

Stability of Hull-less Barley Genotypes Grown at Different Environments in Egypt

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ABSTRACT

Grain yield and its components of 14 hull-less barley genotypes were evaluated in two seasons (2013/2014 and 2014/2015) in five locations (Nubaria, Sakha, Gimmeza, Quntra sharq and Giza) in Egypt. Grain yield ranged from 3.96 to 6.56 t/ha for "L6" and "L3" promising lines, respectively, with grand average of 5.11 t/ha. Giza 135, Giza 136 cultivar L3 and L2 promising line produced highest grain yield and its components. On the other hand, the least genotype "L6" in grain yield had least values in most yield and its components.

Pooled analysis of variance revealed significant effect of S x L interaction and the seasons had greater effect than location, Results also showed significant G x S x L interaction, this means there were differences in relative performance of genotypes over season-location combinations or in other word there were changes genotype x location effect among seasons.

According to stability parameters (b_i , S^2_d , R^2 , C.V %) and yield average results revealed that L2, L3, L6 promising lines and Giza 135 and Giza 136 showed average stability with general adaptability. However, L8, Giza 129 and Giza 131 were adapted to high yielding environments. On the other side, L4, L5 and L7 promising lines are adapted to low yielding environments.

Key words: *Parameter, Promising lines, Relationship and Adaptability.*

INTRODUCTION

Barley (*Hordeum Vulgare* L.) plants could be used as forage, while its grains could be used as food, feed and in malt industry. In Egypt, barley is considered a secondary crop in Nile Valley and Delta but it is an important crop in North Coast, north Saini and New Valley. Differences are commonly observed in yield performance over locations and seasons, when barley genotypes are grown at multi-location trials. (Abd-El Ally, 2004; Rico *et al.*, 2007; EL-Bawab *et al.*, 2011; EL Sayed *et al.*, 2011 & 2011a; Mühleisen *et al.*, 2014; and Lodhi *et al.*, 2015).

Different performance usually observed when barley genotypes grown under different growing conditions such as soil salinity (Afiah *et al.*, 1999; and Bhutta and Hanif, 2010), rainfed conditions or irrigation (Noaman *et al.*, 2006; EL-Bawab *et al.*, 2011; EL Sayed *et al.*, 2011 & 2011a; Abdel - Raouf *et al.*, 2012 and Lodhi *et al.*, 2015).

Stable cultivars over several environments for high grain yield is important. However, when crop genotypes are tested at different environmental conditions, great differential genotypic expression across environments. For that, the (G E I) is great of value for plant breeder, he can decide to restructure the breeding program to minimize the (G E I) effect or to produce varieties with specific adaptation to particular environments. Lodhi *et al.* (2015) stated that the study of the interaction of genotype and environment and yield stability of promising barley

genotypes is prerequisite for the development of cultivars. He also added that the assessment of stability and wide adaptability of breeding lines against biotic and abiotic stresses is a prerequisite in any breeding program

The first was by Finlay and Wilkinson (1963), who defined stability as the relationship of the genotype yield across environments by the regression coefficient (b_i); where a genotype was considered stable with $b_i = 1$. Eberhart and Russell (1966) further expanded the stability measure by using regression deviation mean squares (S^2_d). They reported that the genotype stability is expressed in parameters: the mean performance, the slope of regression line (b_i), and the sum of squares of deviation from regression (S^2_d). Therefore, a stable genotype will be with high mean yield over the environments, unit regression coefficient ($b_i = 1$) and deviation from regression equal to zero ($S^2_d = 0$). Pinthus (1973) used the coefficient of determination (R^2) which measures the proportion of a variety's production variation that is due to linear regression.

Kandil *et al.* (1998) in Egypt, tested 13 bread wheat and four durum wheat varieties under conditions of nine environments to study the grain yield stability under irrigation and rainfed conditions in newly reclaimed soils. The three stability parameters, i.e. b_i , S^2_d and R^2 were used, results indicated that durum wheat varieties were stable for grain yield than bread wheat cultivars.

Bahrami *et al.* (2008) They added that the regression coefficient is most useful stability statistics which can be applied for selection of hull-less barley genotypes adapted to wide range of environments or adapted to restricted environments.

Lodhi *et al.* (2015) stated that among 105 barley genotypes grown under different 3 environments in India. Only two cultivars were found to be stable for grain yield by meeting all the three parameters of stability over environments. They added that this indicates specific genotypes based on its performance should be recommended for a specific favorable environment. However, Dimitrova-Doncheva *et al.* (2016) grown five varieties of winter barley at three locations in Bulgaria in two seasons. They found that location was the most important source of yield variation (59.2%). Environment significantly explained 90.58% (4.4% for year, 59.2 %for location and 26.9%for their interaction) of the total sum of square due to G+E+GEI.

The aim of this investigation was to identify which genotype(s) among the tested 14 genotypes

could be grown over different locations and which one suitable for a specific location.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Ten field experiments were carried out at five locations (Nubaria , Gimmeza , Sakha, Quntra sharq and Giza), Egypt in two successive seasons (2013/2014 and 2014/2015) using 14 genotypes to study their yield and stability under studied environments.

1- Plant materials

The experimental materials for the study consisted of 14 barley genotypes. These genotypes are 9 promising lines (L1, L2, L3, L4, L5, L6, L7, L8 and L9), three cultivated varieties Giza 129, Giza 130, Giza 131 and two new varieties Giza 135 and Giza 136. Name, pedigree and origin of studied genotypes are given in Table1.

2- Description of the experiment sites.

The description of the experiment sites including soil analysis, location and meteorological data are presented in Tables 2, 3 and 4, respectively.

Table 1: Pedigree / name and seed origin of 14 -6 –rowed, hull-less genotypes.

Name	Name / Pedigree	Origin*
L1	GIZA 129/ HIPROLY	Egypt
L2	GIZA 130/10/ APETO/5/GLORIA-BAR/4/SOTOL// 2762/BC-B/3/11012.2/TERN-B/6/H272 /7/SEN/8/MJA/9/PETUNIA 1/10/CABUYA	Egypt
L3	GIZA 2000/11/ APETO/5/GLORIA-BAR/4/SOTOL// 2762/BC-B/3/11012.2/TERN-B/6/H272 /7/SEN/8/MJA/9/PETUNIA 1/10/CABUYA	Egypt
L4	GIZA 2000/5/LIGNEE640/PI382798//DC-B/3/CABUYA/4/PETUNIA 1	Egypt
L5	CARDO/LINO//CHINIA/3/ALISO/4/CI3909-2/5/FALCON-BAR/6/HIGO	Egypt
L6	GIZA 117/6/ GLORIA-BAR/COPAL//PM5/3/BEN/4/ SEN/5/PETUNIA 1	Egypt
L7	GIZA 126/3/ CABUYA/MJA//PETUNIA 1	Egypt
L8	GIZA 126/6/ P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA 1	Egypt
L9	GIZA 131//PETUNIA 1/CHINIA	Egypt
GIZA 129	Deir Alla106/Cel//As 46/Aths*2	Egypt
GIZA 130	CC229//Bco.Mr./DZ02391/3/Deir Alla106	Egypt
GIZA 131	CM67-B/CENTENO//CAM-B/3/ROW906.73/4/GLORIA-BAR/COME-B/5/FALCON-BAR/6/LIN	Egypt
GIZA 135	ZARZA/BERMEJO/4/DS4931//GLORIA-BAR/COPAL/3/SEN/5/ANYAROSA	Egypt
GIZA 136	PLAISANT/7/CLN-B/4/S.P-B/LIGNEE640/3/S.P-B//GLORIA-BAR/COME-B/5/FALCON-BAR/6/LINO	Egypt

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Table 2: Mechanical and chemical analysis of locations soil* .

Location	Available(ppm)			PH	Ec dc/m	CaCo ₃ %	Clay %	Silt %	Sand %	Soil texture*
	N	P	K							
Nubaria	54.2	2.6	290	8.2	5.4	22.8	11.5	24.6	63.9	Sandy Loam
Sakha	66.8	8.0	430	8.1	3.0	1.32	54.4	9.20	36.3	Clay Loam
Gimmeza	53.2	18.6	490	7.7	2.01	3.86	39.6	41.8	18.6	Clay
Q. sharq	45.0	6.6	144	7.8	1.09	1.23	7.6	2.1	90.3	Sandy
Giza	65.0	8.6	335	7.8	1.15	1.43	50.6	38.3	11.5	Loam

* These analysis were done by soil and water Research Institute, ARC, Egypt.

Table 3: Location and elevation of data for the experiment sites.

Site	latitude	longitude	Altitude
Nubaria	31 12 N	29 57 E	7 m
Sakha	31 07 N	30 57 E	10 m
Gimmeza	30 48 N	31 07 E	9 m
Quntra sharq	31 17 N	32 27 E	14 m
Giza	30 02 N	31 13 E	22 m

Table 4: Meteorological data of the experiment sites.

	2013/2014					2014/2015				
	Nub.	Sak.	Gim.	Q.sharq	Giza	Nub.	Sak.	Gim.	Q.sharq	Giza
December										
Average tem.(c)	14.9	15.2	14.2	15.3	15.2	16.4	15.4	15.9	17.1	19
Average rainfall (mm)	36.6	61.6	54.3	19	8	43	77.3	50.7	20.6	6
Av. Relative humidity (%)	74	96	92	80	68	69	90	88	73	56
Av. Wind speed (m/sec)	2.2	3.2	2.9	3.1	1	1.7	2.9	2.7	2.6	1.5
Av. Sunshine duration (hr)	10	10.1	10	10	10.1	10	10.1	10	10	10.2
January										
Average tem.(c)	14.6	14.6	13.9	16.1	15.5	13.6	14.2	13.7	14.2	15.8
Average rainfall (mm)	12	13.3	11.7	8.6	3	12.6	22	18.9	9.1	4.0
Av. Relative humidity (%)	80	94	94	89	66.6	66.7	90	88	71.3	54.3
Av. Wind speed (m/sec)	1.4	3.7	3.5	2.5	1.5	2.9	3.9	3.2	3.5	2.1
Av. Sunshine duration (hr)	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.3	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.5
February										
Average tem.(c)	15.6	16.2	16.8	16.5	16.9	14.1	15.8	13.4	14.4	16.3
Average rainfall (mm)	6.1	18.2	16.5	7.6	1.9	22.7	17.9	14.6	8.1	2
Av. Relative humidity (%)	75	61	76	82	60.9	67	63	59	71.3	53.2
Av. Wind speed (m/sec)	2.1	2.8	3.7	3.1	2.1	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.6	2.2
Av. Sunshine duration (hr)	11.1	11.2	11.3	11	11	11	11.1	11.3	11	11
March										
Average tem.(c)	17	17.4	16.3	17.6	19.1	16.9	17.6	16.6	17.6	21
Average rainfall (mm)	2.9	12.6	24.6	6.3	10	2.1	10.2	3.6	2.4	4
Av. Relative humidity (%)	70	84	86	83	60.4	66.3	88	83	73.3	51.6
Av. Wind speed (m/sec)	2.5	3.1	2.7	3.8	2.9	2.7	3.4	3.3	3.7	2.3
Av. Sunshine duration (hr)	11.8	11.8	11.7	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.5
April										
Average tem.(c)	19.8	20.4	18.6	20.3	23.5	18.2	19.6	18	18.5	23.6
Average rainfall(mm)	0	5	10.2	3.5	0	3.7	6.3	10	2.9	0
Av. Relative humidity (%)	70	83	82	74	59.4	64.3	82	77	72	43.1
Av. Wind speed (m/sec)	2.2	2.9	2.9	3.6	2.9	3.1	3.3	3.1	4.3	2.7
Av. Sunshine duration (hr)	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.9	12.8	12.4
May										
Average tem.(c)	23	23.5	24.1	23.3	27	22.3	23.8	24.3	22.4	28.7
Average rainfall (mm)	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	2	0
Av. Relative humidity (%)	63	81	77	65	52.8	63.7	83	80	69	41.6
Av. Wind speed (m/sec)	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.4	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.8	3.9	2.5
Av. Sunshine duration (hr)	13.4	13.4	13.5	13.6	13.5	13.6	13.4	13.5	13.6	13.5

The cultural practices which carried out in each location in the two seasons are shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Cultural practices carried out in different locations in the two seasons.

	Nubaria	Sakha	Gimmeza	Quntra sharq	Giza
2013/2014					
Seeding date	Dec., 1st week	Dec., 1st week	Dec., 1st week	Dec., 1st week	Dec., 1st week
Seeding rate (kg/fedd.)	50	50	50	50	50
Row spacing (cm)	20	20	20	20	20
N Level (kg/fedd.)	70	70	70	70	70
N Source	Urea	Urea	Urea	Urea	Urea
Irrigation System	Surface	Surface	Surface	Sprinkler	Surface
Number of Irrigations	3	3	2	4	2
Harvesting date	Mid- May	Mid- May	Mid- May	Mid- May	Mid- May
2014/2015					
Seeding date	Dec., 1st week	Dec., 1st week	Dec., 1st week	Dec., 1st week	Dec., 1st week
Seeding rate (kg/fedd.)	50	50	50	50	50
Row spacing (cm)	20	20	20	20	20
N Level (kg/fedd.)	70	70	70	70	70
N Source	Urea	Urea	Urea	Urea	Urea
Irrigation System	Surface	Surface	Surface	Sprinkler	Surface
Number of Irrigations	3	3	2	4	2
Harvesting date	Mid- May	Mid- May	Mid- May	Mid- May	Mid- May

3. Statistical analysis

Normality distributions in each environment were checked out by the Wilk Shapiro test (Neter *et al* 1996). An analysis of variance (ANOVA) was done for each environment separately. A combined analysis of variance was done from the mean data of each environment, to create the means for the different statistical analyses methods. Homogeneity test of variances were performed according to procedures reported by Gomez and Gomez (1984). To evaluate the stability of tested genotypes across the eight environments, parametric stability statistics were used to estimate stability in this study. Five stability parameters were performed. The first and second were proposed by Eberhart and Russell (1966), i.e. the slope value (b_i) and deviation from regression parameter (S^2_{di}). The third was coefficients of determination (R_i^2) by Pinthus (1973). The fourth one was coefficient of variation (CV_i) by Francis and Kannenberg's (1978), besides mean performance across environment (\bar{x}_i).

The regression coefficient and genotype mean were used together as a measure for adaptation (Finlay and Wilkinson, 1963 and Bilbro and Ray, 1976). Genotype with $b_i=1.0$ was considered adapted for all environments, genotype with $b_i < 1.0$ was considered adapted for low yielding environments and cultivar with $b_i > 1.0$ considered adapted for high yielding environments depending on genotype mean.

Coefficient of determination R^2 (Pinthus, 1973) was used as another parameter of stability. Also, coefficient of variability (C.V.%) was used as an agronomic measure of performance stability of genotypes. The high value of C.V.% indicate low stability in performance and *vice versa*. All statistical analyses were carried out using MSTAT-

C software package (Freed *et al* 1989), GENE's computer software (Cruz, 2013) and MS Excel.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Analysis of variance

Combined analysis of variance for grain yield is presented in Table (6). Results of combined analysis showed that differences among environments were highly significant for grain yield, indicating that the ten environments (E) are different in their conditions. Also, significant ($p < 0.05$) mean squares due to genotypes (G) and GEI were detected for grain yield, which indicated that genotypes performed differently at different environments.

Mean performance:

Data in Table 7 show the mean performance of the tested 14 hull-less barley genotypes overall locations and seasons. The grain yield (t/ha) ranged from 3.96 to 6.56 t/ha for "L6" and "L3", respectively. With grand average of 5.11 t/ha. Giza 135, Giza 136 cultivar and L2 promising line produced grain yield on bar with that of L3 promising line (Table 7).

Data in Table 7 show that the highest four genotypes in grain yield were L3, L2, Giza 136 and Giza 135. On the other side, the least genotype "L6" in grain yield was observed in most locations in both seasons.

With regard to yield in different locations overall seasons and genotypes, Table (7) shows that Sakha and Gimmeza produced highest grain yield t/ha (6.04 and 5.93). The advantage of both locations may be due to its favorable conditions, i.e. soil characters and climate factors for growing hull-less barley. On the other hand, Quntra sharq location was the least location with lower values of grain yield (Table 7). This may be due its less favorable conditions of this location.

Table 6: Combine analysis of variance for yield and its components of 14 hull-less barley genotypes in 10 environments

S.V	d.f	Mean squares
		GY
Environments	9	1110.16**
Rep/ environments	20	27.32
genotypes	13	53.41*
Env. × genotypes	117	42.76*
Pooled error	260	1.19

*, ** significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability level, respectively.

Table 7: Mean grain yield (ton/ha) for 14 barley genotypes and their combined means across ten environments

Genotypes	E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6	E7	E8	E9	E10	combined
L1	5.21	6.57	6.43	2.57	5.00	3.86	5.57	5.86	2.86	4.71	4.86
L2	6.44	7.29	7.29	3.72	6.43	5.86	6.29	7.00	3.57	5.71	5.96
L3	6.56	7.57	7.29	4.79	7.00	6.86	7.43	7.39	4.14	6.57	6.56
L4	6.43	5.57	5.00	1.57	3.79	7.14	6.43	5.43	2.29	4.71	4.84
L5	4.93	5.00	4.71	1.96	2.86	4.00	5.57	5.14	2.43	4.43	4.10
L6	3.29	5.71	5.29	2.19	4.14	4.00	4.86	4.43	2.14	3.57	3.96
L7	4.36	6.07	4.57	1.76	7.14	3.14	5.29	4.57	3.86	6.29	4.70
L8	4.57	6.14	6.71	2.92	3.71	5.00	6.14	6.71	3.00	5.71	5.06
L9	6.29	4.86	5.71	1.98	3.71	4.86	4.57	5.71	1.86	4.29	4.38
Giza 129	6.05	6.00	5.71	3.64	4.57	5.86	6.29	5.71	4.86	4.71	5.34
Giza 130	4.82	6.14	5.86	3.12	4.29	3.00	6.71	5.86	3.14	4.50	4.74
Giza 131	5.29	5.43	5.86	4.24	4.79	4.71	5.57	6.14	4.29	4.29	5.06
Giza 135	5.79	6.00	6.57	4.89	6.07	6.00	6.00	5.71	5.00	5.83	5.79
Giza 136	6.50	6.86	7.00	5.14	6.43	6.00	7.00	6.43	5.00	5.71	6.21
mean	5.47	6.09	6.00	3.18	4.99	5.02	5.98	5.86	3.46	5.07	5.11
L.S.D. 5% (E G)	0.83										

(E1 & E6)= Nubaria, (E2 & E7)= Sakha, (E3 & E8)= Gimmeza, (E4 & E9)= Quntra sharq, (E5 & E10)= Giza.

Stability of tested genotypes

Pooled analysis of variance for grain yield across the ten environments is presented in Table (8). The results revealed that there were significant differences among the tested genotypes for grain yield, which suggested that the genotypes differed considerably with respect to yield performance. Joint regression analysis of variance showed that the mean squares due to genotypes (G), environments (E) and GEI were highly significant for grain yield, indicating the presence of wide variability among

the genotypes as well as environments under which the experiments were conducted. The significant estimates of GEI indicated that grain yield was unstable and may considerably fluctuate with change in environments. These findings are in close agreement with those of Amin *et al* (2005), Aycicek and Yildirim (2006), Ülker *et al* (2006), Rasul *et al* (2006), Akcura *et al* (2009), Parveen *et al* (2010), Al-Otayk (2010), El-Ameen (2012) and Mohamed *et al* (2013).

Table 8: Joint regression analysis of variance for grain yield of the 14 genotypes tested in ten environments

S.O.V	d.f	Mean squares	P-value
Total	139	11.56	
Environments (E)	9	39.52**	0.001
Genotypes (G)	13	23.42**	0.001
G×E	117	5.78**	0.001
E + (G×E)	126	3.14**	0.001
Environment(Linear)	1	379.17**	0.001
G×E (Linear)	13	2.11**	0.001
Pooled deviation	112	2.34**	0.001
Pooled Error	260	2.19	

** significant at 0.01 probability level.

Significant environment (linear) variance implies linear variation among environments for grain yield. The G x E (linear) interaction was significant against pooled deviation, suggesting the possibility of the variation for grain yield and indicated the presence of genetic differences among genotypes for their regression on the environmental index (Table 8). The linear component of GEI was found to be more than the non-linear component (pooled deviation). These results are in consistent with those of Mohamed *et al* (2013) who have reported predominance of linear component of GEI for grain yield per plant.

Stability and adaptation parameters:

The parameters estimated to evaluate the relative stability of hull-less barley genotypes over the range of environmental conditions are presented in Table 9.

According to Eberhart and Russell (1966) results in Table 9 and Figures 1 and 2 indicated that L2, L3, L6 promising line and Giza 135 and Giza 136 cultivar

could be considered stable genotypes because their (b_i) value did not differ significantly from unity and their (S^2_d) values did not differ significantly from zero for grain yield. These findings were assessed by high values ≥ 0.75 for coefficient of determination (R^2), except L6 line for grain yield (0.57 t/ha). This means the linear regression was good fits to the actual values of grain yield for stable genotypes with high (R^2) value.

With regard to coefficient of variability (C.V) Table 9 show L2, L3, L6 promising lines and Giza 135 and Giza 136 was consider stable because they had low (C.V %) for yield .

With regard to adaptation of the tested genotypes and according to Finlay and Wilkinson (1963), the L2, L3 promising lines and Giza 135 and Giza 136 varieties had average stability with a general adaptability for grain yield, because they had (b_i) value near unity and mean performance more than the grand mean (Tables 7 and 9).

Table 9: Stability parameters for grain yield of 14 hull-less barley genotypes over 10 environments.

Genotypes	\bar{X}	(b_i)	(S^2_d)	(R^2_i)	(C.V %)	Fr
L1	4.86	1.35**	2.65*	0.66	2.64	1
L2	5.96	1.05	0.07	0.93	1.46	5
L3	6.56	1.03	0.04	0.96	1.00	5
L4	4.84	0.46*	0.93	0.55	3.31	1
L5	4.10	0.19*	1.87*	0.71	3.86	1
L6	3.96	1.10	0.09	0.57	3.31	3
L7	4.70	0.31*	0.54	0.56	3.13	1
L8	5.06	1.35**	2.92*	0.72	2.64	1
L9	4.38	1.31**	1.12	0.53	3.98	1
Giza 129	5.34	1.11	1.71*	0.80	4.81	3
Giza 130	4.74	1.25*	1.21*	0.84	3.77	1
Giza 131	5.06	1.62**	1.16*	0.90	2.38	1
Giza 135	5.79	1.10	0.67	0.92	2.02	4
Giza 136	6.21	1.09	0.04	0.92	1.50	5

*,** Significantly different from 1.0 for the regression coefficients and from 0.0 for the deviation mean squares at the 0.05 and 0.01 levels of probability, respectively. Fr. =frequency of the number of stability parameters showing stability for each genotype, if a genotype had seven values of Fr., it could be considered most stable.

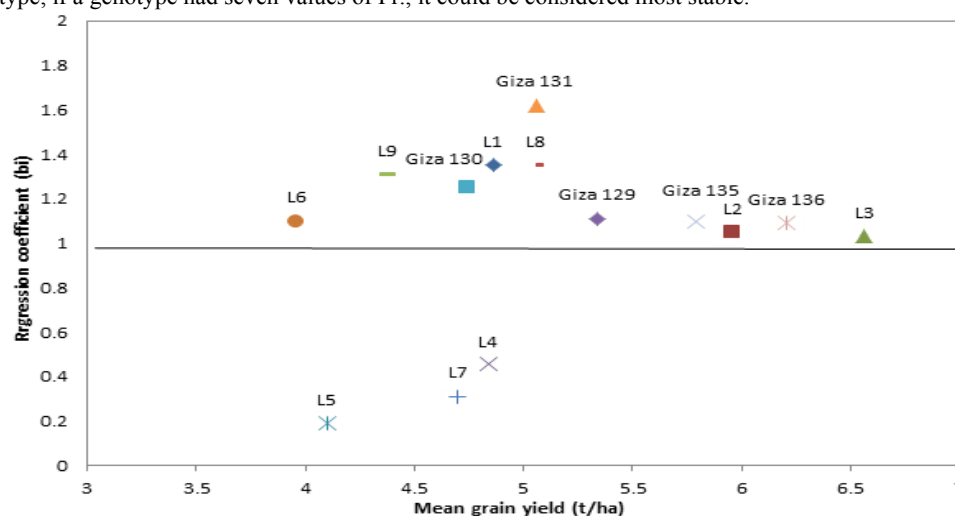


Fig. 1: Mean grain yield and regression coefficients of 14 barley genotypes tested across 10 different environments.

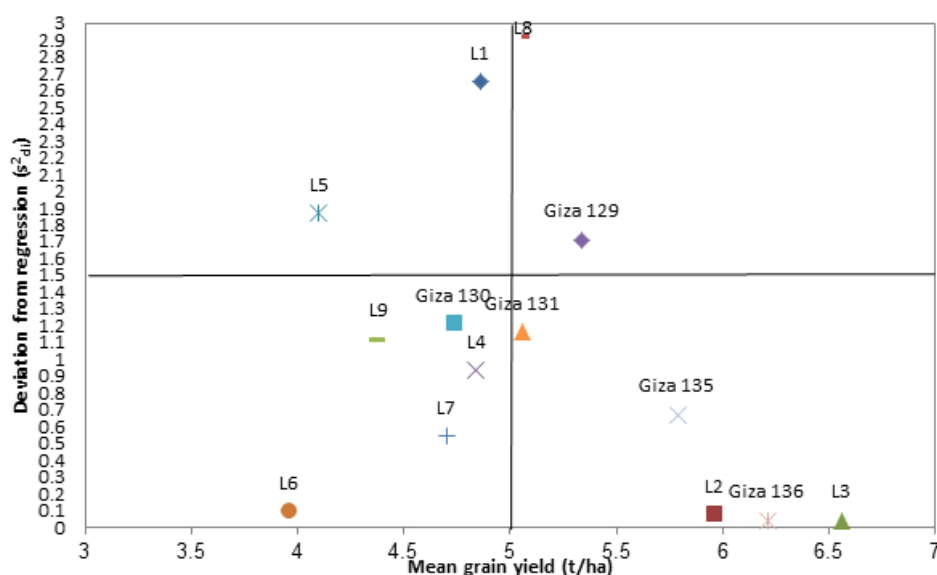


Fig.2: Mean grain yield and deviation from regression of 14 barley genotypes tested across 10 different environments.

On the other hand, L6 promising line had average stability with a general adaptability for low grain yield. The adapted genotypes to high yielding environments, i.e. which have (b_i) value > 1 . Finlay and Wilkinson (1963) are L8, Giza 129 and Giza 131 for grain yield t/ha (Table 9 and Figure 1).

On the other hand, the adapted genotypes to low yielding environments, i.e. which low (b_i) value < 1 are L4, L5 and L7 promising lines for grain yield t/ha (Table 9 and Figure 1).

CONCLUSION

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