

Evaluation of Dolichos bean (*Lablab purpureus* var. *typicus*) germplasm for yield and quality

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ABSTRACT: The current experiment was conducted at HC & RI Periyakulam in the summer of 2022 to assess the Dolichos bean's heritability, genetic variability, and genetic advance for yield, and yield-related characteristics. Due to dolichos bean genotype genetic variability and the possibility that it could be employed as parent material, it will be essential to evaluate its potential in order to put into action future crop enhancement programs. 26 genotypes of the bush-type Dolichos bean were investigated for 10 morphometric characteristics using a randomized block design with three replications. The genotype PKM LP 26 had the highest germination percentage (91.98%), followed by genotype PKM LP 11 (90.40%) and genotype PKM LP 06 (75.50%), which had the lowest germination percentage. The average plant height ranged from 44.89 -76.75 cm. The genotype PKM LP 04 (44.89 cm) recorded the minimum plant height and the genotype PKM LP 02 (76.75 cm) followed by PKM LP 27 (75.95 cm) recorded the maximum plant height. Earlier flowering was found in the genotype PKM LP 06 (38.30 days) while maximum days for first flowering was found in the genotype PKM LP 35 (53.45 days). Days to 50 % flowering ranged from 45.20-58.83 days with a mean value of 53.05 days. Genotype PKM LP 02 (6.93) recorded the highest no. of raceme plant⁻¹ followed by the genotype PKM LP 11 (6.53) and the lowest no. of raceme plant⁻¹ was found in the genotype PKM LP 19 (3.80). The highest no. of pod plant⁻¹ was identified in the genotype PKM LP 26 (39.66) followed by the genotype PKM LP 11(38.45) and the genotype PKM LP 15 (24.18) recorded the lowest number of pod plant⁻¹. Among all the genotype yield/plant was highest in the genotype PKM LP 26 (143.56 g) followed by the genotype PKM LP 11 (138.94 g). Both the number of pods produced by plant⁻¹ and the yield of pods produced by plant⁻¹ had high PCV and GCV, implying that these characteristics had greater magnitudes of variability and, as a result, more potential for development through selection. Except for germination percentage, initial flowering days, and 50% flowering days, all traits had strong heritability together with high genetic advance expressed as a percentage of the mean. The findings indicate that these features are influenced by additive gene action, therefore judicious choice based on all these phenotypical traits might be more effective.

Keywords: Dolichos bean, GCV, PCV, GAM and heritability.

INTRODUCTION

One of the most popular native legume vegetables is dolichos bean (*Lablab purpureus* var. *typicus*), which is grown for its soft green pods. It is a perennial plant with bushy, upright, or climbing habits, yet it is planted as an annual. Its cultivation is influenced significantly by regional preferences. South India prefers green pods, while eastern India prefers white pods and northern India prefers green fleshy pods. It's a multi-purpose crop that can be eaten as a pulse, a vegetable, or fodder.

The Dolichos lablab bean has a diverse set of qualities that can be used in a range of situations. One of its first advantages is its adaptability. It is drought tolerant and can thrive in a wide range of conditions. Dolichos beans exist in pole and bush varieties, each with its growth characteristics.

Dolichos beans are an excellent source of protein, minerals, and vitamins (Golani *et al.*, 2007). Due to their medicinal properties, lentils are employed in both traditional and modern healthcare systems (Morris

2009). The pole and bush forms of the dolichos bean come in a very broad variety of plant and pod features due to its Indian heritage. The dolichos bean has proven challenging to raise because of its low production, photosensitive nature, unpredictable growth habit, flowering habit, and consumer trends based on color, size, pod form, and aroma (Mishra *et al.*, 2019). Breeding for productivity and the characteristics that contribute to it for any crop is influenced by polygene, environmental factors, and the level and type of genetic variability. PCV and GCV, which together reveal relative variation in different characteristics, which used to assess the level of variability. Therefore, to obtain an overall and accurate perspective, a quantitative assessment of the yield and its components is essential. The assessment of heritability examines how effectively a characteristic is passed down from one generation to the next generation. According to Chauhan *et al.* (2021) variation occurs between genotypes both chemotypically and morphologically this variation may be due to its genetic nature. Low-degree environmental interactions affect highly heritable features related to yield, and traits related to yield in the selection program. Though genetic advances aid in the development of efficient selection techniques, heritability indicates the amount of quantitative trait inheritance. Genetic advances and heritability analyses enhance selection. The objective of the recent study was to assess the genetic advance, heritability, and genetic variability for several attributes among 26 Dolichos bean genotypes.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

During the year from 2021 to 2022, the experimental study was conducted at the Horticultural College and Research Institute in Periyakulam, Tamil Nadu, India, at the Western Block (10.13°N latitude, 77.59°E longitude) with an average altitude is 356 meters above sea level (Table 1). The experimental material comprised 26 genotypes of crops taken from various parts of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. During the summer, the selected genotypes were sowed in RBD with three replications. Each genotype was planted with a 60 × 30 cm spacing. To record observation and biometrical parameters as well as quality traits, five plants were chosen from each genotype and replication. Throughout the crop period, standard agronomic practices and prescribed plant protection measures were followed.

From randomly selected five plants from each genotype, morphological observations such as plant type, pod color, seed color, and flower color were recorded. The genotype was characterized according to the documented descriptors. Five plants were chosen randomly from the total area of the plot, tagged, and observation was recorded growth, yield, and flowering characteristics were recorded at various stages: germination percentage, earlier flowering, days to 50% flowering, and the racemes/plant. Among the yield parameters were days taken for pod formation, number

of pods per plant, pod length (cm), pod breadth (cm), number of seeds per pod, and pod yield per plant (Kg). By using (Panse & Sukhatme 1954) approach, analysis of variance was employed as a strategy to separate overall variation from those resulting from treatment and replication. The genotypic and phenotypic variance was calculated using the Burton method (1953). The method provided by Johnson *et al.* (1955) allowed for the calculation of genetic advance as a percentage of the mean and heritability.

Table 1: Sources of Dolichos bean genotypes used for the study.

Sr. No.	Germplasm	Source of germplasm
1	PKM LP 01	Theni local
2	PKM LP 02	Appipatti local
3	PKM LP 03	Chinnamanur local
4	PKM LP 04	Bodinayakanur local
5	PKM LP 05	Uthamapalayam local
6	PKM LP 06	Mayiladumparai local
7	PKM LP 07	Cumbum local
8	PKM LP 08	Kamatchipuram local
9	PKM LP 11	HC&RI, Periyakulam
10	PKM LP 12	Pollachi local
11	PKM LP 13	Erode local
12	PKM LP 15	Karur local
13	PKM LP 16	Namakkal local
14	PKM LP 19	Walajapet local
15	PKM LP 23	Kadapa local II
16	PKM LP 24	Chittoor local II
17	PKM LP 25	IIHR, Bangalore
18	PKM LP 26	IIHR, Bangalore
19	PKM LP 27	IIHR, Bangalore
20	PKM LP 28	IIHR, Bangalore
21	PKM LP 29	IIHR, Bangalore
22	PKM LP 30	Madurai local
23	PKM LP 31	Kandamanur local
24	PKM LP 32	Kanavilaku local
25	PKM LP 34	NBPGR Regional Station, Kerala
26	PKM LP 35	Kadamalaikundu

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The Dolichos bean's 26 genotypes differed considerably in 4 qualitative parameters. The bloom colors range from white to pink to purple; all genotypes have a bushy growth habit. Most pods were green or light green. Each genotype pod can be consumed whole as a green vegetable. The seed was either white, brown, or black. All ten yield and yield-attributing characteristics under evaluation progressively significant variation in the proposed study's analysis of variance (ANOVA) (Table 3). Based on the mean performance the genotype PKM LP 26 (91.98%) was recorded with a maximum germination percentage followed by the genotype PKM LP 11 (90.40 %) and the genotype PKM LP 06 (75.50 %) recorded the minimum germination percentage. The average plant height ranged from 44.89 -76.75 cm (Table 2).

Table 2: Morphological characters of different Dolichos bean germplasm.

Genotypes	Plant type	Flower color	Pod color	Seed color
PKM LP 01	Bush	White	Light green	Light brown
PKM LP 02	Bush	White	Green	Brown
PKM LP 03	Bush	White	Light green	Brown
PKM LP 04	Bush	White	Light green	Light brown
PKM LP 05	Bush	White	Green	Brown
PKM LP 06	Bush	White	Light green	Brown
PKM LP 07	Bush	White	Light green	Brown
PKM LP 08	Bush	White	Green	Brown
PKM LP 11	Bush	White	Light green	Light brown
PKM LP 12	Bush	White	Green	Brown
PKM LP 13	Bush	White	Green	Brown
PKM LP 15	Bush	White	Green	Light brown
PKM LP 16	Bush	Purple	Green	Light brown
PKM LP 19	Bush	White	Light green	Brown
PKM LP 23	Bush	White	Green	Brown
PKM LP 24	Bush	White	Light green	Light brown
PKM LP 25	Bush	White	Green	Mottled color
PKM LP 26	Bush	Pink	Light green	Mottled color
PKM LP 27	Bush	White	Light green	Creamy white
PKM LP 28	Bush	White	Green	Light brown
PKM LP 29	Bush	White	Green	Brown
PKM LP 30	Bush	White	Light green	Light brown
PKM LP 31	Bush	White	Light green	Brick red
PKM LP 32	Bush	White	Light green	Brown
PKM LP 34	Bush	White	Green	Brown
PKM LP 35	Bush	White	Green	Brown

Table 3: Mean performance for yield and yield attracting traits in 26 genotypes of Dolichos bean.

Germplasm	Germination percentage %	Plant Height (cm)	Days to the first flowering	Days to 50 % flowering	No. of raceme/ plant	Pods /plant	Pod length	Pod Width	No. of seeds/pod	Pod yield/plant
PKM LP 01	90.40	64.00	40.13	46.23	4.63	26.13	6.36	1.18	3.19	81.25
PKM LP 02	83.30	76.75	43.40	57.29	6.53	36.00	7.83	1.68	4.62	126.29
PKM LP 03	81.20	50.25	39.20	45.20	5.13	26.00	6.85	1.31	4.33	90.28
PKM LP 04	79.10	62.30	42.30	54.15	4.50	27.00	6.13	1.22	3.23	75.60
PKM LP 05	81.60	55.49	41.23	51.42	5.90	27.56	7.35	1.30	4.35	98.20
PKM LP 06	75.50	65.40	38.40	48.32	4.13	26.85	5.80	1.80	3.21	85.33
PKM LP 07	85.70	44.89	44.33	54.25	4.40	26.38	6.80	1.36	4.46	93.67
PKM LP 08	87.30	70.55	41.56	51.50	6.93	37.15	8.05	1.56	4.56	129.58
PKM LP 11	88.80	73.80	42.30	46.26	6.33	38.45	8.56	1.53	4.51	138.94
PKM LP 12	83.90	69.35	46.40	58.80	5.26	30.51	7.05	1.24	4.46	105.45
PKM LP 13	79.98	48.87	45.63	51.53	5.60	35.40	7.15	1.29	4.30	128.31
PKM LP 15	84.09	66.00	45.69	52.33	4.43	24.18	5.86	1.09	3.33	79.47
PKM LP 16	82.29	55.75	46.16	54.46	5.76	30.18	6.56	1.20	3.43	104.28
PKM LP 19	86.50	65.25	42.83	53.63	3.80	25.44	6.14	1.06	3.21	83.15
PKM LP 23	77.70	57.00	44.23	55.20	5.16	32.85	7.10	1.45	3.40	113.48
PKM LP 24	76.60	60.74	50.30	55.09	4.93	27.37	6.68	1.43	3.46	130.97
PKM LP 25	78.50	58.75	46.60	54.33	5.52	34.83	6.39	1.48	3.30	120.11
PKM LP 26	91.98	70.07	42.52	56.50	6.13	39.66	8.39	1.58	4.53	143.56
PKM LP 27	85.50	75.95	43.33	53.10	6.39	35.60	7.73	1.63	4.30	132.90
PKM LP 28	79.30	67.45	40.60	52.26	6.06	30.95	7.64	1.32	3.42	103.43
PKM LP 29	84.20	64.29	44.86	54.13	5.33	28.85	7.03	1.42	3.59	101.87
PKM LP 30	79.40	53.25	42.43	53.33	5.42	29.76	6.71	1.38	3.23	99.94
PKM LP 31	86.70	65.30	47.33	56.36	5.35	27.31	6.77	1.35	3.46	94.38
PKM LP 32	84.30	48.25	46.20	54.40	5.40	31.21	6.45	1.39	3.52	107.21
PKM LP 34	87.80	56.75	43.13	53.53	5.60	28.32	6.57	1.27	3.43	100.23
PKM LP 35	89.40	67.30	53.43	58.83	4.63	32.89	6.75	1.38	3.46	115.21
Mean	83.57	62.06	44.48	53.05	5.35	30.64	6.95	1.38	3.78	107.77
Sem	1.27	1.80	0.70	0.905	0.08	0.46	0.09	0.01	0.06	1.52
CD@5%	3.62	5.12	2.00	2.572	0.24	1.32	0.25	0.05	0.17	4.33

The genotype PKM LP 04 (44.89 cm) recorded the minimum plant height and the genotype PKM LP 02 (76.75 cm) followed by PKM LP 27 (75.95 cm) recorded the maximum plant height. Earlier flowering was found in the genotype PKM LP 06 (38.30 days) while maximum days for first flowering was found in the genotype PKM LP 35 (53.45 days). Days to 50 % flowering ranged from 45.20-58.83 days with a mean value of 53.05 days. Genotype PKM LP 02 (6.93) recorded the highest number of raceme plant⁻¹ followed by the genotype PKM LP 11 (6.53) and the lowest number of raceme plant⁻¹ was found in the genotype PKM LP 19 (3.80). The highest number of pod plant⁻¹ was identified in the genotype PKM LP 26 (39.66) followed by the genotype PKM LP 11(38.45) and the genotype PKM LP 15 (24.18) recorded the least number of pod plant⁻¹. The genotype PKM LP 11(8.56cm) recorded the maximum pod length and minimum pod length was observed in the genotype PKM LP 15 (5.86cm). The genotype PKM LP 02 (1.68 cm) recorded the maximum pod width and the minimum pod width was recorded in the genotype PKM LP 19 (1.06 cm). The genotype PKM LP 08 (4.65) identified the maximum no of seeds per pod and the minimum seed /pod was recorded in the genotype PKM LP 01 (3.19). Among all the genotype yield/plant was highest in the genotype PKM LP 26 (143.56 g) followed by the genotype PKM LP 11 (138.94g).

Genetic variability, heritability, and genetic advance

Table 4 displays the heritability values, and estimated GAM, mean, range, GCV, and PCV (genotypic and phenotypic coefficients of variation) for the characteristics under investigation. A small difference between the GCV and PCV values for the characteristics suggests that they have had a high amount of genetic variability and, as a result, have a better chance of being selected. These characteristics show considerable genetic variability and are less affected by the environment. Table 3 presents the

estimations of various genetic parameters. The yield and number of pods produced by plant⁻¹ both showed high GCV and PCV, indicating that these characteristics had a greater order of magnitude of variability and, as a result, more opportunity for improvement through selection. Singh *et al.* (2015) verified the prior findings for the pod plant⁻¹ and the plant yield in 24 genotypes of the dolichos bean.

High PCV and GCV for green pod yield/plant were reported by Chattopadhyay & Dutta (2010) and Chaitanya *et al.* (2014), respectively. Moderate PCV and GCV are indicated by the plant height, racemes/plant, pod length (cm), number of seeds/pod, and green pod width. This suggests that both additive and non-additive gene activity may contribute to the reported traits. These results were confirmed using the findings of Chaitanya *et al.* (2014), Hadavani *et al.* (2018), and Sahu & Bahadur (2018) for a number of seeds /pod in the Dolichos bean. For germination percentage, early flowering, and days to 50% flowering, PCV and GCV were low. These findings were supported by Savithiri *et al.* (2018) and Chaitanya *et al.* (2014), respectively.

Apart from germination percentage, days for 50% flowering, and early flowering, the current study revealed significant heritability and high genetic progress as a percentage of the mean. According to the findings, these traits are influenced by additive gene action; as a result, careful choice based on such morphological parameters will be more effective. In terms of pod width, pod length, and the number of seeds per pod, the current findings were equivalent to those of Savitha (2008) and Rai *et al.* (2008). The results for pod width (cm), pod weight (g), and pod length (cm) in Dolichos bean genotypes were identical, based on Magalingam *et al.* (2013). Kujur *et al.* (2017) showed similar results for early flowering, tender pod length, and earlier flowering and pod width.

Table 4: Estimation of genetic parameters for 10 characters in 26 dolichos bean.

Characters	Mean	Range	PCV	GCV	Heritability (%)	Genetic advance as % of the mean
Germination Percentage %	83.57	75.50-91.98	5.71	5.06	78.61	9.24
Plant height cm	62.06	44.89-76.75	14.54	13.64	88.04	26.37
Days to first flowering	44.48	38.30-53.43	8.28	7.81	88.97	15.19
Days to 50 % flowering	53.05	45.20-58.83	7.03	6.38	82.38	11.94
No. of raceme/ plant	5.35	3.80-6.53	14.81	14.54	96.43	29.42
Pods /plant	30.64	39.66-24.18	23.54	22.30	96.73	28.97
Pod length (cm)	6.95	5.86-8.56	10.63	10.39	95.54	20.93
Pod Breadth (cm)	1.38	1.06-1.68	12.89	12.67	96.57	25.65
No. of seeds/pod	3.78	3.19-4.56	14.62	14.35	96.40	96.40
Pod yield/plant(g)	107.77	79.47-143.56	20.30	20.14	96.73	96.73

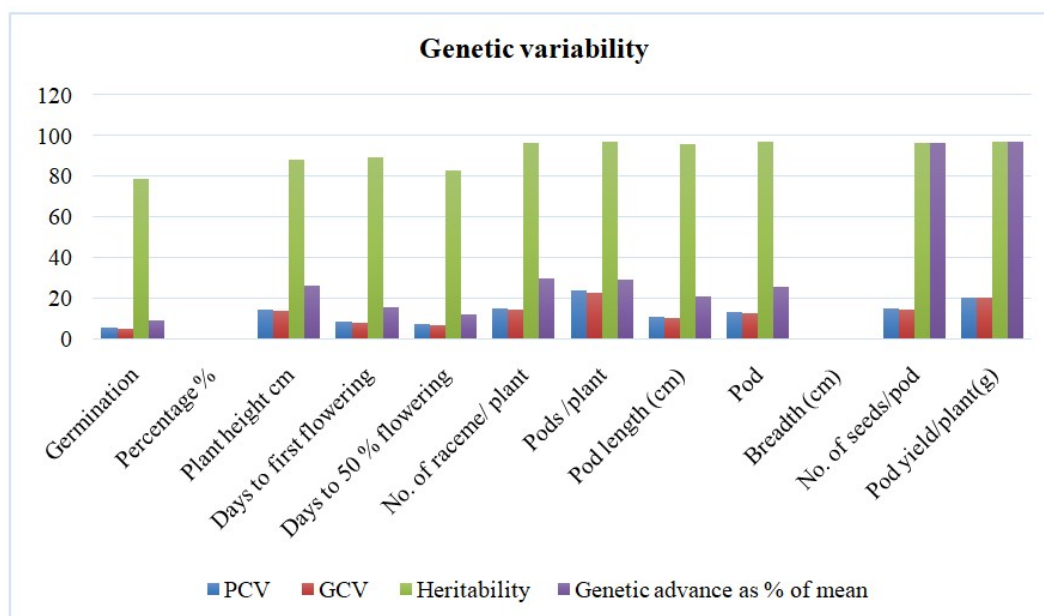


Fig. 1.

CONCLUSION

PKM LP 26 followed by PKM LP 11 had the maximum green pod plant⁻¹ and the highest green pod yield per plant, respectively, @ 5 percent CD value. Hence, it can be concluded that PKM LP 26 is the best performance among taken up for trail. In the conclusion based on the estimations of genetic variability, individual plants could be carried out selection for characters viz., Pod/plant, pod yield/plant, and pod weight as they recorded high values of heritability and genetic advance.

FUTURE SCOPE

The genotypes identified as high yielding should be tested in different agro-climatic conditions for 2-3 years and those found suitable could be recommended for commercial cultivation. These genotypes may also be utilized in breeding for yield improvement.

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