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#### Summary

This study was carried out at Sakha Agricultural Research Station, Kafrelsheikh governorate, Agricultural Research Center (ARC), Egypt and Genetics Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Kafrelsheikh University during the three planting seasons; 2013/2014, 2014/2015 and 2015/2016. All the possible cross combinations among parental genotypes (Misr1, Giza843, Sakha2 and Nubaria1) were made according to half-diallel to produce six  $F_1$  crosses.

The four parents were treated with three doses of gamma rays (10, 25 and 50 Gy) and three concentrations (0.2, 0.4 and 0.6%) of ethyl methane sulphonate (EMS).  $M_1$  generations,  $F_1$  crosses and their parents cultivated in the second season at  $1^{st}$  of November under normal conditions. Seeds of four parents and their twenty four  $M_2$  generations were sown in Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications under heavy natural infested soil with *Orobanche crenata* seeds. Also, seeds of four parents, their six  $F_1$  crosses and their  $F_2$  cross combinations progenies were sown in RCBD under heavy natural infested soil with *Orobanche crenata* seeds.

Data was recorded on the following traits; number of days to flowering, plant height, number of branches/plant, number of pods/plant, number of seeds/plant, seed yield per plant, number of *Orobanche* spikes/plant and 100-seed weight. Molecular and biochemical markers were used to detect marker associated with *Orobanche crenata* tolerance and/or susceptibility in some half-diallel faba bean crosses and M<sub>2</sub> populations.

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# The obtained results could be summarized as follow: <u>A. Results of half-diallel crossing:</u>

1- Analysis of variance, showed that mean squares of genotypes, parents and crosses were significantly different, crosses also were significant for all traits in both generations. Mean squares of GCA and SCA were significant for all traits in both generations, except mean squares due to SCA for pods per plant ( $F_1$ ) and 100-seed weight ( $F_2$ ).

- The ratio of GCA/SCA variance was more than unity for number of days to 50% flowering, branches/plant, pods per plant, seeds per plant and seed yield/plant in both generations. This indicates that the additive genetic effect played a major role in inheritance of these traits, while the GCA/SCA ratio was lower than unity for plant height and *Orobanche* spikes/plant in  $F_2$ .

# 2- Combining ability:

- The parental genotypes Misr1 and Giza843 were good general combiners for yield and its components and days to flowering in both generations.

- The parental genotypes Giza843 and Sakha2 behaved as good general combiners for *Orobanche* spikes/plant in both generations. Where, significant negative GCA effects were found.

- Giza843 x Sakha2 and Sakha2 x Nubaria1 crosses had highly significant negative SCA effects for *Orobanche* spikes/plant in both generations. While, the cross Misr1 x Giza843 showed significant negative SCA effects in  $F_2$  only.

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### 3- Heterosis and potence ratio:

- Mean squares of parents *vs* crosses were significant for all traits, except mean squares of parents *vs* crosses for plant height ( $F_1$ ), branches per plant in  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , number of *Orobanche* spikes/plant ( $F_1$ ) and seed/plant ( $F_2$ )

- The crosses Misr1 x Nubaria1 and Giza843 x Misr1 showed highly or/and significant better parental heterosis for 100-seed weight. The crosses Misr1 x Giza843, Giza843 x Saka2 and Sakha2 x Nubaria1 had highly significant over better parent in negative direction for *Orobanche* spikes/plant.

### 4- Heritability and inbreeding effects:

- Heritability values in broad sense ranged from 89.57% for 100-seedweight to 99.41% for days to flowering and from 58.11% for 100-seed weight to 99.41% for seed yield per plant in (F<sub>1</sub>) and (F<sub>2</sub>), respectively. Heritability estimates in narrow sense ranged from 14.61% for 100-seed weight to 82.66% for number of branches/plant and from 11.38% for 100-seed weight to 95.07% for seed yield/plant in (F<sub>1</sub>) and (F<sub>2</sub>), respectively.

- The cross Misr1 x Giza843 showed highly significant inbreeding depression for number of branches per plant. The cross Misr1 x Sakha2 had significant highly or significant inbreeding gain for days to flowering, pods/plant, seeds/plant and seed yield/plant.

### **B. Effects of mutagenic treatments:**

- Number of days to flowering was significantly differed among the studied genotypes of faba bean. Nubarial cultivar was the latest one

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followed by Sakha2, while Giza843 was the earliest cultivar. Both of Misr1 and Giza843 recorded the highest values of plant height and number of branches per plant under *Orobanche* infested soil followed by Sakha2, while the lowest values for both traits were recorded by Nubaria1 (sensitive cultivar to *Orobanche*).

- All studied traits of faba bean were significantly influenced by mutagenic treatments, except number of branches per plant.

- Except 100-seed weight character of faba bean, all studied traits were significantly affected by the interaction between genotypes and mutagenic treatments.

- For days to flowering, Giza843 untreated plants were the earliest in maturity followed by Misr1 control plants without significant difference with Giza843 treated with 25 Gy of gamma rays. On contrast, Nubaria1 untreated plants recorded the highest number of days to 50% flowering.

#### \* Biochemical analysis:

- Misr1 genotype and its  $M_2$  populations scored 24 bands of total soluble protein banding patterns. The polymorphism percentage was 95.83%. In respect to the positive-specific genotype markers, the highest value (2) was recorded by resistant bulk of Misr1 treated with 10 Gy gamma rays to *Orobanche* with MWs of (19.15 and 34.67 KDa) and RF (0.814 and 0.619).

#### \* Molecular analysis:

- Five RAPD primers were used to study the genetic diversity among four faba bean cultivars and their seven bulks of  $F_2$ . A total of 54 amplified DNA fragments with sizes from 113 bp to 1647 bp were obtained, out of

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them 44 (81.48%) were polymorphic. Genetic differences and relationships among the four faba bean parents and their bulks of  $M_2$  based on the RAPD primers showed that, the highest value for average of total amplified and number of polymorphic bands (18.5) was scored by OPH-01 primer. The polymorphism percentage for all genotypes was 100% recorded by using the five primers of RAPD.

- Five SSR primers were also used to study the genetic diversity among four faba bean genotypes and their seven bulks of  $F_2$ . A total of 26 loci were obtained, out of them 22 (84.62%) were polymorphic. Genetic diversity among the four faba bean parents and their bulks of  $M_2$  based on five SSR data showed that, the primers JF1-AG3 and GA4 showed the highest average of total amplified and polymorphic bands (10.50 and 10.25), respectively. While, the highest average of polymorphism percentages were found by primers GA4, GAII-30, GAII-59 and JF1-AG3.

- The molecular distance (MD) was detected among 11 faba bean genotypes by using RAPD primers. The highest MD (0.491) was found between Nubaria1 and the sensitive bulks from the cross Misr1 x Giza843, while the lowest MD (0.082) was found between Misr1 and Giza843.

- The dendrogram based on combined data showed that three parental genotypes (Misr1, Giza843 and Sakha2) were separated in one subcluster, also Misr1 and Giza843 were located at the same molecular distance as shown in the dendrogram based on SSR and RAPD data.

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- Based on RAPD and SSR data, the first group of PCoA contained Misr1, Giza843 and Sakha2 cultivars, it was similar to that obtained by UPGMA clustering.

- DNA barcoding based on RAPD data showed that all genotypes gave a total of 343 DNA fragments with an average of 31.18 fragments per genotype. The total number of unique bands was 14.

- In respect to the positive genotype-specific marker, the genotype Misr1 x Giza843 (S) recorded three positive genotypes-specific markers with sizes of 995 bp, 1018 bp and 1584 bp. The genotype Giza843 x Sakha2 exhibited two positive genotype-specific markers with sizes of 896 bp and 1218 bp.

- All treatments recorded low GTS comparing with control plants, the highest GTS% was observed in susceptible bulk of Misr1 treated with 50 Gy gamma rays and 0.4% EMS as compared to control plants.

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