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ABSTRACT

Field Evaluation of eighteen lupin genotypes was carried out during 2012/13 and 2013/14 at Giza Agriculture Research Station, Egypt, to assess the genetic variation on phenological parameters. Simultaneously, molecular diversity assessment was performed using 11 SRAP primer pair combinations. High significant differences among genotypes were observed for field performance during the two seasons and their combined data. The Australian genotype 75 B9.10 and landrace Fayed1 recorded the highest seed yield/plant while the Egyptian landraces Sohag2, Fayed1 and the cultivar Giza1 were superiors in seed yield/hectare (2.8, 2.6 and 2.6t, respectively). Only the first two principle components explained 97 % of variability. Characters, number of pods, seed yield/plant and seed yield/hectare were grouped on the positive PC1 axis of the biplot with genotypes Sohag2, 75B9.10 and Fayed1. The molecular analysis revealed coherent results. The 11 SRAP primers generated 3286 amplified fragments represents 337 genetic loci across the lupin genome. The average detected loci per primer pair was 30.64 with 322 polymorphic loci across the studied genotypes (96.05%). The polymorphism information content (PIC) values were generally high and ranged from 0.883 to 0.981. The high PIC values highlight the power of SRAP markers in detecting the molecular diversity in lupin genotypes. The genotypes tended to cluster based on their origin and genetic background.

Key words: biplot, cluster analysis, lupin, marker, SRAP

INTRODUCTION

Lupin, an annual or perennial legume belonging to legume family, Fabaceae, is one of the oldest crops. It was a major food legume in the Roman Empire and has a long history of cultivation in the Mediterranean basin, East Africa and the Atlantic islands of the northern hemisphere (Gladstones, 1998 and Kurlovich, 2002). The earliest archaeological reports on lupines are referred to the XII dynasty of Egyptian Pharaohs (Zhukovsky, 1929), and its seeds retrieved in the tombs of 22nd dynasty (over 2 thousand years BC). Among 300 *Lupinus* have been described, only five species are cultivated among which white lupin is the most important one (Hondelmann 1984). It was probably domesticated in the Aegean region (Gladstones, 1998) has increased in recently years due to its high level of protein, oil and quality dietary fiber in seed dry matter (Annicchiarico, 2008 and Bhardwaj and Hamama 2012). During 2013, around 661 thousands hectare were cultivated by lupin and the highest production areas were in Australia, Russian Federation and Ukraine (FAOSTAT, 2014).

With the purpose of producing grain and green manure, seeds and other parts that grow above the ground are used to make medicine (Jansen 2006 and Sipsas 2008). Lupin contains some secondary metabolites, including isoflavones and alkaloids such as lupines and sparteine which is removed through processing. However, there is considerable interest in white lupin also as an ingredient of functional or healthy food products, exploiting the anti-oxidant, anti-hypertensive, cholesterol-free, gluten-free and almost starch-free grain properties (Arnoldi 2005, Bhardwaj and Hamama 2012 and Omer *et al.*, 2016). The key amino acids lysine, leucine and serine are in excess of about 5% of total protein with methionine greater than 1% (Wilkins and Jones 2000).

Another factor of interest is that lupines have the capacity to grow under environmental and edaphic conditions that are not tolerated by other crops (Hill 1977). It is more tolerant to salinity and heavy soils than other crops (Jansen 2006). White lupin is considered as a potential crop to be planted on abandoned mercury mines in Europe (Rocio *et al.*, 2013). It has a relatively high

tolerance to a number of contaminants and can act as a good phytostabilizer. Also, it is being used for fishmeal (Tabrett *et al.*, 2012).

Large genetic diversity exists in morphological and agronomic traits in *L. albus* (Lagunes-Espinoza 2000, Lopez-Bellido *et al.*, 2000, Christiansen *et al.*, 2000, Mülâyim *et al.*, 2002, Jansen 2006) as well as molecular markers level (Gilbert *et al.*, 1999) as a result of both natural and human selection. Despite genetic variability, it has been subjected to little breeding efforts (Noffsinger *et al.*, 2000). Therefore, farmers are still cultivating old and low yielding landraces of lupin (Christiansen *et al.*, 2000). In Egypt, two registered cultivars were selected from landraces. Understanding crop genetics and the extent of genetic variation in seed yield components is important for future improvement of white lupin and efficient use of its genetic resources. There is a lack of genetic and molecular tools to aid the genetic breeding and improvement of this species.

SRAP is an efficient genetic marker system, it is a new marker system based on PCR reaction and more reproducible, stable and less complex compared with other molecular marker techniques. Two primers are used each of which consists of the following three elements: 1)

an arbitrary filler sequence of 10 to 11 bases at 5'-end, 2) the sequence motifs CCGG and AATT in the forward and reverse primer, respectively, and 3) three selective bases at the 3'-end. The rationale behind the primer architectures is that exon sequences are known to be more GC rich than other regions of the genome. In contrast, the core sequence of the second primer (AATT) is designed to bind to AT-rich sequences, which are preferentially found in non-coding regions (Ferriol *et al.*, 2003, Budak *et al.*, 2004, Esposito *et al.*, 2007 and Fu *et al.*, 2008). One advantage of SRAP marker is that it target open reading frames (ORFs) (Li and Quiros, 2001).

The objective of this study was to access genetic diversity among some local and exotic lupin genotypes at morphological and molecular levels through yield evaluation and SRAP molecular markers, respectively.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

A field experiment was carried out at Giza Agriculture Research Station, Agriculture Research Center (ARC), Egypt (30.0167 N, 31.2167 E) during 2012/13 and 2013/14 seasons to evaluate seed yield and performance among eighteen local and introduced lupin genotypes. Names, pedigree and origin of lupin genotypes are presented in Table (1).

Table 1. Names, origin and types of 18 lupin genotypes used in the study

Genotype Code	Genotype name	Origin and pedigree
1	Giza 1	Egypt, cultivar, improved from landraces
2	Giza 2	Egypt, cultivar, improved from landraces
3	Line 15	Egypt, breeding line
4	Line 7	Egypt, breeding line, mutant derived from Dijon 2 by 5 KR*
5	Line 23	Egypt, breeding line, mutant derived from Giza 1 by 2.5 KR
6	Line 9	Egypt, breeding line
7	Line 22/2	Egypt breeding line, mutant derived from Giza 1 by 2.5 KR
8	Line 33	Egypt breeding line, mutant derived from Giza 2 by 2.5 KR
9	Line 35/3	Egypt breeding line, mutant derived from Giza 2 by 10 KR
10	Line 37/3	Egypt breeding line, mutant derived from Giza 2 by 40 KR
11	Sohag 2	Egypt, Sohag governorate, landraces
12	Local 23	Egypt, Giza governorate, landraces
13	Ismailia 2	Egypt, Ismailia governorate, landraces
14	Fayed 1	Egypt, Ismailia governorate, landraces
15	Belbies 9	Egypt, Al Sharqia governorate, landraces
16	75 B 15.17	Australia, breeding line
17	75 B 9.10	Australia, breeding line
18	Dijon 2	France, cultivar

*Kilo RAD gama-rays mutant in late generation (El-Sayad and El-Barougy 2002).

The field experiment was designed in Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications. Experiment plot size was 7.2 m² (four ridges with 3m long in 0.6m spaced). Lupin seeds were planted on the third week of November for the two seasons in hills with 0.25m apart on one side of ridge. Experimental soil was clay, pH 8.1 and electrical conductivity (EC) 2.8 dS m⁻¹. All cultural practices were applied as recommended by ARC. At maturity, 10 plants were randomly taken from each plot to measure agro-morphological traits *i.e.*, number of pods/plant, number of seeds/plant and seed yield/plant

then number of seeds per pod and 100 seed weight were calculated by deviation of seeds yield over pods/plant and, as (100 x seed yield)/ number of seeds, respectively. Plants from two central lines from each plot were harvested and threshed; seed yield per plot was weighed and adjusted to ton per hectare. . Statistical analysis was performed for each season separately and after confirmation of errors compatibility for the two seasons, combined analysis was applied according to standard analysis of variance technique for RCBD design using MSTATC computer software and means were separated

using Fisher's protected least significance difference (LSD) test at 95 % level of probability (Steel and Torrie, 1980). Genotypes means of the two seasons have been planted for the principal components analysis and surveying of genetic diversity by Past software Ver. 2.17 (available on <http://nhm2.uio.no/norlex/past/download.html>).

For molecular characterization, lupin seeds were planted in laboratory for two-weeks. Leaves of genotypes were harvested and dropped in liquid N₂. DNA isolation was carried out using a modified SDS protocol as described by Alghamdi *et al.*, (2012). Eleven SRAP primer combinations were used to estimate genetic diversity among lupin genotypes. The SRAP primer combinations used are shown in Table 2. SRAP-PCR reactions were performed in 20 µl volume containing 1X *GoTaq* Green Master Mix (Cat. No. M7123, Promega Corporation, Madison, USA), 0.25 µM from each forward and reverse primers, 50 ng template DNA and nuclease-free water up to 20 µl. The forward primers were 5'end labelled with FAM dye. PCR amplification was carried out on a TC-5000 thermal cycler (Bibby Scientific - UK) as follows: initial denaturation at 94°C for 5 min followed by five cycles of denaturing at 94°C for 1 min, annealing at 35°C for 1 min and elongation at 72°C for 1 min. In the

remaining 30 cycles, the annealing temperature was increased to 50°C for 1 min with a final extension step at 72°C for 7 min. One microliter of amplified PCR product was mixed with 0.5 µl of the *GeneScan* 500 LIZ size standard (Applied Biosystems P/N 4322682) and 9 µl of Hi-Di Formamide (Applied Biosystems P/N 4311320). The mixture was denatured for 3 minutes at 95°C and loaded on the 36-cm 16-capillary system of the Applied Biosystems 3130xl Genetic Analyzer. Fragment analysis for SRAP was performed with *GeneMapper* Analysis Software v3.7 (ABI) and data were assembled in binary format (allele presence (1) or (0) for Absence). The threshold for allele calling was set at 200 relative fluorescence units (rfu), so that any peaks at 200 or higher were assigned a 1 and those that were lower were assigned a 0. Fragment analysis was carried out for allele sizes in the range of 100-500 bp. Markers showed single allele across genotypes were eliminated from the analysis. Data generating from SRAP analysis were analyzed using Jaccard similarity coefficient (Jaccard, 1908). Dendrogram was constructed unweighted pair group method with arithmetic average (UPGMA) employing the SAHN (sequential, agglomerative, hierarchical, and nested clustering) from the NTSYSpc (ver.2.10) program (Rohlf, 2005).

Table 2. List SRAP primer combinations used to access molecular diversity in lupin

No.	Forward 5'-3'	Reverse 5'-3'
1	SRAP13. 5-GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT CAA-3	SRAP6. 5-GACTGCGTACGAATTAAT-3
2	SRAP13. 5-GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT CAA-3	SRAP7. 5-GACTGCGTACGAATTTGC-3
3	SRAP13. 5-GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT CAA-3	SRAP9. 5-GACTGCGTACGAATTTGA-3
4	SRAP13. 5-GAC TGC GTA CGA ATT CAA-3	SRAP11. 5-GACTGCGTACGAATTGCA-3
5	SRAP15. 5-CGT AGC GCG TCA ATT ATG-3	SRAP4. 5-TGAGTCCAAACCGGACC-3
6	SRAP15. 5-CGT AGC GCG TCA ATT ATG-3	SRAP5. 5-TGAGTCCAAACCGGAAG-3
7	SRAP15. 5-CGT AGC GCG TCA ATT ATG-3	SRAP6. 5-GACTGCGTACGAATTAAT-3
8	SRAP15. 5-CGT AGC GCG TCA ATT ATG-3	SRAP9. 5-GACTGCGTACGAATTTGA-3
9	SRAP16. 5-GGA ACC AAA CAC ATG AAG A-3	SRAP3. 5-TGAGTCCAAACCGGAAT-3
10	SRAP16. 5-GGA ACC AAA CAC ATG AAG A-3	SRAP6. 5-GACTGCGTACGAATTAAT-3
11	SRAP16. 5-GGA ACC AAA CAC ATG AAG A-3	SRAP9. 5-GACTGCGTACGAATTTGA-3

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Field performance

Results showed highly significant differences among studied white lupin genotypes that demonstrated the extended of genetic diversity in genetic materials used for this study. Genotype x season interactions were significant for all studied traits except number of seeds pod⁻¹ but the genotypic variances were higher than genotype x season interactions variances for all studied traits indicating a relatively constant ranking of genotypes across the two seasons. Furthermore, seasonal differences were significant only for number of seeds pod⁻¹ and 100 seed weight. These findings closely match previous evaluation results of Christiansen *et al.*, (2000), Annicchiarico *et al.*, (2010), Mut *et al.*, (2012). Raza and Jornsrgard (2005) reported significant differences between the Egyptian landraces in yield components in different environments

but seasonal variance was insignificant for plant height, number of branches, pods plant⁻¹ and seeds pod⁻¹.

Mean of seed yield and its components for the studied genotypes are presented in Tables 3 &4. Number of pods/pant had overall average of 22.8 and ranged from 15.2 pods for Belibies9 to 30.5 for the genotype 75B 15.17. Concerning number of seeds/plant, genotypes 75 B 9.10, Local23 and Giza2 had the more number of seeds/plant (105.2, 103.3 and 98.7), while Belibies9 had the lowest value of 47.2. Significant differences among genotypes were detected for number of seeds pod⁻¹ and the highest number found in genotypes Ismailia2 and Line23 where they had 4.4 and 4.3 seeds/pod, respectively (Table 3).

Results showed that heavier lupin seeds were recorded in Ismailia2, with 100 seed weight of 43.7 g which exceeded genotypes overall average (35.4 g) by 23%

(Table 4). The best seed yield per plant was produced by the Australian genotype 75B9.10 (38.3g) closely followed by the landrace Fayed1 (38.2g) (Table 4). These two genotypes exceeded old local cultivars by 42%. However, seed yield plant⁻¹, was not linear with plot yield converted to t ha⁻¹. The promising performers in seed yield as tons ha⁻¹ were Sohag2, Fayed1 and Giza1, with 2.8, 2.6 and 2.6 t ha⁻¹, respectively. The Australian genotype 75B9.10 ranked fourth with little significant differences and mean value of 2.3 t. However, the super landraces (Sohag2 and

Fayed1) ranked second in most studied traits. Genotypes that were superior in one of yield components can be involve in breeding program such as line15 for pods plant⁻¹, Local23 for seeds plant⁻¹ and Dijon2, Ismailia2, Line23 and Giza1 for seeds pod⁻¹ and Ismailia2 for 100 seed weight. These results showed the importance of landraces in breeding program and this was in agreement with the results of Christiansen *et al.*, (2000), Raza and Jornsgard (2005), Gonzalez-Andres *et al.*, (2007), Annicchiarico *et al.*, (2010), Faligowska and Szukala (2015).

Table 3. Number of pods and seeds per plant and per pod of the eighteen lupin genotypes during two seasons and their combined.

Genotype	No. of pods plant ⁻¹			No. of seeds plant ⁻¹			No. of seeds pod ⁻¹		
	1 st season	2 nd season	Combined	1 st season	2 nd season	Combined	1 st season	2 nd season	Combined
Giza 1	17.7 C-F	22.3 B-F	20.0 b-f	75.7 B-G	88.7 A-F	82.2 bcd	4.3	4.0	4.2 a
Giza2	25.3 A-E	26.0 A-D	25.6 abc	96.0 A-D	101.3 ABC	98.7 ab	3.9	3.9	3.9 ab
Line 15	29.3 ABC	31.3 AB	30.3 a	84.0 B-G	79.7 B-G	81.8 bcd	3.0	2.6	2.8 b
Line 7	18.7 C-F	21.3 B-F	20.0 b-f	76.3 B-G	84.3 B-G	80.3 bcd	4.1	4.0	4.0 ab
Line 23	21.3 B-F	24.0 A-E	22.7 b-f	93.0 A-E	98.3 ABC	95.7 abc	4.5	4.1	4.3 a
Line 9	24.0 A-E	23.3 B-E	23.7 a-e	81.7 B-G	92.0 A-E	86.8 a-d	3.5	3.9	3.7 ab
Line 22/2	17.7 C-F	23.0 B-E	20.3 b-f	61.3 FGH	79.7 B-G	70.5 de	3.6	3.5	3.5 ab
Line 33	14.0 EF	19.0 C-F	16.5 ef	56.3 GH	65.0 E-H	60.7 ef	4.1	3.4	3.8 ab
Line 35/3	22.7 B-F	26.0 A-D	24.3 a-d	93.7 A-E	92.7 A-E	93.2 abc	4.2	3.6	3.9 ab
Line 37/3	19.7 B-F	25.0 A-E	22.3 b-f	83.0 B-G	79.7 B-G	81.3 bcd	4.3	3.2	3.7 ab
Sohag 2	25.3 A-E	25.0 A-E	25.2 abc	96.7 A-D	90.0 A-F	93.3 abc	4.0	3.6	3.8 ab
Local 23	24.0 A-E	27.7 ABC	25.8 abc	101.3 ABC	105.3 AB	103.3 a	4.3	3.9	4.1 ab
Ismailia 2	15.0 DEF	19.3 C-F	17.2 def	68.3 D-G	74.7 C-G	71.5 de	4.9	3.9	4.4 a
Fayed 1	28.0 ABC	26.0 A-D	27.0 ab	93.3 A-E	100.3 ABC	96.8 abc	3.3	3.9	3.6 ab
Belibies 9	11.0 F	19.3 C-F	15.2 f	37.7 H	56.7 GH	47.2 f	3.4	2.9	3.2 ab
75 B 15.17	25.5 A-E	21.7 B-F	23.6 a-e	102.5 ABC	85.0 B-G	93.8 abc	4.1	3.9	4.0 ab
75 B 9.10	35.7 A	25.3 A-E	30.5 a	115.7 A	94.7 A-E	105.2 a	3.2	3.8	3.5 ab
Dijon 2	15.7 DEF	22.7 B-F	19.7 c-f	73.0 C-G	85.0 B-G	79.0 cde	4.8	3.9	4.4 a
Mean	21.7	23.8	22.8	82.8	86.3	84.5	4.0	3.7	3.8

Interaction and mean of the two seasons having the same case letter, for a parameter, do not differ significantly at P 0.05.

Table 4. 100seed weight, seed yield per plant (g) and as ton per hectare of the eighteen lupin genotypes during two seasons and their combined.

Genotype	100 seed weight (g)			Seed yield plant ⁻¹ (g)			Seed yield (t ha ⁻¹)		
	1 st season	2 nd season	Combined	1 st season	2 nd season	Combined	1 st season	2 nd season	Combined
Giza 1	30.9 ABC	30.6 ABC	30.8 b	23.3 E-I	27.0 C-I	25.2 cd	2.4 A-E	2.7 ABC	2.6 ab
Giza2	26.20 C	35.6 ABC	30.9 b	25.3 C-I	32.0 A-F	28.7 c	1.8 CDE	2.7 ABC	2.2 a-e
Line 15	37.1 ABC	33.6 ABC	35.4 ab	31.0 A-F	26.6 C-I	28.8 c	2.3 A-E	1.6 E	1.9 cde
Line 7	31.7 ABC	37.5 ABC	34.6 ab	24.0 D-I	31.7 A-F	27.8 c	2.3 A-E	2.3 A-E	2.3 abc
Line 23	31.8 ABC	34.6 ABC	33.2 b	29.3 A-G	34.0 A-E	31.7 abc	1.7 DE	1.8 DE	1.7 de
Line 9	36.6 ABC	32.6 ABC	34.6 ab	30.0 A-F	30.0 A-F	30.0 bc	2.6 A-D	2.1 B-E	2.3 abc
Line 22/2	42.2 AB	33.1 ABC	37.6 ab	25.3 C-I	26.3 C-I	25.8 cd	2.3 A-E	2.3 A-E	2.3 a-d
Line 33	31.8 ABC	33.3 ABC	32.6 b	18.0 GHI	21.7 F-I	19.8 de	1.8 CDE	2.2 A-E	2.0 b-e
Line 35/3	30.5 ABC	35.7 ABC	33.1 b	28.7 B-G	33.0 A-F	30.8 abc	1.8 DE	1.8 CDE	1.8 cde
Line 37/3	38.1 ABC	38.5 ABC	38.3 ab	31.7 A-F	30.7 A-F	31.2 abc	1.7 DE	2.2 A-E	2.0 cde
Sohag 2	37.9 ABC	36.2 ABC	37.0 ab	36.3 ABC	36.7 ABC	36.5 ab	2.5 A-D	3.0 A	2.8 a
Local 23	30.2 ABC	31.4 ABC	30.8 b	30.3 A-F	33.3 A-F	31.8 abc	1.7 DE	1.7 DE	1.7 e
Ismailia 2	42.7 AB	44.6 A	43.7 a	29.0 B-G	33.7 A-E	31.3 abc	1.7 DE	1.9 CDE	1.8 cde
Fayed 1	42.4 AB	37.2 ABC	39.8 ab	39.3 AB	37.0 ABC	38.2 a	2.9 AB	2.4 A-E	2.6 ab
Belibies 9	40.8 ABC	29.3 BC	35.1 ab	15.3 I	16.3 HI	15.8 e	1.9 CDE	1.8 DE	1.9 cde
75 B 15.17	32.7 ABC	32.2 ABC	32.4 b	33.5 A-F	27.3 C-H	30.4 bc	1.8 DE	1.9 CDE	1.8 cde
75 B 9.10	36.1 ABC	37.6 ABC	36.9 ab	41.0 A	35.7 A-D	38.3 a	2.4 A-E	2.1 A-E	2.3 a-e
Dijon 2	39.7 ABC	40.2 ABC	39.9 ab	28.7 B-G	33.7 A-E	31.2 abc	2.2 A-E	1.8 CDE	2.0 b-e
Mean	35.5	35.2	35.4	28.9	30.4	29.6	2.1	2.1	2.1

Interaction and mean of the two seasons having the same case letter, for a parameter, do not differ significantly at P 0.05.

Through principal components analysis, genotypes are grouped on the basis of first two components. PC clarifies genotypes on the basis of trait's weight in every component to get special position in correlation with agronomic traits. Genotypes are scattered according to the

correlation of considered traits with components and according to the quantity of under study traits. This kind of genotype scattering in provided vectors can provide at least the possibility of fast omission or selection of main parts of genotypes and this can be useful in preliminary

evaluations. The principal component analysis (PCA) was performed to access relationships of genotypes and studied traits (Figure 1) which revealed the two most informative principal components with eigenvalues of 269.4 and 20.4 which together explained 97% of the total variance. Thus, according to the first two PC, characters number of pods, seed yield plant⁻¹ and seed yield hectare⁻¹ were grouped on the positive PC1 axis of the biplot, suggesting strong relationships among these characters

and genotypes Sohag2, 75B9.10 and Fayed1. On the other side, number of seeds plant⁻¹ and seeds pod⁻¹ grouped with the Giza2, Local23, 75B15.17, Line9, Line35/3, Line23. Identify genotypes with characteristics different from those of old cultivars (Giza1 and Giza2) are the first step in breeding program. These findings closely correspond to previous finds of Rubio *et al.* (2004), Gonzalez-Andres *et al.*, (2007), Hefany (2013) and Sabaghnia (2015).

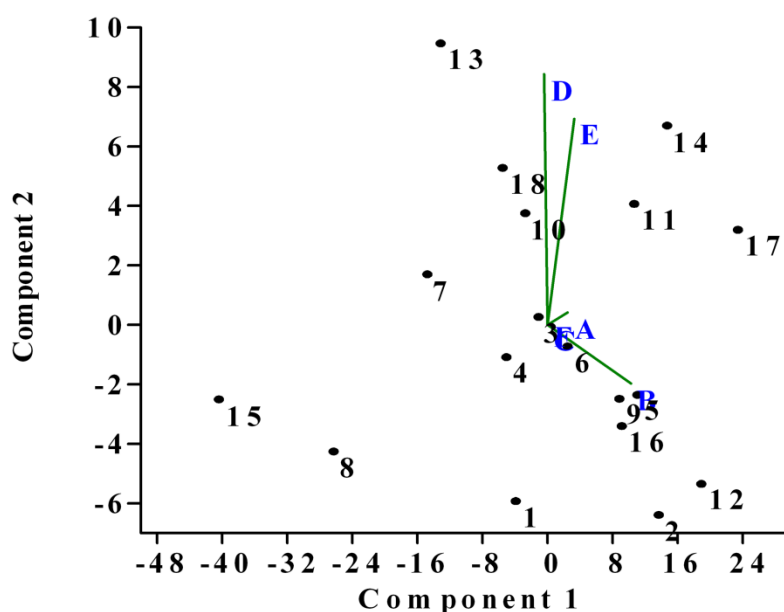


Figure 1. Biplot analysis for A, pods; B, seeds; C, seeds pod⁻¹; D, 100seed weight; E, seed yield plant⁻¹ and F, seed yield hectare⁻¹ and code of genotypes.

Molecular analysis

Innovations in molecular marker systems are employed by many branches of the plant sciences to elucidate and access genetic diversity at molecular levels (Robarts and Wolfe 2014). Over the past decade, application of SRAP markers has gained momentum, especially in the applied plant sciences (Aneja *et al.* 2012). SRAP marker system is considered suitable for diversity assessment in plants (Wang 2012). The results obtained here revealed the power of SRAP markers in detecting molecular diversity. Eleven SRAP primer combinations gave reproducible results out of 24 combinations initially tested. The summaries of obtained results are presented in Table 5. A total of 3268 amplicons were generated with average of 298.73 amplified fragments per primer pair across the eighteen studied lupin genotypes. The total number of genetic loci amplified was 337 with average of 30.65 loci primer⁻¹. The polymorphism percentage for the studied primer pairs ranged from 83.9% in the primer ME13 x EM6 to 100% in eight studied primers. The PIC values ranged from 0.883 in ME15 x EM6 primer combination to 0.981 in the primer ME13 x EM6. The studied genotypes showed

significant diversity as the closest genotypes were Giza1 and Ismailia2, as well as Line37/3 and Line22/2, with similarity percentage of 65% each. On the other hand, the genotype pair Sohag2 and 75B15-17 showed only 39% similarity. Based on the SRAP scored patterns, UPGMA-based clustering analysis was performed. The dendrogram explaining the genetic relationship among the lupin studied genotypes is presented in Fig. 2. The coefficient of similarity ranged from 0.40 to 0.69. The studied genotypes were clustered initially into two main groups at 40% similarity, with a main group including all genotypes and ungrouped 75B15-17 genotype as the most diverse genotype across all studied genotypes. The number of sub clusters formed in the main group suggests the existence of considerable amounts of genetic variations among tested genotypes. At 0.69 similarity coefficient, all genotypes were distinguished and separated from each other (Fig. 2). Similar results have been reported by many researchers on other plant species (Alghamdi *et al.* 2012 and Liu *et al.* 2015). Yet, diversity assessments using other marker systems were employed to lupin genotypes. Yorgancilar *et al.* (2009) used RAPD and ISSR markers to determine the genetic relationships among 20 old world lupin genotypes and noticed that there are relationship

between Egyptian and some USA genotypes and speculated that USA-6313 genotype was selected from Egyptian origin materials. In study of Raman *et al.* (2008) using Intron-Targeted Amplified Polymorphisms (ITAPs), SSR motifs, and DArT markers reported that Australian cultivars and breeding lines were clustered and tended to

be distinct from European landraces. EL-Sherif *et al.* (2014) estimated genetic relationships among eighteen white lupin (*Lupinus albus* L.) genotypes, using ISSR and AFLP markers. They found that some genotypes represent a relation to their distribution position also Giza2 cultivar and landrace from Sohag are clustered together.

Table 5. Summary of SRAP primer combinations data on the 18 tested lupin genotypes

Primer combination	Total # of fragments	Total # of loci	Polymorphic loci	% Polymorphism	PIC value
ME13 x EM6	697	62	52	83.9	0.981
ME13 x EM7	574	48	52	100	0.977
ME13 x EM9	419	35	28	80	0.966
ME13 x EM11	295	27	27	100	0.959
ME15 x EM4	115	13	13	100	0.915
ME15 x EM5	90	17	17	100	0.934
ME15 x EM6	47	8	8	100	0.883
ME15 x EM9	272	27	25	92.6	0.954
ME16 x EM3	227	30	30	100	0.953
ME16 x EM6	240	37	37	100	0.956
ME16 x EM9	310	33	33	100	0.963
Total	3286	337	322		
Average	298.73	30.64	29.27	96.05	0.949

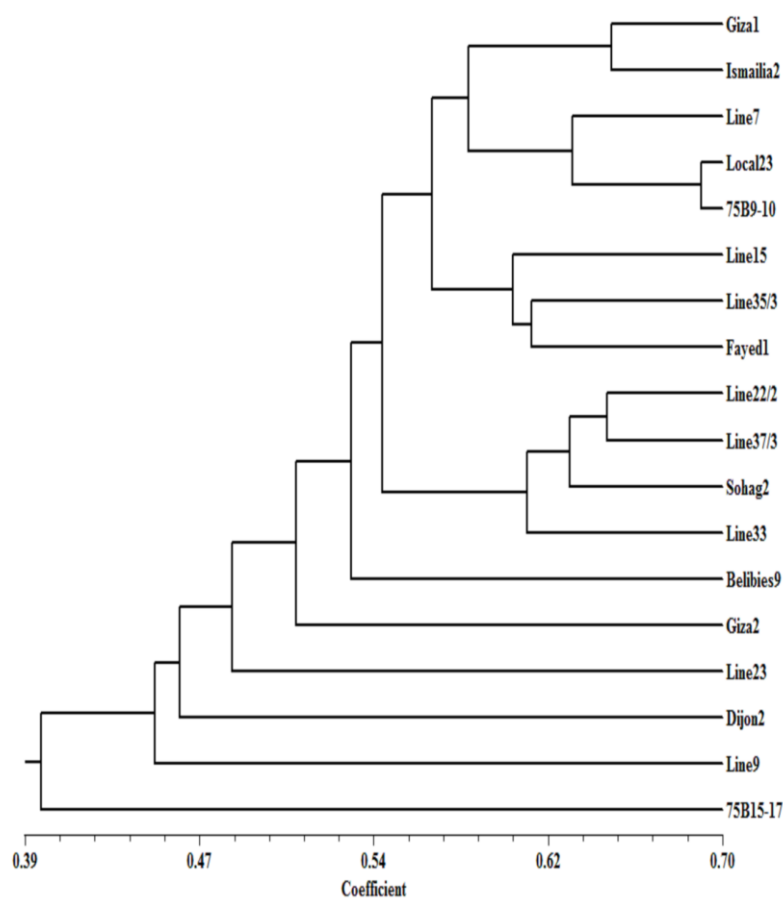


Figure 2. Dendrogram explaining the genetic relationship among studied genotypes as revealed by SRAP data.

The use of SRAP marker system could be helpful in varietal identification, fingerprinting, diversity assessment, mapping and tagging economically important traits in lupin. This could help to development of genetic tools for lupin improvement.

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