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Heterosis analysis for yield and yield component traits in rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)

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Abstract

An investigation in rice was undertaken to study the nature and magnitude of heterosis for yield and yield component traits involving seven lines and four testers and twenty eight hybrids were developed through line x tester mating design. Observations were recorded for ten characters viz., days to 50 per cent flowering, plant height at maturity, number of productive tillers per plant, panicle length, number of grains per panicle, 100 grain weight, grain yield per plant, kernel length, kernel breadth and kernel L/B ratio. Significant heterosis for grain yield and yield component traits were observed in most of the hybrids. Four hybrids exhibited positive and significant heterosis over standard check for grain yield per plant. Standard heterosis and heterobeltiosis for grain yield ranged from -43.20 to 13.64% and -27.40 to 35.79% respectively. A total of three hybrids viz., MTU 1001 X CO 51, IR 72 X TPS 5 and IR 72 X CO 51 were recorded higher grain yield over standard check and were identified as best hybrids for exploiting hybrid vigor. Most of the heterotic crosses for grain yield per plant were accompanied by heterosis for two or more component traits.

Keywords: rice, line x tester, heterosis, yield.

Introduction

Rice (*Oryza sativa* L. $2n=24$) is the most important staple food crop for 65% of the global population. In India, rice is cultivated in the area of 44.5 million hectares and the annual rice production is about 131.9 million tonnes as per FAO stat. Division, 2015. Being the staple food of the population in India, improving its productivity has become a crucial importance (Subbaiah *et al.*, 2011) [5]. The government of India had set a target of expanding the cultivation of hybrid rice to 25% of the rice area by 2025 thereby contributing significantly towards national food security (Spielman *et al.*, 2013) [4]. The success of hybrid rice programme mainly depends upon the higher magnitude of heterosis for yield and yield contributing traits. Heterosis in rice was first reported by Jones (1926). In general, positive heterosis is desired for yield and negative heterosis for early maturity (Nuruzzaman *et al.*, 2002) [3]. Heterosis is expressed in three ways, depending on the criteria used to compare the performance of a hybrid (Gupta, 2000) [1]. The present study was undertaken to assess the nature and magnitude of heterosis.

Materials and Methods

The present investigation was carried out at Plant Breeding Farm, Faculty of Agriculture, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu, India during the year 2017-2018. The experimental materials comprised of eleven rice genotypes, out of which MTU 1001 (L1), TRY 3 (L2), IR 72 (L3), ANNA 4 (L4), ASD 19 (L5), IR 36 (L6), WHITE PONNI (L7) were used as lines and MDU 5 (T1), ADT 36 (T2), TPS 5 (T3), CO 51 (T4) were used as testers. Staggered sowing of parents were taken up for the synchronization of flowering. The seeds were sown in raised nursery beds at ten days interval for synchronization. Seven lines and four testers were crossed in a line x tester mating fashion resulting in twenty eight hybrids.

In the crossing block, twenty six days old seedlings were transplanted at the rate of one seedling per hill with the spacing of 30cm between the rows and 20cm within the rows. Crosses were made between seven female and four male parents in line x tester fashion and totally 28 cross combinations were obtained by adopting hand emasculation and artificial pollination. The experiment was laid out in a randomized block design with three replications. Recommended cultural practices and plant protection measures were adopted.

Observations were recorded from five randomly selected plants in each treatment from three replications for ten characters viz., days to 50 per cent flowering, plant height at maturity, number of productive tillers per plant, panicle length, number of grains per panicle, 100 grain weight, grain yield per plant, kernel length, kernel breadth and kernel L/B ratio. The mean of

parents and F₁ hybrids were utilized for the estimation of heterosis. The relative heterosis (d_i), heterobeltiosis (d_{ii}) and standard heterosis (d_{iii}) were estimated as follows:

$$\text{Relative heterosis (d}_i\text{)} = \frac{\bar{F}_1 - \bar{MP}}{\bar{MP}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Heterobeltiosis (d}_{ii}\text{)} = \frac{\bar{F}_1 - \bar{BP}}{\bar{BP}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Standard heterosis (d}_{iii}\text{)} = \frac{\bar{F}_1 - \bar{SV}}{\bar{SV}} \times 100$$

Where,

\bar{F}_1 = mean of the F₁ hybrid

\bar{MP} = mean of the mid parent

\bar{BP} = mean of the better parent

\bar{SV} = mean of the standard variety

In the present study, CO 51 was considered as the standard parent.

Results and Discussion:

The analysis of variance for the ten traits were studied and presented in Table 1. All the twenty eight hybrids and eleven parents showed significance for all the characters such as days to 50 percent flowering, plant height, number of productive tillers per plant, panicle length, number of grains per panicle, 100 grain weight, grain yield per plant, kernel length, kernel breadth and kernel L/B ratio. The interaction effect (Line×Tester) indicating the existence of substantial amount of vigour in the hybrids. As a result highly significant at 1% level variation was observed among the hybrids which offers the scope for selection and further improvement by adopting suitable breeding procedure.

Percent heterosis over mid parents, better parents and commercial check were calculated for grain yield and yield related traits (Table 2). For plant height and days to 50% flowering negative heterosis were desirable but for rest of the characters positive heterosis were desirable.

The hybrids recorded 10.74 to 42.69% relative heterosis, -27.40 to 35.79% heterobeltiosis and -43.20 to 13.64% economic heterosis for grain yield per plant. The cross combinations MTU 1001 X CO 51, IR 72 X TPS 5 and IR 72 X CO 51 recorded highest potential for this trait (Table 2). Early maturing hybrids are desirable as they produce more yields per day and fit in multiple cropping systems. Maximum negative heterosis for days to 50% flowering was observed in the hybrid L₃×T₂ (-3.08 %) compared to standard check and -11.43% by the hybrid L₂×T₁ on better parent. Out of 28 hybrids, only two hybrids viz., L₃×T₁ and L₃×T₂ registered significant negative standard heterosis.

Shorter plant type is an important character of a hybrid to withstand lodging. For plant height, Heterobeltiosis ranged from -3.07% (L₆×T₃) to -29.49% (L₄×T₃). The spectrum of variation for standard heterosis ranged from -4.06% (L₁×T₂) to -28.15% (L₄×T₃). 10 out of 28 cross combinations expressed maximum significant standard heterosis in negative direction. Number of productive tillers per plant is known to

directly contribute towards grain yield. In case of productive tillers per plant, heterosis over better parent varied from 8.73% (L₇×T₁) to 25.61% (L₃×T₃). 10 hybrids out of 28, were registered positive significant values for heterobeltiosis. With respect to standard heterosis, the range was from 8.62% (L₅×T₃) to 22.28% (L₇×T₄) and 8 out of 28 hybrids recorded significantly positive values.

For panicle length, 12 among the 28 hybrids registered significantly positive heterobeltiosis and 4 out of 28 hybrids exhibited significantly positive standard heterosis for the above said trait. The hybrid L₃×T₄ (11.31%) recorded the highest standard heterosis in this regard. In respect to number of grains per panicle, 13 and 5 crosses exhibited positive and significant heterobeltiosis and standard heterosis respectively. The hybrid L₃×T₄ (5.72%) recorded the highest standard heterosis in this regard.

Out of 28 hybrids tested, 16 hybrids showed positively significant heterobeltiosis over their respective better parental values, while 3 crosses exhibited significant positive heterosis over standard check for hundred grain weight. The hybrid L₃×T₄ (6.32%) recorded the highest standard heterosis for hundred grain weight. For kernel length, the standard heterosis value ranged from 1.27% (L₂×T₄) to 22.49% (L₁×T₄). Out of 28 crosses, 13 and 9 hybrids have recorded positive significant standard heterosis and heterobeltiosis respectively.

For kernel breadth, the better parental values ranged from 3.33% (L₃×T₁) to 14.87% (L₇×T₄). Out of 28 hybrids, 21 have recorded the significantly positive heterobeltiosis value. The maximum significant and positive standard heterosis value of 27.89% was recorded by L₁×T₄. For kernel L/B ratio, the standard heterosis ranged from 4.69% (L₂×T₂) to 25.06% (L₄×T₂). 7 hybrids out of 28 crosses exhibited positive significant standard heterosis for this trait.

Conclusion

Among the hybrids, L₁ × T₄ was identified as the best performing hybrid since it had possessed significant and positive standard heterosis for all the traits except days to 50 percent flowering, plant height and kernel L/B ratio. The next best hybrid identified was L₃ × T₄, since it possessed desirable standard heterosis for almost all the traits except days to 50 percent flowering, plant height, kernel breadth, kernel L/B ratio. The hybrid L₃ × T₃ showed short statured plant along with the desirable standard heterosis for the characters like number of productive tillers per plant, panicle length, grain yield per plant. The hybrid L₃ × T₂ recorded earliness and also significant standard heterosis for kernel L/B ratio. The hybrid L₄ × T₄ showed short statured plant and significant standard heterosis for kernel length.

Hence, from the foregoing discussion, it may be concluded that the crosses L₁ × T₄ (MTU 1001 X CO 51) and L₃ × T₄ (IR 72 X CO 51) can be rated as best hybrid and the hybrids L₃ × T₃ (IR 72 X TPS 5), L₃ × T₂ (IR 72 X ADT 36) and L₄ × T₄ (ANNA 4 X CO 51) can be rated as better hybrids based on the magnitude of heterosis.

L ₅ XT ₂	17.48**	5.33**	-26.72**	20.61**	14.86**	-39.30**	1.29*	0.91	-7.95**	9.55**	6.38**	-5.66**	-7.98**	-11.14**	-2.47
L ₅ XT ₃	8.34**	-8.23**	-27.04**	18.00**	-5.30*	-25.18**	1.69**	0.70	-8.83**	17.98**	11.66**	10.92**	-14.30**	-19.69**	-17.90**
L ₅ XT ₄	8.36**	-15.92**	-15.92**	10.74**	-18.16**	-18.16**	6.30**	1.27*	1.27*	19.25**	12.50**	12.50**	-11.11**	-12.08**	-10.12**
L ₆ XT ₁	9.25**	8.86**	-16.90**	17.94**	14.92**	-30.91**	3.79**	0.16	-6.49**	6.86**	5.00**	-0.53	-2.93	-7.65**	-6.05**
L ₆ XT ₂	4.04**	-0.57	-24.10**	27.61**	19.90**	-27.92**	1.64**	0.47	-6.20**	10.08**	5.32**	-3.68*	-8.00**	-11.36	-2.72
L ₆ XT ₃	7.49**	5.35**	-16.25**	16.63**	2.68	-18.87**	3.80**	1.25	-5.46**	17.10**	12.45**	11.71**	-11.50**	-16.87**	-15.43**
L ₆ XT ₄	19.48**	5.34**	5.34**	12.19**	-10.19*	-10.19**	4.29**	0.83	0.83	17.94**	12.89**	12.89**	-11.51**	-12.26**	-10.74**
L ₇ XT ₁	3.40**	0.58	-23.77**	12.26**	8.36**	-33.58**	0.84	0.56	-12.20**	5.88**	5.52**	0.66	-4.78**	-4.97**	-12.72**
L ₇ XT ₂	3.32**	1.83	-27.04**	29.42**	20.51**	-26.13**	0.98	-1.18	-9.85**	9.85**	3.03	-1.71	-8.96**	-16.54**	-8.40**
L ₇ XT ₃	9.09**	3.70**	-17.56**	18.57**	5.28*	-16.82**	2.88**	2.03*	-9.41**	17.16**	14.83**	14.08**	-12.22**	-13.23**	-20.62**
L ₇ XT ₄	18.17**	1.42	1.42	30.36**	5.13**	5.13**	7.19**	0.39	0.39	17.58**	14.87**	14.87**	-8.83**	-12.72**	-12.72**

DDF- days to 50 percent flowering, PH- plant height, NPT- number of productive tillers per plant, PL- panicle length, NG- number of grains per panicle, GW- 100 grain weight, GY- grain yield per plant, KL- kernel length, KB- kernel breadth, K. L/B- kernel L/B ratio.

MTU 1001 (L1), TRY 3 (L2), IR 72 (L3), ANNA 4 (L4), ASD 19 (L5), IR 36 (L6), WHITE PONNI (L7) and MDU 5 (T1), ADT 36 (T2), TPS 5 (T3), CO 51 (T4)

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