4.71	0.63	0.13	40.68	1.21	7.59
T6	45.77	3.74	11.14*	5.58	0.97	0.03	5.11	0.85	-0.17	39.95	0.91	-6.52
T7	46.27	-1.19	1.48	5.28	1.22	0.73*	6.03	1.93	3.01*	41.93	1.09	1.74
T8	44.65	-1.50*	-4.17	5.33	0.92	-0.06	5.05	0.87*	-0.37	42.60	1.09	-7.45
T9	40.26	-1.60	3.66	5.23	1.00	0.02	4.76	0.90	0.30	39.65	1.48*	-7.41
T10	42.50	0.59	3.23*	5.75	0.94	0.43*	5.55	0.95	0.12	37.70	1.58	11.52
T11	45.35	2.63	0.23*	4.91	0.85	0.08	4.56	0.90	-0.35	34.35	0.86	8.42
T12	36.65	0.23	150.34*	5.96	1.72	0.39*	5.55	1.52	0.02	36.28	0.55	53.37*
T13	41.67	0.91	-2.62	5.55	1.04	-0.04	5.08	0.92	-0.21	36.85	0.44	20.24
T14	37.76	-0.77	1.71	5.65	1.27	-0.08	5.10	1.17	0.04	34.10	0.73*	-8.53

\* Significant at 0.05%

**Table.3b** Estimates of stability for pooled over open condition (Eberhart and Russell model)

Genotypes	Test weight (g)			Yield per plant (g)			Protein content (%)		
	Mean	bi	S <sup>2</sup> di	Mean	bi	S <sup>2</sup> di	Mean	bi	S <sup>2</sup> di
T1	3.94	7.23*	0.05	12.99	1.08	2.37*	19.73	0.77	0.81*
T2	4.31	0.47	-0.04	14.23	1.35	1.90*	19.98	0.55	2.64*
T3	4.39	-2.72	-0.02	15.46	0.96	17.10*	21.15	1.56	0.45*
T4	4.43	-1.36	0.05	14.17	0.76	3.30*	20.48	0.85	0.20*
T5	4.59	2.18	-0.05	14.95	0.89	-0.14	21.19	1.17	0.34*
T6	4.77	-9.29*	0.05	17.30	1.67	8.77*	20.40	1.99	0.22*
T7	4.37	-3.48	0.44*	15.02	1.58*	-0.30	20.39	1.64	4.85*
T8	4.01	7.08	0.17*	16.13	1.35	13.79*	21.54	1.74	6.13*
T9	4.54	-0.35	0.04	15.10	0.45	0.28	19.81	0.38	3.12*
T10	4.36	-2.83	0.07	15.30	0.50	19.27*	20.30	1.17	0.23*
T11	4.17	1.60	-0.02	12.36	1.21	-0.17	20.33	1.15	6.63*
T12	3.92	3.14	0.27*	13.15	0.96	1.42	18.77	-0.10	0.82*
T13	4.07	6.21	-0.04	12.03	0.35	2.21*	19.52	0.42	1.04*
T14	3.95	6.11	0.01	11.96	0.82	2.37*	19.48	0.64	4.29*

\* Significant at 0.05%

**Table.4** Total scores and ranks of genotypes under open condition

Genotypes	Plant height (cm)	Stability	Number of pods per plant	Stability	Number of seeds per pod	Stability	Test weight (g)	Stability	Yield per plant (g)	Stability	Total score	Rank
<b>T1</b>	1	2	12	2	5	1	13	2	11	2	51	11
<b>T2</b>	2	2	7	1	10	1	8	1	8	2	42	9
<b>T3</b>	1	2	6	1	7	1	5	1	3	2	29	5
<b>T4</b>	1	2	10	1	4	1	4	1	9	2	35	7
<b>T5</b>	1	1	3	1	6	1	2	1	7	1	24	3
<b>T6</b>	1	2	4	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	17	1
<b>T7</b>	1	1	2	1	8	1	6	2	6	2	30	6
<b>T8</b>	1	2	1	1	5	1	11	2	2	2	28	4
<b>T9</b>	1	1	5	2	1	1	3	1	5	1	21	2
<b>T10</b>	1	2	8	1	13	1	7	1	4	2	40	8
<b>T11</b>	1	2	13	1	11	1	9	1	12	1	52	12
<b>T12</b>	2	2	11	2	12	1	14	2	10	1	57	13
<b>T13</b>	1	1	9	1	6	1	10	1	13	2	45	10
<b>T14</b>	2	1	14	2	9	1	12	1	14	2	58	14

### Yield per plant

Yield being the most important criteria for selection in any breeding programme identification of genotype with high mean value and non-significant  $b_i$  and  $S^2_{di}$  value is essential. However, most of the genotypes were having significant  $b_i$  and  $S^2_{di}$  values indicating the effect of environment on the expression of the character. Most of the genotypes having high yield were not stable. Among the stable genotypes, the genotype, 5 and 9 had yield per plant of more than 14g. Shanthi *et al.*, (2007), studied twenty blackgram genotypes for stability under three environments and identified four genotypes with high yield potential and stability over environments.

### Protein content

In blackgram genotypes varied between 18.77 and 21.54 per cent. None of the genotypes had significant  $b_i$  values. However, Chaudhary and Paroda (1980), advocated that linear regression could simply regarded as measure of response of a particular genotype, where the deviation from regression as a measure of stability. In the study all the genotypes were showing significant  $S^2_{di}$  indicating that the genotypes were not stable for protein content. Chaudhari *et al.*, (2013), based on their study on 36 genotypes of cowpea under four seasons observed that magnitude of genotype x environment linear and pooled deviation from linearity was high for protein content.

The present study revealed that no genotype was stable for all the traits studied. Senthilkumar and Chinna (2012), also could not identify any single variety stable for all the traits. According to Eberhart and Russell model a good genotype is the one with high mean value and non-significant  $b_i$  and  $S^2_{di}$  values.

Considering yield and major yield contributing traits the genotypes were ranked as suggested by Arunachalam and Bandyopadhyay (1984). For stable genotypes rank 1 was given and for unstable rank 2. For plant height, as the optimum height preferred was 40 - 50 cm, genotypes falling in this category was given rank 1 and others rank 2. The genotypes were ranked from 1 to 14 for the major traits namely, number of pods per plant, number of seeds per pod, test weight and yield per plant. Based on the ranks scoring was done for the genotypes as given in table 4. The genotype with lowest score was given rank one followed by other lower scores. The genotypes T6, was the best followed by T9 and T5 suitable for cultivation under open condition.

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