

Evaluation of Molecular and Phenotypic Diversity in Relation to Heterosis in Some Tomato Lines Under Different Climatic Conditions

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ABSTRACT

Five tomato inbred lines (*Solanum lycopersicum* L.) obtained from five widespread varieties in Egypt were used in this study to assess genetic diversity among them. Seven RAPD and six ISSR primers were succeeded in generating reproducible and reliable amplicons. Although, the RAPD technique was better than ISSR technique in assessment for molecular diversity and discrimination capacity among lines. The Rp value for RAPD technique was 13.7 which was higher than 8.1 of ISSR technique. However, both techniques were suitable tools for detecting reproducible polymorphic patterns and confirmed to be valid in discrimination among lines through the various specific markers of 27 and 18 markers in RAPD and ISSRs, respectively. These markers succeeded in distinguishing each lines and divided them into three groups in cluster analysis with different degrees of MD which ranged from 0.198 to 0.441 with a mean of 0.343. Moreover, 22 various traits estimated for all lines under two different climatic seasons of the summer season of 2014 and the winter season 2015 also which succeeded in description of phenotypic diversity and heterogeneity within lines which divided accordingly into two main groups with different degrees of PD ranged from 0.081 to 0.428 with mean of 0.236. However, insignificant correlations were found among the distances computed based on these two types of genetic diversity as well as, the correlation relationships among these distances and heterosis for most studied traits were not significant. This requires evaluating genetic diversity for lines which are used as parents in breeding improvement programs of tomato at more than location and under different climatic conditions. Also, through a more number of variable molecular markers and also depending on a more number of phenotypic traits. Hence, achieving the desired goal from this evaluation, which is the prediction of heterosis for all important traits and which will lead to provision of strenuous efforts to assess hybrids in most breeding programs.

Keywords: Tomato, Genetic Diversity, RAPD, ISSRs, Molecular distance, Phenotypic distance, Cluster analysis, Heterosis.

INTRODUCTION

Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum* L., previously *Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill., $2n=24$), is a major vegetable crop for the world's population including Egypt (AVRDC-The World Vegetable Center 2009) (Mansour *et al.*, 2010). This plant has been genetically and extensively studied in terms of molecular genetics, genomics and plant development. These studies help in developing genetic map for tomato which was constructed in the early 1990s using RFLP markers (Tanksley *et al.*, 1992). Germplasm diversity and genetic relationships among breeding materials are valuable aid in strategies of tomato improvement (Evgenidis *et al.*, 2011). The main goals of tomato breeders are higher productivity, better tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses and increased nutritional and health value of the fruit which require a better understanding and management of tomato genetic resources diversity. The information on molecular and phenotypic diversity among different genotypes is of great importance in vegetable crops improvement. Assessment of genetic diversity and relatedness between different genotypes are prerequisite towards effective utilization of heterosis and the protection of plant genetic resources (Weising *et al.*, 1995).

To evaluate and estimate the genetic diversity of plants, various methods would be used including morphological, biochemical and molecular markers (Henareh *et al.*, 2015). It was recognized that genetic diversity studies based on molecular markers reveal patterns of diversity in plants that are obscured by the complexities of pedigree records (Drinic *et al.*, 2012). On the other hand, morphological markers are often used for genetic diversity analysis and evaluate genetic

relationships (Nikoumanesh *et al.*, 2011; Babic *et al.*, 2012).

Morphological or phenotypic traits are commonly used to assessment of genetic diversity since they provide a simple way of quantifying genetic variation (Beuningen & Busch,1997). Moreover, the use of molecular markers to overcome many of the limitations of morphological and pedigree information based-genetic diversity analysis (Gupta *et al.*, 1999), where molecular markers techniques have proven to be valuable tools in the evaluation of genetic variation both within and between species (Powell *et al.*, 1996). So, the use of a combination of morphological and molecular markers to evaluate genetic diversity in plant is the best and the most common (Khadivi-Khub *et al.*, 2008; Nikoumanesh *et al.*, 2011).

Various kinds of molecular marker techniques would be used to estimate genetic diversity in vegetable crops, especially Tomato such as RFLP (restriction fragment length polymorphism), RAPD (random amplified polymorphic DNA), ISSRs (inter-simple sequence repeats) and IRAP (inter-retrotransposon amplified polymorphism). Many previous studies reported that the application of both RAPD and ISSRs techniques have an important potential to provide useful tools for detection of genetic differences among tomato varieties . RAPD technique based on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using short arbitrary primers for amplification of discrete regions of the genome (Williams *et al.*, 1990). While, ISSR technique based on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using SSR (simple sequence repeats) primers for amplification of regions between two inverted SSRs made up of the same sequence. ISSR was first used by Zietkiewicz *et al.*

(1994) to rapidly differentiate among closely related individuals. Both methods provide quick, reliable and informative data for genotyping tomato cultivars (Nagoka and Ogiwara, 1997; Levi and Rowland, 1997; Mansour *et al.*, 2009; Mansour *et al.*, 2010; Hassan *et al.*, 2013 and Srinivasan *et al.*, 2013).

The comparison between molecular and morphological markers concluded that both marker systems only partially reflect genetic relationships among different genotypes. Therefore, the combined analysis between these systems provides a better assessment for genetic diversity among genotypes (Nagy *et al.*, 2003). Also, a combination of traditional breeding and molecular markers would facilitate simultaneous selection of several traits like yield, yield component, fruit quality, tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses (Srinivasan *et al.*, 2013).

Thus, the aim of the present investigation was to assess for genetic diversity using estimating molecular and phenotypic distances among some tomato lines. Also, to evaluate the correlation relationships between these distances and estimated heterosis resulted from the hybrids that obtained through crossing these lines under different climatic conditions.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant materials

Five tomato varieties belong to species (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill) were used in this study and are shown in Table 1. The seeds of these varieties were obtained from the National Gene Bank.

Individual plants from each variety were cultivated and self pollinated at the beginning of 2012 for three generations at a private farm in Gamasa, Dakahlia, Egypt, to obtain an inbred line from each variety.

Molecular diversity evaluation of lines

For molecular diversity evaluation, bulked DNA extraction was performed from seed samples of obtained lines using DNeasy Mini Kit (QIAGEN). Bulk DNA extraction from each inbred line was used as a template for PCR amplification was carried out in Techni TC-512 PCR System using 7 RAPD and 6 ISSR primers (Operon Technology, USA). These primers used in detecting polymorphism among studied lines are presented in Table 2. Amplification reactions were performed in 30- μ l volume tubes according Williams *et al.*, (1990) containing the following: 3.0 μ l of dNTPs (2.5 mM), 3.0 μ l of MgCl₂ (25 mM), 3.0 μ l of 10x buffer, 2.0 μ l of primer (10 pmol), 0.2 μ l of Taq polymerase (5U/ μ l), 2.0 μ l of template DNA (25 ng/ μ l), and 16.8 μ l of sterile ddH₂O. The reaction in RAPD Technique was programmed for one cycle at 94°C for 4

min followed by 45 cycles of 1 min at 94°C, 1 min at 37°C, and 2 min at 72°C. The reaction was finally stored at 72° C for 10 min. Also, the amplification reaction in ISSR technique was programmed for one cycle at 94° C for 4 min followed by 45 cycles of 1 min at 94° C, 1 min at 57° C, and 2 min at 72° C. The reaction was finally stored at 72° C for 10 min. 15 μ l from each DNA amplified products, were loaded and separated on a 1.5 % agarose gel with 1.5 kb ladder markers (mix was used as standard DNA with molecular weights of 1.5, 1.0, 0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.4, 0.3, 0.2 and 0.1 kb). The run was performed for about 30 min at 80 V in mini submarine gel BioRad. RAPD and ISSR PCR products banding patterns were analyzed by GelAnalyzer3 software. These DATA scoring amplicons (pieces of DNA that has been synthesized using amplification techniques) as present (1) or absent (0) for each primer and entered in the form of a binary data matrix. The efficiency of each primer to differentiate between cultivars was assessed by value known as resolving power (Rp) (Hasnaoui *et al.*, 2010), this value was calculated according to Prevost and Wilkinson (1999). Based on binary data matrix, the relationships among obtained lines as revealed by dissimilarity matrices and dendrograms were done using Nei & Li coefficients (Nei & Li, 1979) by computational software MVSP 3.1. From this matrix, the molecular distances MD were estimated between all lines.

Phenotypic diversity evaluation of lines

In parallel with the previous work, the obtained lines were planted during the summer season of 2013. At the flowering time, 20 single crosses including reciprocals (10 direct crosses and their reciprocals) were made among lines according to complete diallel crosses mating design. After that, all genotypes were evaluated in different climatic conditions through the summer season of 2014 and winter season 2015. Data were recorded for 22 variable traits on ten guarded and labled randomly chosen plants per plot for all entries in the two growing seasons. These traits were: three vegetative traits (Plant height P.H, number of primary branches per plant N.P.B and leaf area L.A), four earliness traits (days to first flowering D.F.F, number of nodes carrying first flowering branch N.N.F.F.B, number of fruits per plot for the first three pickings NF3P/plot and weight of fruits per plot for the first three pickings WF3P/plot), two yield component traits (total number of fruit per plot TNF/plot and total weight of fruits per plot TWF/plot), six fruit characteristics (number of locules per fruit N.L.F, fruit firmness F.F, pericarp thickness P.T, fruit length FL cm and shape index SI cm) and seven chemical traits (chlorophyll a CLa, chlorophyll b CLb, total chlorophyll CLt, carotene Caro., total soluble solids T.S.S, vitamin C content VC and lycopene content Lyco.).

Table 1: Information of different tomato lines used in this study.

Variety	Country of origin	Obtained inbred line	Characteristics of varieties		
			Fruit size and shape	Growth habit	Maturity
Advantage2	American	P1	Medium and cylindrical	Semi determinate	Early
Cherry	Egypt	P2	Small and cylindrical	Standing	Early
Fatma	Indonesia	P3	Medium and tall	Semi determinate	Medium
Edkaway	Egypt	P4	Large	Determinate	Late
Castle Rock	American	P5	Large	Determinate	Medium

Based on data of mean performances of these traits for lines under different climatic conditions in two season and combined data, phenotypic distance PD between five parental lines were computed using computational software MVSP 3.1 by equation of normalized Euclidean morphological distance according to Roldan-Ruiz *et al.*, (2001).

Correlation relationships

Simple correlations using the computational software Minitab 17 were used to explain relationships between molecular distances (MD) and phenotypic distances (PD) and also with heterosis over mid-parents (H_{MP} %) and heterosis over better parent (H_{BP} %) (Rizkalla *et al.*, 2012 & El-Zanaty *et al.*, 2013).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Molecular diversity evaluation

PCR amplification patterns of RAPD and ISSRs

The seven RAPD and six ISSR primers used in this investigation were succeeded in generating

reproducible and reliable amplicons as shown in Figures from 1 to 4. The number of polymorphic amplicons, percentage of polymorphism and resolving power obtained by analyzing five Tomato lines were presented in Table 2. A total of 121 amplicons, 96 of them were polymorphic where , the highest number of amplicons were generated by RAPD primer OP- A11 (14), while generated the lowest number (five) by ISSR primer Hb-11. Molecular size (bp) of these amplicons ranging from 164 to 1429 bp and from 123 to 1295 bp were amplified using RAPD and ISSRs techniques, respectively. The percentage of polymorphism ranging from 50 to 90 % and from 60 to 100 % were calculated for RAPD and ISSRs techniques, respectively. Also, the resolving power values which ranged between 10.0 to 17.6 and 6.0 to 9.2 were computed for RAPD and ISSRs techniques, respectively. Moreover, various specific markers were generated using all RAPD and ISSRs techniques. 45 out of 121 amplicons (37.2%) were found to be useful as unique markers.

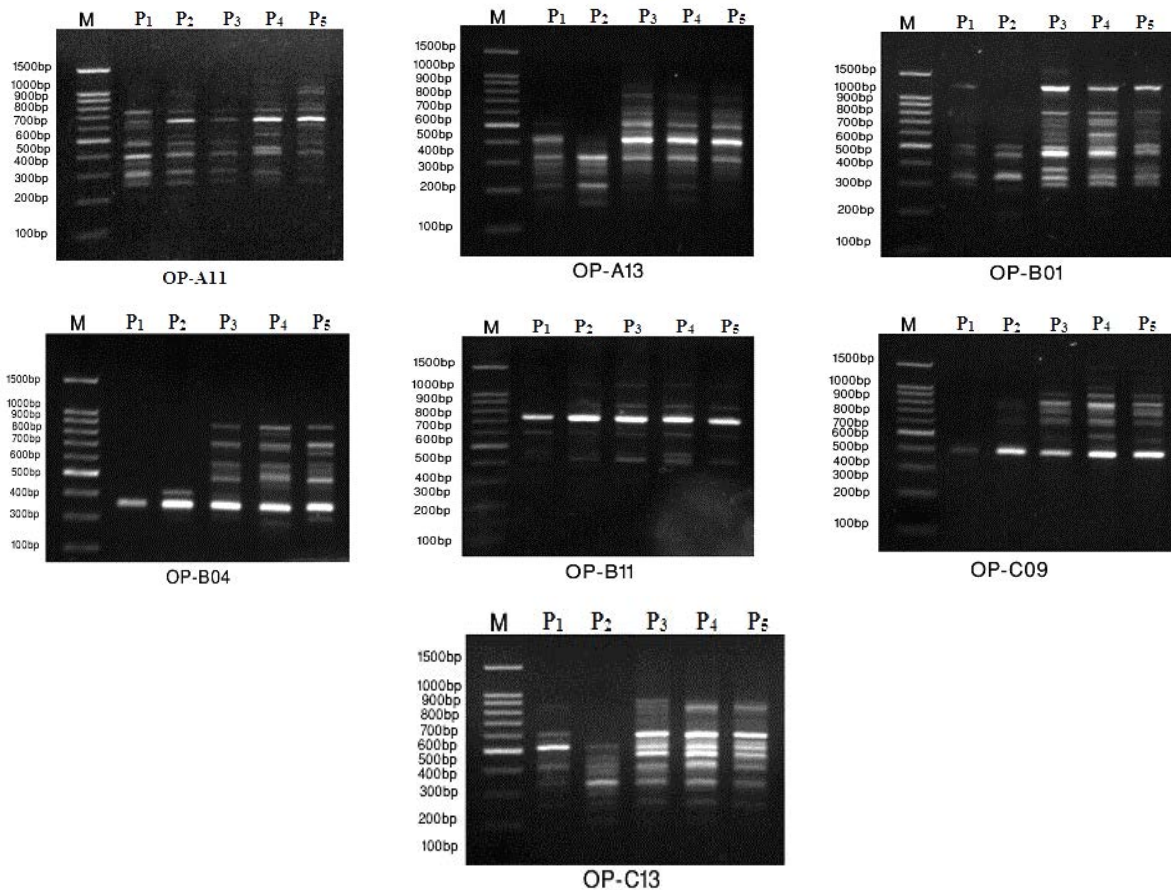


Figure (1) : Banding patterns of RAPD-PCR products for lines of tomato produced with seven primers. M, 1.5 kb ladder and lanes 2 to 6 represent the five lines.

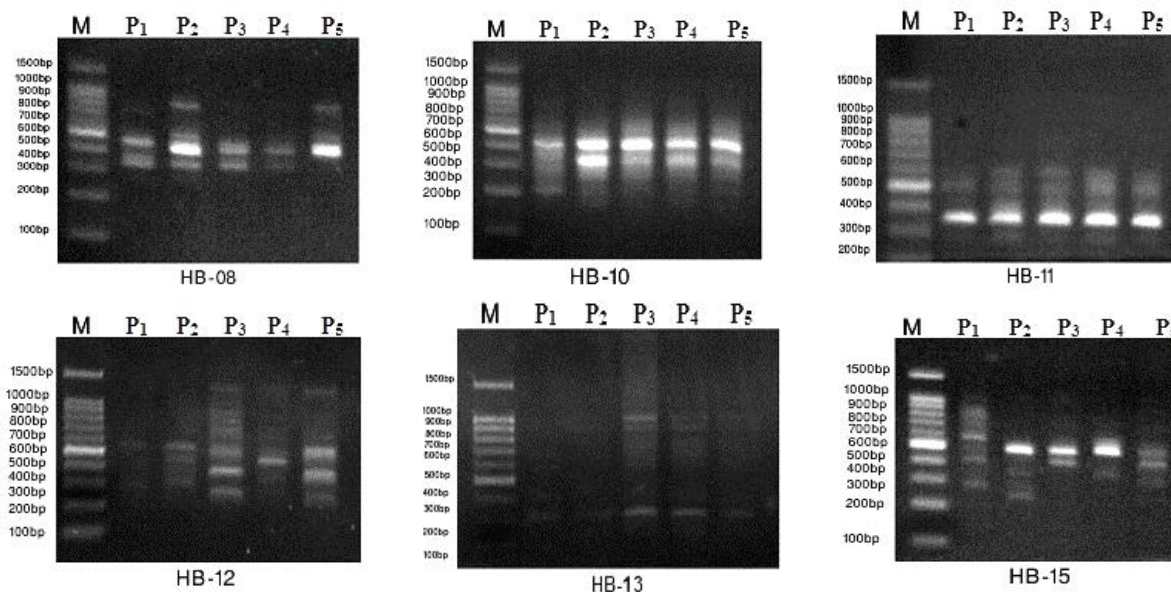


Figure (2) : Banding patterns of ISSR-PCR products for lines of tomato produced with six primers. M, 1.5 kb ladder and lanes 2 to 6 represent the five lines.

Table 2: List of primers for RAPD and ISSRs techniques, number of amplicons types, total number of amplicons, percentage of polymorphism and resolving power obtained by analyzing different Tomato lines.

Molecular marker technique	Primer Name	Primer sequence (5'→3')	Molecular size range (bp) of amplicons	Number of amplicon types			Total number of amplicons	Polymorphism (%)	Resolving power (Rp)
				Monomorphic	Polymorphic without unique	Unique (+ or -)			
RAPD	OP-A11	CAATCGCCGT	274-1122	3	2	9	14	78.6	14.8
	OP-A13	CAGCACCCAC	164-843	2	8	2	12	83.3	15.6
	OP-B01	GTTCGCTCC	183-1429	4	6	3	13	69.2	16.4
	OP-B04	GGACTGGAGT	290-844	1	6	3	10	90.0	10.8
	OP-B11	GTAGACCCGT	382-1168	3	1	2	6	50.0	10.0
	OP-C09	CTCACCGTCC	367-1338	1	5	3	9	88.9	10.8
	OP-C13	AAGCCTCGTC	212-931	4	4	5	13	69.2	17.6
ISSR	Hb-08	(GA) ₆ GG	309-761	1	2	3	6	83.3	6.0
	Hb-10	(GA) ₆ CC	123-476	2	2	3	7	71.4	8.8
	Hb-11	(GT) ₆ CC	264-557	2	1	2	5	60.0	8.4
	Hb-12	(CAC) ₃ GC	236-1295	0	4	6	10	100	8.0
	Hb-13	(GAG) ₃ GC	298-1087	1	5	1	7	85.7	9.2
	HB-15	(GTG) ₃ GC	233-871	1	5	3	9	88.9	8.0
Total			From 123 to 1429	25	51	45	121	From 50 to 100	From 6.0 to 17.6

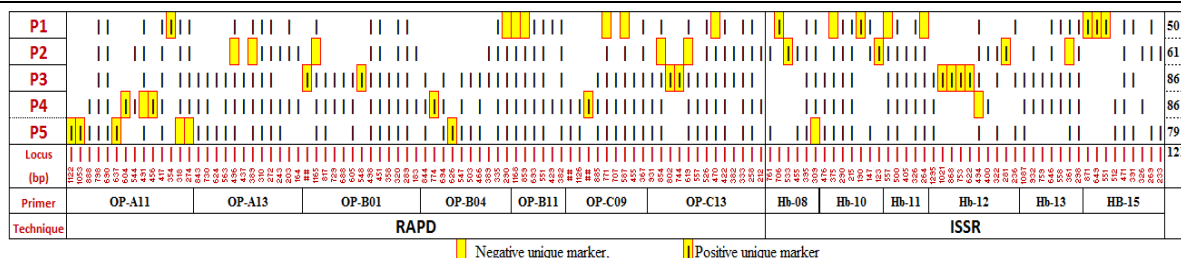


Figure (3): DNA-profile representation of RAPD and ISSR markers of Tomato lines based on 121 amplicons 45 of them were marker loci according to Adhikari et al., (2015).

Lines identification by unique markers

Also, Table 2 and Figure 3 indicates that all RAPD and ISSR primers generated unique markers. The highest number of unique markers (nine) generated by

RAPD primer OP- A11, while the lowest number (one) generated by ISSR primer Hb-13.

In addition, it is clear from Table 3 and Figure 3 that all studied lines were characterized by unique markers.

Table 3: Different Tomato genotypes characterized by unique positive and/or negative RAPD and ISSR markers, marker size and total number of markers identifying each genotype.

Molecular marker technique	Inbred line	Unique positive markers			Unique negative markers			Total markers		
		Size of marker loci (bp)	Primer	Total positive markers/Line	Size of marker loci (bp)	Primer	Total negative markers/Line			
RAPD	P1	354	OP-A11	1	290	OP-B04	6	7		
					859	OP-B11				
					1168	OP-C09				
					587	OP-C13				
					771					
	P2	--	--	--	470	OP-A13	5	5		
					389	OP-B01				
					496	OP-C13				
					1165					
					619					
P3	548 1429 744 802	OP-B01 OP-C13	4	--	--	--	4			
								456	OP-A11	
								604	OP-B04	
								774	OP-C09	
								1023		
P4	456 604 774 1023	OP-A11 OP-B04 OP-C09	4	491	OP-A11	1	5			
								637	OP-A11	
								1053	OP-B04	
								1122		
								626		
P5	706 190 551 649 871	HP-08 HP-10 HP-15	5	274 318	OP-A11	2	6			
								375	HP-10	
								264	HP-11	
								557		
ISSR	P1	533 123 281	HP-08 HP-10 HP-12	3	361	HP-15	1	4		
									622	HP-12
									753	
									868	
									1021	
P4	--	--	--	494	HP-12	1	1			
								P5	--	--

On the other hand, evident from the results presented in Table 3 that inbred line P1 obtained from the American cultivar (Advantage2) it was distinguished through the highest number of unique markers (seven and eight using RAPD and ISSRs techniques, respectively). While the lowest number of unique markers (five and one using RAPD and ISSRs techniques, respectively) was scored for the inbred line P4 that obtained from the Egyptian cultivar (Edkaway). Also, the inbred line P3 obtained from the Indonesian cultivar (Fatma) was the most showed positive unique markers (four using each technique), while did not show any negative unique markers using both techniques.

This shows that the American inbred line P1 was more to demonstrate the unique molecular markers (15) in total, while the Indonesian inbred line P3 were more to demonstrate the positive unique markers (8) in total. Also, confirms the success of both techniques to distinguish all studied lines of tomato through a large and diverse number of unique markers that characterized each inbred line from the other, as shown DNA-profile diagram (Figure 3). This diagram indicated that the total amplicons for each inbred line were 50, 61, 86, 86, and 79 for P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5, respectively, where they discriminated these lines by number of the positive unique markers as follows 6, 3, 8, 4 and 4, for P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5, respectively.

All previous results demonstrate the success of RAPD and ISSRs techniques in the detection reproducible polymorphic patterns and confirmed to be valid in discriminating between studied lines of tomato through various specific markers distinguish each of these lines. These were in harmony with what was illustrated previously in tomato by Mansour *et al.* (2010), Hassan *et al.* (2013) and Srinivasan *et al.* (2013).

Comparison of RAPD and ISSR techniques

While RAPD markers cover the whole genome for amplification, ISSR markers amplifies the sequence between two microsatellites. Hence, the polymorphisms reflect the genetic diversity of these sequences of the genome. And in comparison between these molecular marker techniques applied in this study as shown in Table 4, it is indicated that the RAPD technique produced the highest number of amplicons (77). The number of polymorphic amplicons produced by different primers was 59 and 37 for RAPD and ISSRs, respectively. The average numbers of polymorphic amplicons produced by these primers were 8.4 and 6.2 for RAPD and ISSRs, respectively. Among the techniques used, RAPD showed 75.6 % of polymorphism; ISSR techniques showed 81.6 % polymorphism. These results were in agreement with those obtained by Srinivasan *et al.* (2013) in Tomato.

Table 4: Comparison of genetic diversity assessment by RAPD and ISSR analysis

Molecular marker technique	Number of PCR reaction	Polymorphic amplicons	Gel Polymorphism			Total number of Polymorphic amplicon	Total number of amplicon	Average number of polymorphic amplicon / PCR reaction	Average of Polymorphism (%)	Average number of marker amplicon / PCR reaction	Average resolving power (Rp)
			Total marker amplicon								
			Unique (+)	Unique (-)	Total						
RAPD	7	32	13	14	27	59	77	8.4	75.6	3.86	13.7
ISSR	6	19	12	6	18	37	44	6.2	81.6	3.00	8.1
Total	13	51	25	20	45	96	121	7.4	79.3	3.46	10.9

So these techniques may have a better application in diversity analysis studies.

Moreover, the average values of resolving power (Rp) computed for all primer used in each technique. These values are characteristic of the primers which reflects overall suitability of a molecular marker technique for the purpose of molecular identification, as it is related to the number of genotypes discriminated by that primer (Prevost and Wilkinson, 1999). Also as shown in Table 4, the Rp values for RAPD and ISSR techniques were 13.7 and 8.1, respectively.

All of these, indicates that the RAPD technique was better than ISSR technique in discrimination capacity for studied lines and assessment for genetic diversity among them. These findings were in harmony with that illustrated previously by some studies, such as Tanyolac (2003) in barley and Mukherjee *et al.* (2013) in allium, who indicated that RAPD technique generated more amplicons, its discriminating capacity was also significantly higher than that of ISSR. In the contrary, many studies were shown that ISSRs technique is more effective in the evaluation of the genetic diversity than RAPD technique, these studies such as, Parsons *et al.* (1997) in Rice; Goulao and Oliveira (2001) in Apple; Chowdhury *et al.* (2002) in Chickpea ; Fernández *et al.* (2002) in Barley; Hussein *et al.* (2005) in Date palm; Abd El-Hady *et al.* (2010) in Vigna and Abd El-Aziz and Habiba (2016) in Canola.

Molecular distances

The results presented in Table 5 showed that Molecular distance (MD) matrix based on RAPD, ISSRs, and combined data. The highest MD according to RAPD data was between lines P1 and P5 (0.429), while the lowest MD according to the same data was between lines P3 and P5 (0.168). According to ISSR

data, the highest and lowest MD were 0.500 and 0.216 between lines (P1 and P4) and (P3 and P4), respectively. While, the highest and lowest MD based on combined data were 0.441 and 0.198 among the same pairs from lines according to ISSR data.

Combined analysis with RAPD and ISSRs techniques

There is no doubt that the reliability of RAPD and ISSRs techniques may be improved by using more primers and this efficiency can be improved depending on the combined results of these techniques. This is due to the combined results may provide more accurate information on the genetic diversity (Abd El-Hady *et al.*, 2010; Onamu *et al.*, 2016; Abd El-Aziz and Habiba, 2016). Accordingly, cluster analysis for five lines of tomato were performed based on the molecular distances (MD) from combined data of RAPD and ISSRs techniques (Figure 4).

UPGMA clustering dendrogram for five Tomato lines based on MD values as shown in Figure 4, indicated that these lines could be divided into three groups with different degrees of MD (ranged from 0.198 to 0.441 with mean 0.343). The first and second group (A and B) is comprised by inbred line P1 and P2, respectively, while the third group (C) comprises the other three lines. This group included two subgroups (d) and (e), the first subgroup (d) included the two lines P3 and P4 as well as, the other subgroup (e) involved one inbred line (P5). This indicates that the cluster analysis based on combined data of MD for RAPD and ISSRs techniques succeeded in description of genetic diversity and heterogeneity within studied lines. The results also, indicates the presence of clear variance between all studied lines, this reflects the agronomic diversity within these lines (Hassan *et al.*, 2013).

Table (5): Molecular distances between five Tomato lines based on RAPD, ISSR and combined data.

	P1	P2	P3	P4	Technique
P2	0.312				RAPD
	0.489				ISSR
	0.387				Comb.
P3	0.402	0.376			RAPD
	0.429	0.407			ISSR
	0.412	0.388			Comb.
P4	0.413	0.347	0.190		RAPD
	0.500	0.347	0.216		ISSR
	0.441	0.347	0.198		Comb.
P5	0.429	0.422	0.168	0.186	RAPD
	0.422	0.320	0.308	0.362	ISSR
	0.426	0.386	0.212	0.236	Comb.

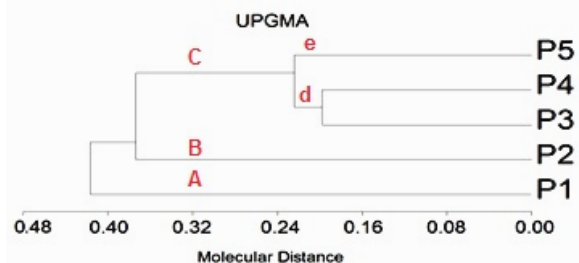


Figure (4): UPGMA clustering dendrogram for five Tomato lines based on MD from combined data of RAPD and ISSRs techniques, according Vaillancourt *et al.*, 1995.

Phenotypic diversity evaluation

Phenotypic traits also commonly used in assessment of genetic diversity, this is very important in plant breeding and is essential to meet the various goals such as producing cultivars with increased yield, desirable quality, pest and disease resistance and wider adaptation (Nevo *et al.* 1982). To achieve this purpose, Euclidean distance statistics may be applied for such study. This method measures the phenotypic distance (PD) based on a number of traits between two lines. These distances depend on the differences between the means with respect to the pooled effect of all traits between different lines.

Because of many number of mean performance Tables for all studied traits under two different climatic conditions, these Tables have been abbreviated as shown in Table 6. These abbreviations were recorded in the form of the extent values ranging from the lowest and highest value. In the same way, med and better parent heterosis were recorded in Table 7, these values were calculated as the percentage of deviation of F1 mean from the mean of two parents and the higher parent, respectively.

Based on results for analysis of variance (data not shown) for all studied traits, highly significant differences among all evaluated genotypes in this study

(Inbred line and its hybrids) were found, except D.F.F trait in combined data from the two climatic conditions. This refers to the reliability of estimates of the studied traits in assessment of phenotypic diversity among studied lines. For assessment of phenotypic diversity among studied lines, the phenotypic distances (PD) between all pairs of studied lines were computed according to the values of mean performance for all studied traits.

Clustering pattern of five Tomato lines based on phenotypic distances

Data of phenotypic distances (PD) were presented in Table 8, and indicated that the highest PD values were between the lines P2 and P4 in season 1, 2 and combined data as follows: 0.480, 0.438 and 0.428, respectively. While, the lowest PD values were between the lines P2 and P3 in season 1, 2 and combined data as follows: 0.053, 0.115 and 0.081, respectively. This convergence between results of the two seasons and combined data, refers to the reliability of the combined results in providing enough information on the phenotypic diversity. Accordingly, cluster analysis for five lines of tomato were performed based on the phenotypic distances (PD) from combined data of the two different climatic seasons (Figure 5).

Table 6: Range of the mean performance values (above) of studied lines and their hybrids (below) for all studied traits

Trait	Mean performance of the parental lines						Mean performance of the Hybrids					
	1 st S.		2 nd S.		Comb.		1 st S.		2 nd S.		Comb.	
	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.
PH	60.67 (P1)	105.67 (P2)	64.33 (P4)	103.67 (P2)	62.67 (P1)	104.67 (P2)	63.33 (P5xP4)	104.33 (P1xP4)	64.33 (P5xP4)	105.00 (P2xP4)	63.83 (P5xP4)	103.50 (P3xP1)
N.P.B	17.33 (P3)	24.00 (P2)	17.00 (P1)	21.67 (P2)	17.33 (P1)	23.33 (P5)	18.33 (P5xP4)	25.33 (P1xP2)	18.67 (P2xP3)	24.00 (P1xP2)	18.66 (P5xP4)	24.66 (P1xP2)
L.A	9.27 (P2)	26.95 (P3)	10.21 (P1)	24.58 (P3)	10.63 (P2)	25.76 (P3)	8.20 (P1xP2)	21.08 (P2xP5)	9.59 (P1xP2)	22.19 (P2xP5)	8.89 (P1xP2)	21.63 (P2xP5)
D.F.F	95.13 (P4)	61.53 (P3)	100.47 (P3)	87.53 (P4)	91.33 (P4)	81.00 (P3)	86.13 (P3xP5)	73.10 (P1xP4)	99.57 (P3xP4)	91.20 (P1xP5)	93.23 (P3xP4)	83.88 (P1xP2)
N.N.F.F.B	2.33 (P1.4)	1.00 (P3)	2.66 (P3)	1.66 (P4)	2.16 (P1.5)	1.83 (P3)	3.00 (P4xP3)	1.66 (P1xP2)	3.00 (P4xP3)	1.66 (P1xP2)	3.00 (P4xP3)	1.66 (P1xP2)
NF3P	15.7 (P4)	397.00 (P2)	86.3 (P3)	320.00 (P2)	60.00 (P4)	358.5 (P2)	72.30 (P5xP4)	659.00 (P1xP5)	62.70 (P5xP1)	518.00 (P1xP5)	75.50 (P5xP4)	588.50 (P1xP5)
WF3P	4.91 (P2)	13.14 (P5)	3.73 (P2)	29.36 (P4)	4.31 (P2)	16.56 (P4)	3.95 (P5xP1)	23.91 (P2xP3)	3.51 (P5xP1)	24.02 (P1xP3)	3.73 (P5xP1)	22.85 (P2xP3)
TNF	286.7 (P4)	2124.3 (P2)	357.7 (P4)	2018.3 (P2)	322.2 (P4)	2071.3 (P2)	289.30 (P5xP4)	3113.3 (P1xP4)	291.00 (P5xP4)	3065.7 (P1xP4)	290.2 (P5xP4)	3089.5 (P1xP4)
TWF	21.94 (P2)	68.27 (P5)	24.87 (P2)	101.09 (P4)	23.41 (P2)	81.48 (P4)	31.48 (P4xP2)	100.92 (P2xP5)	32.56 (P5xP3)	104.46 (P2xP5)	30.99 (P5xP3)	102.69 (P2xP5)
N.L.F	2.00 (P3)	5.00 (P5)	2.00 (P3)	5.00 (P5)	2.00 (P3)	5.00 (P5)	2.67 (P5xP2)	5.67 (P3xP5)	3.00 (P5xP2)	6.00 (P3xP5)	2.83 (P5xP2)	5.83 (P3xP5)
FF	1.23 (P2)	5.16 (P4)	1.73 (P2)	4.63 (P4)	1.48 (P2)	4.9 (P4)	1.66 (P4xP5)	4.53 (P3xP5)	1.83 (P3xP1)	4.36 (P4xP1)	1.81 (P3xP1)	4.43 (P3xP5)
P.T	2.48 (P2)	6.75 (P4)	2.54 (P2)	6.00 (P4)	2.51 (P2)	6.37 (P4)	3.34 (P5xP2)	7.22 (P1xP3)	3.86 (P3xP2)	6.45 (P3xP5)	3.81 (P3xP2)	6.58 (P1xP3)
FL	3.56 (P2)	5.92 (P4)	2.19 (P2)	5.44 (P4)	2.87 (P2)	5.68 (P4)	2.96 (P4xP5)	6.15 (P1xP3)	2.89 (P1xP5)	5.57 (P5xP4)	2.95 (P4xP5)	5.61 (P2xP1)
FD	3.27 (P2)	7.29 (P4)	3.03 (P2)	6.61 (P4)	3.15 (P2)	6.95 (P4)	3.40 (P4xP5)	6.75 (P3xP5)	3.22 (P4xP5)	6.68 (P5xP4)	3.31 (P4xP5)	6.45 (P2xP1)
SI	0.78 (P2)	1.23 (P3)	0.71 (P2)	1.10 (P3)	0.74 (P2)	1.17 (P3)	0.74 (P3xP1)	0.95 (P1xP3)	0.80 (P3xP1)	0.93 (P4xP2)	0.77 (P3xP1)	0.93 (P1xP3)
Cla	0.47 (P3)	0.65 (P1)	0.42 (P4)	0.65 (P3)	0.49 (P4)	0.63 (P1)	0.29 (P2xP4)	0.83 (P4xP1)	0.27 (P5xP4)	0.69 (P3xP5)	0.22 (P5xP2)	0.75 (P4xP1)
CLb	0.23 (P3)	0.34 (P4)	0.14 (P3)	0.37 (P4)	0.19 (P3)	0.36 (P4)	0.16 (P5xP2)	0.40 (P1xP3)	0.12 (P5xP1)	0.38 (P2xP3)	0.15 (P5xP1)	0.39 (P2xP3)
CLt	0.71 (P3)	1.04 (P2)	0.79 (P3)	0.98 (P5)	0.75 (P3)	0.96 (P2)	0.38 (P5xP2)	1.22 (P4xP1)	0.40 (P5xP2)	1.00 (P3xP5)	0.39 (P5xP2)	1.11 (P4xP1)
Caro.	0.22 (P1)	2.88 (P4)	0.20 (P5)	2.47 (P4)	0.21 (P5)	2.67 (P4)	0.11 (P5xP4)	0.67 (P1xP5)	0.14 (P5xP4)	0.64 (P1xP5)	0.13 (P5xP4)	0.65 (P1xP5)
T.S.S	4.86 (P1)	6.43 (P2)	4.76 (P1)	6.36 (P2)	4.81 (P1)	6.4 (P2)	4.69 (P1xP3)	6.73 (P5xP4)	4.93 (P1xP3)	6.90 (P5xP4)	4.95 (P1xP3)	6.81 (P5xP4)
V.C.	1.352 (P5)	1.56 (P2)	1.23 (P3)	1.50 (P2)	1.29 (P3)	1.53 (P2)	1.31 (P2xP1)	1.47 (P3xP2)	1.25 (P5xP1)	1.43 (P3xP2)	1.30 (P3xP5)	1.45 (P3xP2)
Lyc.	95.57 (P2)	111.48 (P5)	92.13 (P1)	112.03 (P4)	94.47 (P2)	109.87 (P4)	84.85 (P5xP2)	114.19 (P4xP5)	82.7 (P5xP2)	106.41 (P1xP3)	83.77 (P5xP2)	109.72 (P1xP3)

Table 7: Range of the specific heterosis relative to the med ($H_{MP}\%$) and better parent ($H_{BP}\%$) values (above) of all obtained hybrids (below) for all studied traits

Trait	1 st S.		$H_{MP}\%$ 2 nd S.		Comb.		1 st S.		$H_{BP}\%$ 2 nd S.		Comb.	
	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.	Low.	Hig.
PH	-22.08 (P2xP3)	67.74 (P1xP4)	-20.08 (P5xP4)	55.04 (P1xP4)	-20.64 (P2xP3)	61.26 (P1xP4)	-33.75 (P2xP3)	64.21 (P1xP4)	-33.45 (P5xP4)	54.64 (P1xP4)	-31.97 (P5xP4)	59.79 (P1xP3)
N.P.B	-17.29 (P5xP4)	29.52 (P1xP3)	-19.15 (P5xP4)	35.24 (P1xP3)	-18.25 (P5xP4)	32.38 (P1xP3)	-22.22 (P2xP3)	28.30 (P1xP3)	-20.83 (P5xP4)	31.48 (P1xP3)	-20.00 (P5xP4)	31.13 (P1xP3)
L.A	-40.61 (P4xP3)	87.71 (P5xP2)	-29.63 (P2xP4)	84.45 (P2xP5)	-33.13 (P3xP4)	86.02 (P2xP5)	-50.16 (P5xP4)	59.77 (P2xP5)	-45.71 (P2xP4)	83.89 (P2xP5)	-47.49 (P5xP4)	71.29 (P2xP5)
D.F.F	25.26 (P3xP1)	-14.17 (P1xP4)	8.91 (P4xP2)	-4.30 (P1xP3)	9.38 (P3xP1)	-5.59 (P1xP4)	41.22 (P3xP4)	-5.78 (P2xP5)	13.75 (P3xP4)	-3.90 (P1xP5)	15.10 (P3xP4)	-2.34 (P1xP4)
N.N.F.F.B	100.00 (P5xP3)	-23.08 (P1xP2)	45.45 (P2xP4)	-33.33 (P3xP5)	56.53 (P4xP3)	-20.00 (P1xP2)	200.00 (P5xP3)	-16.67 (P1xP2)	80.00 (P4xP3)	-28.57 (P3xP5)	63.64 (P4xP3)	-16.67 (P1xP2)
NF3P	-76.58 (P4xP2)	522.04 (P1xP4)	-67.16 (P4xP2)	241.91 (P1xP5)	-71.80 (P1xP4)	406.58 (P1xP4)	-87.83 (P4xP2)	243.36 (P1xP4)	-78.23 (P4xP2)	307.65 (P1xP4)	-83.54 (P4xP2)	270.35 (P1xP4)
WF3P	-68.71 (P5xP1)	208.63 (P2xP3)	-75.06 (P5xP4)	497.26 (P2xP3)	-69.16 (P5xP1)	301.05 (P2xP3)	-69.91 (P5xP1)	125.51 (P2xP3)	-86.01 (P3xP4)	484.97 (P2xP3)	-67.49 (P3xP4)	222.76 (P2xP3)
TNF	-70.09 (P5xP3)	671.58 (P1xP4)	-65.64 (P5xP3)	626.75 (P1xP4)	-67.94 (P5xP3)	648.67 (P1xP4)	-81.42 (P4xP3)	498.33 (P1xP4)	-78.24 (P4xP3)	530.08 (P1xP4)	-79.91 (P4xP3)	637.77 (P1xP5)
TWF	-55.94 (P5xP3)	123.74 (P2xP5)	-59.07 (P5xP4)	148.19 (P2xP5)	-55.16 (P5xP4)	114.84 (P1xP2)	-49.40 (P4xP5)	50.41 (P1xP2)	-63.76 (P4xP5)	76.15 (P2xP5)	-60.02 (P5xP4)	62.11 (P1xP2)
N.L.F	-42.86 (P5xP2)	88.89 (P3xP1)	-40.00 (P4xP5)	77.78 (P3xP1)	-40.35 (P5xP2)	83.33 (P3xP1)	-46.67 (P5xP2)	41.67 (P3xP1)	-40.00 (P3xP4)	33.33 (P3xP1)	-43.33 (P5xP2)	37.50 (P3xP1)
F.F	-59.06 (P1xP5)	46.11 (P2xP1)	-56.00 (P3xP1)	36.00 (P2xP1)	-59.03 (P4xP5)	40.94 (P2xP1)	-67.74 (P4xP5)	7.94 (P3xP4)	-56.69 (P3xP1)	2.36 (P3xP5)	-59.18 (P2xP4)	5.12 (P3xP5)
P.T	-30.67 (P1xP4)	62.46 (P2xP3)	-26.26 (P1xP5)	51.26 (P2xP5)	-27.08 (P1xP5)	56.16 (P2xP3)	-42.38 (P5xP2)	15.99 (P2xP3)	-32.33 (P2xP4)	16.71 (P3xP5)	-35.82 (P2xP4)	15.31 (P3xP5)
FL	-46.61 (P4xP5)	30.14 (P2xP1)	-45.12 (P4xP5)	57.00 (P2xP1)	-45.55 (P4xP5)	42.21 (P2xP1)	-41.19 (P1xP4)	19.79 (P1xP3)	-45.96 (P4xP5)	13.51 (P2xP1)	-48.02 (P4xP5)	14.30 (P1xP3)
FD	-47.31 (P4xP5)	42.16 (P2xP1)	-47.36 (P4xP5)	44.40 (P2xP1)	-47.33 (P4xP5)	43.25 (P2xP1)	-53.31 (P4xP5)	26.90 (P2xP3)	-42.28 (P1xP5)	10.43 (P4xP5)	-40.38 (P1xP4)	11.64 (P3xP5)
SI	-28.55 (P3xP1)	6.72 (P4xP2)	-18.64 (P3xP1)	21.91 (P4xP2)	-23.75 (P3xP1)	14.20 (P4xP2)	-39.62 (P3xP1)	4.96 (P4xP2)	-27.49 (P3xP1)	14.23 (P4xP2)	-33.91 (P3xP1)	9.64 (P4xP2)
Cla	-64.07 (P5xP2)	36.64 (P4xP1)	-62.01 (P5xP2)	26.82 (P1xP4)	-52.25 (P3xP2)	34.17 (P4xP1)	-64.34 (P5xP2)	26.16 (P4xP1)	-62.99 (P5xP2)	12.33 (P1xP3)	-63.39 (P5xP2)	53.19 (P4xP1)
CLb	-44.08 (P5xP2)	43.15 (P2xP3)	-64.79 (P5xP1)	83.18 (P2xP3)	-52.11 (P5xP1)	60.36 (P2xP3)	-47.83 (P5xP2)	25.67 (P2xP3)	-66.16 (P5xP1)	38.04 (P2xP3)	-53.42 (P5xP1)	31.94 (P2xP3)
CLt	-60.08 (P5xP2)	29.22 (P4xP1)	-57.11 (P5xP2)	15.67 (P1xP3)	-58.93 (P5xP2)	22.09 (P4xP1)	-63.73 (P5xP2)	23.36 (P4xP1)	-59.31 (P5xP2)	7.10 (P1xP3)	-59.58 (P5xP2)	15.13 (P4xP1)
Caro.	-92.47 (P5xP4)	195.71 (P1xP5)	-89.04 (P5xP4)	186.87 (P1xP5)	-90.89 (P5xP4)	191.33 (P1xP5)	-95.93 (P5xP4)	190.01 (P1xP5)	-94.09 (P5xP4)	164.01 (P1xP5)	-95.07 (P5xP2)	182.10 (P1xP5)
T.S.S	-10.64 (P2xP5)	17.93 (P1xP5)	-17.11 (P2xP5)	21.47 (P1xP5)	-5.28 (P2xP3)	19.69 (P1xP5)	-19.17 (P2xP1)	10.38 (P5xP4)	-15.30 (P2xP5)	11.89 (P5xP4)	-15.89 (P2xP5)	11.75 (P5xP4)
V.C.	-10.41 (P2xP1)	7.86 (P5xP4)	-12.7 (P4xP2)	4.68 (P3xP1)	-8.72 (P2xP1)	4.60 (P5xP4)	-16.32 (P5xP3)	7.44 (P5xP4)	-15.25 (P2xP3)	10.61 (P3xP1)	-13.88 (P2xP1)	6.91 (P5xP4)
Lyc0.	-18.04 (P5xP2)	11.26 (P1xP3)	-17.29 (P5xP2)	9.82 (P1xP3)	-17.67 (P5xP2)	10.56 (P1xP3)	-23.88 (P5xP2)	6.26 (P1xP3)	-23.93 (P4xP2)	5.40 (P2xP1)	-23.16 (P5xP2)	5.48 (P1xP3)

From UPGMA clustering dendrogram for five Tomato lines based on PD values as shown in Figure 5, it is observed that these lines could be divided into two main groups (A and B) with different degrees of PD (ranged from 0.081 to 0.428 with mean 0.236). The first group (A) included two subgroups (c) and (d), the first subgroup (c) involved two lines P1 and P5 as well as, the other subgroup (d) included the two lines P2 and P3,

while the second group (B) is comprised by inbred line P4 only. This indicates that the cluster analysis based on combined data of PD for two different climatic seasons also succeeded in description of phenotypic diversity and heterogeneity within studied lines. Also, indicates the presence of clear variance between all studied lines, this also reflect the agronomic diversity within these lines.

Table (8): Phenotypic distances between five Tomato lines based on values of mean performance for all studied traits in the two seasons and combine them.

	P1	P2	P3	P4	Season
P2	0.214				S1
	0.233				S2
	0.222				Comb.
P3	0.233	0.053			S1
	0.269	0.115			S2
	0.250	0.081			Comb.
P4	0.347	0.480	0.466		S1
	0.213	0.438	0.418		S2
	0.238	0.428	0.422		Comb.
P5	0.081	0.141	0.159	0.384	S1
	0.105	0.141	0.206	0.288	S2
	0.089	0.141	0.179	0.309	Comb.

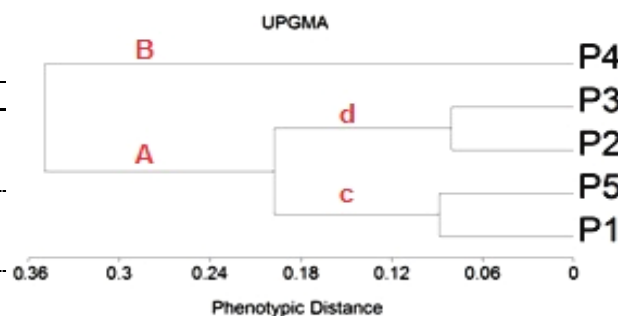


Figure (5): UPGMA clustering dendrogram for five Tomato lines based on PD from combined data of the two different climatic seasons, according Sneath and Sokal, 1973.

Relationship between MD and PD, as well as their relationships with heterosis

Correlation values presented in Table 9 indicated that the values of MD between parental lines based on data of RAPD, ISSRs and combined data were insignificant negatively correlated with the values of PD between parental lines based on data of mean performance for all studied traits in the two seasons and combined data. Where poor correlation ($r=-0.484$) was found between MD and PD for the combined data for both types of distances.

Table (9): Correlation relationships among the types of genetic distances (MD and PD)

Genetic distances	MD _{comb}	MD _{RAPD}	MD _{ISSR}	PD _{comb}	PD _{S1}
MD _{RAPD}	0.957 ^{***}				
MD _{ISSR}	0.789 ^{***}	0.584 ^{***}			
PD _{comb}	-0.484 ^{ns}	-0.458 ^{ns}	-0.409 ^{ns}		
PD _{S1}	-0.417 ^{ns}	-0.402 ^{ns}	-0.312 ^{ns}	0.970 ^{***}	
PD _{S2}	-0.530 ^{ns}	-0.497 ^{ns}	-0.470 ^{ns}	0.988 ^{***}	0.924 ^{***}

***Significant value at 0.01 levels probability, ^{ns} insignificant value

In harmony with this result, a poor correlation between molecular and phenotypic distances was found as well (Dillmann *et al.*, 1997; Sant *et al.*, 1999; Yadav *et al.*, 2010 and El-Aziz *et al.*, 2016). While, significant positive correlations were found among the three types of MD, as well as between the three types of PD. This result demonstrates the reliability of molecular and phenotypic assessment, apart from the lack of a significant correlation between them.

Finally, to achieve the last objective for this study, the correlation values (r) among heterosis ($H_{MP}\%$, $H_{BP}\%$) and genetic distances (MD, PD) based on combined data for all studied traits were computed as shown in Table 10.

Table (10): Correlation relationships among heterosis ($H_{MP}\%$, $H_{BP}\%$) and genetic distances (MD, PD) based on combined data for all studied traits.

Trait	MD		PD	
	$H_{MP}\%$	$H_{BP}\%$	$H_{MP}\%$	$H_{BP}\%$
PH	0.429	0.384	0.136	0.127
N.P.B	0.42	0.421	-0.195	-0.020
L.A	0.439	0.365	-0.502*	-0.442*
D.F.F	-0.278	-0.391	-0.028	0.056
N.N.F.F.B	-0.182	-0.215	0.287	0.263
NF3P	0.363	0.398	-0.165	-0.248
WF3P	0.33	0.34	-0.498*	-0.536*
TNF	0.353	0.414	-0.079	-0.292
TWF	0.517*	0.437*	-0.394	-0.414
N.L.F	0.064	0.289	-0.180	-0.155
F.F	0.099	-0.095	-0.112	-0.092
P.T	0.018	-0.239	-0.172	-0.146
FL	-0.03	-0.183	0.011	0.021
FD	-0.055	-0.007	-0.150	-0.365
SI	0.28	0.312	0.200	0.197
Cla	0.068	0.194	0.040	-0.028
CLb	-0.018	0.14	-0.200	-0.300
CLt	0.013	0.11	0.052	0.040
Caro.	0.272	0.302	-0.636**	-0.656**
T.S.S	-0.158	-0.486*	0.042	0.245
V.C.	-0.211	-0.177	0.049	-0.050
Lyc.	0.226	0.056	-0.060	-0.014

*, **Significant at 0.05 and 0.01 levels probability, respectively

These results showed that poor correlation coefficients among MD with $H_{MP}\%$ and $H_{BP}\%$ in all studied traits, except with TWF and T.S.S traits. In the

same manner, the correlation coefficients among PD with $H_{MP}\%$ and $H_{BP}\%$ were poor, except with L.A, WF3P and Caro. traits. The poor correlation among two types of genetic distances with F_1 heterosis can be explicated by the fact that hybrids obtained from all studied lines had been evaluated at a one location apart from evaluated under different climatic conditions. Since the heterotic response of a gene pool does not depend upon the distance between parents alone, however also on the adaptability to various environments (de Souza *et al.*, 2012).

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Even though that RAPD technique was better than ISSRs technique in assessment for molecular diversity and discrimination capacity for all studied lines of tomato, however, both techniques were suitable tools for detecting reproducible polymorphic patterns and confirmed to be valid in discriminating studied lines through various specific markers which succeeded in this respect. Moreover, the various traits estimated under two different climatic seasons also succeeded in description of phenotypic diversity and heterogeneity within studied lines. However, insignificant correlations were found among the distances computed based on these two types of genetic diversity as well as, the correlation relationships among these distances and heterosis for most studied traits were not significant.

So through this study we recommend plant breeders to do evaluate genetic diversity for inbred lines which are using as parents in breeding and improvement programs of tomato at more than location or allocation and under different climatic conditions. Also, doing evaluation through a more number of variable molecular markers as well as depending on a more number of phenotypic traits. Hence, achieving the desired goal from this evaluation, which is the prediction of heterosis for all important traits and which will lead to provision of strenuous efforts to assess hybrids in most breeding programs.

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تقييم التنوع الجزيئي والمظهري وعلاقته بقوة الهجين في بعض سلالات الطماطم تحت ظروف مناخية مختلفة محمد حسن عبد العزيز¹، سيف الدين محمد فريد² و سارة أحمد الكومي¹ ¹ قسم الوراثة - كلية الزراعة - جامعة المنصورة - مصر . ² معهد بحوث البساتين - مركز البحوث الزراعية - مصر .

في هذه الدراسة تم تقييم التنوع الوراثي بين خمسة سلالات مراباة داخلياً تم الحصول عليها من خمسة أصناف من الطماطم تعدد من أكثر الأصناف انتشاراً في مصر. نجحت سبعة بادئات RAPD وستة بادئات ISSRs في إستهداف تضاعف العديد من التتابعات المتنوعة من المادة الوراثية. وعلى الرغم من أن تقنية RAPD كانت أفضل من تقنية ISSRs في تقييم التنوع الجزيئي والقدرة على التمييز بين السلالات حيث كانت قيمة متوسط قوة التحليل Rp لتقنية RAPD 13.7 أعلى منها لتقنية ISSR والتي كانت 8.1 إلا أن كلا التقنيتين كانتا بمثابة أدوات مناسبة تم بها الكشف عن التنوع الوراثي وتمييز السلالات المختبرة وذلك من خلال واسمات جزيئية متنوعة ومتفرقة كان عددها 27 واسمة في تقنية RAPD و 18 واسمة في تقنية ISSR. هذه الواسمات الجزيئية نجحت في تمييز كل السلالات المختبرة والتي قسمت إلى ثلاث مجموعات بواسطة التحليل العنقودي تراوحت المسافات الجزيئية المقدره بينها بين 0.198 و 0.441 بمتوسط 0.343. علاوة على ذلك، قدرت 22 صفة متنوعة في هذه السلالات وذلك في موسمين مناخيين مختلفين (صيف 2014 وشتاء 2015) وبالإعتماد على تقديرات هذه الصفات تم وصف التنوع المظهري وعدم التجانس بنجاح بين هذه السلالات والتي قسمت تبعاً لذلك إلى مجموعتين رئيسيتين مع درجات متفاوتة من المسافات المظهرية تراوحت بين 0.081 و 0.428 بمتوسط 0.236. ومع ذلك فقد كانت علاقات الارتباط غير معنوية بين كلا النوعين من المسافات الوراثية (الجزيئية والمظهرية). كذلك، كانت علاقات الارتباط أيضاً غير معنوية بين كلا النوعين من المسافات الوراثية وقوة الهجين لمعظم الصفات المدروسة. ذلك يتطلب أن يتم تقييم التنوع الوراثي للسلالات التي ستستخدم كآباء في برامج تربية وتحسين الطماطم في أكثر من موقع وتحت ظروف مناخية مختلفة، وأيضاً من خلال عدد أكبر من الواسمات الجزيئية المتنوعة وبالإعتماد أيضاً على عدد أكبر من الصفات المظهرية. كل هذا من أجل تحقيق الهدف المنشود من هذا التقييم وهو التنبؤ لقوة الهجين لجميع الصفات الهامة والذي من شأنه أن يؤدي إلى توفير جهود مضيئة تتم لتقييم الهجن في معظم برامج التربية.