

# Developing a Mini Core Collection of Sorghum for Diversified Utilization of Germplasm

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## ABSTRACT

The sorghum [*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench] germplasm collection at the ICRISAT gene bank exceeds 37,000 accessions. A core collection of 2247 accessions was developed in 2001 to enable researchers to have access to a smaller set of germplasm. However, this core collection was found to be too large. To overcome this, a sorghum mini core (10% accessions of the core or 1% of the entire collection) was developed from the existing core collection. The core collection was evaluated for 11 qualitative and 10 quantitative traits in an augmented design using three control cultivars in the 2004–2005 post-rainy season. The hierarchical cluster analysis of data using phenotypic distances resulted in 21 clusters. From each cluster, about 10% or a minimum of one accession was selected to form a mini core that comprised 242 accessions. The data in the mini core and core collections were compared using statistical parameters such as homogeneity of distribution for geographical origin, biological races, qualitative traits, means, variances, phenotypic diversity indices, and phenotypic correlations. These tests revealed that the mini core collection represented the core collection, which can be evaluated extensively for agronomic traits including resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses to identify accessions with desirable characteristics for use in crop improvement research and genomic studies.

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**Abbreviations:** CR%, coincidence rate; H', diversity index; REML, residual maximum likelihood; VR%, variable rate.

**S**ORGHUM [*Sorghum bicolor* (L.) Moench] is the world's fourth most important cereal crop after wheat (*Triticum* spp.), rice (*Oryza sativa* L.), and maize (*Zea mays* L.) and is grown throughout the arid and semiarid tropics (Smith and Frederiksen, 2000). For example, in 2007 sorghum was grown worldwide on 43.8 million ha in 104 countries, with a total production of 64.6 million Mg and productivity of 1.47 Mg ha<sup>-1</sup> (<http://faostat.fao.org/> verified 8 July 2009). About 80% of sorghum production comes from developing countries. Sorghum is indigenous to Africa, where it is grown in the semiarid zone, spread over a large belt from Senegal to Ethiopia, bordering the Sahara desert in the north, the equatorial forest in the south, and extending southwards through the drier parts of eastern and southern Africa. The major sorghum growing countries include Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Mali, Mozambique, Niger, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda in Africa; India, China, and Yemen in Asia; the U.S. and Mexico in North and Central America; Argentina, Brazil, and Venezuela in South America; and Australia in Oceania (<http://faostat.fao.org/>). Sorghum is a major staple food and fodder crop in tropical and semi-tropical Africa and Asia (Doggett, 1988). Sorghum grains in many parts of the world are also used for animal (swine, poultry, and cattle) feed (Bramel-Cox et al., 1995). More recently, sweet sorghum has emerged as a 'smart' crop for production of ethanol (biofuel) in Brazil and India, which is becoming popular in many Asian countries (Doggett, 1988; Rao et al., 2004).

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The genus *Sorghum* has five subgenus or sections: *Eu-Sorghum*, *Chaetosorghum*, *Heterosorghum*, *Para-Sorghum*, and *Stiposorghum* (Garber, 1950), of which, *Eu-Sorghum* contains all sorghum races and varieties as *S. bicolor* subsp. *bicolor* ( $2n = 2x = 20$  chromosomes) and wild and weedy relatives (Harlan and de Wet, 1971; Doggett, 1988). Further, Harlan and de Wet (1972) recognized five basic races (*bicolor*, *guinea*, *caudatum*, *kafir*, and *durra*) and ten intermediate races (*guinea-bicolor*, *guinea-caudatum*, *guinea-kafir*, *guinea-durra*, *caudatum-bicolor*, *kafir-bicolor*, *durra-bicolor*, *kafir-caudatum*, *kafir-durra*, and *durra-caudatum*) that originated as a result of natural intercrossing among basic races, all recognizable on the basis of spikelet/panicle morphology alone, which can be linked back to their specific environments and the nomadic peoples that first cultivated them (Smith and Frederiksen, 2000). Race *bicolor* is widely distributed in Africa and Asia; *guinea*, predominant in West Africa; *caudatum*, throughout Central Africa; *kafir*, south of the equator in Africa; *durra*, in Ethiopia and India (Harlan and de Wet, 1972).

Vast collections of germplasm are locked in national and international genebanks. For example, CGIAR (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research) institutions alone hold ~600,000 germplasm accessions of its mandate crops. Low use of germplasm in crop improvement programs has resulted in a narrow genetic base in many crops (Dalrymple, 1986; Vellve, 1992; Dowswell et al., 1996; Upadhyaya et al., 2003; Kumar et al., 2004; Bhattacharjee et al., 2007). Large holdings in genebanks and the non-availability of data on traits of economic importance restricted breeders and caused them to repeatedly use their own working collections in crop breeding. Moreover, many of the agronomic and seed quality traits show considerable genotype  $\times$  environment interaction. Multi-location evaluation of such a large collection is resources consuming, it is also a constraint to obtain reliable phenotypic data from such evaluations to identify useful parents by the breeders. Core collection (~10% of entire collection), representing over 70% of the genetic variation present in the entire collection with 95% certainty (Brown, 1989), has been suggested as a gateway to enhanced utilization of diverse germplasm in crop breeding programs. Core collections, based on phenotypic characterization data, have been reported (see Upadhyaya, 2004) for crops such as pearl millet [*Pennisetum glaucum* (L.) R. Br.] (Bhattacharjee et al., 2007), sorghum (Rao and Rao, 1995; Grenier et al., 2001a,b), quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa* Willd.) (Ortiz et al., 1998), finger millet (*Eleusine coracana* (L.) (Upadhyaya et al., 2006), foxtail millet [*Setaria italica* (L.) P. Beauv.] (Upadhyaya et al., 2008), Caribbean maize (Taba et al., 1998), and USDA rice (Yan et al., 2007). In sorghum, Rao and Rao (1995) were the first to develop core collection of 3475 accessions. Subsequently, Grenier et al. (2001b) used three sampling procedures—constant, logarithmic, and proportional—to establish three subsets of the core collection, each possessing 2247 accessions. The

logarithmic subset showed differences for response to the photoperiod that was considered in the stratification of the collection. A core of this size is still large for multi-location evaluation of morphological diversity. The size of the core makes it difficult to identify accessions that are genetically diverse and that also possess beneficial traits for use in crop breeding. To overcome this, Upadhyaya and Ortiz (2001) suggested the mini core collection approach, which is a core of a core (10% of core or 1% of the entire collection) representing the species diversity. A mini core is established after evaluating the core subset for various morphological, agronomic, and seed quality traits, and selecting about 10% of the accessions from the core subset. This study reports the development of a mini core subset in sorghum using the Grenier et al. (2001b) core that was developed using logarithmic sampling, for enhanced utilization of genetically diverse germplasm in sorghum improvement.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

A sorghum core collection consisting of 2247 landrace accessions from 58 countries (Grenier et al., 2001b), was the base material to constitute a sorghum mini core collection. One accession (IS 3422) was excluded from the evaluation as it was de-notified from the in-trust collection. The core collection represented all basic [*bicolor* (6.6%), *guinea* (11.6%), *caudatum* (17.6%), *kafir* (9.9%), and *durra* (10.9%)] and intermediate races [*guinea-bicolor* (1.0%), *guinea-caudatum* (12.6%), *guinea-kafir* (0.6%), *guinea-durra* (0.4%), *caudatum-bicolor* (10.5%), *kafir-bicolor* (0.9%), *durra-bicolor* (4.4%), *kafir-caudatum* (3.4%), *kafir-durra* (1.2%), and *durra-caudatum* (8.5%)]. The entire core collection of 2246 accessions and three controls, IS 9830 (*caudatum*; a striga resistant accession), IS 33844 (*durra*; Parbhani Moti—a released cultivar, India), and IS 2205 (*durra-bicolor*, a shoot-fly- and stem-borer-resistant accession) were evaluated in a Vertisol field in the 2004–2005 post-rainy season (October–April) at the ICRISAT research farm, Patancheru, 18° N lat; 78° E long, at an altitude of 545 masl (meters above sea level). The experiment was sown in an augmented design with one of the three control cultivars repeated after every nine test entries. Each plot was single-row, 9 m long, with a row-to-row spacing of 75 cm, and plant-to-plant spacing within a row of 10 cm. Ammonium phosphate was applied at the rate of 150 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> as a basal dose, and 100 kg ha<sup>-1</sup> of urea was applied as top dressing after 3 wk of planting. As the experiment was conducted during the post-rainy season, five irrigations (each with 7 cm water) were provided at equal intervals until grain maturity. All core accessions germinated well and produced panicles. Data on 11 qualitative traits (plant pigmentation, nodal tillers, midrib color, panicle compactness and shape, glume color and covering, threshability, grain color, grain luster, grain subcoat, and endosperm texture), and 10 quantitative traits [days to 50% anthesis, basal tillers, plant height, panicle exertion, panicle length and width, yield plant<sup>-1</sup> (g), yield plot<sup>-1</sup> (kg), grain size (mm), and grain weight (g)] were recorded following sorghum descriptors (IBPGR and ICRISAT, 1993). Midrib color was recorded after 50% anthesis. Grain traits were recorded at post-harvest stage in the laboratory. The number of days to anthesis was recorded as the number of days from the

50% seedling emergence to the date when 50% plants had started anthesis. Data on plant height (cm), tiller number, panicle exertion, and panicle length and width were recorded on five randomly selected plants. All other observations were recorded on plot basis. Panicle exertion is measured as the length of exposed peduncle from the flag leaf to the base of the panicle. Panicle length and width were measured at maturity as the maximum length from the base to the tip of the panicle, and maximum width in natural position. Grain covering indicates the amount of grain covered by glumes at maturity and is an important trait in the racial classification of cultivated sorghum. Threshability was recorded as difficult to thresh, partly threshable, and freely threshable. Grain weight is the weight in grams of 100 sound, matured healthy grains at about 120 g kg<sup>-1</sup> H<sub>2</sub>O on wet basis. For quantitative traits data, averages of five plants plot<sup>-1</sup> values were computed that were used for statistical analyses.

The residual maximum likelihood (REML; Patterson and Thompson, 1971) in GenStat 10 (<http://www.vsnl.co.uk>; verified 9 July 2009) was used to analyze data of 10 quantitative traits, considering genotypes as random and races as fixed. Variance components due to genotype ( $\sigma^2g$ ) and its standard errors (SE) were estimated (Table 1). Significance of differences among races was tested using Wald (1943) statistics. Best linear unbiased predictors (BLUPs) (Schönfeld and Werner, 1986) were worked out for all quantitative traits. A phenotypic distance matrix was created for 2246 accessions by calculating differences between each pair of accessions for the 21 (11 qualitative and 10 quantitative) traits. Data on qualitative traits was transformed to numerical scale (IBPGR and ICRISAT, 1993) to calculate phenotypic distance matrix. The diversity index was calculated by averaging all the differences in the phenotypic values for each trait divided by the respective range (Johns et al., 1997). This distance matrix was subjected to hierarchical cluster algorithm (Ward, 1963) at an  $R^2$  (squared multiple correlation value) of 0.75. This method optimizes an objective function because it minimizes the sum of squares between groups. A proportional sampling strategy of selecting the accessions was used, and 10% of the accessions or a minimum of one accession from each cluster was randomly selected to form a mini core collection. Thus, a mini core collection consisting of 242 accessions (10.8% of the core collection and 1.1% of the entire collection) was constituted.

The 58 countries of origin (Table 2) were grouped into 10 regions: Central Africa, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, Western Africa, Americas, East Asia, South and Southeast Asia, West Asia, Mediterranean, and Oceania. Frequencies of geographic regions, countries within regions, races/intermediate races, and all the qualitative traits in the core and mini core collections were tested by  $\chi^2$ . Yates (1934) correction was applied if the number of accessions in the core collection was less than five. Means for the core and mini core collections were compared by the Newman-Keuls procedure (Newman, 1939; Keuls, 1952). Homogeneity of variances was tested by Levene's test (Levene, 1960). The variance difference (VD%), mean difference (MD%), coincidence rate (CR%), and variable rate (VR%) were calculated to compare the core and mini core collections (Hu et al., 2000). Shannon and Weaver (1949) diversity index ( $H'$ ) was used to measure and compare

the phenotypic diversity for each trait in core and mini core collections. Phenotypic correlations among 10 quantitative traits in the core and mini core collections were estimated separately to determine whether associations, which may be under the same genetic control, were conserved in the mini core collection.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Residual Maximum Likelihood (REML) Analysis

Genotypic variance was significant for all the traits indicating the presence of adequate diversity in the core collection (Table 1). The Wald (1943) statistics showed that the five races and 10 intermediate races differed significantly for all the traits.

### Clustering

A phenotypic distance matrix created on 21 traits was subjected to hierarchical cluster analysis (Ward, 1963) that resulted in classifying the 2246 accessions of the core collection into 21 clusters. Number of accessions in individual clusters ranged from 27 to 279. A mini core collection of 242 accessions (10.8% of the core collection) was formed using the sampling strategy of 10% or a minimum of one accession from each cluster. This mini core collection captured six shoot-fly-resistant accessions (IS 4360, IS 4515, IS 4581, IS 4631, IS 5094, and IS 8774), two accessions each resistant to anthracnose (IS 4092 and IS 7957) and leaf blight (IS 4951 and IS 7250), and four accessions each resistant to rust (IS 473, IS 7250, IS 7957, and IS 31446) and grain mold (IS 602, IS 603, IS 20727, and IS 20740).

### Geographic Origin

$\chi^2$  probabilities for geographic origin of accessions in core and mini core collections were not significant for any of the 58 countries ( $p = 0.159$  to  $0.978$ ). Heterogeneity ( $p = 0.692$  to  $0.988$ ) and  $\chi^2$  probabilities ( $p = 0.120$  to  $0.902$ ) for all the 10 geographic regions were non-significant. The  $\chi^2$  values for accessions according to

**Table 1. Variance components due to genotype ( $\sigma^2g$ ) and Wald's statistics of different races and intermediate races in sorghum core collection evaluated during the 2004–2005 post-rainy season, Patancheru, India.**

| Character                         | $\sigma^2g$ | Wald's statistic<br>(Races/intermediate races) | df | P      |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|----|--------|
| Days to 50% anthesis              | 218.37***   | 302.92   | 14 | <0.001 |
| Plant height (cm)                 | 2786.70***  | 395.77   | 14 | <0.001 |
| Panicle exertion (cm)             | 39.95***    | 117.01   | 14 | <0.001 |
| Panicle length (cm)               | 25.24***    | 1293.34  | 14 | <0.001 |
| Panicle width (cm)                | 15.46***    | 522.09   | 14 | <0.001 |
| Yield per plant (g)               | 18.46***    | 372.17   | 14 | <0.001 |
| Plot yield (Kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | 101793***   | 322.23   | 14 | <0.001 |
| 100-seed weight (g)               | 0.36***     | 472.49   | 14 | <0.001 |
| Seed Size (mm)                    | 0.05***     | 234.06   | 14 | <0.001 |
| Basal tillers (number)            | 0.45***     | 143.69   | 14 | <0.001 |

\*\*\*Significant at  $P = 0.001$ .

**Table 2.**  $\chi^2$  test the frequency distribution of core and mini core collection accessions in different regions and countries within region.

| Region          | Country within region | Accessions in core | Accessions in mini core | df | $\chi^2$     | P            | Region          | Country within region | Accessions in core | Accessions in mini core | df | $\chi^2$      | P            |       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----|--------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----|---------------|--------------|-------|
| Central Africa  |                       | 164                | 17                      | 1  | 0.025        | 0.873        |                 | Honduras              | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.977         | 0.323        |       |
|                 | Burundi               | 5                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.448        | 0.503        |                 | Mexico                | 4                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.003         | 0.953        |       |
|                 | Cameroon              | 145                | 13                      | 1  | 0.274        | 0.601        |                 | Nicaragua             | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.977         | 0.323        |       |
|                 | Chad                  | 11                 | 2                       | 1  | 0.648        | 0.421        |                 | USA                   | 148                | 16                      | 1  | 0.836         | 0.361        |       |
|                 | Zaire                 | 3                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.115        | 0.735        |                 | Venezuela             | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.977         | 0.323        |       |
|                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 3  | 1.460        | <b>0.692</b> |                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 6  | <b>3.685</b>  | <b>0.719</b> |       |
| Eastern Africa  |                       | 402                | 38                      | 1  | 0.652        | 0.419        | East Asia       |                       | 172                | 18                      | 1  | 0.015         | 0.902        |       |
|                 | Ethiopia              | 116                | 12                      | 1  | 0.098        | 0.755        |                 | China                 | 126                | 12                      | 1  | 0.107         | 0.744        |       |
|                 | Kenya                 | 50                 | 6                       | 1  | 0.343        | 0.558        |                 | Japan                 | 5                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.434         | 0.510        |       |
|                 | Rwanda                | 8                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.079        | 0.779        |                 | Republic of Korea     | 40                 | 5                       | 1  | 0.158         | 0.691        |       |
|                 | Somalia               | 20                 | 3                       | 1  | 0.651        | 0.420        |                 | USSR                  | 1                  | 0                       | 1  | 0.105         | 0.746        |       |
|                 | Sudan                 | 112                | 6                       | 1  | 1.987        | 0.159        |                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 3  | <b>0.789</b>  | <b>0.852</b> |       |
|                 | Tanzania              | 37                 | 4                       | 1  | 0.072        | 0.788        | South & SE Asia |                       | 297                | 36                      | 1  | 0.500         | 0.480        |       |
|                 | Uganda                | 59                 | 6                       | 1  | 0.032        | 0.858        |                 | Bangladesh            | 3                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.051         | 0.821        |       |
|                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 6  | <b>2.610</b> | <b>0.856</b> |                 | India                 | 284                | 30                      | 1  | 0.569         | 0.451        |       |
| Southern Africa |                       | 663                | 65                      | 1  | 0.580        | 0.446        |                 | Indonesia             | 3                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.051         | 0.821        |       |
|                 | Botswana              | 58                 | 5                       | 1  | 0.083        | 0.774        |                 | Myanmar               | 3                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.051         | 0.821        |       |
|                 | Lesotho               | 91                 | 8                       | 1  | 0.095        | 0.758        |                 | Pakistan              | 2                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.274         | 0.601        |       |
|                 | Madagascar            | 3                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.144        | 0.704        |                 | Sri Lanka             | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 1.184         | 0.277        |       |
|                 | Malawi                | 20                 | 2                       | 1  | 0.001        | 0.978        |                 | Thailand              | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 1.184         | 0.277        |       |
|                 | Mozambique            | 5                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.530        | 0.467        |                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 7  | <b>2.863</b>  | <b>0.897</b> |       |
|                 | South Africa          | 240                | 25                      | 1  | 0.092        | 0.762        | West Asia       |                       | 116                | 18                      | 1  | 2.421         | 0.120        |       |
|                 | Swaziland             | 76                 | 9                       | 1  | 0.322        | 0.570        |                 | Afghanistan           | 2                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.116         | 0.734        |       |
|                 | Zambia                | 23                 | 3                       | 1  | 0.246        | 0.620        |                 | Iran                  | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.766         | 0.381        |       |
|                 | Zimbabwe              | 147                | 11                      | 1  | 0.808        | 0.369        |                 | Saudi Arabia          | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.766         | 0.381        |       |
|                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 8  | <b>1.741</b> | <b>0.988</b> |                 | Republic of Yemen     | 112                | 15                      | 1  | 0.326         | 0.568        |       |
| Western Africa  |                       | 232                | 22                      | 1  | 0.359        | 0.549        |                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 3  | <b>0.447</b>  | <b>0.930</b> |       |
|                 | Benin                 | 9                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.025        | 0.874        | Mediterranean   |                       | 25                 | 5                       | 1  | 1.975         | 0.160        |       |
|                 | Burkina Faso          | 36                 | 1                       | 1  | 1.707        | 0.191        |                 | Algeria               | 3                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.017         | 0.897        |       |
|                 | Gambia                | 3                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.163        | 0.686        |                 | Egypt                 | 3                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.017         | 0.897        |       |
|                 | Ghana                 | 11                 | 1                       | 1  | 0.002        | 0.966        |                 | Morocco               | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.450         | 0.502        |       |
|                 | Mali                  | 39                 | 6                       | 1  | 1.433        | 0.231        |                 | Syrian Arab Republic  | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.450         | 0.502        |       |
|                 | Niger                 | 20                 | 2                       | 1  | 0.006        | 0.940        |                 | Turkey                | 17                 | 1                       | 1  | 1.694         | 0.193        |       |
|                 | Nigeria               | 80                 | 7                       | 1  | 0.045        | 0.832        |                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 4  | <b>0.653</b>  | <b>0.957</b> |       |
|                 | Senegal               | 15                 | 1                       | 1  | 0.125        | 0.723        | Oceania         |                       | Australia          | 13                      | 1  | 1             | 0.210        | 0.647 |
|                 | Sierra Leone          | 2                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.508        | 0.476        |                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 9  | <b>7.711</b>  | <b>0.564</b> |       |
|                 | Togo                  | 17                 | 1                       | 1  | 0.232        | 0.630        | Over all        |                       | 2246               | 242                     | 57 | <b>25.082</b> | <b>0.999</b> |       |
|                 | Heterogeneity         |                    |                         | 9  | <b>3.887</b> | <b>0.919</b> |                 |                       |                    |                         |    |               |              |       |
| Americas        |                       | 162                | 22                      | 1  | 1.183        | 0.277        |                 |                       |                    |                         |    |               |              |       |
|                 | Argentina             | 6                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.122        | 0.838        |                 |                       |                    |                         |    |               |              |       |
|                 | Cuba                  | 1                  | 1                       | 1  | 0.977        | 0.323        |                 |                       |                    |                         |    |               |              |       |

geographical regions and also across the countries within regions were nonsignificant. This indicated that the accessions for countries/regions in the mini core collection are representative of the core collection.

### $\chi^2$ Test for Races and Intermediate Races

Distribution of accessions in core and mini core collections for different races and intermediate races were nonsignificant ( $p = 0.166$  to  $0.937$ ) for all the races and intermediate races individually. Of the 1272 accessions of five basic races (*bicolor*, *caudatum*, *durra*, *guinea*, and *kafir*) in

the core collection, 139 accessions were captured in the mini core collection ( $\chi^2 0.028$  and  $p = 0.868$ ). Similarly, of the 974 accessions of the 10 intermediate races in the core collection, 103 were captured in the mini core collection ( $\chi^2 0.036$  and  $p = 0.849$ ). Heterogeneity for races ( $\chi^2 2.058$  and  $p = 0.725$ ) and intermediate races ( $\chi^2 5.996$  and  $p = 0.740$ ; Table 3) were nonsignificant, indicating that the constitution of the mini core collection was appropriate. *Caudatum*, *durra*, and *guinea* among races and *caudatum-bicolor* and *guinea-caudatum* among intermediate races were dominant in both the core and mini core collections.

## $\chi^2$ Test for Frequency Distribution of Classes in Qualitative Traits

$\chi^2$  probabilities for distribution of classes in all the 11 qualitative traits were nonsignificant (0.164 to 0.955; Table 4). Uniform distribution of classes in the core and mini core collections indicated that the sampling technique to constitute the mini core was appropriate.

## Means and Variances

Differences between the means of core and mini core collections were compared using Newman-Keuls procedure (Newman, 1939; Keuls, 1952) and were found nonsignificant for all the traits, resulting in 0% mean difference percentage (Table 5). The homogeneity of variances of all the 10 quantitative traits in the core and mini core collections were tested by Levene's test (Levene, 1960) and were homogeneous ( $p = 0.067$  to  $0.796$ ) for all the traits, resulting in 0% VD (Table 5).

## Shannon-Weaver Diversity Index ( $H'$ )

This index is used to measure allelic richness and evenness in the population. A low  $H'$  indicates an extremely unbalanced frequency classes for an individual trait and a lack of genetic diversity. The average  $H'$  index for the mini core collection ( $0.460 \pm 0.085$  for qualitative and  $0.587 \pm 0.018$  for quantitative traits) was comparable to the core collection ( $0.453 \pm 0.085$  for qualitative and  $0.596 \pm 0.016$  for quantitative traits). Seed color had the highest value in both the core (0.917) and mini core (0.919) collections (Table 6). These estimates further suggest that the mini core collection has captured adequate diversity from the core collection.

## Coincidence Rate (CR%) and Variable Rate (VR%)

The coefficients of variations or variable rate for most of the traits were higher in the mini core collection than in the core collection, resulting in 104.4% VR for quantitative traits

**Table 3.** Frequency distribution of accessions in different races and intermediate races with  $\chi^2$  and probability in sorghum core and mini core collections.

| Race/intermediate races | Accessions in core | Accessions in mini core | df       | $\chi^2$     | P            |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
| Races                   | 1272               | 139                     | 1        | 0.028        | 0.868        |
| Bicolor                 | 149                | 20                      | 1        | 0.849        | 0.357        |
| <i>Caudatum</i>         | 395                | 39                      | 1        | 0.402        | 0.526        |
| <i>Durra</i>            | 245                | 30                      | 1        | 0.389        | 0.533        |
| <i>Guinea</i>           | 261                | 29                      | 1        | 0.008        | 0.929        |
| <i>Kafir</i>            | 222                | 21                      | 1        | 0.438        | 0.508        |
| Heterogeneity           |                    |                         | <b>4</b> | <b>2.058</b> | <b>0.725</b> |
| Intermediate races      | 974                | 103                     | 1        | 0.036        | 0.849        |
| <i>Caudatum-bicolor</i> | 235                | 30                      | 1        | 1.067        | 0.302        |
| <i>Durra-bicolor</i>    | 98                 | 7                       | 1        | 1.092        | 0.296        |
| <i>Durra-caudatum</i>   | 191                | 19                      | 1        | 0.071        | 0.790        |
| <i>Guinea-bicolor</i>   | 22                 | 2                       | 1        | 0.046        | 0.831        |
| <i>Guinea-caudatum</i>  | 283                | 27                      | 1        | 0.286        | 0.593        |
| <i>Guinea-durra</i>     | 10                 | 2                       | 1        | 0.840        | 0.359        |
| <i>Guinea-kafir</i>     | 13                 | 3                       | 1        | 1.921        | 0.166        |
| <i>Kafir-bicolor</i>    | 20                 | 2                       | 1        | 0.006        | 0.937        |
| <i>Kafir-caudatum</i>   | 76                 | 7                       | 1        | 0.134        | 0.715        |
| <i>Kafir-durra</i>      | 26                 | 4                       | 1        | 0.569        | 0.451        |
| Heterogeneity           |                    |                         | <b>9</b> | <b>5.996</b> | <b>0.740</b> |
| Over all                | 2246               | 242                     | 14       | 14.587       | 0.407        |

**Table 4.**  $\chi^2$  value and probability for frequency distribution of classes in ten qualitative traits in sorghum core and mini core collections.

| Traits                        | df | $\chi^2$ | P     |
|-------------------------------|----|----------|-------|
| Plant pigmentation            | 1  | 1.941    | 0.164 |
| Nodal tillers                 | 1  | 0.115    | 0.735 |
| Midrib color                  | 3  | 2.537    | 0.469 |
| Panicle compactness and shape | 12 | 8.737    | 0.725 |
| Glume color                   | 11 | 4.445    | 0.955 |
| Glume covering                | 8  | 11.003   | 0.202 |
| Seed color                    | 10 | 4.248    | 0.936 |
| Seed luster                   | 1  | 0.743    | 0.389 |
| Seed subcoat                  | 1  | 0.503    | 0.478 |
| Endosperm texture             | 6  | 7.406    | 0.285 |
| Threshibility                 | 2  | 2.104    | 0.349 |

**Table 5.** Descriptive statistics for comparison of ten quantitative traits in core and mini core collection of sorghum.

| Character                         | Range          |                | Mean <sup>†</sup> |           | Variance <sup>‡</sup> |           |      | F value | P |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|------|---------|---|
|                                   | Core           | Mini core      | Core              | Mini core | Core                  | Mini core |      |         |   |
| Days to 50% anthesis              | 47.79–117.62   | 50.36–117.36   | 82.2a             | 82.6a     | 212.93                | 204.97    | 0.29 | 0.592   |   |
| Plant height (cm)                 | 84.32–393.29   | 118.28–393.29  | 228.5a            | 234.7a    | 2556.58               | 2230.57   | 2.04 | 0.153   |   |
| Panicle exertion (cm)             | 3.27–40.15     | 3.27–40.15     | 18.3a             | 18.8a     | 32.77                 | 35.34     | 0.60 | 0.400   |   |
| Panicle length (cm)               | 8.98–39.01     | 9.72–37.51     | 21.1a             | 21.5a     | 19.12                 | 23.21     | 3.36 | 0.067   |   |
| Panicle width (cm)                | 1.71–42.35     | 2.66–40.59     | 7.5a              | 7.7a      | 14.60                 | 18.65     | 0.72 | 0.397   |   |
| Yield per plant (g)               | 15.26–29.48    | 16.94–29.48    | 21.3a             | 21.4a     | 4.45                  | 4.35      | 0.07 | 0.796   |   |
| Plot yield (Kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | 751.24–2172.82 | 853.95–2172.82 | 1206.4a           | 1221.5a   | 27646.4               | 31016.30  | 0.83 | 0.364   |   |
| 100-seed weight (g)               | 1.72–5.71      | 1.75–5.71      | 2.9a              | 2.9a      | 0.20                  | 0.26      | 3.20 | 0.074   |   |
| Seed Size (mm)                    | 2.12–3.96      | 2.15–3.89      | 3.0a              | 3.0a      | 0.04                  | 0.05      | 3.27 | 0.071   |   |
| Basal tillers (number)            | 1–10           | 1–8            | 2.1a              | 2.2a      | 0.72                  | 0.92      | 2.20 | 0.138   |   |

<sup>†</sup>Means were tested by Newman-Keul test and were nonsignificant for all traits at  $P = 0.05$ .

<sup>‡</sup>Variances were tested by Levene test and were nonsignificant for all traits at  $P = 0.05$ .

**Table 6. Coincidence rate (CR%), variable rate (VR%), and Shannon-Weaver diversity index in sorghum core and mini core collections.**

| Character                         | CR%   | VR%   | H'-index |           |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|
|                                   |       |       | Core     | Mini core |
| Quantitative traits               |       |       |          |           |
| Days to 50% anthesis              | 95.9  | 97.6  | 0.607    | 0.609     |
| Plant height (cm)                 | 89.0  | 90.9  | 0.625    | 0.633     |
| Panicle exsertion (cm)            | 100.0 | 101.1 | 0.630    | 0.636     |
| Panicle length (cm)               | 92.5  | 108.0 | 0.625    | 0.607     |
| Panicle width (cm)                | 93.3  | 110.3 | 0.494    | 0.443     |
| Yield per plant (g)               | 88.2  | 98.6  | 0.631    | 0.624     |
| Plot yield (Kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | 92.8  | 104.6 | 0.623    | 0.586     |
| 100-seed weight (g)               | 99.2  | 113.4 | 0.612    | 0.576     |
| Seed Size (mm)                    | 94.6  | 112.7 | 0.601    | 0.617     |
| Basal tillers (number)            | 77.8  | 107.0 | 0.511    | 0.545     |
| Mean                              | 92.3  | 104.4 | 0.596    | 0.587     |
| SE(±)                             | 2.02  | 2.30  | 0.016    | 0.018     |
| Qualitative traits                |       |       |          |           |
| Plant pigmentation                | †     | –     | 0.049    | 0.069     |
| Nodal tillers                     | –     | –     | 0.174    | 0.180     |
| Midrib color                      | –     | –     | 0.254    | 0.253     |
| Panicle compactness and shape     | –     | –     | 0.715    | 0.725     |
| Glume color                       | –     | –     | 0.820    | 0.835     |
| Glume covering                    | –     | –     | 0.548    | 0.554     |
| Seed color                        | –     | –     | 0.917    | 0.919     |
| Seed luster                       | –     | –     | 0.294    | 0.288     |
| Seed subcoat                      | –     | –     | 0.286    | 0.280     |
| Endosperm texture                 | –     | –     | 0.601    | 0.602     |
| Threshability                     | –     | –     | 0.331    | 0.353     |
| Mean                              |       |       | 0.453    | 0.460     |
| SE(±)                             |       |       | 0.085    | 0.085     |
| Mean-all                          |       |       | 0.521    | 0.521     |
| SE(±)                             |       |       | 0.047    | 0.047     |

† = not estimated.

(Table 6). The variances and coefficients of variation in the selected collection should be higher than in the entire collection (Hu et al., 2000). High range (80–100) variation or CR% was captured in 9 out of 10 quantitative traits in the mini core collection. The high CR% captured for quantitative traits (92.3%) (Table 6) in the mini core collection confirmed that the mini core was representative of the core collection.

### Correlation Coefficients

Phenotypic correlations were performed for all quantitative traits in the core and mini core collections separately and the pattern was found to be similar, demonstrating that associations observed in the core collection were well preserved in the mini core collection. Further, the proportion of variance in one trait that can be attributed to its linear relationship with a second trait is indicated by the square of correlation coefficient (Snedecor and Cochran, 1980). Estimates of this value greater than 0.71 or lower than –0.71 have been suggested as meaningful correlations (Skinner et al., 1999). In our study we found such high correlation coefficients in both the core ( $r = 0.712$ ) and mini core ( $r = 0.702$ ) collections between plot yield and yield per plant (Table 7).

There is a need to enhance the use of basic germplasm in sorghum breeding for widening the genetic base of the newly bred cultivars. Precise evaluation of the present core collection of sorghum (2246 accessions) using replications and multi-locations would be costly because of limited resources. This mini core collection has been developed using data of one environment and consists of 242 accessions, representing nearly the full diversity of the core collection and would provide an opportunity for precise evaluation and identification of valuable parental lines. The mini core collections in chickpea (*Cicer arietinum* L.), groundnut (*Arachis hypogaea* L., and pigeon pea (*Cajanus cajan* (L.) Millsp.) have already proved to be very useful in identifying agronomically valuable traits. Evaluation of 211 chickpea mini core accessions (Upadhyaya and Ortiz,

**Table 7. Correlation coefficient between ten quantitative traits in sorghum core and mini core collections†. Above diagonal = mini core collection correlations; below diagonal = core collection correlations.**

| Character                         | Days to 50% anthesis | Plant height | Panicle exsertion | Panicle length | Panicle width | Yield per plant | Plot yield          | 100-seed weight | Seed size | Basal tillers |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
|                                   | d                    | cm           |                   |                |               | g               | kg ha <sup>-1</sup> | g               | mm        | no.           |
| Days to 50% anthesis              | 1                    | 0.653        | –0.265            | 0.210          | –0.009        | –0.093          | –0.247              | –0.047          | –0.146    | 0.006         |
| Plant height (cm)                 | 0.645                | 1            | 0.038             | 0.408          | 0.292         | –0.056          | –0.160              | 0.068           | –0.028    | 0.015         |
| Panicle exsertion (cm)            | –0.202               | 0.088        | 1                 | 0.088          | –0.044        | –0.193          | –0.061              | 0.115           | 0.108     | 0.081         |
| Panicle length (cm)               | 0.258                | 0.391        | 0.100             | 1              | 0.582         | –0.107          | –0.081              | –0.126          | –0.073    | 0.087         |
| Panicle width (cm)                | 0.146                | 0.337        | –0.073            | 0.507          | 1             | 0.042           | 0.034               | –0.162          | –0.046    | 0.057         |
| Yield per plant (g)               | –0.057               | –0.048       | –0.084            | –0.032         | 0.070         | 1               | 0.702               | 0.312           | 0.327     | –0.208        |
| Plot yield (Kg ha <sup>-1</sup> ) | –0.156               | –0.142       | –0.029            | –0.040         | 0.058         | 0.712           | 1                   | 0.118           | 0.159     | –0.014        |
| 100-seed weight (g)               | –0.064               | 0.076        | 0.097             | –0.028         | –0.125        | 0.182           | 0.064               | 1               | 0.618     | –0.217        |
| Seed Size (mm)                    | –0.078               | 0.006        | 0.054             | –0.034         | –0.108        | 0.150           | 0.104               | 0.565           | 1         | –0.242        |
| Basal tillers (no.)               | –0.098               | –0.038       | 0.035             | 0.044          | 0.041         | –0.139          | –0.063              | –0.158          | –0.164    | 1             |

†  $r \geq 0.150$  significant at 1% p for mini core collection (DF 240);  $r \geq 0.049$  significant at 1% p for core collection (DF 2244).

2001), resulted in identifying lines with deep root systems that avoid drought (Krishnamurthy et al., 2003; Kashiwagi et al., 2005), genotypes with high salinity tolerance (Serraj et al., 2004; Vadez et al., 2007), genotypes resistant/tolerant to wilt, ascochyta blight, botrytis gray mold, and dry root rot (Pande et al., 2006). Similarly, the groundnut mini core collection was the source of 18 genotypes that have drought tolerance (Upadhyaya, 2005). Likewise, the sorghum mini core collection with

a reduced number of accessions (242) could be evaluated more extensively for traits of economic importance and therefore used in crop improvement research.

The identity of accessions of the sorghum mini core collection, country of origin, race, and data on plant height, days to 50% anthesis, and 100-seed weight is given in Appendix 1 and also on the website <http://www.icrisat.org>.

**Appendix Table 1. Identity, country of origin, race, and data on days to 50% anthesis, plant height (cm), and 100-seed weight (g) of sorghum mini core accessions at ICRISAT Patancheru, 2004–2005.**

| Sl. no. | Identity | Country of origin | Race             | Days to 50% anthesis | Plant height | 100-seed weight |
|---------|----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|         |          |                   |                  | d                    | cm           | g               |
| 1       | IS 2426  | Afghanistan       | Caudatum-bicolor | 78.63                | 230.20       | 2.86            |
| 2       | IS 31681 | Algeria           | Bicolor          | 69.46                | 191.81       | 2.77            |
| 3       | IS 14090 | Argentina         | Caudatum         | 75.47                | 142.11       | 3.23            |
| 4       | IS 12697 | Australia         | Bicolor          | 88.14                | 289.67       | 2.39            |
| 5       | IS 19389 | Bangladesh        | Caudatum         | 83.14                | 230.22       | 2.61            |
| 6       | IS 26484 | Benin             | Guinea           | 89.21                | 283.98       | 3.97            |
| 7       | IS 14290 | Botswana          | Kafir-durra      | 74.38                | 221.24       | 2.91            |
| 8       | IS 19445 | Botswana          | Kafir            | 79.86                | 188.99       | 3.46            |
| 9       | IS 19450 | Botswana          | Guinea-kafir     | 75.07                | 202.14       | 3.64            |
| 10      | IS 22239 | Botswana          | Kafir            | 83.70                | 201.04       | 3.01            |
| 11      | IS 22294 | Botswana          | Kafir            | 89.59                | 240.75       | 3.15            |
| 12      | IS 27557 | BurkinaFaso       | Guinea           | 100.08               | 287.42       | 2.85            |
| 13      | IS 31557 | Burundi           | Caudatum         | 96.00                | 279.08       | 2.31            |
| 14      | IS 14779 | Cameroon          | Caudatum         | 78.37                | 247.35       | 2.85            |
| 15      | IS 14861 | Cameroon          | Caudatum         | 103.9                | 319.38       | 3.95            |
| 16      | IS 15170 | Cameroon          | Caudatum         | 79.35                | 228.88       | 3.23            |
| 17      | IS 15466 | Cameroon          | Caudatum         | 88.19                | 213.19       | 3.17            |
| 18      | IS 15478 | Cameroon          | Guinea-caudatum  | 81.93                | 277.15       | 3.20            |
| 19      | IS 15744 | Cameroon          | Durra-caudatum   | 76.08                | 210.35       | 3.63            |
| 20      | IS 15931 | Cameroon          | Guinea           | 84.48                | 213.39       | 3.58            |
| 21      | IS 15945 | Cameroon          | Guinea-caudatum  | 86.84                | 277.15       | 3.00            |
| 22      | IS 16151 | Cameroon          | Caudatum-bicolor | 76.13                | 222.74       | 2.80            |
| 23      | IS 16382 | Cameroon          | Guinea           | 56.01                | 190.31       | 3.34            |
| 24      | IS 16528 | Cameroon          | Guinea           | 115.90               | 312.20       | 3.46            |
| 25      | IS 30572 | Cameroon          | Guinea-caudatum  | 61.00                | 190.22       | 3.13            |
| 26      | IS 30838 | Cameroon          | Guinea           | 79.47                | 247.72       | 4.09            |
| 27      | IS 10757 | Chad              | Caudatum         | 102.95               | 358.19       | 3.46            |
| 28      | IS 10867 | Chad              | Guinea-caudatum  | 101.49               | 287.53       | 3.79            |
| 29      | IS 1212  | China             | Kafir-bicolor    | 61.30                | 229.79       | 2.57            |
| 30      | IS 1219  | China             | Guinea-bicolor   | 64.89                | 237.59       | 2.96            |
| 31      | IS 1233  | China             | Bicolor          | 59.00                | 204.35       | 2.48            |
| 32      | IS 29654 | China             | Kafir-bicolor    | 78.58                | 253.87       | 3.04            |
| 33      | IS 30383 | China             | Caudatum-bicolor | 67.79                | 254.74       | 2.59            |
| 34      | IS 30400 | China             | Caudatum-bicolor | 70.03                | 262.67       | 2.81            |
| 35      | IS 30417 | China             | Caudatum-bicolor | 60.92                | 260.28       | 2.77            |
| 36      | IS 30443 | China             | Caudatum-bicolor | 78.86                | 258.05       | 2.77            |
| 37      | IS 30450 | China             | Caudatum-bicolor | 69.75                | 208.57       | 2.61            |
| 38      | IS 30451 | China             | Caudatum-bicolor | 66.10                | 246.05       | 2.88            |
| 39      | IS 30460 | China             | Caudatum         | 64.14                | 205.42       | 3.19            |
| 40      | IS 30466 | China             | Caudatum-bicolor | 64.33                | 244.42       | 2.72            |
| 41      | IS 12965 | Cuba              | Caudatum         | 66.63                | 135.65       | 2.75            |
| 42      | IS 2872  | Egypt             | Caudatum-bicolor | 68.63                | 158.47       | 3.67            |
| 43      | IS 11026 | Ethiopia          | Durra            | 90.41                | 302.34       | 4.24            |
| 44      | IS 11473 | Ethiopia          | Caudatum         | 68.59                | 214.14       | 3.82            |
| 45      | IS 11619 | Ethiopia          | Durra-bicolor    | 95.80                | 315.09       | 2.62            |
| 46      | IS 11919 | Ethiopia          | Durra-bicolor    | 88.93                | 188.58       | 2.59            |
| 47      | IS 12937 | Ethiopia          | Kafir            | 78.96                | 252.45       | 2.67            |
| 48      | IS 23514 | Ethiopia          | Caudatum         | 74.48                | 181.28       | 2.63            |
| 49      | IS 23521 | Ethiopia          | Guinea-caudatum  | 81.30                | 156.72       | 2.78            |
| 50      | IS 23579 | Ethiopia          | Guinea-caudatum  | 70.50                | 201.97       | 2.89            |
| 51      | IS 23586 | Ethiopia          | Guinea-caudatum  | 81.30                | 202.89       | 3.26            |

Appendix Table 1. Continued.

| Sl. no. | Identity | Country of origin | Race             | Days to 50% anthesis | Plant height | 100-seed weight |
|---------|----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|         |          |                   |                  | d                    | cm           | g               |
| 52      | IS 23590 | Ethiopia          | Guinea-caudatum  | 86.21                | 229.67       | 2.85            |
| 53      | IS 25249 | Ethiopia          | Durra-bicolor    | 97.23                | 360.05       | 2.01            |
| 54      | IS 25301 | Ethiopia          | Durra-bicolor    | 104.10               | 393.29       | 2.28            |
| 55      | IS 23644 | Gambia            | Guinea           | 100.83               | 264.76       | 2.55            |
| 56      | IS 25089 | Ghana             | Guinea           | 101.93               | 243.18       | 3.08            |
| 57      | IS 33090 | Honduras          | Durra            | 108.21               | 207.65       | 2.56            |
| 58      | IS 1004  | India             | Durra            | 94.77                | 298.90       | 3.68            |
| 59      | IS 1041  | India             | Durra            | 68.26                | 219.49       | 3.37            |
| 60      | IS 3971  | India             | Durra            | 74.41                | 185.63       | 2.20            |
| 61      | IS 4060  | India             | Durra-bicolor    | 64.10                | 199.68       | 2.66            |
| 62      | IS 4092  | India             | Caudatum         | 75.50                | 232.34       | 2.89            |
| 63      | IS 4360  | India             | Durra            | 83.24                | 255.81       | 3.17            |
| 64      | IS 4372  | India             | Guinea-durra     | 72.04                | 225.66       | 3.92            |
| 65      | IS 4515  | India             | Durra            | 78.33                | 235.49       | 3.32            |
| 66      | IS 4581  | India             | Durra            | 76.37                | 205.94       | 3.10            |
| 67      | IS 4613  | India             | Durra            | 84.22                | 246.57       | 2.90            |
| 68      | IS 4631  | India             | Durra            | 78.29                | 224.92       | 3.27            |
| 69      | IS 4698  | India             | Durra            | 78.29                | 220.30       | 3.09            |
| 70      | IS 4951  | India             | Guinea           | 97.95                | 264.82       | 2.49            |
| 71      | IS 5094  | India             | Durra            | 79.27                | 230.46       | 2.88            |
| 72      | IS 5295  | India             | Guinea           | 100.89               | 225.11       | 2.26            |
| 73      | IS 5301  | India             | Guinea-caudatum  | 91.08                | 203.88       | 2.44            |
| 74      | IS 5386  | India             | Durra            | 78.08                | 260.77       | 2.73            |
| 75      | IS 5667  | India             | Durra            | 87.90                | 255.23       | 2.36            |
| 76      | IS 5919  | India             | Durra            | 79.06                | 247.84       | 3.04            |
| 77      | IS 6351  | India             | Durra            | 86.48                | 243.24       | 2.84            |
| 78      | IS 6354  | India             | Durra            | 86.48                | 249.70       | 2.92            |
| 79      | IS 6421  | India             | Durra            | 86.48                | 247.86       | 3.13            |
| 80      | IS 12883 | India             | Durra            | 72.20                | 188.20       | 2.38            |
| 81      | IS 17941 | India             | Caudatum         | 60.82                | 147.28       | 2.41            |
| 82      | IS 17980 | India             | Durra            | 65.33                | 224.21       | 2.17            |
| 83      | IS 18039 | India             | Durra-bicolor    | 69.29                | 217.21       | 3.41            |
| 84      | IS 19859 | India             | Durra            | 66.30                | 189.01       | 3.45            |
| 85      | IS 24348 | India             | Caudatum         | 60.73                | 155.43       | 2.68            |
| 86      | IS 32349 | India             | Guinea           | 106.96               | 267.11       | 2.63            |
| 87      | IS 32439 | India             | Guinea           | 100.08               | 254.18       | 3.31            |
| 88      | IS 20956 | Indonesia         | Durra-caudatum   | 79.86                | 222.23       | 2.93            |
| 89      | IS 2413  | Iran              | Bicolor          | 74.37                | 274.91       | 2.34            |
| 90      | IS 8012  | Japan             | Bicolor          | 81.27                | 215.80       | 2.68            |
| 91      | IS 9108  | Kenya             | Caudatum         | 80.01                | 240.68       | 2.21            |
| 92      | IS 9113  | Kenya             | Caudatum         | 82.96                | 232.37       | 2.66            |
| 93      | IS 9177  | Kenya             | Caudatum         | 92.78                | 236.98       | 2.67            |
| 94      | IS 21083 | Kenya             | Caudatum         | 87.07                | 285.63       | 3.11            |
| 95      | IS 33353 | Kenya             | Caudatum         | 83.72                | 202.35       | 2.32            |
| 96      | IS 30507 | Republic of Korea | Caudatum-bicolor | 70.03                | 229.42       | 2.60            |
| 97      | IS 30508 | Republic of Korea | Caudatum-bicolor | 66.45                | 194.06       | 2.72            |
| 98      | IS 30533 | Republic of Korea | Caudatum-bicolor | 83.23                | 249.53       | 2.62            |
| 99      | IS 30536 | Republic of Korea | Caudatum-bicolor | 68.26                | 246.27       | 2.68            |
| 100     | IS 30562 | Republic of Korea | Bicolor          | 79.28                | 189.04       | 3.03            |
| 101     | IS 29358 | Lesotho           | Kafir            | 72.81                | 194.46       | 2.79            |
| 102     | IS 29392 | Lesotho           | Kafir            | 67.90                | 187.99       | 3.01            |
| 103     | IS 29441 | Lesotho           | Kafir-caudatum   | 60.43                | 189.72       | 2.79            |
| 104     | IS 29468 | Lesotho           | Guinea-caudatum  | 74.64                | 209.56       | 2.99            |
| 105     | IS 29519 | Lesotho           | Kafir-caudatum   | 68.29                | 198.95       | 2.71            |
| 106     | IS 29565 | Lesotho           | Guinea-caudatum  | 81.52                | 223.41       | 3.18            |
| 107     | IS 29568 | Lesotho           | Kafir-caudatum   | 71.23                | 234.04       | 2.85            |
| 108     | IS 29582 | Lesotho           | Kafir            | 74.65                | 160.61       | 2.81            |
| 109     | IS 26617 | Madagascar        | Caudatum-bicolor | 93.84                | 243.86       | 2.42            |
| 110     | IS 21512 | Malawi            | Guinea           | 71.37                | 175.19       | 2.36            |
| 111     | IS 21645 | Malawi            | Guinea           | 80.21                | 184.42       | 2.49            |
| 112     | IS 25732 | Mali              | Durra            | 75.81                | 234.43       | 2.86            |
| 113     | IS 25836 | Mali              | Durra            | 73.85                | 198.42       | 2.47            |
| 114     | IS 25910 | Mali              | Guinea           | 84.26                | 240.41       | 2.09            |
| 115     | IS 25989 | Mali              | Guinea           | 82.21                | 277.51       | 1.95            |



Appendix Table 1. Continued.

| Sl. no. | Identity | Country of origin | Race             | Days to 50% anthesis | Plant height | 100-seed weight |
|---------|----------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|         |          |                   |                  | d                    | cm           | g               |
| 116     | IS 26025 | Mali              | Guinea           | 100.99               | 278.43       | 2.83            |
| 117     | IS 26046 | Mali              | Guinea           | 100.99               | 299.67       | 2.70            |
| 118     | IS 13549 | Mexico            | Caudatum-bicolor | 103.62               | 320.62       | 2.35            |
| 119     | IS 27786 | Morocco           | Durra-bicolor    | 65.81                | 162.44       | 3.20            |
| 120     | IS 23684 | Mozambique        | Guinea           | 114.57               | 292.46       | 2.39            |
| 121     | IS 22616 | Myanmar           | Bicolor          | 96.39                | 269.50       | 2.46            |
| 122     | IS 12945 | Nicaragua         | Kafir            | 95.64                | 285.70       | 2.81            |
| 123     | IS 20195 | Niger             | Bicolor          | 81.31                | 230.77       | 3.73            |
| 124     | IS 20298 | Niger             | Caudatum-bicolor | 57.47                | 175.64       | 3.16            |
| 125     | IS 2902  | Nigeria           | Caudatum-bicolor | 77.47                | 232.34       | 3.42            |
| 126     | IS 7250  | Nigeria           | Guinea           | 113.78               | 355.22       | 2.93            |
| 127     | IS 7305  | Nigeria           | Caudatum         | 93.77                | 268.00       | 3.25            |
| 128     | IS 7310  | Nigeria           | Guinea           | 79.42                | 275.80       | 2.97            |
| 129     | IS 7679  | Nigeria           | Guinea           | 101.12               | 333.59       | 2.80            |
| 130     | IS 7957  | Nigeria           | Guinea-bicolor   | 98.64                | 317.63       | 3.58            |
| 131     | IS 7987  | Nigeria           | Guinea           | 94.25                | 292.96       | 3.29            |
| 132     | IS 8348  | Pakistan          | Durra            | 72.73                | 214.61       | 2.56            |
| 133     | IS 25548 | Rwanda            | Caudatum         | 93.08                | 274.16       | 2.74            |
| 134     | IS 12735 | Saudi Arabia      | Caudatum-bicolor | 67.29                | 220.89       | 3.01            |
| 135     | IS 19975 | Senegal           | Guinea           | 110.99               | 345.44       | 2.95            |
| 136     | IS 27697 | Sierra Leone      | Guinea           | 98.12                | 208.93       | 2.07            |
| 137     | IS 22720 | Somalia           | Durra            | 73.59                | 213.12       | 2.99            |
| 138     | IS 22799 | Somalia           | Durra            | 73.59                | 210.35       | 3.37            |
| 139     | IS 32787 | Somalia           | Durra            | 65.01                | 212.27       | 2.72            |
| 140     | IS 2379  | South Africa      | Caudatum         | 65.53                | 195.50       | 2.85            |
| 141     | IS 2382  | South Africa      | Caudatum         | 88.11                | 254.60       | 2.69            |
| 142     | IS 2389  | South Africa      | Kafir            | 78.99                | 214.14       | 2.91            |
| 143     | IS 2397  | South Africa      | Kafir            | 73.1                 | 176.28       | 2.97            |
| 144     | IS 2864  | South Africa      | Caudatum         | 63.57                | 139.17       | 2.70            |
| 145     | IS 3158  | South Africa      | Kafir            | 73.06                | 128.72       | 3.34            |
| 146     | IS 8774  | South Africa      | Kafir-durra      | 76.35                | 196.30       | 2.87            |
| 147     | IS 13782 | South Africa      | Kafir-durra      | 78.31                | 179.68       | 2.69            |
| 148     | IS 13893 | South Africa      | Kafir-caudatum   | 106.46               | 230.72       | 2.83            |
| 149     | IS 13919 | South Africa      | Kafir-caudatum   | 94.68                | 229.79       | 3.04            |
| 150     | IS 13971 | South Africa      | Caudatum         | 102.95               | 271.39       | 2.62            |
| 151     | IS 14010 | South Africa      | Caudatum-bicolor | 67.01                | 196.42       | 3.44            |
| 152     | IS 24453 | South Africa      | Caudatum-bicolor | 98.75                | 216.16       | 2.44            |
| 153     | IS 24462 | South Africa      | Caudatum-bicolor | 63.4                 | 118.28       | 3.01            |
| 154     | IS 24463 | South Africa      | Kafir            | 78.16                | 247.72       | 3.04            |
| 155     | IS 24492 | South Africa      | Kafir            | 87.97                | 238.48       | 2.99            |
| 156     | IS 24503 | South Africa      | Bicolor          | 108.17               | 262.11       | 1.75            |
| 157     | IS 26694 | South Africa      | Caudatum         | 97.99                | 267.69       | 2.68            |
| 158     | IS 26701 | South Africa      | Caudatum-bicolor | 105.62               | 247.56       | 2.35            |
| 159     | IS 26737 | South Africa      | Kafir            | 96.81                | 231.10       | 2.77            |
| 160     | IS 26749 | South Africa      | Kafir            | 81.10                | 148.91       | 2.73            |
| 161     | IS 27887 | South Africa      | Caudatum-bicolor | 96.78                | 287.26       | 2.88            |
| 162     | IS 27912 | South Africa      | Kafir-caudatum   | 84.98                | 215.57       | 2.85            |
| 163     | IS 29606 | South Africa      | Kafir            | 88.40                | 230.79       | 3.48            |
| 164     | IS 29627 | South Africa      | Durra-caudatum   | 83.50                | 235.35       | 2.90            |
| 165     | IS 22609 | Sri Lanka         | Caudatum         | 104.66               | 226.81       | 1.80            |
| 166     | IS 9745  | Sudan             | Caudatum         | 68.23                | 205.59       | 3.85            |
| 167     | IS 12447 | Sudan             | Durra-caudatum   | 69.21                | 137.40       | 3.32            |
| 168     | IS 19153 | Sudan             | Guinea-caudatum  | 73.17                | 152.07       | 2.68            |
| 169     | IS 19262 | Sudan             | Guinea-caudatum  | 61.31                | 119.25       | 2.48            |
| 170     | IS 22986 | Sudan             | Caudatum         | 78.41                | 245.92       | 2.82            |
| 171     | IS 27034 | Sudan             | Durra            | 96.43                | 309.23       | 3.78            |
| 172     | IS 29187 | Swaziland         | Guinea-caudatum  | 98.84                | 276.67       | 2.84            |
| 173     | IS 29233 | Swaziland         | Kafir            | 92.45                | 187.99       | 2.92            |
| 174     | IS 29239 | Swaziland         | Kafir            | 86.56                | 202.77       | 3.05            |
| 175     | IS 29241 | Swaziland         | Kafir-caudatum   | 88.90                | 257.13       | 2.68            |
| 176     | IS 29269 | Swaziland         | Guinea-caudatum  | 88.04                | 238.81       | 2.88            |
| 177     | IS 29304 | Swaziland         | Guinea-kafir     | 99.61                | 285.25       | 2.84            |
| 178     | IS 29314 | Swaziland         | Durra-caudatum   | 104.11               | 277.82       | 2.54            |

Appendix Table 1. Continued.

| Sl. no. | Identity | Country of origin        | Race             | Days to 50% anthesis | Plant height | 100-seed weight |
|---------|----------|--------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|         |          |                          |                  | d                    | cm           | g               |
| 179     | IS 29326 | Swaziland                | Caudatum-bicolor | 88.04                | 267.43       | 2.52            |
| 180     | IS 29335 | Swaziland                | Caudatum         | 97.24                | 232.58       | 2.83            |
| 181     | IS 21863 | Syrian Arab Republic     | Bicolor          | 65.26                | 178.19       | 2.99            |
| 182     | IS 24139 | Tanzania                 | Guinea           | 73.46                | 305.97       | 2.36            |
| 183     | IS 24175 | Tanzania                 | Guinea           | 68.55                | 299.50       | 2.66            |
| 184     | IS 24218 | Tanzania                 | Guinea           | 110.77               | 294.89       | 3.23            |
| 185     | IS 33023 | Tanzania                 | Guinea           | 104.01               | 303.12       | 2.57            |
| 186     | IS 10302 | Thailand                 | Caudatum         | 77.43                | 230.76       | 3.15            |
| 187     | IS 26222 | Togo                     | Guinea-caudatum  | 104.92               | 261.81       | 3.42            |
| 188     | IS 12804 | Turkey                   | Bicolor          | 72.43                | 263.81       | 2.64            |
| 189     | IS 7131  | Uganda                   | Durra-caudatum   | 87.88                | 250.45       | 2.87            |
| 190     | IS 8777  | Uganda                   | Caudatum-bicolor | 74.31                | 176.96       | 2.92            |
| 191     | IS 8916  | Uganda                   | Guinea-caudatum  | 81.91                | 234.41       | 2.76            |
| 192     | IS 31043 | Uganda                   | Caudatum         | 94.03                | 301.24       | 3.24            |
| 193     | IS 31186 | Uganda                   | Guinea-caudatum  | 98.55                | 247.82       | 3.05            |
| 194     | IS 31446 | Uganda                   | Guinea-caudatum  | 89.71                | 262.60       | 2.47            |
| 195     | IS 473   | United States of America | Guinea-kafir     | 71.14                | 208.6        | 2.34            |
| 196     | IS 602   | United States of America | Bicolor          | 73.72                | 190.49       | 2.56            |
| 197     | IS 603   | United States of America | Bicolor          | 73.72                | 231.12       | 2.93            |
| 198     | IS 608   | United States of America | Bicolor          | 87.47                | 229.28       | 2.52            |
| 199     | IS 995   | United States of America | Caudatum-bicolor | 84.13                | 213.89       | 2.44            |
| 200     | IS 3121  | United States of America | Bicolor          | 80.59                | 217.27       | 2.65            |
| 201     | IS 10969 | United States of America | Guinea-caudatum  | 67.13                | 210.88       | 3.06            |
| 202     | IS 12706 | United States of America | Caudatum-bicolor | 103.62               | 267.06       | 2.53            |
| 203     | IS 20625 | United States of America | Durra-caudatum   | 90.66                | 310.88       | 2.26            |
| 204     | IS 20632 | United States of America | Caudatum         | 99.83                | 322.10       | 3.39            |
| 205     | IS 20679 | United States of America | Guinea-caudatum  | 72.77                | 227.35       | 3.27            |
| 206     | IS 20697 | United States of America | Caudatum         | 66.45                | 144.34       | 2.40            |
| 207     | IS 20713 | United States of America | Guinea-caudatum  | 76.70                | 206.11       | 3.02            |
| 208     | IS 20727 | United States of America | Bicolor          | 65.60                | 203.99       | 2.54            |
| 209     | IS 20740 | United States of America | Bicolor          | 69.53                | 229.85       | 2.71            |
| 210     | IS 20743 | United States of America | Bicolor          | 63.64                | 226.15       | 2.91            |
| 211     | IS 20816 | United States of America | Bicolor          | 77.74                | 180.85       | 2.12            |
| 212     | IS 13294 | Venezuela                | Caudatum-bicolor | 117.36               | 320.62       | 2.60            |
| 213     | IS 23891 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra            | 83.41                | 277.76       | 5.71            |
| 214     | IS 23992 | Republic of Yemen        | Caudatum         | 63.68                | 246.85       | 2.99            |
| 215     | IS 28141 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 87.67                | 285.82       | 4.73            |
| 216     | IS 28313 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 50.36                | 164.86       | 2.36            |
| 217     | IS 28389 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 67.05                | 179.63       | 2.70            |
| 218     | IS 28449 | Republic of Yemen        | Guinea-caudatum  | 67.38                | 243.90       | 2.94            |
| 219     | IS 28451 | Republic of Yemen        | Guinea-caudatum  | 65.42                | 242.98       | 3.00            |
| 220     | IS 28614 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 67.05                | 215.64       | 2.55            |
| 221     | IS 28747 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 70.98                | 252.58       | 2.50            |
| 222     | IS 28849 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 59.20                | 169.47       | 2.86            |
| 223     | IS 29091 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 70.98                | 245.19       | 3.50            |
| 224     | IS 29100 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 76.62                | 241.81       | 4.98            |
| 225     | IS 31706 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra            | 94.46                | 290.76       | 4.85            |
| 226     | IS 31714 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 61.54                | 206.06       | 3.90            |
| 227     | IS 32245 | Republic of Yemen        | Durra-caudatum   | 68.41                | 200.52       | 2.65            |
| 228     | IS 31651 | Zaire                    | Caudatum         | 77.83                | 264.22       | 2.56            |
| 229     | IS 23216 | Zambia                   | Caudatum-bicolor | 117.36               | 264.29       | 2.61            |
| 230     | IS 24939 | Zambia                   | Bicolor          | 108.17               | 258.42       | 2.78            |
| 231     | IS 24953 | Zambia                   | Guinea-caudatum  | 105.67               | 307.61       | 2.75            |
| 232     | IS 12302 | Zimbabwe                 | Caudatum         | 100.01               | 284.32       | 3.09            |
| 233     | IS 19676 | Zimbabwe                 | Kafir            | 95.48                | 190.88       | 3.54            |
| 234     | IS 29689 | Zimbabwe                 | Kafir            | 112.94               | 250.18       | 2.88            |
| 235     | IS 29714 | Zimbabwe                 | Kafir-durra      | 84.20                | 201.84       | 2.33            |
| 236     | IS 29733 | Zimbabwe                 | Guinea-durra     | 99.61                | 288.94       | 2.56            |
| 237     | IS 29772 | Zimbabwe                 | Guinea-caudatum  | 99.19                | 291.74       | 2.88            |
| 238     | IS 29914 | Zimbabwe                 | Caudatum         | 83.77                | 172.17       | 2.39            |
| 239     | IS 29950 | Zimbabwe                 | Guinea-caudatum  | 70.81                | 164.36       | 3.18            |
| 240     | IS 30079 | Zimbabwe                 | Durra-caudatum   | 84.48                | 186.41       | 2.78            |
| 241     | IS 30092 | Zimbabwe                 | Durra-caudatum   | 101.16               | 261.26       | 3.22            |
| 242     | IS 30231 | Zimbabwe                 | Kafir            | 101.16               | 276.03       | 2.76            |

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