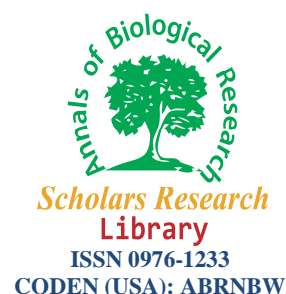




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## Studying Genetic Diversity and Selecting Castor bean's most Possible Genotype Based on Drought Tolerance Indices

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### ABSTRACT

In order to investigate the genetic diversity and select the best drought tolerance index of the most feasible genotype of castor (*Ricinus communis*), 12 genotypes were evaluated in a split plot design with totally random block of tree repetitions under two levels of irrigation (stressed and stress free) at the research farm of 'Uromiyeh Agricultural Research Center' in 2009 farming year. To evaluate drought tolerant genotypes on the basis of yield performance in stressed (Ys) and non-stressed (Yp) environments, quantitative measures of drought tolerances such as mean productivity (MP), stress tolerance (TOL), geometric mean productivity (GMP), harmonic mean (HM), stress susceptibility index (SSI) and stress tolerance index (STI) were computed. In this respect and based on the correlation results of different indices and the reactions of genotypes in the two environments we observed that the STI, HARM, MP and GMP indices have the most correlation with the performance under the two conditions. The highest amounts of STI, HM, GMP and MP were related to the genotype 80-12-1 in both stressed and non-stressed conditions. Based on these four indices and the above reactions in both conditions the genotype 80-12-1 was selected as the drought tolerant genotype. Cluster analysis located tolerant genotype 80-12-1 in one group and the other genotypes in another group as susceptible genotypes.

**KEYWORDS:** Cluster analysis, Drought tolerant indices, Castor

### INTRODUCTION

Castor bean, *Ricinus communis* is in the *Euphorbiaceae* family. This family is made of many vegetables that are mostly indigenous to tropical areas. The *Ricinus* has a unique type named *Ricinus communis* that includes types that have different shapes. The word drought is a climatology term meaning the lack or shortage of rainfall in a quite long time [1]. Drought affects yield and the quality of the plant. Reduction of turgescence pressure is the first effect of drought stress that affects the growth of cells and their final size. Probably the reduction of growth rate, stem's longitudinal growth, leaf growth and also the reduction of the size of pores are among the most sensible processes caused by drought stress. There are different indices for the evaluation of the reaction of genotypes in different environmental conditions and determining the resistance and sensitivity. Levitt proposed a quantitative method for drought resistance. Based on his method the seed growth of drought condition was compared to the seed growth of an ideal moisture condition [2]. Fischer and Maurer [3] proposed stress susceptibility index (SSI). In this index, the lesser amount of SSI represents less changes of genotype performance in stressed conditions compared to desirable conditions and finally results in high resistance of that genotype. Fernandez [4] and Kristian [5] proposed another index named geometric mean productivity (GMP).

High amount of TOL shows genotype susceptibility to stress. Low amounts of TOL are needed in order to reach high performance under moisture stress condition of genotype selection [6]. The most suitable index is the one that is of positive and significant correlation under irrigated conditions [7-8].

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

This study was carried out in the farming year of 2009 in the research station of Uromiyeh located 25 kilometers outside the city with latitude of 45 and 10' and longitude of 37 and 44'. It was done on the basis of split plot in the form of completely accidental blocks in 3 replicates. Major factor included 2 irrigated (a2) and dry (a1) treatments and minor factor included 12 castor genotypes of equal valence. Each experiment unit contained 3 cultivation rows with a 5m length. There were 72 plots in this plan and each plot had the surface area of 22 square meters. The first irrigation was performed immediately after cultivation and the next ones were done when needed (every 7-10 days) through leakage method. Stress was imposed on dry treatment plots after germination stage. With any twice irrigation of the irrigated parts, the stressed part was irrigated once.

Dry resistance indices were calculated through plant performance in irrigated cultivation ( $Y_p$ ) and low irrigation ( $Y_s$ ) in order to measure the amount of castor resistance in dryness.

1. Tolerance index (TOL) and mean productivity (MP):

$$TOL = \frac{Y_p - Y_s}{Y_s - Y_p}$$

$$MP = \frac{Y_s + Y_p}{2}$$

2. Susceptibility Index (SSI)

$$SSI = \frac{1 - (Y_s/Y_p)}{SI} \quad SI = 1 - \left(\frac{y_s}{y_p}\right)$$

In this formula SI is the stress intensity,  $y_s$  is mean performance of all of the genotypes under stressed conditions and  $y_p$  is mean performance of all of the genotypes under stress free conditions.

3. Geometric mean productivity index (GMP) and stress tolerance index (STI):

$$GMP = \sqrt{(Y_s \times Y_p)}$$

$$STI = \frac{(Y_p \times Y_s)}{(Y_p)^2}$$

4. Harmonic mean (HM):

$$HM = \frac{2 \times (Y_p \times Y_s)}{(Y_p + Y_s)}$$

For statistical analyses and graphs these software were used: SPSS, EXCEL, MSTAT-C and MINITAB

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### 1- Determining the best drought resistance index

Through correlation analysis of the performances in stress free environment and stressed environments and the quantitative indices of drought resistance the best indices can be selected [9]. The most suitable index is the one that can be performed in both stressed and stress free environments with positive and significant correlation [9-10]. According to correlation results from various indices and genotype performance of stressed and stress free environments, it can be observed that GMP, MP, HARM and STI indices are of mentioned characteristics (Table 1). These indices of genotype performance of both stressed (0.934, 0.723, 0.992 and 0.901) and stress free (0.790, 0.968, 0.616 and 0.808) environments show positive and significant correlation with possibility level of 1%. So, genotype of the highest amount is the most resistant one. These results were in accordance with the results of Zabet et al [11] on vetch and results of Farshadfar et al [12] on pea. In relation with other indices TOL has the most significant and positive correlation in stress free environment ( $r=0.935$ ) and positive but insignificant correlation in stressed environments ( $r=0/194$ ). Genotypes of lesser amounts are identified as tolerant genotypes therefore, selecting genotypes on the basis of this index will opt genotypes of lesser performance. SSI index has positive and insignificant correlation to performance in stress free conditions ( $r=0.207$ ) and negative and significant correlation to performance in stressed conditions ( $r=-0.697$ ). Lesser amounts of this index are dryness resistant genotypes so,

genotypes of high performance in stressed and low performance in stress free environments will be chosen on the basis of SSI. These results were in accordance with the results of NurmandMoayed [13], and Samizade [14].

**Table1- Correlation coefficients between drought resistance indices and performance in stressed and stress free environment**

indices	TOL	MP	SSI	STI	HM	GMP	YS	YP
TOL								
MP	0/818**							
SSI	0/529**	-0/036						
STI	0/558**	0/921**	-0/335*					
HM	0/298	0/792**	-0/613**	0/939**				
GMP	0/524**	0/917**	-0/409*	0/981**	0/969**			
Y <sub>S</sub>	0/194	0/723**	-0/697**	0/901**	0/992**	0/934**		
Y <sub>P</sub>	0/935**	0/968**	0/207	0/808*	0/616**	0/790**	0/528**	

\*, \*\* 1% and 5% respectively in significance of probability.

## 2- Determining drought resistant genotypes using the best indices

Table 2 shows the results related to the resistance of castor genotypes. It can be concluded that STI, GMP, MP and HARM indices are the best ones and the selection based on them can identify resistant genotypes. These results were in accordance with the results obtained from Karegar *et al* [15] study on soya and results of NurmandMoayed *et al* (2001) on wheat. Based on this table, the highest performance in stressed and stress free environments is related to genotype (1-12-80) 10 with Y<sub>p</sub>=2201kg and Y<sub>s</sub>=650.4kg in hectare and genotype (31-80) 9 with Y<sub>p</sub>=1472kg and Y<sub>s</sub>=335.4kg in hectare is the next one. The lowest performance is related to genotype (17-80) 2 with 960kg in hectare in stress free environments and genotype (25-80) 8 with 173.2kg in hectare in stressed environments.

This research studied 6 various indices of resistance identification. Imposed stress in this experiment was SI=0.92. The first investigated index was TOL which defined the difference between performances in both conditions. It could be concluded that the most susceptible genotype was 1-12-80 TOL=1550 and the most resistant one was 17-80 TOL=682.5.

The second investigated index was MP. The higher the genotype amount, the more desirable is the genotype. Genotype (1-12-80) 10 MP=1426 is the most resistant and genotype (25-80) 8 MP=573.7 is the most susceptible one.

The third index was GMP. Genotype (1-12-80) 10 GMP=1192 was the most resistant and genotype (25-80) 8 GMP=401.9 was the most susceptible one.

The fourth index was SSI. Genotype (18-80) 5 SSI=0.95 was the most susceptible and genotype (29-80) 1 SSI=0.73 was the most resistant one.

The fifth index was STI. Genotype (1-12-80) 10 STI=363.1 was the most resistant and genotype (4-80) 7 STI=51.86 and genotype (25-80) 8 STI=42.48 were the most susceptible ones.

The sixth index was HARM. Genotype (1-12-80) 10 HM=998.9 was the most resistant and genotype (25-80) 8 HM=401.9 was the most susceptible one.

## Cluster Analysis

Investigated genotypes were classified through Ward and Euclidean distance methods on the basis of qualitative indices of drought tolerance. Genotypes were divided into 2 groups on the basis of Dendrogram cutting. The first cluster include 80-29, 80-17, 80-11-1, 80-7, 80-18, 80-16-1, 804, 80-25, 80-31, 80-22 and 80-23 and the second cluster include 80-12-1. In general, it can be concluded that the genotypes of the second group can be introduced as drought resistant genotypes in dry farming.

**Table 2- the quantitative indices of drought resistance and performance in stressed and stress free environments in castor bean genotypes.**

Y <sub>p</sub>	Y <sub>s</sub>	GMP	HM	STI	SSI	MP	TOL	genotypes
1122 cd	366/8 b	641/4 bc	552/6 b	106/1 bc	0/73 f	744/7 cd	755/7cd	80-29
960/6 d	287/1 bcd	515/3 de	428/8 bcd	68/41 de	0/77 def	619/4 e	682/5 d	80-17
1424 b	280 bcd	630/3 bc	467/3 bc	106/51 bc	0/86 bcd	852/6 bc	1144 b	80-11-1
1382 b	223/2 cde	537/9 cde	347/7 cde	78/03 cde	0/90 ab	802/5 bcd	1159 b	80-7
1408 b	174/7 e	485/5 ef	305/5 e	62/82 de	0/95 a	791/2 bcd	1233 b	80-18
1054 d	302/3 bc	547/4 cde	451/8 bc	77/42 cde	0/74 ef	678/3 de	751/9 cd	80-16-1
1019 d	195/2 de	440/7 ef	323/3 de	51/86 e	0/78 abc	606/9 e	823/4 cd	80-4
974/1 d	173/2 e	401/9 f	287/6 e	42/48 e	0/88 abc	573/7 e	800/8 cd	80-25
1472 b	335/4 b	699/7 b	543/4 b	131/4 b	0/83 bcde	903/9 b	1137 b	80-31
2201 a	650/4 a	1192 a	998/9 a	363/1 a	0/75 ef	1426 a	1550 a	80-12-1
1394 b	309/0 bc	647/2 bc	498/2 bc	107/0 bc	0/83 bcde	851/4 bc	1085 b	80-22
1301 bc	312/1 bc	611/4 bcd	479/5 bc	97/41 bcd	0/79 cdef	806/4 bc	988/6 bc	80-23

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