

## Genetic Analysis of some Crosses for Yield and its Components and Earliness in Pea (*Pisum sativum* L.)

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CROSSES among six pea cultivars viz., Master, Entesar 1, Little Marvel, Entesar 2, Palmoral and Jaguar were achieved. The investigation was carried out at the Sids Horticultural Research Station of the Agricultural Research Center, Beni-Suef Governorate, during the three winter seasons of 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. Fifteen crosses were made between the parents. The recorded measurements were plant height, number of days to flowering, pod length, pod width, number of seeds/pod, weight of 100-seeds, number of pods/plant and weight of pods/plant. The parents of Entesar2 and Entesar1 showed the best mean performance followed by Jaguar for the most studied traits. The cross combinations of Entesar1 x Entesar2, Entesar1 x Master and Entesar1 x Little Marvel showed the best mean performance for the most studied traits. The  $F_1$  hybrids of Master x Little Marvel, Little Marvel x Master, Entesar1 x Entesar2, Entesar1 x Little Marvel, Little Marvel x Entesar1 and Master x Palmoral exhibited a heterosis for the most traits. The obtained results of mean performance, heterosis and potance ratio demonstrated that the hybrids of Master x Little Marvel, Little Marvel x Master, Entesar1 x Entesar2 and Entesar1 x Little Marvel are the best hybrids. Plant height, number of days to flowering, pod width, pod weight and number of pods/plant were positively and significantly correlated with pod yield per plant, which are of great importance as selection criteria for yield improvement of pea. These findings can be utilized further in selection programs to enhance the yield potential of pea genotypes.

**Keywords:** *Pisum sativum*, Heterosis, Potance ratio, Correlation.

### Introduction

Pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) is one of the most important vegetable crops for both local consumption and exportation. Therefore, it is of interest to increase its yield's quality and quantity to fulfill the exportable and locality demands. This can be attained through the intensive efforts by plant breeders. Pea breeders have a great consent on the notion of existence of potential for enhanced productivity in this crop (Kumaran et al., 1995). Enhancing yield of peas, indeed, is one of the major objectives (Simakov, 1989), regardless of the initial purpose of any breeding program. So, when there are no differences, the breeders should create this variability through various methods of breeding.

Recently there are intensive efforts for improvement of pea productivity in Egypt through breeding procedures depending mainly on the presence of genetic differences that permits effective selection. Hybridization is considered an

effective factor for inducing variability, and this method is used widely to improve self-pollinating crops plants and to produce new lines and developing quantitative traits in pea. The genetic performance of pea was studied under Upper Egypt conditions in many studies which demonstrated that about 78% of phenotypic variances were due to genetics and the results revealed that the parent Master could be used as progenitors for studying traits in genetic improvement by means of selection in the segregating generations (Zayed, 1998, Zayed et al., 1999 a&b, El-Dakkak, 2005, El-Dakkak et al., 2014 and Baghdady et al., 2015). Earliness and high yield potential became a main requirement for accepting any new pea cultivar. Master cultivar could be used in improving pea productivity (Zayed et al., 2005, El-Dakkak et al., 2009 and Abd El-Atty et al., 2010). Agronomic characters of pea show significant differences in heterosis (Lejeune-Henaut et al., 1992, Sarawat et al., 1994, Sharma et al., 1999 and Ceyhan 2003). Lejeune-Henaut et al. (1992) found that yield

average heterosis over mid-parent is 40% and average heterosis over the better parent is 22%. Heterosis for yield components was significant only for the number of pods/plant and the number of seeds/pod on the branches. Sarawat *et al.* (1994) found that the average level of heterosis over the mid-parent was positive for all traits except for the seeds per pod and seed weight. Also, they reported that significant positive correlation between grain yield with pods per plant and hundred seed weight in pea. Zayed and Faris (1998) indicated that heterosis over both mid-parents and high parent was maximum for weight and number of pods per plant in the  $F_1$  cross over the two study locations, while, low heterosis was noticed in all crosses for pod length and width. Nosser (2002) found that heterosis over the taller parent was ranged from 0.98% to 83.28%. All the studied crosses exhibited positive heterosis over better parent ranging from 13.59% to 36.59%. Ceyhan and Avci (2005) found that grain yield was highly significant heterosis 83.2% over mid-parent and 66.8% over better parent. Hamed (2005) found that positive heterosis over the better parent for plant length was ranged from 6.44% to 104.21%. Zayed *et al.* (2005) reported that the maximum significant heterosis in desirable direction was recorded for fresh pod yield/feddan followed by earliness, number of seeds/pod and fresh pod yield/feddan. Pandey *et al.* (2006) found that average heterosis was observed for plant height, pods per plant, pod length, seeds per pod and pod yield. Eleven crosses exhibited significant positive heterosis over best parent for pod yield. Ceyhan *et al.* (2008) reported that heterosis was found to be significant for seed yield and its components. El-Dakkak *et al.* (2009) indicated that heterotic effect was pronounced for all studied traits except flowering and the expression varied with crosses and traits. Hasan *et al.* (2010) found that the maximum significant mid parent heterosis in desirable direction was recorded for stem length followed by pod yield/plant, seed weight of 10-pods, seed yield/plant and number of pods/plant. Muhammed *et al.* (2009) found that grain yield had significant correlation with pods per plant. Nassef and El-Rawy (2013) found a significant and positive correlation between yield/plant and pods number/plant. El-Shaieny and Ibrahim (2017) found that the genetic variation was high for number of days to flowering and green seed yield/plant. El-Dakkak and Hussein (2009) found that potence ratio that measured the average of dominance confirmed the partial dominance for

earliness and over dominance for the remainder growth traits. El-Murabaa *et al.* (1988b) found significant positive correlation between total green yield and each of pod length, pod weight and seed weight of 10 pods. Abdou *et al.* (1999) found that pod yield could be efficiently selected through pod length and 100-seed weight. Togay *et al.* (2008) found that significant and positive phenotypic correlations were found for seed yield with pods per plant. Hasan *et al.* (2010) found that stem length, number of pods per plant and pod yield could be used as a selection index for increasing seed yield. Ghobary (2010) found that positive significant as association of pods per plant with seed yield per plant. In case of pod length, a positive significant correlation existed between number of seeds per pod, concerning seed yield per plant it had positive significant correlation. Positive significant association of 100- seed weight with seed yield per plant. Nassef and El-Rawy (2013) found a significant and positive correlation between yield/plant and pods number/plant. Kumar *et al.* (2013) stated that correlation analysis revealed that seed yield per plant recorded high significant and positive association with number of pods per plant.

The main objective of present investigation was estimating the degree of heterosis for yield and yield components for different cross combinations, finding the combination having highly yield potential to be used in further breeding program, and estimating the potence ratio and correlation for studied traits.

### **Materials and Methods**

This investigation was carried out at the Sids Horticultural Research Station of the Horticultural Research Institute, Agricultural Research Center, Beni-Suef Governorate, Egypt, during the three winter seasons of 2015/2016, 2016/2017 and 2017/2018. The soil was clay loam. Six different pea cultivars (*Pisum sativum* L.) represented a wide range of variability in their economic traits were used in this study. These cultivars were Master (P1), Entesar 1 (P2) Little Marvel (P3), Entesar 2 (P4), Palmoral (P5) and Jaguar (P6). Master, Entesar 1 and Little Marvel cultivars were early in flowering and used as females for studying the earliness in pea. The cultivars were planted on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2015 each alone under open field conditions in one season to insure the purity of each parent before crossing. Cultivars were planted on two dates (10<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>st</sup> October in 2016) and fifteen crosses were made

at flowering stage as follows, Master x Entesar 1, Master x Little Marvel, Master x Entesar 2, Master x Palmoral, Master x Jaguar, Entesar 1 x Master, Entesar 1 x Little Marvel, Entesar 1 x Entesar 2, Entesar 1 x Palmoral, Entesar 1 x Jaguar, Little Marvel x Master, Little Marvel x Entesar 1, Little Marvel x Entesar 2, Little Marvel x Palmoral, Little Marvel x Jaguar. Flowers of the female parents were emasculated one day prior to anthesis and the pollen grains from the completely opened flowers of the male parents were applied on the stigma of the female parents to produce the  $F_1$  seeds. Seeds of parents and  $F_1$  populations for each cross were sown on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in a randomized complete block design with three replicates. The parents were represented by three rows, while the  $F_1$  populations were represented by single row per block. Each row was 5 m long and 0.7 m wide. Individual seeds were sown 20 cm apart. All cultural practices were applied according to the recommendations of the Egyptian Ministry of Agriculture.

Data were recorded at the harvesting time on individual plants from the parents and  $F_1$  progeny in each cross for the following characters: plant height, number of days to flowering which was measured as the number of the days from the sowing until the first flower anthesis, pod length, width and weight which were estimated as the mean of five pods/plant, number of seeds/pod which was estimated as the mean number of seeds per five pods/plant, number of pods/plant, 100-green seed weight which was calculated by dividing the seeds weight of five pods by their number and weight of pods/plant.

The statistical analysis was done by using the computer program MSTAT-C. Analysis of variance for the randomized complete block design was carried out according to Snedecor and Cochran, 1982. Means for the parents and  $F_1$  generation were compared using Duncan's multiple range test Duncan, 1955.

Two types of heterosis [relative heterosis (MPH) and heterobeltiosis (BPH)] were estimated and expressed as percentages (Sinha and Khanna, 1975).

Mid-parent heterosis (MPH %) =  $(F_1 - MP)/MP \times 100$

Better parent heterosis (BPH %) =  $(F_1 - BP)/BP \times 100$

The 't' test was manifested to determine whether  $F_1$  hybrid means were statistically different from mid parent and better parent means as follows (Wynne et al., 1970):

“t” for MPH =  $(F_1 - MP)/\sqrt{3/8} (EMS)$ .

“t” for BPH =  $(F_1 - BP)/\sqrt{1/2} (EMS)$ .

Where:  $F_1$  = The mean of the  $F_1$  cross, MP = The mid parent for the cross, BP = The better parent values for the cross and EMS = Error mean square.

Potence ratio was calculated according to Smith (1952) to determine the degree dominance as follows:

$$P = (F_1 - MP)/0.5 (P_2 - P_1)$$

Where P: relative potence of gene set,  $F_1$ : first generation mean,  $P_1$ : the mean of lower parent,  $P_2$ : the mean of higher parent and MP: mid-parents' value =  $(P_1 + P_2)/2$ . Complete dominance was indicated when  $P = \pm 1$ ; while partial dominance was indicated when “P” is between (-1 and +1), except the value zero which indicates absence of dominance. Overdominance was considered when potence ratio exceeds  $\pm 1$ . The positive and negative signs indicate the direction of dominance of either parent.

The simple correlation coefficients were calculated following Singh and Chaudhary (1985).

## **Results and Discussion**

### *Mean performance*

Mean performance of six parents and fifteen hybrids in  $F_1$  generation for all studied traits are presented in Table 1. Palmoral (P5) cultivar was the best for plant height, while Master (P1) cultivar was the best for earliness in flowering. Entesar 2 (P4) and Entesar 1 (P2) cultivars gave the tallest pod and the widest pod. Entesar 1 (P2) gave the highest number of seeds/pod and the heaviest 100-green seed weight, while Entesar 2 (P4) gave the significant highest values of pod weight, number of pods/plant and weight of pods/plant. These results agree with those obtained by Zayed et al. (2005); El-Dakkak et al. (2009) and Abd El-Atty et al. (2010). Considerable variations were obtained among all  $F_1$  hybrids for all studied traits. Little Marvel x Palmoral cross was the best for plant height as compared to the other crosses in  $F_1$  generation. Meanwhile, Entesar 1 x Little Marvel and Little Marvel x Master crosses exhibited earliness in number of days to flowering as compared with the other crosses in  $F_1$  generation. In addition, Entesar 1 x Little Marvel, Entesar 1 x Master and Entesar 1 x Entesar 2 crosses were the highest for pod length in  $F_1$  generation. Entesar 1 x Entesar 2 cross was the best for pod width and pod weight, 100-green seed weight and weight of pods/plant. Entesar 1 x Little Marvel, Entesar 1 x Master, Entesar 1 x Entesar 2, Entesar 1 x Palmoral and Entesar 1 x Jaguar crosses were the best for number

**TABLE 1. Mean performance of pea parents and crosses in F<sub>1</sub> generation**

Genotypes	Plant height (cm)	Number of days to flowering	Pod length (cm)	Pod width (cm)	Number of seeds/pod	Pod weight (g)	Number of pods/plant	100-green seed weight (g)	Weight of pods/plant (g)
<b>Parents</b>									
Master(P1)	60.37 d	37.60 e	8.20 b	0.8867 c	7.87 bc	3.40 c	23.10 d	34.30 d	79.47 e
Entesar 1(P2)	40.50 e	41.20 d	10.97 a	1.400 a	8.97 a	5.77 b	22.40 d	52.47 a	128.4 d
Little Marvel(P3)	59.97 d	41.13 d	7.30 c	1.067 bc	6.53 d	3.00 d	23.13 d	32.23 d	70.40 f
Entesar 2 (P4)	64.47 c	62.67 a	11.03 a	1.433 a	8.37 b	6.30 a	45.60 a	45.83 b	285.5 a
Palmaral (P5)	87.40 a	59.30 b	7.80 bc	1.200 b	7.73 c	5.83 b	37.70 c	42.33 c	218.5 c
Jaguar (P6)	83.13 b	53.13 c	8.100 b	1.200 b	7.60 c	6.60 a	40.70 b	47.30 b	262.3 b
<b>Crosses</b>									
P1 x P2	52.50 i	33.50 k	8.667 d	1.10 bc	8.40 bc	4.80 cd	23.63 i	47.60 c	113.3 i
P1 x P3	52.50 i	34.20 j	8.80 d	0.87 c	7.80 de	4.20 e	26.50 g	46.90 c	112.4 i
P1 x P4	56.80 g	42.50 h	10.33 b	1.300 b	8.20 cd	4.80 cd	34.63 c	42.27 e	170.6 e
P1 x P5	80.37 b	52.40 c	8.50 d	1.13 bc	7.80de	4.80 cd	33.63 d	39.70 f	168.6 e
P1x P6	80.50 b	54.50 b	8.67 d	1.10 bc	7.90cde	5.20bcd	38.63 a	37.80gh	202.5 cd
P2x P1	42.20 k	31.40 l	11.17 a	1.300 b	9.20 a	4.80 cd	28.63 f	50.57 b	138.9 g
P2x P3	48.37 j	33.50 k	11.20 a	1.400 b	9.40 a	5.500 b	25.50 h	50.13 b	140.5 g
P2x P4	60.33 f	40.30 i	11.00 a	1.80 a	9.20 a	7.500 a	38.67 a	54.70 a	280.6 a
P2x P5	62.63 d	44.50 f	10.30 b	1.200 b	9.00 a	5.20 bcd	32.37 e	44.33 d	168.4 e
P2 x P6	55.40 h	40.40 i	9.70 c	1.10 bc	8.87ab	5.30 bc	29.37 f	50.47b	155.6 f
P3 x P1	48.63 j	33.10 k	8.30 de	1.17 bc	7.80de	4.83 cd	26.90 g	35.80 i	125.4 h
P3 x P2	60.33 f	43.40 g	8.700 d	1.10 bc	8.37bcd	4.63 de	23.37 i	44.47 d	105.5 j
P3 x P4	61.37 e	45.30 e	10.30 b	1.10 bc	7.77 de	5.50 b	38.50 a	36.33 hi	207.9 b
P3 x P5	82.40 a	55.63a	7.60 f	1.17 bc	7.40 ef	5.33 bc	37.37 b	38.00 g	200.4 d
P3 x P6	77.67 c	51.30 d	7.90 ef	1.200 b	7.100 f	5.37 bc	37.67 b	36.87ghi	203.8 c

Means followed by the same letters within each column do not differ significantly according to Duncan's Multiple Range test at the 5% level of probability.

of seeds/pod. In addition, Entesar 1x Entesar 2, Master x Jaguar and Little Marvel x Entesar 2 crosses were the best hybrids for number of pods/plant and weight of pods/plant. These results agree with those obtained by El-Murabaa *et al.* (1988a), Zayed *et al.* (2005), El-Dakkak *et al.* (2009) and Abd El-Atty *et al.* (2010).

#### Heterosis

Heterosis percentages over mid-parent and better parent for all studied traits are given in Table 2 and 3. The results indicated that the expression of heterosis varied with the investigated crosses and traits. Results revealed that heterosis for plant height varied from -19.2 to 20.1 % and -33.3 to 0.6 % over the mid-parent and better parent, respectively. Results also showed that 7 out of 15 crosses exhibited highly significant positive heterosis values over the mid-parent, indicating partial dominance for plant height, while 8 crosses exhibited highly significant negative heterosis values over the mid-parent. On the other hand, no cross showed highly significant positive values of heterosis over the better parent, while 14 crosses exhibited highly significant negative heterosis values over the better parent. Heterosis for number of days to flowering varied from -22.4

to 20.1 % and -18.4 to 44.9 % over the mid-parent and better parent, respectively. The results showed that 5 crosses out of 15 crosses exhibited highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parent and 8 crosses out of 15 showed significant and highly significant positive values of heterosis over the better parent, while 10 and 6 crosses exhibited highly significant negative heterosis values over the mid-parent and better parent for number of days to flowering. Heterosis for pod length varied from -9.2 to 23.1 % and -20.4 to 7.3 % over the mid-parents and better parent heterosis, respectively. The results showed that 9 crosses out of 15 exhibited significant and highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parent. On the other hand, no cross showed highly significant positive values of heterosis over the better parent, while 1 and 2 crosses exhibited significant and highly significant negative heterosis values over the mid-parents and better parent, respectively. Heterosis for pod width varied from -15.3 to 16.7 % and -26.6 to 20.0 % over the mid-parents and better parent, respectively. The results showed that 2 crosses out of 15 studied crosses exhibited significant and highly significant positive heterosis over the mid parent, indicating over-dominance for wider pod, while 2 crosses exhibited highly

TABLE 2. Heterosis percentages (relative to the mid-parental value) and potence ratios of F<sub>1</sub> hybrids for five traits in pea

Crosses	Plant height			Number of days to flowering			Pod length			Pod width			Number of seeds/pod		
	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio
P1 X P2	4.1**	-13.1**	0.2	-14.9**	-10.9**	-3.2	-9.2**	-20.4**	-0.6	-4.3	-21.4	-0.2	-1.1	-6.7	-0.2
P1 X P3	-12.7**	-13.1**	-30.6	-13.0**	-9.0**	-2.9	13.5**	7.3	2.3	-13.3	-21.2	-1.3	8.3**	-1.2	0.8
P1 X P4	-9.0**	-11.9**	-2.7	-15.2**	13.0**	-0.6	7.6**	-6.1	0.5	8.3	-13.3	0.3	0.6	-2.3	0.2
P1 X P5	8.8**	-8.0**	0.4	8.1**	39.3**	0.3	6.2*	3.6	2.5	7.9	-5.5	0.5	-1.2	-2.5	-1.0
P1 X P6	12.2**	-3.1**	0.7	20.1**	44.9**	1.1	6.3**	5.6	10.3	4.7	-8.3	0.3	3.2	1.2	1.6
P2X P1	-16.3**	-30.1**	-0.8	-20.3**	-16.4**	-4.4	16.9**	2.4	1.1	13.0	-7.1	0.6	9.5**	3.3	1.6
P2X P3	-3.5**	-19.1**	-0.2	-18.5**	-18.4**	-153.0	23.1**	2.7	1.2	12.0	0	1.0	22.0**	5.6	1.4
P2X P4	14.8**	-6.5**	0.6	-22.4**	-2.1	-1.0	0.4	0	1.0	24.1**	20	7.0	6.3**	3.3	2.2
P2X P5	-2.1**	-28.3**	-0.1	-11.4**	8.0**	-0.6	10.1**	-5.5	0.6	-7.6	-14.2	-1.0	8.4**	1.1	1.1
P2X P6	-10.3**	-33.3**	-0.3	-14.3**	-1.9**	-1.1	2.1	-11.0	0.1	-15.3*	-21.4	-2.0	7.4**	-0.3	0.9
P3 X P1	-19.2**	-19.5**	-46.2	-15.8**	-11.9**	-3.5	7.1**	1.2	1.2	16.7*	6.1	1.6	8.3**	-1.2	0.8
P3 X P2	20.1**	0.6	1.1	5.4**	5.5*	45.0	-4.1	-20.1*	-0.2	-12.0	-21.4	-1.0	8.6**	-5.9	0.5
P3 X P4	-1.0**	-4.8**	-0.3	-12.7**	10.2**	-0.6	12.5**	-6.3	0.6	-15.3*	-26.6	-1.0	4.2	-7.5	0.3
P3 X P5	11.8**	-5.7**	0.6	10.8**	35.3**	0.5	0.6	-2.5	0.2	1.4	-2.8	0.3	4.2	-3.8	0.5
P3 X P6	8.6**	-6.4**	0.5	8.9**	24.8**	0.7	2.6	-2.4	0.5	4.3	0	1.0	0.7	-6.5	0.1

Master (P1), Entesar 1 (P2), Little Marvel (P3) Entesar 2 (P4), Palmoral (P5) and Jaguar (P6)

\*, \*\* = significantly different at 5% and 1% level, respectively.



significant negative heterosis values over the mid- parents. For number of seeds/pod varied from -1.2 to 22.0 % and -7.5 to 5.6 % over the mid-parents and better parent, respectively. The results showed that 8 crosses exhibited highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parent, indicating over-dominance for number of seeds/pod. For pod weight varied from -14.5 to 51.0 % and -23.8 to 42.1 % over the mid-parents and better parent, respectively. The results showed that 7 crosses out of 15 exhibited significant and highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parents, indicating over-dominance, while 1 and 2 crosses exhibited significant and highly significant negative heterosis values over the mid-parents

and better parent, respectively. Heterosis for pod width varied from -15.3 to 16.7 % and -26.6 to 20.0 % over the mid-parents and better parent, respectively. The results showed that 2 crosses out of 15 studied crosses exhibited significant and highly significant positive heterosis over the mid parent, indicating over-dominance for wider pod, while 2 crosses exhibited highly significant negative heterosis values over the mid- parents. For number of seeds/pod varied from -1.2 to 22.0 % and -7.5 to 5.6 % over the mid-parents and better parent, respectively. The results showed that 8 crosses exhibited highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parent, indicating over-dominance for number of seeds/

**TABLE 3. Heterosis percentages (relative to the mid-parental value) and potence ratios of F1 hybrids for four traits in pea**

Crosses	Pod weight			Number of pods/plant			100-green seed weight			Weight of pods/plant		
	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio	MPH	BPH	Potence ratio
P1 x P2	4.3	-17.2	0.1	3.4**	2.3	1.7	9.6**	-9.3**	0.4	8.9**	-11.7**	0.4
P1 x P3	31.2**	23.5	-5.0	14.2**	14.7**	33.0	41.0**	36.7**	13.0	49.9**	41.3**	8.2
P1 x P4	-1.0	-23.8*	-0.1	0.5	-24.0**	0.1	5.5**	-7.7**	0.4	-6.5**	-40.2**	-0.1
P1 x P5	5.4	-15.7	0.2	10.2**	-10.7**	0.4	3.6**	-6.1**	0.4	13.1**	-22.8**	0.3
P1x P6	4.0	-21.2	0.1	20.7**	-5.1*	0.8	-7.3**	-20.1**	-0.5	18.4**	-22.7**	0.3
P2x P1	4.3	-17.2	0.2	25.4**	23.9**	12.8	16.5**	-3.6**	0.8	33.0**	8.2**	1.4
P2x P3	25.0**	-5.1	0.8	12.1**	10.3*	7.8	18.3**	-4.5**	-0.8	41.3**	9.4**	1.4
P2x P4	23.9**	19.0	5.8	13.7**	-15.2**	0.4	11.2**	4.1	-1.7	35.6**	-1.7**	0.9
P2x P5	-7.8*	-8.6	-9.0	7.7**	-14.1**	0.3	-6.4**	-15.5**	0.6	-2.9**	-22.9**	-0.1
P2 x P6	-14.5**	-19.6	-2.2	-6.9**	-27.8**	-0.2	1.1	-3.8**	-0.2	-20.3**	-40.6**	-0.5
P3 x P1	51.0**	42.1	8.1	15.9**	16.4**	37.0	7.6**	4.3	2.4	67.3**	57.7**	11.1
P3 x P2	5.3	-20.1	0.1	2.7*	1.2	1.7	4.9**	-15.3**	0.2	6.1**	-17.8**	0.2
P3 x P4	18.2**	-12.6	0.5	12.1**	-15.5**	0.4	-6.8**	-20.6**	-0.4	16.8**	-27.1**	0.3
P3 x P5	22.6**	-6.4	0.7	22.9**	-0.9	1.0	2.0	-10.1**	0.1	38.7**	-8.2**	0.8
P3 x P6	11.8**	-18.6	0.3	18.1**	-7.4**	0.6	-7.2**	-22.1**	-0.3	22.4**	-22.3**	0.4

Master (P1), Entesar 1(P2), Little Marvel (P3), Entesar 2(P4), Palmoral (P5) and Jagur (P6).

\*, \*\*=significantly different at 5% and 1% level, respectively.

pod. For pod weight varied from -14.5 to 51.0 % and -23.8 to 42.1 % over the mid-parents and better parent, respectively. The results showed that 7 crosses out of 15 exhibited significant and highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parents, indicating over-dominance, while 1 and 2 crosses exhibited significant and highly significant negative heterosis values over the mid-parent and better parent. For pod number/plant varied from -6.9 to 25.4 % and -27.8 to 23.9 % over the mid-parent and better parent heterosis are considered. The results showed that 13 and 4 crosses out of 15 exhibited significant and highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parent and better parent, indicating over-dominance for number of pods/plant. For 100-green seed weight varied from -7.3 to 41.0 % and -22.1 to 36.7 % over the mid-parent and better parent heterosis. The results showed that 1 and 9 crosses out of 15 exhibited highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parent and over better parent, indicating over-dominance for high 100-green seed weight. Concerning weight of pods/plant, the results revealed that heterosis varied from -20.3 to 67.3 % and -40.6 to 57.7 % over the mid-parents and better parent heterosis, respectively. The results showed that 4 and 12 crosses out of 15 exhibited highly significant positive heterosis over the mid-parents and over better parent, indicating over-dominance for weight of pods/plant, while 3 and 11 crosses exhibited highly significant negative heterosis values over the mid-parents and better parent. Generally, the crosses Master x Little Marvel, Little Marvel x Master, Entesar 1 x Entesar 2, Entesar 1 x Little Marvel, Little Marvel x Entesar 1 and Master x Jaguar were the best

crosses for the most traits. Similar results have been reported by Lejeune-Henaut et al. (1992), Sarawat et al. (1994), Ceyhan (2003), Abd El-Atty et al. (2010), Hasan et al. (2010) and Brar et al. (2012). Katiyar (1994) revealed significant heterobeltiosis for days to 50 percent flowering. El-Dakkak and Hussein (2009) found that the maximum significant mid-parents and better parent heterosis in desirable direction (79.6% and 45.4% respectively) were recorded for seed yield/feddan.

#### Potence ratio

The estimated values of potence ratio (Tables 2 and 3) in most  $F_1$  crosses showed that the estimated potence ratios had a positive nature for number of pods/plant, weight of pods/plant, pod length, number of seeds/pod, pod weight, 100-seed weight, pod width and plant height. These results reflected various degrees of dominance; i.e., complete dominance, partial-dominance and over-dominance which involved in the inheritance of these characters. On the contrary, the estimated values of potence ratios in most  $F_1$  hybrids for number of days to flowering were negative. Potence ratios had positive nature for number of pods per plant and ranged from 0.1 to 37.0 followed by pods weight per plant, pod weight and number of seeds per pod. Master x Little Marvel, Little Marvel x Master, Entesar 1 x Entesar 2, Entesar 1 x Master and Entesar 1 x Little Marvel  $F_1$  hybrids exhibited over dominance for the most traits. While, Master x Entesar 2, Little Marvel x Entesar 2, Little Marvel x Palmoral and Little Marvel x Jaguar  $F_1$  hybrids exhibited partial dominance for the most traits. Concerning number of days to flowering, the results showed that over-dominance effects were reflected on the performances of 8  $F_1$  hybrids. These results agreed with that obtained by Zayed (1998), Zayed

**TABLE 4. Correlation coefficients among different pairs of characters for  $F_1$  generation**

Traits	Plant height	Number of days to flower in	Pod length	Pod width	Number of seeds/pod	Pod weight	Number of pods/plant	100-green seed weight
plant height	1							
Number of days to flowering	0.971**	1						
Pod length	-0.575**	-0.473**	1					
Pod width	-0.101	-0.098	0.486**	1				
Number of seeds/pod	-0.577**	-0.530**	0.724**	0.421**	1			
Pod weight	0.129	0.125	0.359*	0.625**	0.294*	1		
Number of pods/plant	0.677**	0.724**	-0.023	0.255	-0.334*	0.508**	1	
100-green seed	0.571**	-0.589**	0.619**	0.389**	0.780**	0.298*	-0.386**	1
Pods weight /plant	0.510**	0.532**	0.168	0.524**	-0.057	0.789**	0.904**	-0.063

\*and \*\* indicate significant at 0.05 and 0.01 probability levels, respectively

and Faris (1998), Zayed *et al.*, (2005) and El-Dakkak and Hussein (2009), and these authors found that measured the average of dominance confirmed the partial dominance for flowering dates. Overdominance was detected for remainder for stem length and number of branches.

#### *Phenotypic correlation among the studied traits*

Phenotypic correlation coefficients for all comparisons among the studied traits are presented in Table 4 which show that pod weight/plant was positively and significantly correlated with each of plant height, number of days to flowering, pod width, pod weight and number of pods/plant. A Significant positive correlation was observed between plant height, number of days to flowering, pod width, pod weight and number of pods/plant with pods weight/plant. Significant positive correlation was detected between plant height with number of days to flowering, number of pods/plant and pods weight/plant. Also, significant positive correlation was observed between number of days to flowering with number of pods/plant and pods weight/plant. A significant positive correlation was detected between pod length with pod width, number of seeds/pod, 100-seed weight and pods weight/plant. Also, significant positive correlation was observed between pod width with number of seeds/pod, pod weight, 100-seed weight and pods weight/plant. Significant positive correlation was observed between number of seeds/pod with pod weight and 100-seed weight. Significant positive correlation was observed between pod weight with number of pods/plant, 100-seed weight and pods weight/plant. In contrast, significant negative correlations were observed between plant height and number of days to flowering with pod length, number of seeds/pod and 100-seed weight, and between number of seeds/pod with number of pods/plant. Also, significant negative correlations were observed for number of pods/plant and pods weight/plant with 100-seed weight. Correlation studies generally indicated that plant height, number of days to flowering, pod width, pod weight and number of pods/plant were positively and significantly correlated with pods weight per plant, indicating the importance of these traits as selection criteria. These results are in harmony with those previously obtained by El-Murabaa *et al.* (1988b), Sarawat *et al.* (1994), Abdou *et al.* (1999), Chaudhary and Sharma (2003), Kumar & Jain (2003), Kumar & Sharma (2006), Nawab *et al.* (2008), Togay *et al.* (2008), Muhammed *et al.* (2009), Ghobary (2010), Hasan *et al.* (2010) and Nassef & El-Rawy (2013) who found that yield per plant showed positive correlation with pods per plant *Egypt. J. Hort.* Vol. 46, No. 1 (2019)

and pod length. Kumar *et al.* (2013) observed that seed yield per plant highly significant and positive association with number of pods plant, and seed pod had significant and positive association with 100 seed weight. Kanno (2016) found that correlation coefficient analysis of seed yield/plant was recorded highly significant and positive with, number of pods/plant, pod length and number of seeds/pod which indicated that effective improvement in field pea yield through these components could be achieved. Also, Shukla (2015) found that correlation coefficient of seed yield per plant was recorded highly significant and positive with number of pods per plant and hundred seed weight which indicated that effective improvement in field pea yield through these components could be achieved.

#### **Conclusion**

From the presented data in the current-study, it could be concluded that Entesar 2 and Entesar 1 showed the best mean performance followed by Jaguar for the most studied traits. Generally and based on mean performance, heterosis and potency ratio results illustrated that the hybrids of Master  $\times$  Little Marvel, Little Marvel  $\times$  Master, Entesar 1  $\times$  Entesar 2 and Entesar 1  $\times$  Little Marvel are the best hybrids. The characters plant height, number of days to flowering, pod width, pod weight and number of pods/plant were positively and significantly correlated with pods weight per plant, which are they of great importance selecting criteria for yield improvement in pea.

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### التحليل الوراثي في بعض الهجن للمحصول ومكوناته والتبكير في البسلة

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أجريت هذه الدراسة بمزرعة محطة بحوث البساتين بسدس - معهد بحوث البساتين - مركز البحوث الزراعية بمحافظة بنى سويف فى المواسم الشتوية من ٢٠١٥ حتى ٢٠١٨ واستخدم ستة أصناف من البسلة للتهجين بينها وهذه الأصناف هي : ماستر – انتصار ١ – انتصار ٢ - لتل مارفل - بالمورال – جاجوار وقد استخدمت الأصناف ماستر – انتصار ١ - لتل مارفل كأهيات حيث أنها ميكرة التزهير تم إجراء التهجين بين كل من الأصناف ماستر و انتصار ١ ولتل مارفل كل منها على حدة مع الخمسة أصناف الأخرى وقد نتج ١٥ هجين وتم زراعة الأباء والهجن الخمسة عشر. تم دراسة الصفات إرتفاع النبات، عدد الأيام إلى الإزهار، طول القرن، عرض القرن، عدد البذور فى القرن، وزن ١٠٠ بذرة، عدد القرون على النبات ووزن القرون على النبات. أظهرت النتائج أن الصنفين انتصار ٢ وانتصار ١ يليهما الصنف جاجوار كانوا أفضل الأباء فى معظم الصفات. الهجين انتصار ١ X لتل مارفل يليه الهجين انتصار ١ X ماستر والهجين انتصار ١ X انتصار ٢ كانوا أحسن الهجن فى المتوسط لمعظم الصفات. الهجن ماستر X لتل مارفل و لتل مارفل X ماستر وانتصار ١ X انتصار ٢ وانتصار ١ X لتل مارفل ولتل مارفل X انتصار ١ و ماستر X بالمورال كانت أحسن الهجن فى قوة الهجين لمعظم الصفات. بناءً على النتائج بالنسبة للمتوسط العام وقوة الهجين ودرجة السيادة كانت الهجن ماستر X لتل مارفل ولتل مارفل X ماستر وانتصار ١ X انتصار ٢ وانتصار ١ X لتل مارفل الأفضل بالنسبة لكل الهجن المستخدمة. أظهرت النتائج أن الصفات إرتفاع النبات – عدد الايام حتى التزهير – عرض القرن – وزن القرن – عدد القرون على النبات كان الإرتباط بينها وبين صفة المحصول إيجابي ومعنوي جداً وهذا له اهمية كبيرة فى استخدام الإنتخاب لتحسين الإنتاج فى البسلة وأيضاً يمكن استخدام النتائج السابقة فى تحسين الإنتاجية والتبكير فى البسلة