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Screening and identification of diverse rice germplasm for drought stress and irrigated condition

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Abstract

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is an important food crop and large amount of water required in its life cycle as compared to other crops. Drought is the major problem in most of the rice growing areas. In present study, yield and yield related traits like days to 50% flowering, plant height, panicle length, total number of tillers, number of effective tillers, etc. were observed in drought stress and irrigated condition. Among the traits observed, days to 50% flowering was quite earlier (83 days) in CHENGRI-2 during drought and KALOKUCHI-223 (79 days) in irrigated condition. Similarly, plant height in drought stress was 112.3 cm (IR7728-75-B-B) and irrigated 117.4 cm (DJOGLON-DJOGLO) which was lowest among all the genotypes. The panicle length in drought stress was 23.07 cm (BHATAJHOOLI) and control condition panicle length was observed in 23.42 cm (BHATAPHOOL). Highest number of tiller was observed in wild rice-99 (10.46 cm) and wild rice-41 (8.88 cm) under stress condition and irrigated conditions respectively. Number of effective tillers was highest in drought condition as compared to irrigated condition. The maximum number of panicle per plant was observed in SLO-16 (9.18) under stress condition and wild rice-41 (9.22) under irrigated condition. The seed index for PRATAO germplasm line was 2.17 gm and 2.35 gm during drought and irrigated conditions respectively. The highest grain yield in drought stress was in SAFRI17 (535 gm/m²) and RAMJIYAVAN (622 gm/m²) in irrigated condition. The highest performing genotype under drought stress also showed 35 percent yield reduction as compared to normal condition. It shows that the effect of drought can be minimized up to certain extent. In this study we focused on various morphological and seed parameters for selection of high yielding variety in drought and irrigated condition.

Keywords: Rice, grain, yield, drought, stress and irrigated condition

Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) is the staple food of half of the world population (Singh *et al.*, 2012) [8]. Rice belongs to gramineae family having 24 species in the genus *Oryza* (Vaughan *et al.* 2003). It provides dietary energy and protein source in the developing countries. It is cultivated in at least 114 developing countries and is the primary source of income to more than 100 million peoples in Asia (Singh *et al.*, 2015) [9]. Rice has three subspecies *indica*, *japonica* and *javanica* which are growing in tropical and sub-tropical region of the world.

In Asia 23 million hectares of total rice cultivation area is drought prone and drought is becoming problem even in traditionally irrigated area (Pandey *et al.*, 2005) [7]. Biotic and abiotic stresses are major problems in rice yield potential and drought causes the major stress affect on overall rice production. One of the major drought prone rice producing region in the world is eastern Indo-Gangetic Plain (Huke and Huke, 1997) [2]. In these plain losses due to reproductive stage drought are most severe in the key rice producing states of eastern India, like Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Jharkhand, Bihar, and eastern Uttar Pradesh. In several drought years, total losses of rice production in Chhattisgarh, Orissa and Jharkhand have been reported as much as 40%, valued at US\$ 650 million (Pandey *et al.*, 2005) [7]. However, new methods have been developed for screening of drought stress (O'Toole, 2004) [5] and they are facilitating progress in our understanding of drought resistance traits. Many morphological and external factors responsible for drought resistance is a complex trait and would help stabilized rice production. Drought tolerance is exact mechanisms and inheritance of traits for lack of modern molecular techniques for genetic improvement of rice breeding program for water limiting environments has been slow (Khush 2001) [3]. Therefore, major limiting factor

in irrigated rice production areas: Osmotic adjustment, stomatal conductance and dehydration tolerance enables the plant to tolerate drought due to the ability of rice roots to penetrate into compacted soils (Babu *et al.* 2001) ^[1]. Development of drought resistant rice varieties through molecular marker techniques and breeding is of considerable economic value, as it can increase crop production in areas with inadequate irrigation systems (Subbarao *et al.* 2005) ^[11]. The genetic diversity for some traits needed for high yielding performance and less stress tolerance limited in local cultivated rice germplasm. This is due to the repeated use of the indigenous germplasm in rice breeding programs (Moncada *et al.*, 2001) ^[4]. Introgression of new desirable genes from other rice species can provide genetic improvement for increasing rice potential through various desirable morphological traits and modern molecular marker through different breeding methods. Plant breeding to develop

drought resistant rice suffers from the lack of a specific method for screening the large numbers of genotypes (Zeigler and Puckridge 1995) ^[13].

In this study we focused on evaluation of genetic diversity of rice germplasm lines on the basis of various yield and yield related traits to identify the genotypes having high yield potential under drought and irrigated condition. We identified some genotypes having high yield potential under drought as well as irrigated condition.

Materials and Methods

Plants materials

The experimental material consist of 147 elite germplasm lines/accessions which include wild rice, collection from undivided Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, popular rice varieties, advanced breeding lines and land races.

Table 1.1: Details of 147 accessions used for phenotypic screening of rice germplasm

L. N.	Rice Genotypes	L. N.	Rice Genotypes	L. N.	Rice Genotypes
1	Annada	24	Ir64	47	IR84984-17-83-48-1-B
2	Arb 8	25	Ir55419-04	48	IR84984-83-15-862-B
3	Abhya	26	Kranti	49	IR90019-17-159-B
4	Azucina	27	Lalmati	50	IR90019-22-28-2B
5	Arb6	28	Laloo-14	51	B-6
6	Bamleshwari	29	Mahamaya	52	IR84887-B-15
7	Buddha	30	Mtu1010	53	RRF78
8	Bakal	31	Ramjiyavan	54	Shabhagi Dhan
9	Bas-370	32	Samleshewari	55	Mtu1010
10	Bhataphool	33	Swarna	56	Punjab-Bas 3
11	Batroo	34	Safri-17	57	Ryt-3275
12	Bhatajhooli	35	Shennong89366	58	Aganni
13	Badsha-Bhog	36	Swarna-Sub1	59	Karma Masuri
14	Ct9993	37	Vandana	60	Safri-17
15	Cross116	38	Ibd-1	61	Rp-Bio-226
16	Chaptigurmutiya	39	Danteshwari	62	Dubraj
17	Deshi-Lal-Dhan	40	Poornima	63	Bpt-5204
18	Deshi-No17	41	Ir86931-B-400	64	Jitpiti
19	Dagaddeshi	42	Ir86918-B-305	65	Pr-122
20	Ir62266	43	Ir87728-75-B-B	66	Ir64
21	Ic267982	44	Ir87728-367-B-B	67	Slo16
22	Ir36	45	Swarna-Sub1	68	Kalokuchi223
23	IR42253	46	IR84984-83-15-110-B	69	KALIYA
70	Pratao	96	E2526	122	DT13/7
71	Chuvadau130	97	M-114	123	DT13/11
72	Chengri-2	98	M-184	124	DT13/12
73	Cr5272	99	M-1051	125	DT13/13
74	Epagri-2	100	M-1433	126	DT13/14
75	Pinkaeo	101	M-2260	127	DT13/17
76	Djoglon- Joglo	102	M-2298	128	DT13/23
77	WR1	103	M-2463	129	DT13/37
78	WR2	104	MAHESHWARI	130	DT13/38
79	WR3	105	AVT-1-IME3	131	DT13/44
80	WR32	106	R1570	132	SUVT3/7
81	WR36	107	AVT-2-ASG-5	133	DT13/71
82	WR 41	108	AVT-L-5	134	DT13/72
83	WR73	109	AVT-2-ASG-6	135	DT13/70
84	WR99	110	DURGESHWARI	136	DT13/67
85	WR116	111	SHAMLA	137	DT13/68
86	WR132	112	AVT2IME 10	138	DT-9
87	E1701	113	RAJESHWARI	139	DT-10
88	E1702	114	CHADRAHASINI	140	DT-11
89	E1703	115	JALDUBI	141	DT-29
90	E1827	116	AVT2-A-6	142	DT-31
91	E2010	117	AVT2-IMAE-12	143	DT-32
92	E2312	118	INDRA-SUG-DHAN1	144	DT-36
93	E2367	119	AVT2E-TP-6	145	DT-47
94	M4628	120	AVT-1-ASG	146	DT-48
95	E1857	121	AVT2E-TP-5	147	DT-79

Field experiment

The experiment was carried out at Department of Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Raipur, India, during *kharif* season 2017. The field experiment was conducted at reproductive stage of drought stress condition and irrigated condition. The experiment was carried out in irrigated (non-stress) and drought condition with two replications. Rice seedlings of 25 days were transplanted to the main field of stress and irrigated condition from nursery.

Evaluation of agronomic traits

The observations for yield and its contributing traits were recorded at specific stage such as maximum tillering stage, vegetative, maturation and at post-harvest by following Standard Evaluation System (SES), IRRI 2002. The fixed five plants were selected from each line and the observations were recorded for yield related traits. The following traits are measured: Days to 50% flowering, number of tillers/plant, effective number of tiller, plant height (cm), panicle length (cm), panicle number, biological yield (g/m^2), grain yield (g/m^2), harvest index (%) and 100 seeds weight (gm).

Data analysis

Data analysis was done using software package MS-EXCEL and OPSTAT software for Windows. In this study, data taken for 10 yield related traits of 147 germplasm lines was analyzed.

Results and Discussion

High yield performance under drought and irrigated condition

The results related to performance of rice genotypes under drought stress and irrigated condition has been presented in Table 2. Rice genotypes grown under drought condition produced low yield grain other than irrigated condition. Therefore, a yield decrease was observed in almost all genotypes grown under drought stress condition. The minimum yield performance was observed in DT13/17 (0.272 gm) for drought condition and irrigated condition (0.2885gm). Whereas maximum yield performance was observed in KARMA MASURI (0.428gm) in stress condition as compared to irrigated condition (0.655gm). Similar result of yield reduction was observed under drought stress condition was reported by Ouk *et al.*, (2006). They reported 12 to 46% reduction in grain yield under stress condition as compared to control condition.

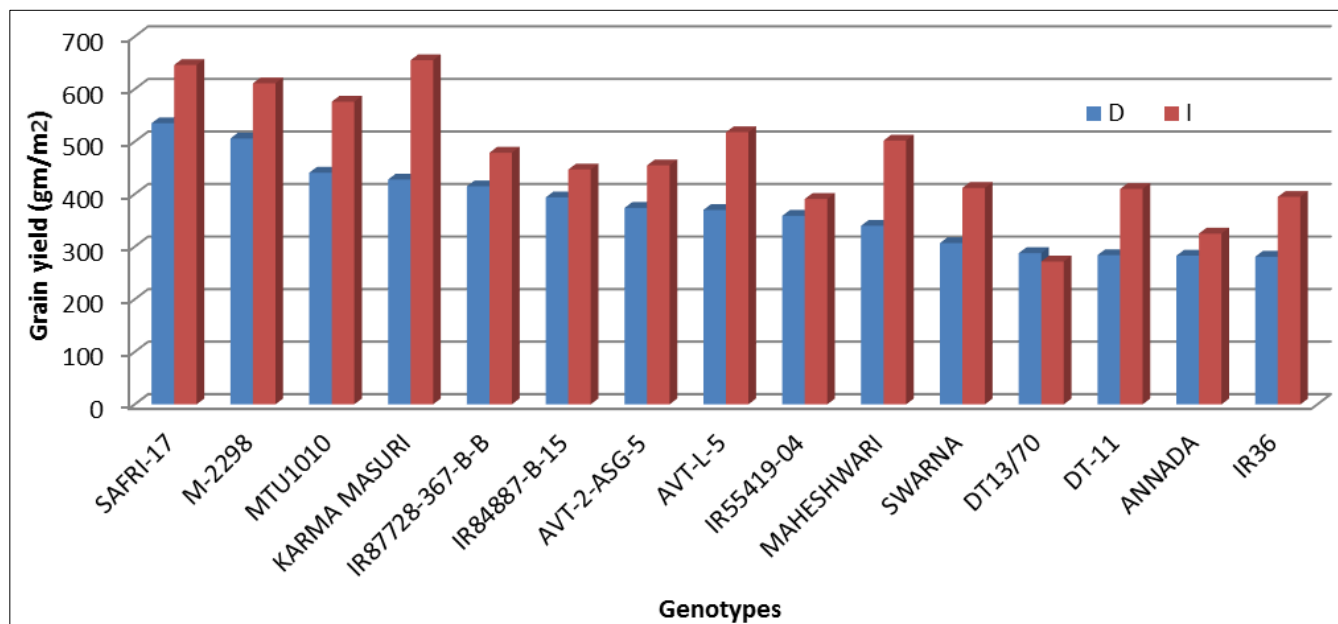


Fig 1: High yield performance of rice genotypes under reproductive stage drought compared to control. Yield contributing traits under drought and irrigated condition.

The rice seed grown in stress condition had low yield as compare to irrigated condition. The entire rice germplasm panel showed significant differences among all the traits. Therefore, significant genetic diversity among the rice germplasm was observed. The observations were recorded in drought stress and irrigated condition with two replications. In stress condition earliest 50% flowering was observed in CHENGRI-2 (83 days) and KALOKUCHI-223 (79 days) during irrigated condition. The mean value for this trait was 88 days under drought stress condition and 96 days during irrigated condition. Similar result was observed under drought

stress condition by Ouk *et al.*, 2006. The average plant height during stress condition was 112.3 cm and 117.4 cm in irrigated condition. The significant decrease in plant height was observed in rice genotypes grown under drought stress condition. Similar results were also reported by Singh (2000)^[10]. The longest panicle length under drought condition was in BHATAJHOOLI (28 cm) with overall mean of 23.07 cm and during irrigated condition panicle length was longest in BHATAPHOOL (42 cm). General mean for panicle length during irrigated condition was 23.42 cm.

Table 2: Observations recorded for yield and contributing traits during drought stress and irrigated condition

Sr. No.	Character	Condition	Mean	Range	Sed	CD	CV
1	DTF (Days)	Drought	87.91	83 – 103	4.15	8.2	4.72
		Irrigated	95.97	79 – 121.5	6.92	13.69	7.21
2	PH (cm)	Drought	112.3	67.5 – 156.3	8.15	16.1	7.25
		Irrigated	117.4	75.4 – 209.8	13.49	26.66	11.48
3	PL (cm)	Drought	23.07	18 – 28	1.47	2.92	6.41
		Irrigated	23.42	15.6 – 42	2.75	5.43	11.74
4	TNT	Drought	10.46	6.7 – 23.3	2.06	4.08	19.74
		Irrigated	9.58	5 – 20.2	1.53	3.03	16.00
5	NET	Drought	9.39	5.7 – 17.2	1.83	3.63	19.61
		Irrigated	8.88	4.4 – 18.4	1.54	3.05	17.38
6	PN	Drought	9.18	4.5 – 15.5	1.83	3.63	19.61
		Irrigated	9.22	4.2 – 2.5	2.70	5.34	29.31
7	SI	Drought	2.17	0.87 – 3.43	0.34	0.67	15.81
		Irrigated	2.35	0.76 – 3.41	0.23	0.45	9.86
8	BY (gm/m ²)	Drought	690	250 – 1295	0.83	0.36	26.62
		Irrigated	900	382 – 3780	0.41	0.81	45.5
9	GY (gm/m ²)	Drought	270	80 – 535	0.22	0.44	81.3
		Irrigated	430	141 – 622	0.23	0.45	52.3

DTF- Days to 50% flowering, PH- plant height, PL-panicle length, TNT-Total number of tiller, NET- number of effective tiller, SI- Seed index, BY- Biological yield, GY- Grain yield.

The maximum numbers of tillers were observed in wild rice-99 (23.3) during stress condition and wild rice-41 (20.2) during irrigated condition. The mean value for total number of tillers was 10.46 and 8.88 during drought and irrigated condition respectively. Therefore drought condition resulted in production of more number of tillers as compared to irrigated condition. The maximum number of panicles per plant was observed in SLO-16 (15.5) with overall mean of 9.18 in stress condition and wild rice-41 (18.4) in irrigated condition with mean of 9.22. The seed index under drought condition was highest in PRATAO (3.43 gm). The mean value of seed index during drought condition was less (2.17 gm) as compared to irrigated condition (2.35 gm).

The range of biological yield was high during irrigated condition as compared to drought stress condition. The mean values for biological yield was 690 gm/m² and 900 gm/m² during drought and irrigated condition respectively. The grain yield was highest in RAMJIYAVAN (622 gm/m²) and SAFRI17 (535 gm/m²) during irrigated and drought stress condition respectively. The mean for grain yield was 270 gm/m² during drought condition and 430 gm/m² in irrigated condition. Similar result with yield loss in drought condition as compared to irrigated condition was also reported by Basnayake *et al.*, (2004).

Conclusion

Though variation for yield and yield contributing traits was observed during drought and irrigated condition, there are some genotypes with stable performance in drought as well as irrigated condition. Performance of different morphological traits shows best response to drought stress and irrigated condition. Drought stress at reproductive stage caused significant reduction in days to flowering, plant height, panicle length, tillering effect and grain yield as compare to irrigated condition. The genotypes namely SAFRI17, SWARNA SUB-1 and DT13/37 showed better performance during drought condition.

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