

INHERITANCE OF ADULT PLANT STRIPE RUST RESISTANCE IN WHEAT CULTIVARS GIZA160 AND GIZA168

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ABSTRACT

This investigation was carried out at the experimental farm of Sakha Agricultural Research Station, during wheat growing seasons from 2009 to 2011. The objectives were to study the inheritance of adult plant resistance to stripe rust *Puccinia striiformis* f. sp. *tritici* [Pst] in the two Egyptian bread wheat cultivars Giza160 and Giza168 and identification of the most effective *Yr* genes under study. Two Egyptian wheat cultivars (*Triticum aestivum* L.) i.e., Giza168 (resistant) and Giza160 (susceptible) to stripe rust were crossed to four monogenic lines (*Yr*'s) i.e., Kalyansona, Lee, Compair, and Jupateco R, which having stripe rust resistance *Yr*'s gene(s); *Yr2*, *Yr7*, *Yr8* and *Yr18+*, respectively. Yellow rust reaction of the two cultivars and monogenic lines and their F_1 and F_2 populations were scored under field conditions. Artificial inoculation was done using mixture of physiological races of [Pst] at adult stage. Dominance of yellow rust resistance over susceptibility was noticed in most cases (in four out of five resistant by susceptible crosses). Segregation in the F_2 's population showed the presence of two to three gene pairs controlling plant reaction against the [Pst]. The *Yr8* gene had high effectiveness of conferring resistance against [Pst] under this investigation. Meanwhile, broad sense heritability estimates was high, thus early generation selection for stripe rust resistance could be effective for wheat improving for this character.

Keywords: *Triticum aestivum*; Yellow rust, Adult plant resistance.

INTRODUCTION

Wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) is the first important and strategic cereal crop for the majority of world's populations and Egypt as well. Stripe rust caused by *Puccinia striiformis* Westend f. sp. *tritici* [Pst] is the major foliar disease of wheat, resulting in yield loss all over the world (Kolmer 1996). In Egypt, stripe rust attacked most of the commercial wheat cultivars, causing severe infection in North Delta Area (El-Daoudi *et al.*, 1996). Yield loss of wheat can be in the years when stripe rust occurs, the calculated yield loss due to stripe rust varied among genotypes and locations with an overall range from 12.7-87% (Bolat and Altay 2007). Moreover, the wheat cultivars become susceptible to rusts due to their narrow genetic base for resistance and the rapid rate of evolution of the pathogen, making it necessary to search for new source(s) for resistance. Thus, the wheat production has been largely depended on the development and the use of resistant cultivars having diverse and well characterized genes. So far, nearly 40 stripe rust resistance genes have been identified and designated as *Yr1* through *Yr40* (McIntosh *et al.*, 2005; Kuraparthi *et al.*, 2007).

Many researches studied the inheritance of adult plant reaction to yellow rust and indicated the presence of two or three genes controlling resistance. (Satinder *et al.*, 2008) studied the F₂ segregations of some Indian wheat cultivars and found that resistance was recessive over susceptibility and was controlled by two genes. A significant step toward a better control the strip rust adult plant resistance is identification and conferring of genes controlled of this disease (Hussain *et al.*, 1999). Recently, (Hussain *et al.*, 2011) reported that, additive, dominance and epistasis were involved in the expression of genes for yellow rust resistance in wheat. Also they found that lower estimates of narrow sense heritability. Moreover, (Kaur and Bariana 2010) found three genetically independent genes for adult plant resistance to stripe rust in some Australian wheat cultivars. Therefore, the main purpose of this work was to study inheritance of wheat resistance to stripe rust caused by a collection of different races of [*Psf*] and determine the genetic factors (genes) governing the inheritance of resistance to stripe rust in wheat cultivars at adult stage under field conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This investigation was carried out at the experimental farm of Sakha Agricultural Research Station, Egypt, during the successive wheat growing seasons from 2009 to 2011.

Plant materials

Six bread wheat parents exhibited different level of resistance or susceptibility to yellow rust were used in this investigation; two Egyptian cultivars namely Giza168 and Giza160 and four *Yr* monogenic lines having stripe rust resistance genes *Yr2*, *Yr7*, *Yr8* and *Yr18*⁺. The four *Yr* monogenic lines were provided by Dr. Colin R. Wellings, Sydney University and the two Egyptian bread wheat cultivars were provided by Wheat Ddepartment, Field Crops Institute, Agricultural Research Center (ARC), Egypt. Name, pedigree, *Yr*'s gene and seed origin as well as their adult plant field response to stripe rust in the field during 2009/2010 are presented in Table 1.

Table 1. Name, pedigree, *Yr*'s genes and seed origin as well as adult plant field response to stripe rust for two Egyptian bread wheat cultivars and four monogenic lines during 2009/2010 season.

Genotype	Pedigree	(<i>Yr</i> 's) gene	Adult plant response ^a	Seed origin
Kalyansona	PENJAMO T 62 / GABO 55	<i>Yr2</i>	S	Australia
Lee	HOPE / TIMSTEIN	<i>Yr7</i>	S	Australia
Compair	CHINESE SPRING / AEGLOPSE COMOSUM	<i>Yr8, APR</i>	R	Australia
Jupateco R	II 12300 // LR64A / 8156 /3/ NORTENO M 67	<i>Yr18</i> ⁺	MS-S	Australia
Giza 168	MRL / BUC // SERI CM93046-8M-0Y-0M-2Y-0B-0SH	unknown	MR	Egypt
Giza 160	CHENAB / GIZA155	unknown	S	Egypt

^aAdult plant disease resistance estimation is based on modified Cobb Scale and has two components: disease severity and infection type. T= Trace severity; 5=5% severity.....etc.; I=immune, R=resistance; MR=moderately resistance; MS=moderately susceptible; and S=susceptible.

In 2008/2009 season, the six studied parental genotypes were sown in three planting dates to synchronize the flowering differences. Each parent was represented by two rows; 2.5 m long in each planting date. Nine crosses were designed to produce the F₁'s hybrid seeds. The resulted F₁'s are as follow: Giza168/Compair, Giza168/Lee, Giza168/Jupateco R, Giza168/Kalyansona, Giza160/Compair, Giza160/Lee, Giza160/Jupateco R, Giza 160/Kalyansona and Giza168/Giza 160.

In 2009/2010 season, the F₁ seeds were sown in rows of 3m long and 30 cm apart and spaced widely at 30 cm apart in order to allow for the production of the largest amount of F₂ seed.

In 2010/2011 season, the evaluation experiment was sown. The nine F₁'s, nine F₂'s and their six parents were arranged in randomized complete block design with three replications. The two parents, F₁ and F₂ of each cross were planted in rows 4.2 m long, 30cm apart and 20cm between plants. Each plot consisted of 9 rows (one for each for P₁, P₂ and F₁ and 6 for F₂). The experiment was surrounded by mixture of highly susceptible wheat cultivars (Morocco, and Giza160) to serve as a spreader to disseminate the stripe rust urediniospores of pathogen [*Psf*].

Inoculation and disease assessment

The inoculation of all plants was carried out at wheat booting stage according to the method of (Tervet and Cassel 1951). The yellow rust reaction was recorded at the adult stage of the tested plants when rust severity reached 30% in the susceptible cultivars of the spreader. Stripe rust severity (%) was recorded for all entries from the time of rust first appearance then every seven days until the early dough stage of wheat. Plant reaction (infection type) expressed in five types according to (Stakman *et al.*, (1962). In this method, immune, resistance, moderately resistance, moderately susceptible and susceptible infection types (IT) were symbolized as I, R, MR, MS and S, respectively. Plants having R, and MR infection types were pooled together and considered as resistance, while plants with MS and S infection types were considered as susceptible ones. For quantitative analysis, field response was converted into an average coefficient of infection (ACI) following the method proposed by (Saari and Wilcoxson 1974). ACI obtained by multiplying infection severity by an assigned constant values namely, 0.0, 0.2, 0.4, 0.8 and 1 for I, R, MR, MS, and S infection types, respectively.

Statistical and genetic analysis

Chi square test (χ^2) was used to test significance of difference between observed and expected ratios in F₂ populations for yellow rust reaction according to (Steel and Torrie, 1960). The frequency distributions of the F₂ populations of the studied crosses were done by dividing the field response into 11 classes *i.e.* I, R, 10R, 10MR, 20MR, 10MS, 10S, 30S, 40S, 50S and 60S. Some genetic parameters were estimates *i.e.*, means of parents, F₁ and F₂, environmental variance $VE = [(VP_1 + VP_2 + VF_1)/3]$ Allard 1960, phenotypic variance $VP = V F_2$, genotypic variance $VG = VP - VE$, broad sense heritability $(h^2b\% = (VG/VP) \times 100$ (Falconer and Mackay 1996), the expected genetic advance at 5% selection intensity $(\Delta g \% = (k \times (VP)^{0.5}$

$\times h^2b$) (Allard 1960) and genotypic coefficient of variation $GCV\% = [(VG/F^2\text{mean}) \times 100]$ (Singh and Naraynan 2000).

RESULTS

Field test was carried out to study the inheritance of wheat resistance to stripe rust at adult plant stage under field conditions during 2010/2011 growing season at Sakha Agricultural Research Station.

The field test was applied to the P_1 , P_2 , F_1 and F_2 populations for each of the nine studied crosses. Giza168 consistently expressed high resistance to stripe rust, with TMR disease field response, while Giza 160 was highly susceptible to stripe rust with 60S disease field response. On the other hand, the four monogenic parents, *i.e.* Kalyansona, Lee, Compair, and Jupateco R, , showed S, S, R, and MS-S, disease field response, respectively, Table 2. The adult plants of the crosses of Giza168 cultivar with the four monogenic lines showed resistance to yellow rust except for Giza168/Lee, Table 2. The F_2 adult plants came from the crosses between Giza168 and each of Compair, Lee, Jupateco R and Kalyansona segregated into 175R:26S, 24R:186S, 183R:18S and 180R:26S plants, with expected ratios 57:7, 7:57, 15:1 and 57:7, respectively, Table 3.

Table 2. The adult plant reaction to yellow rust under field condition for nine bread wheat crosses and their parents.

Cross	Adult plant reaction to yellow rust		
	P_1	P_2	F_1
Giza 168/Compair	TMR	5R	10MR
Giza 168/Lee	TMR	30S	10S
Giza 168/Jupateco R	TMR	5MS-S	10R
Giza 168/Kalyansona	TMR	10S	20MR
Giza 160/Compair	60S	5R	10R
Giza 160/Lee	60S	30S	20S
Giza 160/Jupateco R	60S	5MS-S	20S
Giza 160/Kalyansona	60S	10S	30S
Giza 168/Giza 160	TMR	60S	20MR-MS

R=resistance, MR=moderately resistance, MS=moderately susceptible and S=susceptible and T=Trace.

Giza160 crosses with the four *Yr* monogenic lines showed adult plants susceptibility to yellow rust except for the cross Giza160/Compair, Table 2. The F_2 generation segregated into 30R:180S, 0R:205S, 10R:195S and 20R:189S plants with expected ratios 13:3, 0:1, 1:15 and 7:57, respectively, Table 3. The F_1 plants of the cross Giza168/Giza160 was resistant to yellow rust, while the F_2 population segregated into 40R:120S with expected ratio 3:13, Table 3.

Table 3. Adult plant response for stripe rust; observed hypothetical ratios and chi-square and probability values for nine wheat F₂ populations inoculated with *Pst* under field conditions during 2010/2011.

Cross	No. of plants			Hypothetical ratio	Chi-Squared (χ^2)	P.value ^Ω
	Resistant	Susceptible	Total			
Giza168/Compair	175	26	201	57:7	0.823	0.50-0.25
Giza 168/Lee	24	186	210	7:57	0.052	0.90-0.75
Giza168/Jupateco R	183	18	201	15:1	2.46	0.25-0.10
Giza 168/Kalyansona	180	26	206	57:7	0.599	0.50-0.25
Giza 160/Compair	30	180	210	3:13	2.747	0.10-0.05
Giza 160/Lee	0	205	205	0:1	-	> 0.99
Giza 160/Jupateco R	10	195	205	1:15	0.658	0.50-0.25
Giza 160/Kalyansona	20	189	209	7:57	0.402	0.75-0.50
Giza 168/Giza 160	40	170	210	3:13	0.012	0.90-0.75

^ΩP values higher than 0.05 indicate no significant of χ^2 .

Parents, F₁'s and F₂'s Population mean and variance based on ACI values were used to estimate some genetic parameters Table 4. ACI mean values of parent ranged from 1.8 for Giza168 to 31.0 for Giza 160; from 2.1 for F₁ of the cross Giza168/Jupateco R to 30.5 for F₁ of the cross Giza160/Kalyansona; from 4.3 for the F₂ population of the cross Giza168/Jupateco R to 35.1 for F₂ population of the cross Giza160/Lee, Table 4.

Table 4: Genetic parameters based on average coefficient of infection for yellow rust of eight wheat crosses.

Cross	Genetic parameter									
	Mean				Variance			h ² b%	Δg%	GCV%
	P ₁	P ₂	F ₁	F ₂	VP	VE	VG			
Giza 168/Compair	1.8	4.6	4.4	5.4	16.7	1.3	15.4	92	25.3	23.0
Giza 168/Lee	1.8	21.0	11.5	16.0	80.0	7.7	72.3	90	118.9	8.3
Giza 168/ Jupateco R	1.8	8.2	2.1	4.3	7.9	0.3	7.6	96	12.5	26.1
Giza 168/Kalyansona	1.8	11.5	7.6	5.0	14.1	5.1	9.0	64	15.1	20.6
Giza 160/Compair	31.0	4.6	7.6	19.5	186.1	4.4	181.7	98	297.7	7.1
Giza 160/Lee	31.0	21.0	21.5	35.1	235.9	10.8	225.1	95	369.2	4.0
Giza 160/Jupateco R	31.0	8.2	17.5	21.9	93.8	9.9	83.9	90	138.1	5.9
Giza 160/Kalyansona	31.0	11.5	30.5	23.7	268.9	9.3	259.6	97	425.5	5.6

VP, EV and GV = Phenotypic, environment and genetic variance, respectively. h²b = Broad sense heritability Δg% = the expected genetic advance under selection. GCV % = genotypic coefficient of variation.

Regarding variance estimates, environmental (VE), phenotypic (VP) and genotypic (VG) variances ranged from 0.3, 7.9 and 7.6 for the cross Giza 168/Jupateco R to 10.8, 235.9 and 225.1 for the cross Giza 160 / Lee, respectively, Table 4. Broad sense heritability (h²b%) estimates ranged from 97.7 for the cross Giza 160/Compair to 64.0 for cross Giza 168/Kalyansona, Table 4. The genetic advance from selection (Δg%) ranged from 425.5 for cross Giza160/Kalyansona to 12.5 for cross Giza168/Jupateco R. Meanwhile

genetic coefficient of variation ranged from 4.0 for cross Giza 160/Lee to 23.0 for cross Giza 168/Compair, Table 4. Frequency distribution of yellow rust reaction as infection type and severity in the F₂ populations of the studied crosses and their parents and F₁ are illustrated in Fig.1. Regarding resistant by susceptible crosses, the F₁ plants field response were close to the resistant parent (the crosses Giza 168/Jupateco R and Giza160/Compair); close to the susceptible parent in cross Giza168/Lee; closed to mid parent in the cross Giza168/Kalyansona.

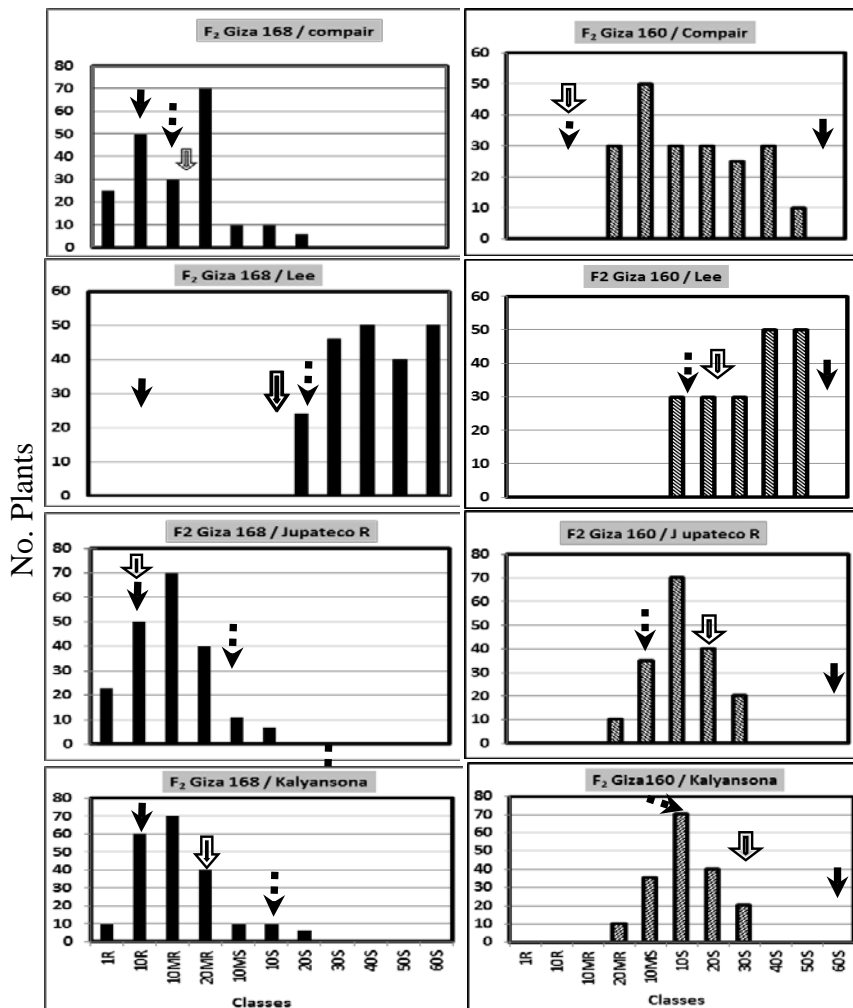


Fig. 1: Frequency distribution of yellow rust reaction as infection type and severity in the F₂ populations of eight bread wheat crosses P₁ (↓), P₂ (↓) and F₁ (↓) indicate the class of the two parents and F₁ of each cross.

With respect to F_2 frequency distribution of the crosses between Giza160 (susceptible) and the four *Yr* monogenic lines, high level of resistant to yellow rust were found with the line Compair which carry *Yr8⁺APR* resistant gene.

DISCUSSION

Wheat yellow rust adult plant resistance genes are the most important in terms of widespread distribution and durability. Therefore, the focus has been on the resistance genes expressed at the adult stage which theoretically reducing the selection pressure for pathogen virulence.

The F_1 plants field response showed dominance of resistance over susceptibility in the two crosses Giza168/Jupateco R, and Giza160/Compair; dominance of susceptibility over resistance in the cross Giza168/Lee. Partial dominance recorded in the cross Giza168/Kalyansona, Table 2 and Fig. 1. (Farahania *et al.*, 2014) reported complete dominance for resistant to yellow rust resistance. The F_2 populations field response of the crosses between the susceptible parent Giza160 with the four studied *Yr* monogenic lines showed high level of resistance in cross Giza160/Compair indicating the effectiveness of *Yr8+APR* gene conferring resistance against [*Psf*] under this investigation. The obtained results of F_2 segregation ratios of Giza168 crosses indicated that, three dominant and/or recessive gene pairs controlling resistance in the crosses Giza168/Compair, Giza168/Kalyansona and Giza168/Lee with segregation ratios of 57:7, 57:7 and 7:57, respectively. Meanwhile, two dominant gene pairs found to be controlling resistance in the cross Giza168/Jupateco R with ratio 15:1. This also suggesting that Giza168 parent contribute two genes while the other gene contributed by the monogenic lines.

Concerning the crosses performed between Giza160 with the same four *Yr*'s, the results indicated that two recessive gene pairs found to be conferring resistance in the crosses Giza160/Compair and Giza160/Jupateco R with segregation ratios 3:13 and 1:15, respectively. Three recessive gene pairs found to be controlling resistance in the cross Giza 160/Kalyansona with segregation ratio 7:57. It could be concluded from these results that, incorporation of the four mentioned *Yr*'s monogenic lines except for Lee, in cultivar such as Giza 168 would induce genetic advance toward yellow rust resistance. (Chen 2007) results indicated that resistance to stripe rust is controlled by complementary genes, (Anpilogova 1983) pointed out resistance to stripe rust is controlled by partial dominance or recessive with certain crosses. Moreover, (Xianming and Roland, 1992) indicated that some cultivars may include two genes for resistance to stripe rust, one was dominant and the other was recessive gene. Also, our results agreed with (Singh *et al.*, 2005), (Randhawa *et al.*, 2012) and (Shahin 2014) who suggested that accumulating 4 or 5 durable resistance genes to the susceptible cultivars these genes have small to intermediate effect but additive to gain many cultivars in addition to *Lr34* and *Yr18* that are contributing towards their durable resistance. (Zaifeng *et al.*, 2013) phenotype

the cross PBW343 × Kenya Kudu F₂ population for yellow rust reaction in the field, they reported that, minimum of four minor genes having additive effects segregated in the population and were likely derived from both parents.

The estimation of heritability helps in predicting the behavior of the succeeding generations and the appropriate selection procedure adapted. The main portion of total variance in all studied crosses was mainly due to the genetic variance (Table 4); this reflected the high estimates of broad sense heritability and the expected genetic advance under selection in most crosses. These findings are in agreement with those reported by (Ali *et al.*, 1994), (Yadav *et al.*, 1998), (Ageez and Boulot 1999), (Zhang *et al.*, 2001), (Hammad 2003) and (Ragab 2005).

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrated the presence of two or three genetically independent genes for adult plant resistance to stripe rust in the Egyptian wheat cultivar G.168. Resistance carried by the two cultivars is based on different gene combinations. This cultivar being to be used as donor sources for improvement of stripe rust resistance in wheat breeding programs. The *Yr8+APR* gene had high effectiveness of conferring resistance against [*Psf*] under this investigation.

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اجريت هذا الدراسة في المزرعة البحثية بمحطة البحوث الزراعية بسخا – مركز البحوث الزراعية – مصر في الموسم 2010/2009 و 2011/2010 و 2012/2011. و تهدف الي دراسة وراثة مقاومة النبات البالغ في قمح الخبز لمرض الصدأ الأصفر ، وتحديد الجينات الاكثر كفاءة من بين الجينات المدروسة. استخدم صنفى قمح الخبز المصرية (جيزة 160 و جيزة 168) ، واربع سلالات احادية جينات مقاومة الصدأ الأصفر (Monogenic و Compair و Lee و Jupateco R و Kalyansona) والتي تحمل الجينات $Yr8^{+}APR$ و $Yr7$ و $Yr18$ و $Yr2$ على الترتيب. وتم تسجيل المقاومة في طور النبات البالغ لكلا الصنفين والاربع سلالات احادية الجين بالاضافة الي الهجن الناتجة منها وكذلك الجيل الثاني تحت ظروف العدوى الصناعية بمخلوط من جراثيم المسبب المرضي بالحقل. اظهرت نتائج الجيل الاول سيادة المقاومة للصدأ الأصفر على القابلية للاصابة في معظم الحالات (اربعة هجن من خمسة هجن مقاوم x مصاب). كما دلت انعزالات الجيل الثاني على وجود زوجين الي ثلاثة ازواج من جينات المقاومة تتحكم في مقاومة النبات البالغ تحت ظروف الدراسة. من بين الجينات المدروسة كان الجين $Yr8^{+}APR$ من اكثر الجينات المدروسة كفاءة في اظهار صفة مقاومة الصدأ الأصفر في القمح تحت ظروف الدراسة. و دلت نتائج التحليل الوراثي ان التباين الوراثي يلعب الدور الاهم في وراثة المقاومة وانعكس ذلك علي القيم العالية لكفاءة التوريث بمعناها الواسع وكذلك التحسين الوراثي نتيجة الانتخاب.