

ESTIMATION OF HETEROSIS AND COMBINING ABILITY FOR YIELD AND FIBER QUALITY TRAITS BY USING LINE X TESTER ANALYSIS IN COTTON (*Gossypium barbadense* L.)

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ABSTRACT: The present study was carried out at Seds Agricultural Research Station, Cotton Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Egypt, during 2019 and 2020 seasons. This investigation was carried out to estimate heterosis, combining ability, proportional contributions, genetic components and heritability estimates of some characters for six Egyptian cotton varieties as lines i.e, Giza 80, Giza 86, Giza 90, Giza 93, Giza 94 and Giza 95, while, the other three genotypes used as testers were Karshenky, Ustraly 13 and Pima S₄, using line x tester analysis. In 2020 season a randomized complete block design with three replications was carried to evaluate all genotype (nine parents and their 18 F₁s crosses) for some genetic parameters. The results indicated that mean squares due to the genotypes, parents, parents vs. crosses, crosses, lines, testers and Line x Tester were highly significant for all studied traits, except boll weight, seed index and lint index at tester and fiber strength for Line x Tester. The following crosses demonstrated the best heterosis relative to mid- and better-parent, i.e, Giza 80 x Karshenky, Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 and Giza 86 x Pima S₄ for most yield studied traits and the crosses Giza 93 x Karshenky and Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 for most fiber quality traits. The results revealed that the lines Giza 86 and Giza 94 were significant and positive desirable GCA effects for most yield traits. Giza 93 had significant desirable GCA effects for all fiber traits, in this respect, the results of testers showed that Pima S₄ had significant desirable for some yield and fiber traits. However, estimates of specific combining ability (SCA) effects for crosses Giza 86 x Ustraly 13, Giza 90 x Pima S₄, Giza 93 x Karshenky and Giza 95 x Pima S₄ were significant desirable SCA effects for most yield traits, while, the crosses Giza 90 x Pima S₄, Giza 93 x Karshenky and Giza 95 x Pima S₄ were significant desirable SCA effects for most fiber traits. The results showed that proportion contribution of lines was higher than of lines x tester interaction contribution and testers for all studied traits. The non-additive of genetic parameters was larger than additive genetic variance with respect to all studied traits except lint percentage, seed index, lint index and upper half mean. The highest broad sense heritability estimates was observed in case of UHM with values of 88.47% and the lowest was for fiber strength with value of 32.24%, while for narrow sense heritability, it was ranged from 8.04% to 49.03% for boll weight and upper half mean, respectively. Generally, Giza 86 and Giza 94 could be used in breeding programs for improving high yielding varieties, while Giza 93 could be considered as excellent parent for breeding programs to produce new varieties characterized with best fiber properties.

Key words: Cotton, Combining ability, Heterosis, Heritability, Gene action.

INTRODUCTION

Selection of superior parents with good combining ability for most of the yield contributing and quality parameters

is the prime objective of any crop improvement programmes. Hence, identification of parents based on their combining ability is an important step to proceed further for hybridization and

selection of superior segregates or to identify good hybrids for commercial exploitation. Line x Tester design of crossing the genotypes is one of the tools which facilitates the plant breeder to identify superior genotypes and promising recombinants produced through estimation of General Combining Ability (GCA) and Specific Combining Ability (SCA). To choose appropriate parents and hybrids based on their combining ability estimates, the Line x Tester method has been widely used by plant breeders in both self and cross pollinated crops Konak *et al.*, (1999), Mert *et al.*, (2003), Basbag *et al.*, (2007), Ahuja and Dhayal (2007) and Basal *et al.*, (2009). Sprague and Tatum (1942) used the term GCA to designate the average performance of a genotype in hybrid combinations and used the term SCA to define those cases in which, combinations do relatively better or worse than the expected on the basis of average performance of the genotypes involved.

In combining ability, the genetic variability of each trait can be partitioned into GCA and SCA Sprague and Tatum (1942). GCA effects explains about the additive type of gene action, whereas, SCA effects estimates the non additive (Dominant or epistasis) gene action. Importance of non additive gene action is observed for different yield contributing traits. However, appreciable degree of variance due to GCA was observed for morphological and yield traits Khan (2010). Many cotton cultivars despite their high/low agronomic performance combine in a better way/poorly when used as a parental cultivars in cross combinations Batool *et al.*, (2010). Mabrouk *et al.*, (2018) results revealed that the variances of the genotypes, parents and crosses were significant for bolls/plant, seed and lint cotton yield/plant, lint % and uniformity index

characters. The mean squares due to GCA were significant for bolls/plant, seed and lint cotton yield/plant and lint %, as well as mean squares of SCA were significant for all previous traits except lint %. Recently, Balcha *et al.*, (2019) estimate of variance analysis and showed that, presence of significant differences among genotypes for all studied traits except uniformity index, GCA (lines) was significant for all traits, while SCA was significant for number of bolls/plant, seed and lint cotton yield and fiber strength. Performing lines for lint yield and related traits followed by crossing with testers is possible to obtain commercial cotton hybrids. Also, Yehia and EL-Hashash (2019) reported that genotypes, parents (P), crosses(C) and (P vs. C) variances exhibited significantly differences ($P < 0.01$) for most studied characters. The variances due to GCA of parents, and SCA crosses were significant for most traits under study, indicating the importance of both additive and non-additive gene actions in controlling these traits. Line x Tester proportional contribution was greater than individual contribution of both lines and testers for most traits studied. AL-Hibbiny *et al.*, (2020) cleared that highly significant and positive (desirable) heterosis relative to mid- and better-parents for most traits studied was found in the crosses Giza 89 x 10229 and Giza 96 x 10229. On the other hand, the heterosis relative to mid- and better-parent was highly significant and negative (useful) for micronaire reading of the same crosses. High heritability in broad-sense estimates (>50%) were detected for all the traits studied at the two crosses except seed cotton yield/plant at cross (Giza 89 x 10229) and boll weight of cross (Giza 96 x 10229). The heritability in narrow-sense estimates ranged from 3.29% to 35.70% for boll weight and uniformity index of cross (Giza 96 x 10229), respectively.

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The main objective of this study was to evaluate heterosis, combining ability, gene action and heritability for yield, yield components and fiber properties using Line x Tester analysis in cotton (*Gossypium barbadense* L.).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In 2019 growing season the single crosses between nine parental genotypes were made by using the six Egyptian cotton varieties, Giza 80, Giza 86, Giza 90, Giza 93, Giza 94 and Giza 95 as lines (Females). While, the three remaining varieties were used as testers (males) namely Karshenky (Russian variety), Ustraly 13 (Australian variety), and Pima S₄ (American Egyptian variety) to produce 18 F₁'s and the parental varieties were also selfed to increase their seeds. Eighteen crosses and nine parents were evaluated in 2020 growing season at Seds Agricultural Research Station in an experiment randomized complete block design with three replications to evaluate genotypes. Each block therefore, contained 24 plots. Each plot was two rows 4 m long and 0.60 m wide. Hills were spaced 0.40 m apart which thinned to keep constant stand of one plant/hill.

The studied traits were.

Number of bolls per plant (NB/P), Seed cotton yield per plant (SCY/P.g), Lint cotton yield per plant (LCY/P.g), Lint percentage (L%), Boll weight (BW.g), Seed index (SI g), Lint index (LI.g), Upper half mean (UHM), Micronaire reading (MIC), Fiber strength (FS) and Uniformity index (UI)

All fiber properties were measured in the laboratories of the Cotton Technology Research Division, Cotton Research Institute.

Statistical analysis:

The first step in the line x tester analysis is to perform analysis of

variance and test the significance of differences among the genotypes including crosses and parents. If these differences are found significant, line x tester analysis was performed (Singh and Chaudhary 1979 and Kempthorne (1957), reported that, using broad base genotypes as a tester; the general combining of lines is tested as in the top cross method. They added that the line x tester analysis is an extension of this method in which several testers are used. In order to evaluate the materials used in this study, means and variance of genotypes for the studied traits were calculated. Statistical procedures used in this study were done according to Cochran and Cox (1957). The significance of means was determined using the least significant difference value (L.S.D) at 0.05 and 0.01 levels of significance, according to the equation, which outlined by Steel and Torrie (1985). Heritability was estimated in both broad ($h^2_b\%$) and narrow ($h^2_n\%$) senses from two formulas given by Allard (1960) and Mather (1949).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analysis of variance

The analysis of variance and the mean squares of all studied traits for the nine parents and their 18 F₁'s crosses are presented in Table (1). The results showed that the mean squares due to the genotypes, parents, parents vs. crosses, crosses, lines, testers and Line x Tester were highly significant for all studied traits, except boll weight, seed index and lint index at tester and fiber strength for Line x Tester. Samreen *et al.*, (2008) found that the GCA variances due to lines and testers and SCA due to lines x testers interaction were significant for all studied characters. However, the magnitude of GCA variance for lines (females) and testers (pollinators) were higher than the SCA variance indicating preponderance of additive genes in the

expression of all traits. Baloch *et al.*, (2014) cleared that mean squares due to general combining ability (GCA) of lines and testers and specific combining ability (SCA) of lines x tester interactions were significant. The significance of GCA and SCA variances suggested that both additive and dominant genes were controlling the studied characters. Swetha *et al.*, (2018) noticed that analysis

revealed significant GCA and SCA mean squares for all the traits except 2.5 percent span length. However GCA variance showed significant mean squares for all the traits except boll weight and uniformity ratio, and SCA showed significant mean squares for all the traits except micronaire and fiber strength.

Table 1. Mean squares of line x tester analysis for yield, yield components and fiber properties.

| SOV | df | NB/P | SCY/P | LCY/P | L% | BW | SI |
|---------------|----|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|
| Replications | 2 | 5.16 | 42.82 | 9.29 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 0.03 |
| Genotypes | 26 | 103.77** | 1491.16** | 240.19** | 7.00** | 0.08** | 1.95** |
| Parents | 8 | 164.72** | 2067.23** | 316.97** | 10.02** | 0.08** | 2.63** |
| P. vs. C | 1 | 499.09** | 9169.59** | 1634.46** | 4.12** | 0.40** | 5.23** |
| Crosses | 17 | 51.84** | 768.40** | 122.04** | 5.75** | 0.07** | 1.44** |
| Lines | 5 | 115.51** | 2035.14** | 304.12** | 17.73** | 0.17** | 4.70** |
| Tester | 2 | 44.42** | 358.23** | 78.37** | 0.99** | 0.01 | 0.04 |
| Line x Tester | 10 | 21.49** | 217.07** | 39.73** | 0.72** | 0.03** | 0.10* |
| Error | 52 | 3.36 | 24.46 | 4.09 | 0.18 | 0.01 | 0.04 |

Table 1. Cont.

| SOV | df | LI | UHM | FS | MIC | UI |
|---------------|----|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|
| Replications | 2 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.11 |
| Genotypes | 26 | 1.33** | 5.94** | 0.37** | 0.35** | 6.10** |
| Parents | 8 | 2.14** | 7.12** | 0.64** | 0.54** | 10.71** |
| P. vs. C | 1 | 3.89** | 4.27** | 1.21** | 0.29** | 2.21** |
| Crosses | 17 | 0.80** | 5.49** | 0.19** | 0.27** | 4.15** |
| Lines | 5 | 2.53** | 17.66** | 0.53** | 0.60** | 9.64** |
| Tester | 2 | 0.04 | 0.49** | 0.08* | 0.20** | 2.37** |
| Line x Tester | 10 | 0.08** | 0.40** | 0.04 | 0.12** | 1.77** |

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|-------|----|------|------|------|------|------|
| Error | 52 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.24 |
|-------|----|------|------|------|------|------|

*, ** Significant and highly significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability levels, respectively.

The mean performance of genotypes

Mean performances for parents (lines and testers) and crosses are presented in Table (2). The lines Giza 86 had the highest values for fiber strength. Giza 93 had the best means for No. of bolls/plant, upper half mean, micronaire reading and uniformity index, Giza 94 had the best means for all yield studied traits except No. of bolls/plant and lint percentage, Giza 95 had the best means for lint percentage, while for testers. Karashenky had the best values for No. of bolls/plant and uniformity index, Ustraly 13 recorded the highest values for seed cotton yield/plant, lint cotton yield/plant, lint percentage and fiber strength, the tester pima S₄ had the highest values for boll weight, seed index, lint index, upper half mean and micronaire reading. The results also showed that the best mean performances were found for Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 for lint cotton yield/plant, Giza 90 x Pima S₄ for No. of bolls/plant, Giza 93 x Karshenky for micronaire reading and uniformity index, Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 for upper half mean and fiber strength, Giza 94 x Karshenky for seed index and lint index, Giza 94 x Pima S₄ for seed cotton yield/plant and boll weight, Giza 95 x Pima S₄ for lint percentage.

Heterosis:

The diversity of genetic distance and different of originated was the important source for variability which lead to create new recombinations differently about the parent consequently finding heterosis. Heterosis expressed as the percentage deviation of F₁ mean performance relative to both mid and better-parents. Heterosis refers to the superiority of the F₁ hybrid in one or more characters over

its parents, and lead to superiority in adaptation. In general, positive heterosis is considered as desirable for all studied traits, except micronaire reading. The magnitude of heterosis for all studied traits over the mid-parents (MP) and better parent (BP) was presented in Tables (3) and (4), respectively. For No. of bolls/plant 16 out of 18 crosses studied showed highly significant positive heterosis relative to mid-parent which ranged from 7.26% for Giza 93 x Pima S₄ to 48.32% for Giza 90 x Pima S₄, eight crosses showed desirable heterosis relative to better-parent which ranged from 8.15% for Giza 86 x Karshenky to 28.13% for Giza 90 x Pima S₄. For seed cotton yield/plant relative heterosis versus mid-parent, 16 crosses out of 18 F₁ crosses possessed highly significant positive heterosis which ranged from 10.84% for Giza 93 x Pima S₄ to 51.69% for Giza 90 x Pima S₄, while nine crosses showed significant and positive heterosis relative to better-parent which ranged from 8.90% for Giza 94 x Pima S₄ to 29.37% for Giza 90 x Pima S₄. For lint cotton yield/plant the results of heterosis versus mid-parent revealed that sixteen crosses out of 18 F₁ crosses were highly significant and positive heterosis which ranged from 13.62% for Giza 93 x Pima S₄ to 52.25% for Giza 90 x Pima S₄, while nine crosses showed highly significant positive heterosis relative to better-parent which ranged from 8.22% for Giza 94 x Pima S₄ to 31.12% for Giza 90 x Pima S₄. In this respect, for lint percentage, the results showed that six crosses out of 18 F₁ crosses relative heterosis versus mid-parent were highly significant and positive which ranged from 1.76% for Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 to 4.24% for Giza 86 x Pima S₄, whereas, heterosis versus

better-parent showed that three crosses out of 18 F₁ crosses were highly significant and positive which ranged from 1.70% for Giza 80 x Pima S₄ to 2.50% for Giza 86 x Ustraly 13. Regarding to boll weight the results of heterosis versus mid-parent revealed that 13 crosses out of 18 F₁ crosses exhibited significant and positive heterosis, which

ranged from 4.07% for Giza 90 x Karshenky to 13.84% for Giza 86 x Karshenky, whereas, heterosis relative to better-parent showed that 5 crosses out of 18 F₁ crosses were significant and positive which ranged from 4.55% for Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 to 7.93% for Giza 93 x Ustraly 13.

Table 2. The mean performances of six parental lines, three testers and 18 F₁ hybrids for yield, yield components and fiber properties.

| Genotypes | NB/P | SCY/P | LCY/P | L% | BW | SI |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Lines : | | | | | | |
| Giza 80 | 34.97 | 108.80 | 43.85 | 40.30 | 3.12 | 10.50 |
| Giza 86 | 38.54 | 128.47 | 52.17 | 40.54 | 3.34 | 10.43 |
| Giza 90 | 38.89 | 122.57 | 46.40 | 37.87 | 3.15 | 10.93 |
| Giza 93 | 49.36 | 149.03 | 52.56 | 35.26 | 3.02 | 9.43 |
| Giza 94 | 44.45 | 150.17 | 60.00 | 39.97 | 3.39 | 11.33 |
| Giza 95 | 43.00 | 138.97 | 57.73 | 41.57 | 3.23 | 9.97 |
| Testers : | | | | | | |
| Karashenky | 29.61 | 85.73 | 33.69 | 39.30 | 2.90 | 8.50 |
| Ustraly 13 | 29.50 | 89.23 | 35.11 | 39.34 | 3.03 | 8.87 |
| Pima S4 | 28.31 | 86.50 | 33.53 | 38.76 | 3.06 | 9.73 |
| LSD 0.05 | 3.00 | 8.10 | 3.31 | 0.69 | 0.13 | 0.32 |
| LSD 0.01 | 4.00 | 10.80 | 4.41 | 0.92 | 0.18 | 0.42 |
| F₁ hybrids | | | | | | |
| Giza 80 x Karshenky | 39.06 | 127.70 | 51.90 | 40.64 | 3.27 | 10.33 |
| Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 | 37.14 | 114.87 | 46.55 | 40.52 | 3.09 | 10.70 |
| Giza 80 x Pima S4 | 43.33 | 137.93 | 56.53 | 40.99 | 3.18 | 10.33 |
| Giza 86 x Karshenky | 41.68 | 147.93 | 59.28 | 40.07 | 3.55 | 10.37 |
| Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 | 45.71 | 157.70 | 65.54 | 41.56 | 3.45 | 10.23 |
| Giza 86 x Pima S4 | 45.30 | 152.93 | 63.21 | 41.33 | 3.38 | 10.43 |
| Giza 90 x Karshenky | 43.09 | 135.73 | 52.65 | 38.79 | 3.15 | 11.20 |
| Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 | 43.03 | 141.83 | 54.40 | 38.35 | 3.30 | 11.10 |
| Giza 90 x Pima S4 | 49.83 | 158.57 | 60.84 | 38.37 | 3.18 | 11.40 |
| Giza 93 x Karshenky | 47.34 | 146.73 | 54.95 | 37.46 | 3.10 | 10.00 |
| Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 | 43.94 | 143.53 | 54.35 | 37.87 | 3.27 | 10.13 |
| Giza 93 x Pima S4 | 41.65 | 130.53 | 48.90 | 37.46 | 3.13 | 9.77 |
| Giza 94 x Karshenky | 45.48 | 156.97 | 61.89 | 39.44 | 3.45 | 11.70 |
| Giza 94 x Ustraly 13 | 45.28 | 152.47 | 60.09 | 39.41 | 3.37 | 11.37 |
| Giza 94 x Pima S4 | 46.01 | 163.53 | 64.93 | 39.70 | 3.56 | 11.30 |

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|----------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Giza 95 x Karshenky | 35.49 | 113.50 | 45.88 | 40.42 | 3.20 | 9.53 |
| Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 | 34.01 | 113.70 | 45.79 | 40.27 | 3.34 | 9.70 |
| Giza 95 x Pima S4 | 40.63 | 129.03 | 53.90 | 41.77 | 3.18 | 9.50 |
| LSD 0.05 | 2.60 | 7.02 | 2.87 | 0.60 | 0.12 | 0.27 |
| LSD 0.01 | 3.47 | 9.35 | 3.82 | 0.79 | 0.16 | 0.36 |

Table 2. Cont.

| Genotypes | LI | UHM | FS | MIC | UI |
|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Lines : | | | | | |
| Giza 80 | 7.09 | 31.47 | 10.13 | 4.40 | 83.30 |
| Giza 86 | 7.12 | 34.50 | 10.50 | 4.47 | 84.93 |
| Giza 90 | 6.66 | 30.20 | 9.33 | 4.20 | 81.60 |
| Giza 93 | 5.14 | 34.53 | 10.33 | 3.60 | 87.30 |
| Giza 94 | 7.55 | 33.47 | 10.17 | 4.53 | 87.00 |
| Giza 95 | 7.09 | 30.67 | 9.30 | 4.63 | 83.53 |
| Testers : | | | | | |
| Karashenky | 5.51 | 32.13 | 10.10 | 3.77 | 86.17 |
| Ustraly 13 | 5.75 | 32.67 | 10.57 | 3.90 | 85.87 |
| Pima S ₄ | 6.16 | 32.70 | 10.30 | 3.53 | 85.77 |
| LSD 0.05 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.24 | 0.13 | 0.80 |
| LSD 0.01 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.32 | 0.18 | 1.06 |
| F ₁ hybrids | | | | | |
| Giza 80 x Karshenky | 7.08 | 32.57 | 10.27 | 4.17 | 86.07 |
| Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 | 7.29 | 32.43 | 10.30 | 3.97 | 85.03 |
| Giza 80 x Pima S ₄ | 7.18 | 32.80 | 10.07 | 3.80 | 84.60 |
| Giza 86 x Karshenky | 6.93 | 33.77 | 10.70 | 4.30 | 86.83 |
| Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 | 7.28 | 33.67 | 10.57 | 3.93 | 85.30 |
| Giza 86 x Pima S ₄ | 7.35 | 33.23 | 10.43 | 3.77 | 87.00 |
| Giza 90 x Karshenky | 7.10 | 31.47 | 10.20 | 4.03 | 83.73 |
| Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 | 6.91 | 31.77 | 10.03 | 4.27 | 83.57 |
| Giza 90 x Pima S ₄ | 7.10 | 31.13 | 10.17 | 3.80 | 85.17 |
| Giza 93 x Karshenky | 5.99 | 35.60 | 10.70 | 3.40 | 87.27 |
| Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 | 6.18 | 35.70 | 10.87 | 3.57 | 86.13 |
| Giza 93 x Pima S ₄ | 5.85 | 34.77 | 10.57 | 3.53 | 86.87 |
| Giza 94 x Karshenky | 7.62 | 32.77 | 10.40 | 4.03 | 84.47 |
| Giza 94 x Ustraly 13 | 7.39 | 33.60 | 10.13 | 4.23 | 85.40 |
| Giza 94 x Pima S ₄ | 7.44 | 32.73 | 10.33 | 4.40 | 86.57 |
| Giza 95 x Karshenky | 6.47 | 31.57 | 10.23 | 4.27 | 84.53 |
| Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 | 6.54 | 31.67 | 10.03 | 4.40 | 84.60 |

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|-------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Giza 95 x Pima S ₄ | 6.82 | 32.20 | 10.13 | 3.90 | 84.10 |
| LSD 0.05 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.21 | 0.12 | 0.69 |
| LSD 0.01 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.28 | 0.15 | 0.92 |

Table 3. Heterosis relative to mid-parent (MP) for yield, yield components and fiber properties.

| Crosses | NB/P | SCY/P | LCY/P | L% | BW | SI |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| Giza 80 x Karshenky | 20.96** | 31.29** | 33.87** | 2.12** | 8.70** | 8.77** |
| Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 | 15.21** | 16.01** | 17.91** | 1.76* | 0.71 | 10.50** |
| Giza 80 x Pima S ₄ | 36.94** | 41.25** | 46.12** | 3.69** | 3.08 | 2.14 |
| Giza 86 x Karshenky | 22.32** | 38.13** | 38.08** | 0.38 | 13.84** | 9.51** |
| Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 | 34.38** | 44.88** | 50.18** | 4.05** | 8.43** | 6.04** |
| Giza 86 x Pima S ₄ | 35.54** | 42.29** | 47.51** | 4.24** | 5.58** | 3.47* |
| Giza 90 x Karshenky | 25.84** | 30.32** | 31.48** | 0.53 | 4.07* | 15.27** |
| Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 | 25.85** | 33.93** | 33.47** | -0.65 | 6.69** | 12.12** |
| Giza 90 x Pima S ₄ | 48.32** | 51.69** | 52.25** | 0.15 | 2.47 | 10.32** |
| Giza 93 x Karshenky | 19.90** | 25.00** | 27.43** | 0.47 | 4.73* | 11.52** |
| Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 | 11.45** | 20.48** | 24.00** | 1.51 | 8.05** | 10.75** |
| Giza 93 x Pima S ₄ | 7.26* | 10.84** | 13.62** | 1.21 | 3.07 | 1.91 |
| Giza 94 x Karshenky | 22.84** | 33.08** | 32.13** | -0.48 | 9.76** | 17.98** |
| Giza 94 x Ustraly 13 | 22.46** | 27.37** | 26.37** | -0.62 | 5.09** | 12.54** |
| Giza 94 x Pima S ₄ | 26.47** | 38.20** | 38.85** | 0.86 | 10.34** | 7.28** |
| Giza 95 x Karshenky | -2.22 | 1.02 | 0.36 | -0.03 | 4.35* | 3.25* |
| Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 | -6.17 | -0.35 | -1.35 | -0.45 | 6.82** | 3.01* |
| Giza 95 x Pima S ₄ | 13.96** | 14.46** | 18.12** | 4.01** | 0.95 | -3.55* |
| LSD 0.05 | 2.60 | 7.02 | 2.87 | 0.60 | 0.12 | 0.27 |
| LSD 0.01 | 3.47 | 9.35 | 3.82 | 0.79 | 0.16 | 0.36 |

Table 3. Cont.

| Crosses | LI | UHM | FS | MIC | UI |
|-------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Giza 80 x Karshenky | 12.34** | 2.41** | 1.48 | 2.04 | 1.57** |
| Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 | 13.54** | 1.14** | -0.48 | -4.42** | 0.53 |
| Giza 80 x Pima S ₄ | 8.34** | 2.23** | -1.47 | -4.20** | 0.08 |
| Giza 86 x Karshenky | 9.84** | 1.35** | 3.88** | 4.45** | 1.50** |
| Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 | 13.11** | 0.25 | 0.32 | -5.98** | -0.12 |
| Giza 86 x Pima S ₄ | 10.74** | -1.09 | 0.32 | -5.83** | 1.93** |
| Giza 90 x Karshenky | 16.62** | 0.96* | 4.97** | 1.26 | -0.18 |
| Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 | 11.25** | 1.06* | 0.84 | 5.35** | -0.20 |
| Giza 90 x Pima S ₄ | 10.71** | -1.01 | 3.57** | -1.72 | 1.77** |
| Giza 93 x Karshenky | 12.50** | 6.80** | 4.73** | -7.69** | 0.61 |
| Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 | 13.42** | 6.25** | 3.99** | -4.89** | -0.52 |
| Giza 93 x Pima S ₄ | 3.55 | 3.42** | 2.42* | -0.93 | 0.39 |
| Giza 94 x Karshenky | 16.75** | -0.10 | 2.63* | -2.81* | -2.44** |
| Giza 94 x Ustraly 13 | 11.19** | 1.61** | -2.25* | 0.40 | -1.20** |
| Giza 94 x Pima S ₄ | 8.56** | -1.06* | 0.98 | 9.09** | 0.21 |

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|-------------------------------|------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| Giza 95 x Karshenky | 2.68 | 0.53 | 5.50** | 1.59 | -0.37 |
| Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 | 1.87 | 0.00 | 1.01 | 3.12* | -0.12 |
| Giza 95 x Pima S ₄ | 2.88 | 1.63** | 3.40** | -4.49** | -0.65 |
| LSD 0.05 | 0.24 | 0.27 | 0.21 | 0.12 | 0.69 |
| LSD 0.01 | 0.32 | 0.36 | 0.28 | 0.15 | 0.92 |

*, ** Significant and highly significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability levels, respectively.

Table 4. Heterosis relative to better-parents (BP) for yield, yield components and fiber properties.

| Crosses | NB/P | SCY/P | LCY/P | L% | BW | SI |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--------|---------|
| Giza 80 x Karshenky | 11.67** | 17.37** | 18.36** | 0.85 | 4.92* | -1.59 |
| Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 | 6.19 | 5.58 | 6.16 | 0.55 | -0.75 | 1.90 |
| Giza 80 x Pima S ₄ | 23.88** | 26.78** | 28.92** | 1.70* | 2.14 | -1.59 |
| Giza 86 x Karshenky | 8.15* | 15.15** | 13.62** | -1.16 | 6.39** | -0.64 |
| Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 | 18.62** | 22.76** | 25.62** | 2.50** | 3.40 | -1.92 |
| Giza 86 x Pima S ₄ | 17.55** | 19.05** | 21.16** | 1.95* | 1.20 | 0.00 |
| Giza 90 x Karshenky | 10.82** | 10.74** | 13.47** | -1.29 | -0.11 | 2.44 |
| Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 | 10.66** | 15.72** | 17.23** | -2.51** | 4.55* | 1.52 |
| Giza 90 x Pima S ₄ | 28.13** | 29.37** | 31.12** | -0.99 | 0.95 | 4.27** |
| Giza 93 x Karshenky | -4.09 | -1.54 | 4.56 | -4.68** | 2.65 | 6.01** |
| Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 | -10.97** | -3.69 | 3.41 | -3.75** | 7.93** | 7.42** |
| Giza 93 x Pima S ₄ | -15.61** | -12.41** | -6.95* | -3.35** | 2.40 | 0.34 |
| Giza 94 x Karshenky | 2.33 | 4.53 | 3.16 | -1.32 | 1.87 | 3.24* |
| Giza 94 x Ustraly 13 | 1.87 | 1.53 | 0.16 | -1.40 | -0.49 | 0.29 |
| Giza 94 x Pima S ₄ | 3.51 | 8.90** | 8.22** | -0.67 | 5.02* | -0.29 |
| Giza 95 x Karshenky | -17.45** | -18.33** | -20.54** | -2.77** | -1.03 | -4.35** |
| Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 | -20.90** | -18.18** | -20.68** | -3.12** | 3.40 | -2.68 |
| Giza 95 x Pima S ₄ | -5.51 | -7.15* | -6.64* | 0.49 | -1.75 | -4.68** |
| LSD 0.05 | 3.00 | 8.10 | 3.31 | 0.69 | 0.13 | 0.32 |
| LSD 0.01 | 4.00 | 10.80 | 4.41 | 0.92 | 0.18 | 0.42 |

Table 4. Cont.

| Crosses | LI | UHM | FS | MIC | UI |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Giza 80 x Karshenky | -0.20 | 1.35** | 1.32 | 10.62** | -0.12 |
| Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 | 2.82 | -0.71 | -2.52* | 1.71 | -0.97* |
| Giza 80 x Pima S ₄ | 1.23 | 0.31 | -2.27 | 7.55** | -1.36** |
| Giza 86 x Karshenky | -2.58 | -2.13** | 1.90 | 14.16** | 0.77 |
| Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 | 2.25 | -2.42** | 0.00 | 0.85 | -0.66 |
| Giza 86 x Pima S ₄ | 3.29 | -3.67** | -0.63 | 6.60** | 1.44** |
| Giza 90 x Karshenky | 6.50** | -2.07** | 0.99 | 7.08** | -2.82** |
| Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 | 3.62 | -2.76** | -5.05** | 9.40** | -2.68** |
| Giza 90 x Pima S ₄ | 6.52** | -4.79** | -1.29 | 7.55** | -0.70 |
| Giza 93 x Karshenky | 8.74** | 3.09** | 3.55** | -5.56** | -0.04 |
| Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 | 7.39** | 3.38** | 2.84* | -0.93 | -1.34** |
| Giza 93 x Pima S ₄ | -5.03 | 0.68 | 2.26* | 0.00 | -0.50 |
| Giza 94 x Karshenky | 0.97 | -2.09** | 2.30* | 7.08** | -2.91** |
| Giza 94 x Ustraly 13 | -2.05 | 0.40 | -4.10** | 8.55** | -1.84** |
| Giza 94 x Pima S ₄ | -1.43 | -2.19** | 0.32 | 24.53** | -0.50 |

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|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Giza 95 x Karshenky | -8.78** | -1.76** | 1.32 | 13.27** | -1.90** |
| Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 | -7.76** | -3.06** | -5.05** | 12.82** | -1.48** |
| Giza 95 x Pima S ₄ | -3.88 | -1.53** | -1.62 | 10.38** | -1.94** |
| LSD 0.05 | 0.27 | 0.31 | 0.24 | 0.13 | 0.80 |
| LSD 0.01 | 0.37 | 0.41 | 0.32 | 0.18 | 1.06 |

*,** Significant and highly significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability levels, respectively.

Concerning seed index, the results of heterosis versus mid-parent revealed that 15 of 18 crosses were exhibited significant positive heterosis which ranged from 3.01% for Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 to 17.98% for Giza 94 x Karshenky, whereas, heterosis versus better-parent showed that four crosses were positive and significant which ranged from 3.24% for Giza 94 x Karshenky to 7.42% for Giza 93 x Ustraly 13. For lint index the results of heterosis versus mid-parent revealed that 14 crosses out of 18 F₁ crosses were found to be significant and positive heterosis which ranged from 8.34% for Giza 80 x Pima S₄ to 16.75% for Giza 94 x Karshenky, but for heterosis versus better-parent showed that 4 out of 18 crosses were significant and positive which ranged from 6.50% for Giza 90 x Karshenky to 8.74% for Giza 93 x Karshenky. Regarding to upper half mean the results of heterosis versus mid-parent revealed that 11 crosses out of 18 F₁ crosses were found to be significant and positive heterosis which ranged from 1.06% for Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 to 6.80% for Giza 93 x Karshenky, whereas, heterosis versus better-parent showed that 3 of 18 crosses were exhibited highly significant positive heterosis which ranged from 1.35% for Giza 80 x Karshenky to 3.38% for Giza 93 x Ustraly 13. Concerning fiber strength the results of heterosis versus mid-parent revealed that 9 of 18 crosses were exhibited significant positive heterosis which ranged from 2.42% for Giza 93 x Pima S₄ to 5.50% for Giza 95 x Karshenky, whereas, heterosis versus better-parent showed that 4 of 18 crosses were exhibited significant positive heterosis

which ranged from 2.26% for Giza 93 x Pima S₄ to 3.55% for Giza 93 x Karshenky. Regarding to micronaire reading the results of heterosis versus mid-parent revealed that 8 of 18 crosses were exhibited significant negative heterosis which ranged from -2.81% for Giza 94 x Karshenky to -7.69% for Giza 93 x Pima S₄, whereas, heterosis versus better-parent showed that the cross Giza 93 x Karshenky was highly significant negative heterosis with value -5.56%. For uniformity index the results of heterosis versus mid-parent revealed that 4 crosses out of 18 crosses were exhibited significant positive heterosis which ranged from 1.50% for Giza 86 x Karshenky to 1.93% for Giza 86 x Pima S₄, whereas, heterosis versus better-parent showed that the cross Giza 86 x Pima S₄ was highly significant positive heterosis with value 1.44%.

Lingaraja (2017) results showed that range of economic heterosis varied from 1.58 to 32.91% of seed index, 11.15 to 31.85% of lint index, -11.06 to 3.37% of ginning outturn, -6.32 to 8.80% of 2.5 per cent span length, -2.73 to 18.27 of fiber strength, 17.69 to 21.23 of micronaire value, -2.08 to 1.66 of fiber uniformity and -60.38 to 48.32 of seed cotton yield per plant. AL-Ameer (2015) showed that the following crosses were evidenced the best values of heterosis relative to better and mid-parents i.e., crosses; TNB x Giza 85 and CB-58 x Giza 85 for most studied characters. Mahrous (2018) the results of heterosis noticed that 7 crosses had positive and highly significant heterosis in seed and lint cotton yield /plant and number of bolls/plant i.e., (Giza 80 x Giza 90), (G.86 x G.90), (G.86 x G.95), (G.87 x

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G.90), (G.45 x (G.90 x Australian)), and (G.92 x G.90).

Combining ability

The estimates of general combining ability and specific combining ability are presented in Table (5) and Table (6), respectively. The results revealed that the line Giza 80 was significant desirable for lint percentage and lint index. Giza 86 was significant desirable for all studied traits except seed index and micronaire reading. Giza 90 was significant desirable for No. of bolls/plant, seed cotton yield/plant, seed index and lint index. Giza 93 had significant desirable GCA effects for No. of bolls/plant, upper half

mean, fiber strength and uniformity index and negative desirable for micronaire reading. Giza 94 had significant and positive desirable GCA effects for all studied traits except lint percentage. Giza 95 had significant and positive desirable GCA effects for lint percentage. In this respect, the results of testers showed that Karshenky had significant and positive desirable GCA effects for fiber strength. Ustraly 13 had significant and positive desirable for upper half mean. Pima S₄ showed significant desirable GCA effects for No. of bolls/plant, seed cotton yield/plant, lint cotton yield/plant, lint percentage, micronaire reading and uniformity index.

Table 5. Estimates of general combining ability effects of the parental genotypes for yield, yield components and fiber traits.

| Parents | NB/P | SCY/P | LCY/P | L % | BW | SI |
|---------------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Lines : | | | | | | |
| Giza 80 | -2.83** | -13.46** | -3.98** | 1.03** | -0.10** | -0.05 |
| Giza 86 | 1.57* | 12.57** | 7.03** | 1.30** | 0.17** | -0.16* |
| Giza 90 | 2.65** | 5.09** | 0.32 | -1.19** | -0.08** | 0.73** |
| Giza 93 | 1.64** | -0.02 | -2.91** | -2.10** | -0.12** | -0.54** |
| Giza 94 | 2.92** | 17.37** | 6.66** | -0.17 | 0.17** | 0.95** |
| Giza 95 | -5.96** | -21.54** | -7.12** | 1.13** | -0.05* | -0.93** |
| LSD 0.05 | 1.23 | 3.31 | 1.35 | 0.28 | 0.05 | 0.13 |
| LSD 0.01 | 1.63 | 4.41 | 1.80 | 0.37 | 0.07 | 0.17 |
| Testers : | | | | | | |
| Karashenky | -0.64 | -2.19 | -1.22* | -0.22* | 0.001 | 0.02 |
| Ustraly 13 | -1.15* | -2.94* | -1.19* | -0.03 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Pima S ₄ | 1.79** | 5.13** | 2.41** | 0.25* | -0.02 | -0.05 |
| LSD 0.05 | 0.87 | 2.34 | 0.96 | 0.20 | 0.04 | 0.09 |
| LSD 0.01 | 1.16 | 3.12 | 1.27 | 0.26 | 0.05 | 0.12 |

Table 5. Cont.

| Parents | LI | UHM | FS | MIC | UI |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Lines : | | | | | |
| Giza 80 | 0.26** | -0.37** | -0.13** | -0.01 | -0.17 |
| Giza 86 | 0.27** | 0.59** | 0.23** | 0.01 | 0.98** |
| Giza 90 | 0.12* | -1.51** | -0.21** | 0.05* | -1.25** |
| Giza 93 | -0.91** | 2.39** | 0.37** | -0.49** | 1.35** |
| Giza 94 | 0.57** | 0.06 | -0.05 | 0.24** | 0.08 |
| Giza 95 | -0.31** | -1.16** | -0.21** | 0.20** | -0.99** |
| LSD 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.13 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.33 |
| LSD 0.01 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.13 | 0.07 | 0.43 |

| Testers : | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| Karashenky | -0.05 | -0.01 | 0.08* | 0.05** | 0.08 |
| Ustraly 13 | 0.01 | 0.17** | -0.02 | 0.07** | -0.40** |
| Pima S ₄ | 0.04 | -0.16** | -0.06 | -0.12** | 0.31** |
| LSD 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.23 |
| LSD 0.01 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.05 | 0.31 |

*, ** significant and highly significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability levels, respectively.

Table 6. Estimates of specific combining ability effects of the 18 F₁ crosses for yield, yield components and fiber traits.

| Crosses | NB/P | SCY/P | LCY/P | L% | BW | SI |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| Giza 80 x Karshenky | -0.14 | 3.06 | 1.46 | 0.15 | 0.09 | -0.14 |
| Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 | -1.55 | -9.03** | -3.92** | -0.17 | -0.11* | 0.21 |
| Giza 80 x Pima S ₄ | 1.70 | 5.97* | 2.46* | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.07 |
| Giza 86 x Karshenky | -1.91 | -2.73 | -2.18 | -0.70** | 0.09 | 0.01 |
| Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 | 2.63* | 7.78** | 4.05** | 0.60* | -0.03 | -0.14 |
| Giza 86 x Pima S ₄ | -0.72 | -5.06 | -1.88 | 0.10 | -0.06 | 0.14 |
| Giza 90 x Karshenky | -1.58 | -7.45* | -2.09 | 0.50* | -0.06 | -0.05 |
| Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 | -1.14 | -0.61 | -0.38 | -0.12 | 0.07 | -0.17 |
| Giza 90 x Pima S ₄ | 2.72* | 8.06** | 2.47* | -0.38 | -0.01 | 0.22* |
| Giza 93 x Karshenky | 3.67** | 8.66** | 3.43** | 0.08 | -0.07 | 0.02 |
| Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 | 0.78 | 6.21* | 2.81* | 0.30 | 0.08 | 0.13 |
| Giza 93 x Pima S ₄ | -4.45** | -14.87 | -6.24** | -0.38 | -0.02 | -0.15 |
| Giza 94 x Karshenky | 0.54 | 1.51 | 0.81 | 0.14 | -0.01 | 0.23* |
| Giza 94 x Ustraly 13 | 0.84 | -2.25 | -1.02 | -0.08 | -0.11* | -0.12 |
| Giza 94 x Pima S ₄ | -1.37 | 0.74 | 0.21 | -0.06 | 0.12* | -0.11 |
| Giza 95 x Karshenky | -0.58 | -3.05 | -1.43 | -0.18 | -0.04 | -0.06 |
| Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 | -1.55 | -2.11 | -1.54 | -0.52* | 0.09 | 0.09 |
| Giza 95 x Pima S ₄ | 2.13* | 5.16 | 2.97* | 0.70** | -0.05 | -0.03 |
| LSD 0.05 | 2.12 | 5.73 | 2.34 | 0.49 | 0.10 | 0.22 |
| LSD 0.01 | 2.83 | 7.64 | 3.12 | 0.65 | 0.13 | 0.30 |

Table 6. Cont.

| Crosses | LI | UHM | FS | MIC | UI |
|-------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| Giza 80 x Karshenky | -0.05 | -0.02 | -0.02 | 0.14** | 0.75** |
| Giza 80 x Ustraly 13 | 0.10 | -0.34** | 0.11 | -0.09* | 0.20 |
| Giza 80 x Pima S ₄ | -0.04 | 0.36** | -0.09 | -0.06 | -0.95** |
| Giza 86 x Karshenky | -0.20* | 0.22* | 0.06 | 0.25** | 0.37 |
| Giza 86 x Ustraly 13 | 0.08 | -0.06 | 0.02 | -0.14** | -0.68* |
| Giza 86 x Pima S ₄ | 0.13 | -0.16 | -0.08 | -0.11* | 0.31 |
| Giza 90 x Karshenky | 0.12 | 0.02 | -0.01 | -0.05 | -0.50 |
| Giza 90 x Ustraly 13 | -0.14 | 0.14 | -0.08 | 0.16** | -0.19 |
| Giza 90 x Pima S ₄ | 0.03 | -0.16 | 0.09 | -0.11* | 0.70* |
| Giza 93 x Karshenky | 0.04 | 0.26* | -0.09 | -0.15** | 0.43 |
| Giza 93 x Ustraly 13 | 0.16 | 0.17 | 0.17* | -0.01 | -0.23 |
| Giza 93 x Pima S ₄ | -0.19* | -0.43** | -0.09 | 0.15** | -0.20 |
| Giza 94 x Karshenky | 0.19* | -0.25* | 0.04 | -0.24** | -1.09** |
| Giza 94 x Ustraly 13 | -0.11 | 0.40** | -0.14 | -0.06 | 0.32 |

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|-------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|---------|--------|
| Giza 94 x Pima S ₄ | -0.08 | -0.14 | 0.10 | 0.30** | 0.77 |
| Giza 95 x Karshenky | -0.09 | -0.23* | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Giza 95 x Ustraly 13 | -0.08 | -0.31** | -0.08 | 0.14** | 0.59* |
| Giza 95 x Pima S ₄ | 0.17 | 0.55** | 0.06 | -0.17** | -0.63* |
| LSD 0.05 | 0.19 | 0.22 | 0.17 | 0.09 | 0.56 |
| LSD 0.01 | 0.26 | 0.29 | 0.23 | 0.13 | 0.75 |

*, ** Significant and highly significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability levels, respectively.

The results of specific combining ability effects for crosses Giza 86 x Ustraly 13, Giza 90 x Pima S₄, Giza 93 x Karshenky and Giza 95 x Pima S₄ were significant desirable SCA effects for some yield traits, while, the crosses Giza 90 x Pima S₄, Giza 93 x Karshenky and Giza 95 x Pima S₄ were significant desirable SCA effects for some fiber traits. Sorour *et al.*, (2013) found that the best general combiner for most of studied traits was parent (10229 x G. 86). Also the best general combiners for most of studied traits were crosses (10229 x G. 86) x Pima S1, G.45 x G.70, CB.58 x G.70 and CB.58 x G.93. The parent (10229 x G. 86) had the best general combining ability for boll weight, seed cotton yield, lint yield and lint percentage. The crosses CB.58 x G.93 and G.45 x G.70 showed highly significant desirable specific combining ability for boll weight, seed cotton yield, lint yield and number of bolls per plant. Lakho *et al.*, (2016) found that among the parents, NIAB-78, Haridost and CRIS-134 were best general combiners for bolls per plant, boll weight, seed cotton yield per plant and seed index. the cross NIAB-78xChandi-95 was best specific combiner for bolls per plant and the hybrid Chandi-95xCRIS-134 proved best specific combiner for seed cotton yield per plant, while NIAB-78xCRIS-134 gave maximum SCA effects for seed index. Swetha *et al.*, (2018) found that among the parents: GSB 40, RHC B 011 and DB 16 were found to be best general combiners for seed cotton yield. Parent TCB 37 and GSB 21 are good combiners for fiber quality traits. Sivia *et al.*, (2020) found that the significant SCA affects were recorded for seed cotton yield from the cross

combination AC726 x H1236, H1476 x H1226, Luxmi PKV X H1226, H1470 X H 1098-I and H1470 X H1236.

Proportional contribution

Relative percentages of contribution of lines, testers and lines x testers interaction are shown in Table (7). The results showed that lines x tester interaction contribution were higher than tester contribution for all studied traits. However, proportion contribution of lines was higher than of lines x tester interaction contribution and testers for all studied traits. Al-Hibbiny (2011) found that proportion contribution of lines x tester interaction was higher than of lines and testers for all studied characters, except lint percentage. Lines contribution was higher than testers contribution for most studied traits. Chapara *et al.*, (2020) found that the line x tester interactions made greater contribution to the total variance for most of the traits i.e. boll number per plant, boll weight, lint index, lint yield, micronaire.

Genetic parameters

Knowledge of gene action helps in the selection of parents for using in the hybridization programs and also in the choice of appropriate breeding procedure for the genetic improvement of various quantitative characters. Hence, insight into the nature of gene action involved in the expression of various quantitative characters is essential to a plant breeder for starting a judicious breeding program. The genetic variance component and dominance degree ratio were calculated for all studied traits are

presented in Table (8). The results indicated that the non-additive of genetic parameters were larger than additive genetic variance with respect to all studied traits except lint percentage, seed index, lint index and upper half mean.

These results indicated that non-additive effects play a major role in the expression of these traits, while additive effects had a minor role. This indicated that the hybridization program would be effective in improvement of most studied traits. The importance of non-additive genetic variances was verified by the average degree of dominance which is more than one for most traits. This indicated that the overdominance played an important role of the dominance

component. Basal *et al.*, (2009) cleared that the predominance of non-additive gene action was found for all traits, except for the upper half mean (UHM) and fiber strength, which were controlled by an additive type gene action due to the high GCA variance. Chapara *et al.*, (2020) found that the ratio of σ^2 GCA/ σ^2 SCA was smaller than zero for all the characters indicating predominance of non-additive gene action (dominant or epistasis) in the inheritance of investigated traits except lint index. Nand *et al.*, (2020) found that the magnitude of GCA variances was higher than SCA variance suggesting per-ponderance of additive gene effects for almost all the traits.

Table 7. Proportional contributions of lines, testers and their interaction for yield, yield components and fiber traits.

| Traits | Lines | Testers | Lines x Testers |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|-----------------|
| No. of bolls/plant | 65.54 | 10.08 | 24.38 |
| Seed cotton yield/plant | 77.90 | 5.48 | 16.62 |
| Lint cotton yield/plant | 73.29 | 7.55 | 19.15 |
| Lint percentage | 90.64 | 2.03 | 7.33 |
| Boll weight | 75.15 | 0.99 | 23.86 |
| Seed index | 95.83 | 0.29 | 3.88 |
| Lint index | 93.43 | 0.59 | 5.98 |
| Upper half mean | 94.63 | 1.04 | 4.33 |
| Fiber strength | 82.52 | 5.28 | 12.20 |
| micronaire reading | 65.00 | 8.57 | 26.43 |
| Uniformity index | 68.28 | 6.70 | 25.02 |

Table 8. The partitioning of the genetic variance for yield, yield components and fiber traits.

| Genetic parameters And heritability | NB/P | SCY/P | LCY/P | L% | BW | SI | LI | UHM | FS | MIC | UI |
|-------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|
| GCA | 0.91 | 16.53 | 2.47 | 0.15 | 0.001 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.15 | 0.004 | 0.005 | 0.07 |
| SCA | 6.04 | 64.20 | 11.88 | 0.18 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.51 |

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|-------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| σ^2A | 1.82 | 33.06 | 4.94 | 0.30 | 0.002 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.30 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.14 |
| σ^2D | 6.04 | 64.20 | 11.88 | 0.18 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.51 |
| $(\sigma^2D/\sigma^2A)^{1/2}$ | 1.82 | 1.39 | 1.55 | 0.77 | 2.24 | 0.50 | 0.71 | 0.63 | 1.00 | 2.00 | 1.91 |
| σ^2G | 6.95 | 80.73 | 14.35 | 0.33 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.28 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.58 |
| σ^2E | 3.36 | 24.46 | 4.09 | 0.18 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.24 |
| σ^2Ph | 10.31 | 105.19 | 18.44 | 0.51 | 0.01 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.31 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.82 |
| H^2_b | 67.41 | 76.74 | 77.83 | 65.19 | 53.53 | 61.69 | 58.30 | 88.47 | 32.24 | 86.72 | 70.98 |
| H^2_n | 8.82 | 15.71 | 13.38 | 29.73 | 8.04 | 41.70 | 31.99 | 49.03 | 14.03 | 9.05 | 8.74 |

Heritability

The results of heritability in broad and narrow senses are illustrated in Table (8). The results revealed that broad sense heritability ($h^2_b\%$) estimates were larger than the corresponding values of narrow sense heritability ($h^2_n\%$) for all studied traits. The highest broad sense heritability estimates was observed in case of UHM with values of 88.47% and the lowest was for fiber strength with value of 32.24%, while for narrow sense heritability, it was ranged from 8.04% to 49.03% for boll weight and upper half mean, respectively. Sorour *et al.*, (2013) found that heritability estimates in narrow sense were low to high for all the studied traits, ranged from 32.17% for seed cotton yield to 91% for boll weight. AL-Hibbiny (2015) found that high heritability estimates in broad-sense (>50%) were detected for all traits studied at the two crosses, except seed cotton yield/plant of the cross II and fiber fineness of the cross I. Heritability estimates in narrow-sense ranged from 0.00 to 37.51% for boll weight of the cross I and 2.5% span length of the cross II, respectively.

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تقدير قوة الهجين والقدرة علي التآلف لصفات المحصول وجودة الالياف باستخدام تحليل السلالة x الكشاف في أقطن الباربادنس

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- أجريت هذه الدراسة في محطة البحوث الزراعية بسدس - معهد بحوث القطن - مركز البحوث الزراعية - مصر خلال موسمي الزراعة 2019 و 2020 وتهدف هذه الدراسة الي تقدير قوة الهجين والقدرة علي التآلف ونسبة المساهمة ومكونات التباين الوراثي ودرجة التوريث لبعض الصفات لستة أصناف مصرية من القطن كسلالات وهي جيزة 80، جيزة 86، جيزة 90، جيزة 93 ، جيزة 94، جيزة 95 وثلاثة تراكيب وراثية ككشافات وهي كارشنكي واسترالي 13 وببما س4 باستخدام طريقة تحليل السلالة x الكشاف. وفي موسم 2020 تم تقييم سبع وعشرون تركيب وراثي في تجربة قطاعات كاملة عشوائية في ثلاث مكررات. وكانت اهم النتائج المتحصل عليها مايلي:
- أشارت نتائج تحليل التباين لكل من التراكيب الوراثية والأباء والهجن والأباء x الهجن والسلالات والكشافات والسلالة x الكشاف وجود فروق معنوية لكل الصفات المدروسة ماعدا صفات وزن اللوزة ومعامل البذرة ومعامل الشعر بالنسبة للكشافات وصفة متانة التيلة بالنسبة للسلالة x الكشاف.
 - أشارت دراسة قوة الهجين الي وجود قوة هجين مفيدة محسوبة بالنسبة لمتوسطات الابوين وأفضل الأباء وذلك لمعظم الصفات المدروسة، وقد أظهرت الهجن جيزة 80 x كارشنكي وجيزة 86 x استرالي 13 وجيزة 86 x ببما س4 أعلى قيم لقوة الهجين بالنسبة لمتوسط الابوين وأفضل الأباء لمعظم الصفات المحصولية المدروسة. بينما أظهرت الهجن جيزة 93 x كارشنكي وجيزة 93 x استرالي 13 أفضل قيم لقوة الهجين لمعظم صفات التيلة.
 - أظهر الصنفين جيزة 86 وجيزة 94 (كسلالات) أفضل قدرة عامة علي التالف لمعظم الصفات المحصولية المدروسة بينما أظهر الصنف جيزة 93 (كسلالة) أفضل قدرة عامة علي التالف لكل صفات التيلة المدروسة. كما أظهرت الهجن جيزة 86 x استرالي 13 وجيزة 90 x ببما س4 وجيزة 93 x كارشنكي وجيزة 95 x ببما س4 أعلى قدرة خاصة علي التالف لمعظم الصفات المحصولية المدروسة كما أظهرت الهجن جيزة 90 x ببما س4 وجيزة 93 x كارشنكي وجيزة 95 x ببما س4 أعلى قدرة خاصة علي التالف لمعظم صفات التيلة المدروسة.

- أظهر تقدير نسبة المساهمة التي أن مساهمة السلالات أعلي من مساهمة كل من تفاعل السلالة x الكشاف والكشافات لكل الصفات المدروسة.
 - تدل قيم المكونات الوراثية علي أن التباين الراجع للسيادة كان أعلي من التباين الإضافي لمعظم الصفات المدروسة.
 - كانت أعلي قيمة لدرجة التوريث بالمعني الواسع لصفة متوسط النصف الاعلي (88.47%) بينما كانت أقل قيمة لصفة متانة التيلة (32.24%). كانت درجة التوريث بالمعني الضيق تتراوح بين 8.04 لصفة وزن اللوزة و 49.03% لصفة متوسط النصف الاعلي.
- عموما فانه يمكن التوصيه باستخدام الصنفين جيزة 86 وجيزة 94 في برامج التربية لتحسين وزيادة القدرة الانتاجية للاصناف الجديدة بينما يمكننا التوصيه باستخدام الصنف جيزة 93 كأب متفوق في برامج التربية للحصول علي أصناف جديدة عالية الجودة.

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