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ABSTRACT

This study was carried out during 2011- 2015 in the field, greenhouse, and laboratories of Field Crops Research Institute (FCRI), Agricultural Research Center (ARC), Giza, Egypt, to study the effect of gamma irradiation doses (0, 25, 50, 75, 100 Gy) on four varieties of faba bean (Cairo 33, Giza 843, Sakha 2, Nubaria 1) and the response of the four faba bean varieties and the genotypes which developed from its M2 generation to salt tolerance by using five NaCl solution concentrations (0 - 50 - 75 - 100 - 150 mM) in four experiments. The work aimed to increase genetic variations in four cultivars of faba bean by gamma-ray and selection of the genetic compositions tolerant to salinity. Identifying the genetic variations among the used varieties and the newly developed salt-tolerant genotypes produced by gamma irradiation using RAPD and ISSR banding patterns. The higher doses of gamma irradiation decreased plant height at 35 DAS except for Giza843 and plant height at harvest but showed slight increase in number of branches plant⁻¹ and dry weight plant⁻¹ except for Cairo33 variety also, number of pods plant⁻¹ and number of seeds⁻¹increased in Cairo33 and Giza843 than other two varieties. Weight of seeds plant⁻¹ decreased in Cairo33 and Nubaria1 varieties but increased in Giza843 and Sakha2 varieties. Seed index decreased generally except Nubaria 1 and Giza843 varieties. The results indicated that all the traits under study were significantly decreased by increasing the NaCl concentration up to 100 mM concentration with a sharp decline at a concentration of 150 mM. A genotype tolerant to salinity was found (dose 50 Gy on Nubaria 1) and characterized by ISSR primer UBC 827. The molecular characterization of the four faba bean varieties and their newly developed salt-tolerant genotypes were performed using RAPD and ISSR analysis.

Key words: Faba bean, *Vicia faba*, genotype, gamma ray, salinity tolerance, NaCl, ISSR, RAPD.



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INTRODUCTION

Faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) is one of the ancient cultivated crops widely believed to have originated in the Mediterranean-West Asia region (Tanno and Willcox, 2006 and Tavakkoli *et al.*, 2012) and/or Egypt (Abdalla 1969). It is one of the cultivated species of the family fabaceae (Bulut and Akinci, 2010). Its seeds are consumed dry, fresh, frozen or canned (Duc *et al*, 2010). Leguminous plants are important sources of proteins, vitamins, carbohydrates, fibers and minerals (Lima *et al*, 2011). Faba bean also contributes to farmer's income and improves the soil fertility through biological nitrogen fixation (Duc, 1997 and Mejri *et al*, 2012).

Mediterranean regions are currently experiencing increasing salt stress problems resulting from seawater intrusion into aquifers and irrigation with brackish water (Rana and Katerji, 2000). The primary value of increasing the salt tolerance of crops will be to the sustainability of irrigation (Flowers, 2004). Most crops tolerate salinity to a threshold level above which yields decrease as salinity increases (Swalem, 2000 and Kafi and Goldani, 2001). Cool season food legumes are sensitive to salinity (Saxena *et al*, 1993). Faba bean plants are more sensitive to water stress than other grain leguminous species (McDonald and Paulsen, 1997; Amede and Schubert, 2003 and Khan *et al*, 2010).

A major aim for any crop breeding program is the development of good quality lines with an adequate resistance/tolerance to yield-