Performance and Variability Evaluation in Some Genotypes of Winged Bean [Psophocarpus tetragonolobus (L.) DC.]

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ABSTRACT

Winged bean is a multipurpose underutilised legume. It is consumed as leaves, flowers, pods, seeds and also tuberous roots because of their great nutritional values. The present investigation was carried out on performance and variability evaluation for seed Characters and flower colour among 27 genotypes of winged bean. The research trial was conducted at Vegetable Research Farm of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh during kharif season of 2014-2015. Based on different characters, the genotype Ambika WB-13-6 exhibited highest mean performance for seed yield per plant (31.96 gm), mature pod length (17.44 cm), mature pod width (2.11 cm) and no. of seeds per pod (13.67) with 70 days 50% flowering as well as average leaf area index at 50% flowering (1.35) followed by RWB-13, EC-27884, EC-17830 and RWB-15 which appeared promising for different characters. Therefore, Ambika WB-13-6 along with the above four genotypes could be tested under different agronomic practices for commercial production and human consumption of this underutilized legume. Creamy white colour, black colour and brown colour types of seed coat as well as white and violet types flower were founded and indicated variation among 27 genotypes of winged bean.

Keywords
Winged bean, Ambika WB-13-6, Genotypes, Seed yield

Introduction

Winged bean [Psophocarpus tetragonolobus (L.) DC.], self-fertilizing leguminous crop and have diploid chromosome number is 2n=2x=18/22 (NAS, 1981; Mohanty et al., 2013).

It is also called as Goa bean, four angled bean, choughula sem, chara konisem, God-sent vegetable and princess pea, has assumed considerable importance at present as a protein rich multipurpose crop (Amoo et al., 2006; Ray et al., 2012). Winged bean evolved in South-East Asia perhaps Papua New Guinea (Khan, 1976) and is an important underutilized leguminous vegetable in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Burma, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Ghana and Nigeria. It is commonly grown in southern and north-eastern region, i.e. Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram and adjoining areas of India and is consumed by local peoples. Winged bean can be consumed as leaves, flowers, pods, green seeds, dried seeds, and also tuberous roots, are all edible and nutritious (Singh et. al., 2013; Prasanth et al., 2015).
All parts of winged bean are rich in protein, vitamins and minerals (Chandel et al., 1978a; Mahto and Dua, 2009). It is an underutilized legume; very little research work has been done on its genetic improvement.

The knowledge on genetic variability in the available accessions is a prerequisite for effective selection of superior genotypes. Therefore, realizing the importance and need of this legume present investigation was undertaken with the objective to mean performance and variability evaluation in 27 genotypes of winged bean.

**Materials and Methods**

Twenty seven winged bean genotypes were collected from Birsa agriculture university, Ranchi and Banaras Hindu University were used for the present study (Table 1). The genotypes were evaluated at the vegetable research farm, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Banaras Hindu University (U.P.) during the summer season 2014-2015. The experimental site was located at 25.26° N latitude and 82.99° E longitude at an altitude of 87 m above mean sea level.

The experiment was conducted in a Randomized block design with three replications during kharif season 2014-15. Each genotype was sown in single row plots. Each plot was consisted of one row of 5m, length with 75cm, row to row and 25cm, plant to plant distance.

Recommended agronomic practices were followed to raise the healthy crop. Observations on six yield attributing traits viz., days to 50% flowering, LAI at 50% flowering, mature pod length (cm.), Mature pod width (cm.), no. of seeds per pod, Seed yield per plant (g) were taken on five competitive plants from each replication of genotype under study.

**Results and Discussion**

The result of 27 winged bean genotypes showed the range of mean from 65.67 days in Ambika-13-5 to 81.89 days in IC-26945 for days to 50% flowering, 0.63 in Ambika WB - 11-3 to 1.61 in RWB-15 for LAI at 50% flowering, 13.02 cm. in Ambika WB-11-2 (white) to 17.44 cm. in Ambika WB -13-6 for mature pod length, 1.46 cm. in Ambika WB-11-3 to 2.16 cm. in EC-27884 for mature pod width, 7.33 in RMDWB-1 to 13.67 in Ambika WB-13-6 for no. of seeds per pod, 15.76 g in RMDWB-1 to 31.96 g in Ambika WB-13-6 for seed yield per plant.

The upper limit of range for various traits under study was exhibited by different genotypes. However, genotype exhibiting highest values for more than one characters are Ambika WB-13-6 for seed yield per plant (31.96g), mature pod length (17.44cm), no. of seeds per pod (13.67), mature pod width (2.11 cm.), LAI at 50% flowering (1.35) with 66 days to 50% flowering followed by RWB-13, EC-27884, EC-17830 and RWB-15 which appeared promising for different characters (Table 1 and Fig. 1).

Based on mean variability in related traits under study was also reported by previous scientists (Chandel et al., 1984; Philip and Ramachandran, 1986; Seth et al., 1988; Singh and Khanna, 1995; Mohamadali and Madalageri, 2007; Nandan et al., 2010; Ray et al., 2012; Prasanth et al., 2015) in winged bean accessions.

Creamy white Seed coat colour in Ambika WB-11-2 (white), black seed coat colour in EC-178279 and light brown to dark brown seed coat colour in remaining 25 genotypes were observed (Fig. 2). White colour flower in Ambika WB-11-2 (white) and violet colour flower in remaining 26 genotypes were observed (Fig. 3).
Table 1: Range and mean performance of different characters in 27 genotypes of winged bean

| Serial no. | Genotypes          | Characters                      | Days to 50% flowering | LAI at 50% flowering | Mature pod length (cm.) | Mature pod width (cm.) | No. Of seeds per pod | Seed yield per plant |
|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1         | Ambika WB-11-1     |                                 | 79.18                 | 1.03                 | 15.04                   | 1.80                   | 10.03                | 23.49                |
| 2         | Ambika WB-11-2     |                                 | 75.33                 | 1.58                 | 16.08                   | 2.02                   | 12.22                | 27.65                |
| 3         | Ambika WB-11-2(white) |                             | 74.89                 | 0.73                 | 13.02                   | 1.51                   | 8.00                 | 19.16                |
| 4         | Ambika WB-11-3     |                                 | 72.00                 | 0.63*                | 14.86                   | 1.46*                  | 8.56                 | 23.71                |
| 5         | Ambika WB-13-1     |                                 | 67.67                 | 1.12                 | 16.46                   | 1.70                   | 13.00                | 29.29                |
| 6         | Ambika -13-5       |                                 | 65.67*                | 0.91                 | 16.11                   | 1.63                   | 10.56                | 27.93                |
| 7         | Ambika WB-13-6     |                                 | 69.89                 | 1.35                 | 17.44**                 | 2.11                   | 13.67**              | 31.96**              |
| 8         | Ambika -13-4       |                                 | 72.00                 | 1.43                 | 15.03                   | 1.90                   | 10.33                | 29.47                |
| 9         | EC-13084           |                                 | 80.44                 | 1.05                 | 14.09                   | 1.76                   | 8.00                 | 16.27                |
| 10        | EC-15018           |                                 | 78.89                 | 1.12                 | 14.58                   | 1.49                   | 8.33                 | 20.21                |
| 11        | EC-27884           |                                 | 79.78                 | 0.85                 | 15.44                   | 2.16**                 | 10.67                | 31.19                |
| 12        | EC-172600          |                                 | 78.67                 | 0.88                 | 16.42                   | 1.88                   | 11.22                | 26.76                |
| 13        | EC-178279          |                                 | 76.33                 | 0.91                 | 16.60                   | 2.03                   | 10.00                | 20.98                |
| 14        | EC-178289          |                                 | 77.67                 | 0.72                 | 13.70                   | 1.47                   | 7.33                 | 17.79                |
| 15        | EC-178295          |                                 | 81.78                 | 1.00                 | 14.64                   | 1.68                   | 8.33                 | 21.91                |
| 16        | EC-178309          |                                 | 75.78                 | 1.56                 | 15.69                   | 1.94                   | 10.89                | 31.81                |
| 17        | IC-26904           |                                 | 72.11                 | 0.78                 | 14.48                   | 2.02                   | 8.00                 | 17.74                |
| 18        | IC-26945           |                                 | 81.89**               | 0.72                 | 16.82                   | 1.53                   | 11.11                | 23.06                |
| 19        | IC-38683           |                                 | 74.67                 | 1.10                 | 13.96                   | 1.94                   | 8.00                 | 21.88                |
| 20        | IC-178292          |                                 | 72.00                 | 1.49                 | 15.59                   | 1.62                   | 10.67                | 28.65                |
| 21        | RMDWB-1            |                                 | 79.67                 | 0.86                 | 14.07                   | 1.70                   | 7.33*                | 15.76*               |
| 22        | RWB-2              |                                 | 79.22                 | 0.95                 | 13.98                   | 1.51                   | 7.67                 | 18.35                |
| 23        | RWB-13             |                                 | 75.78                 | 1.19                 | 16.69                   | 1.66                   | 13.00                | 31.96                |
| 24        | RWB-15             |                                 | 73.67                 | 1.61**               | 17.27                   | 2.10                   | 11.67                | 30.01                |
| 25        | RWB-16             |                                 | 75.22                 | 0.97                 | 13.94                   | 1.66                   | 7.89                 | 17.71                |
| 26        | BHW-1              |                                 | 78.00                 | 1.51                 | 15.89                   | 1.61                   | 11.56                | 29.85                |
| 27        | AKWB-1             |                                 | 80.44                 | 1.42                 | 16.38                   | 1.59                   | 7.77                 | 29.84                |
| **Range** | Minimum            |                                 | 65.67                 | 0.63                 | 13.02                   | 1.46                   | 7.33                 | 15.76                |
|           | Maximum            |                                 | 81.89                 | 1.61                 | 17.44                   | 2.16                   | 13.67                | 31.96                |
The winged bean genotypes exhibited a wide range of variation for seed yield per plant and other remaining characters studied. The results indicate that there is ample scope for selection of promising genotypes from present set of germplasm for seed yield and other characters improvement programme. The variability in this germplasm pool could be utilized in recombination breeding programme for accumulation of superior and desirable traits in a single genotype.

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