



## Appraising of barley promising lines relying on high grain yield and desirable agronomy traits in rainfed conditions using SIIG and ASIIG techniques

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### ABSTRACT

This study aimed to investigate the genetic diversity of 140 barley advanced lines, using Selection Index of Ideal Genotype (SIIG) and Adjusted Selection Index of Ideal Genotype (ASIIG) indicators for introduction and cultivation of suitable lines in rainfed conditions. The highest coefficient of variation was related to the type of spike, flag leaf area, seeds per spike, peduncle length, flag leaf width, and early growth vigor. The stepwise regression showed that the early growth vigor, 1000-seeds weight, spike type, days to heading, plant height, number of seeds per spike, and flag leaf length were the most critical components, which affect the grain yield under the rainfed conditions. The results of SIIG showed that lines 4, 43, 47, 40, 70, 96, 137, 3, 57, and 45 were the best lines with the highest SIIG values. The SIIG index divided all lines into seven groups; the average grain yield of lines in groups I and II were higher than the average grain yield of control cultivars and the other groups. According to ASIIG plots, lines 47, 3, 43, 45, 137, 96, and 40 were placed in the ideal quarter. Finally, the SIIG and ASIIG were compatible in selecting the best lines. ASIIG was more suitable for separating the ideal lines, because it participated all traits commensurate with their importance in the end product quantity and quality.

**Key words:** Drought stress, Genetic diversity, PCV, Stepwise regression, TOPSIS model.

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## INTRODUCTION

Barley (*Hordeum vulgare* L.) is one of the most important cereal crops with an area of approximately 50 million hectares and a production of 145 million tons worldwide (Faostat, 2015). Barley is widely cultivated in arid and semi-arid Mediterranean regions for forage, and as a grain crop (Al-Karaki, 2001), has a relatively high drought tolerance, where it can grow with less soil moisture (Mishra *et al.*, 2000). Drought increases the demand for irrigation, which currently accounts for 70% of global water consumption and it is expected to increase to 10% by 2050 due to climate change alone (Wada *et al.*, 2013). Therefore, fighting against drought will not be possible by improving the irrigation infrastructure. Barley is a critical crop in semi-arid areas due to its drought tolerance compared to other essential grains, especially in the Middle East, North Africa, Southern and Eastern Europe (Newman and Newman, 2006). Due to desertification and soil salinity in many regions of the world, it is necessary to identify compatible accessions with higher resistance to abiotic stresses (Sebi *et al.*, 2012). For understanding the plants adaptation to different stresses, a study on genetic diversity and stress resistance mechanisms must be carried out under stressful conditions (Bracki *et al.*, 2015; Kerwin *et al.*, 2015). Examination of drought tolerance in arid regions should be considered with regard to several agronomic and physiological characteristics (Jabbari *et al.*, 2019).

Researchers have performed many studies to evaluate the traits and their relationships with grain yield using factor analysis and other multivariate methods (Drikvand *et al.*, 2011; Mohtashami, 2015; Zeng, 2015). Most of these studies only dealt with the topic of discussing the relationship between the traits and performance, and did not address the topic of selecting the best genotype. Therefore, there is a need for methods that can select the desired genotypes according to the studied traits; the selection index of ideal genotype (SIIG) is one of these methods. This technique, SIIG, was first used to integrate stability analysis methods (Zali *et al.*, 2015) and different drought tolerance indices (Zali *et al.*, 2015) to increase the selection efficiency of ideal genotypes. This technique was derived from TOPSIS model (the technique for order of preference by similarity to an ideal solution), where Wang and Yoon (1981) introduced this technique for the first time as a multi-criteria decision method. Since each genotype may be superior in terms of index or attribute and by increasing the number of characteristics or indices, it may be difficult for the researcher to select the appropriate

genotype; with the help of the SIIG method, all indices and characteristics become one index, and therefore, ranking and determining superior genotypes become more straightforward (Zali *et al.*, 2019). The basic concept of this method is to select the best genotype, which must be at the shortest distance from the favorable ideal genotype and the maximum distance from the unfavorable ideal genotype. Simultaneous selection for grain yield and stability can be made by this method to evaluate the final ranking of stable cultivars (Zali *et al.*, 2015). The SIIG method can rank and compare different genotypes, select the best genotypes, determine the distances between genotypes, and their grouping. While this method has many advantages, it does not consider the appropriate weight for critical traits based on the researcher's goal. Therefore, it is necessary to somehow adjust this index with the proper weight for essential traits. Adjusted Selection Index of Ideal Selection (ASIIG) method, in addition to modifying the SIIG method based on trait weighting, facilitates decisions about the nature of genotype performance (Taghizadeh *et al.*, 2020).

Regarding the important role of genetic diversity in the breeding program, there is no doubt that studying new barley lines with the desirable morphological characteristics is one of the most appropriate methods to improve breeding and introduce commercial cultivars, which ultimately leads to increased barley production. Therefore, this study aimed to investigate the genetic diversity of barley advanced lines in terms of grain yield and several morphological traits and integrate several critical morphological traits to evaluate genotypes better, using SIIG and ASIIG indicators for introduction and cultivation of suitable lines in rainfed conditions.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

In order to investigate the genetic diversity and the selection of barley germplasm under rainfed conditions, a field experiment was carried out using 140 barley advanced lines obtained from ICARDA, International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas, (Supplementary Table 1) along with two local cultivars Khorram and Fardan as controls. The characteristics of the two control cultivars include early maturity, high grain yield, and tolerance to abiotic stresses. For this purpose, an experiment was performed in Gachsaran Agriculture Research Station of Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad Province, Iran, located in Nazlu region, with a latitude of 30° and 18' and a longitude of 50° and 59' and an altitude of 668 meters above the sea

level in silty-clay loam soil with organic matter of 0.5 to 0.75%. This experiment was carried out using a systematic preliminary performance comparison in the field condition. The lines were planted before adequate rainfall with a grain density of 200 seeds per square meter using a winter stiger planting machine. Different traits were measured during the growing season and after harvesting, including early growth vigor, flag leaf length, flag leaf width, flag leaf area, days to maturity, days to heading, days to flag leaf senescence, plant height, peduncle length, spike length, awn length, fertile tiller, 1000-seed weight, grain yield, agricultural score (scored from one to five), number of seeds per spike, number of spikes per square meter, canopy temperature and chlorophyll content.

First of all, the range of traits, mean, variance, standard deviation, and coefficients of variation for agronomic traits were calculated. Then, stepwise regression was used to identify the traits playing the most crucial role in justifying grain yield changes. Traits that entered the regression model were used to investigate genetic diversity, and their integration was done by the SIIG method. The method of calculating SIIG and ASIIG are as follows:

**1. Formation of decision matrix:** According to the number of genotypes and different studied traits, the data matrix was formed as follows:

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & \dots & X_{1m} \\ X_{n1} & X_{n2} & \dots & X_{nm} \end{bmatrix}, \text{ where } \mathbf{x}_{ij}: \text{ the value of}$$

$\mathbf{i}$  attribute ( $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ) is concerning  $\mathbf{j}$  genotype ( $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ ).

**2. Converting the data matrix to a normal matrix (R matrix):** The equation  $rij = \frac{x_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij}^2}}$  was

formed to normalize data: The R matrix is defined as

$$\text{follows: } R = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \dots & r_{1m} \\ r_{n1} & r_{n2} & \dots & r_{nm} \end{bmatrix}$$

**3. Determining the favorable ideal and unfavorable ideal genotypes:** The favorable genotype is obtained from the sum of the ideal values of each of the studied traits. In contrast, the unfavorable genotype was obtained from the sum of the weak values of each of the desired. For example, in grain yield, the maximum grain yield of a genotype is considered favorable, and the low grain yield is considered unfavorable. Also, regarding the number of days to flowering, if the early maturity of the genotypes is essential, the positive value is similar to the minimum number of days to flowering

for genotypes, and the negative value is equal to the maximum number of days to flowering for genotypes.

**4. Identifying the weight of the traits:** Only the traits entered in multiple regression were used in SIIG calculation with equal weights. In calculating ASIIG, due to creating a balance between traits and observing the weight of each trait according to the researcher's vision, the purpose of the research and the motivation for selection are needed. The optimal weight of each trait in this research was identified based on regression coefficients.

**5. Calculating the distance from favorable and unfavorable ideal genotypes:** For each trait, the distance from the favorable ideal genotype ( $d_i^+$ ) and unfavorable ideal genotype ( $d_i^-$ ) was calculated using

$$d_i^+ = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^m (rij - rj^+)^2} \text{ and } d_i^- = \sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^m (rij - rj^-)^2},$$

$rij$ : the normalized value of the trait of  $\mathbf{i}$  ( $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ ) concerning the genotype of  $\mathbf{j}$  ( $j=1, 2, \dots, m$ ).  $r_i^+$  and  $r_i^-$ : the normalized value of the favorable ideal genotype and the unfavorable ideal genotype for each trait, respectively.  $d_i^+$ : distance from favorable ideal genotype;  $d_i^-$ : distance from unfavorable ideal genotype.

**6. Calculation of SIIG and ASIIG indicators:**

$$ASIIG/SIIG = \frac{d_i^-}{d_i^+ + d_i^-}; \text{ The SIIG/ASIIG value}$$

varies from 0 to 1, the best genotype was the one that had the shortest distance from the favorable ideal and was the farthest from unfavorable genotypes, the closer the option is to the ideal genotype, the closer its SIIG value is to 1 (Zali *et al.*, 2015; Zali *et al.*, 2016).

In this study, we used JMP software in order to calculate the descriptive statistics of traits and stepwise regression for grain yield, also Excel ver. 2016 and R ver 3.4.4 softwares were used to calculate SIIG and ASIIG values.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

### Trait variation and genetic diversity

In this research, the descriptive statistics for all studied traits are presented in Table 1. The higher range of variations emphasized the existence of significant diversity in most traits. Maximum ranges were attributed to grain yield (1703-5545 kg/ha) with a mean of 3805.12 kg/ha, the number of seeds per spike (18-64) with a mean of 35.91, plant height (67.66-107.66 cm)

**Table 1.** Descriptive statistics for all studied traits in 140 barley advanced lines.

| Traits | Mean    | Standard deviation | Minimum | Maximum | Coefficient of variation (%) |
|--------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|------------------------------|
| R/T    | 3.72    | 1.81               | 2       | 6       | 53.44                        |
| E.G.V  | 6.60    | 2.20               | 1       | 9       | 33.28                        |
| DHE    | 92.26   | 2.63               | 85      | 98      | 2.85                         |
| DMA    | 133.28  | 2.48               | 126     | 139     | 1.86                         |
| F.L.L  | 9.04    | 1.83               | 5       | 15      | 20.29                        |
| F.L.W  | 1.08    | 0.83               | 0.5     | 2.16    | 35.1                         |
| L.A    | 7.74    | 3.86               | 2       | 20.5    | 49.85                        |
| PED.L  | 6.16    | 2.51               | 2       | 13.33   | 40.78                        |
| Sp.L   | 6.92    | 1.30               | 4       | 11.33   | 18.8                         |
| AWN.L  | 10.45   | 1.37               | 7       | 20      | 13.03                        |
| PLH    | 87.63   | 7.79               | 67.66   | 107.66  | 8.89                         |
| Can.t  | 22.79   | 1.34               | 19.83   | 26.77   | 5.9                          |
| Chl. C | 48.24   | 4.91               | 31.1    | 57.8    | 10.19                        |
| DFLS   | 129.46  | 3.7                | 124     | 161     | 2.86                         |
| F.T    | 3.87    | 0.9                | 1.9     | 6.65    | 23.71                        |
| Ag.S   | 4.36    | 0.85               | 2       | 5       | 19.54                        |
| G/S    | 35.91   | 15.99              | 18      | 64      | 44.54                        |
| TKW    | 37.52   | 1.78               | 34.4    | 43.4    | 4.76                         |
| GY     | 3805.12 | 834.33             | 1703    | 5545    | 21.92                        |

R/T: Spike type, E.G.V: Early growth vigor, DHE: Days to heading (days), DMA: Days to maturity (days), F.L.L: Flag leaf length (cm), F.L.W: Flag leaf width (cm), L.A: Flag leaf area (cm<sup>2</sup>), PED.L: Pedal length (cm), Sp.L: Spike length (cm), AWN.L: Awn length (cm), PLH: Plant height (cm), Can.t: Canopy temperature, Chl. C: Chlorophyll content (mg/gfw), DFLS: Days to flag leaf senescence (days), F.T: Fertile Tillers, Ag.S: agricultural score, G/S: Number of seeds per spike, TKW: Weight of a thousand seeds (g), GY: Grain yield (kg/ha).

with a mean of 87.63 cm, flag leaf area (2-20.5 cm<sup>2</sup>) with a mean of 7.74 cm<sup>2</sup>, days to heading (85-98) with a mean of 92.26 days, peduncle length (2-13.33 cm) with a mean of 6.16 cm and 1000-seed weight (34.4-43.4 g) with a mean of 37.52 g. The highest coefficient of variation was related to the type of spike (53%), flag leaf area (49.85%), seed per spike (44.54%), peduncle length (40.78%), flag leaf width (35.1%), early growth vigor (33.28%), fertile tillers (23.71%), grain yield (21.92%), and flag leaf length (20.29%). The lowest coefficient of variation was related to days to maturity (1.86%), days to heading (2.85%), days to flag leaf senescence (2.86%), 1000-seed weight (4.76%), and canopy temperature (5.9%), as shown in Table 1.

Phenotypic coefficient of variation (PCV) values of more than 20% are considered to be high, and values less than 10% are considered low. Values in between are known as medium (Yacoubi *et al.*, 2020). In our study we showed that the highest coefficient of variation was related to the type of spike, flag leaf area, seeds per spike, and peduncle length and the lowest coefficient was related to days to maturity, days to heading, and days to flag leaf senescence. In a study by Derbew *et al.* (2013) on 225 genotypes, they concluded that flag leaf width, spikelets per spike, days to heading, head length, 1000-seed

weight, plant height, and grain yield per plant displayed moderate values of PCV, whereas days to maturity had the lowest PCV value. In another study, in drought stress conditions, the highest coefficient of variation was recorded for plant height, a number of effective tillers per plant, spike length, biological yield per plant, relative water content, and seed yield per plant. Moderate PCV was observed for a number of spikelets per spike and harvest index. Low PCVs were observed for days to 50% flowering, days to maturity, membrane stability index, and chlorophyll content, which indicated that selection might not be effective for these characteristics (Shrimali *et al.*, 2017). In a study conducted by Addisu and Shumet (2015), variability, heritability, and genetic advance of grain yield were assessed based on morphological traits of 36 barley accessions. The number of tillers per plant (46.1%), grain yield (37.6%), the number of spikelets per spike (29.1%), and the number of grains per spike (26.4%) had high PCVs. Also, Jalata *et al.* (2011), in a study concluded that PCV was relatively higher for grain yield per plot (23.27%), the number of kernels per spike (20.70%) and spike weight (15.20%). In the study of Shakhathreh *et al.* (2010), results showed a high variability among *Hordeum vulgare* ssp.spontaneum C. Koch accessions for most of the traits. In our study, the high PCVs obtained for

spike type, early growth vigor, flag leaf area, flag leaf width, peduncle length, seed per spike, number of fertile tillers, and grain yield per hectare indicated that these traits play a decisive role in creating diversity. The PCV of the studied traits showed a great diversity among the studied lines, and thus breeders can select with high efficiency among these genetic materials.

In a study carried out by Abdul Ghani *et al.* (2015), in order to screen a diverse collection of 233 spring barleys, a substantial level of phenotypic and genetic variation was observed. A wide variation among genotypes of North African barley was reported for morphological traits (Naceur *et al.*, 2012). Haseneyer *et al.* (2010) studied 224 genotypes of spring barley and reported a significant variation in characteristics of flowering time, plant height, 1000-grain weight, crude protein content, and starch content. Ebrahim *et al.* (2014) reported the highest range (2258 to 6202 kg/ha) for grain yield followed by plant height (82.9 to 118.1 cm) and days to maturity (110.3 to 137) in barley genotypes. Derbew *et al.* (2013) reported that grain yield showed the most comprehensive range (436 to 3752 kg/ha) followed by plant height (44.95 to 94.1 cm), days to maturity (92 to 131), and days to heading (57 to 94). According to the grain yield range in the current study, we observed a great variation compared to the varieties used by Ebrahim *et al.* (2014) and Derbew *et al.* (2013). However, the range of variation in plant height showed no difference with other studies except for Derbew *et al.* (2013) study. Also, the number of days to heading and weight of 1000-seeds in barley lines used in this study showed a small range of variability compared to the cultivars used by Alemayehu and Parlevliet (1997), which ranged from 62 to 97 days and 21.22 to 52.7 g, respectively.

### Stepwise regression

The regression model eliminated the ineffective traits and examined the traits that justify a significant amount of grain yield changes. In this study, the stepwise regression model was used to determine the effective components in the grain yield of 140 barley advanced lines based on the 19 traits considered under rainfed conditions. A total of seven traits entered the model; the early growth vigor, which was the first trait entering the model, explained 58% of the grain yield changes. The following entered traits in the model were as follows: 1000-seed weight, spike type, plant height, days to heading, number of seeds per spike, and flag leaf length, which explained a total of 69% of grain yield changes. The contribution of other traits in justifying grain yield changes was minimal.

### Selection Index of Ideal Genotype (SIIG) and Adjusted SIIG (ASIIG)

The seven traits entered in the regression model, along with grain yield, were used to investigate genetic diversity and their integration to select the best lines in terms of grain yield and the other traits using the SIIG method. The results of SIIG index showed that lines 4, 43, 47, 40, 70, 96, 137, 3, 57, 45 with the highest SIIG values (0.819, 0.816, 0.808, 0.800, 0.753, 0.749, 0.748, 0.747, 0.733 and 0.709, respectively) were the best lines. The grain yield of these selected lines (except line 70) was higher than other lines, and both control cultivars. On the other hand, according to the study, lines 166, 56, 106, 167, 124, 10, 136, and 107 with the lowest SIIG values (0.163, 0.179, 0.199, 0.232, 0.240, 0.266, 0.275, and 0.286, respectively) were the weakest lines in terms of grain yield and other grain yield-related traits (Table 2 and Figure 1). These lines had a lower grain yield compared to other studied lines and control cultivars.

By evaluating the efficiency of the SIIG index on selecting the best lines in terms of grain yield, 1000-seed weight, spike type, early growth vigor, day to heading, plant height, number of seeds per spike, and flag leaf length simultaneously, the studied lines were segregated into seven groups. It is also worth noting that since the SIIG index in this study was less than 0.9, the first group consisted of lines whose SIIG values were greater than 0.8 and less than 0.9. Lines whose index was greater than 0.7 and less than 0.8 were in the second group, and other lines were also grouped accordingly (Table 3 and Figure 1). The results of lines grouping based on SIIG index (Table 3) showed that in group I, there were four lines with an average grain yield of 5015.42 kg/ha, an average number of seeds per spike of 60.5, 1000-seed weight of 38.6 g, flag leaf length of 12.17 cm, and early growth vigor of 8.25. These traits in the first group were higher than the average performance of all other groups and control cultivars. On the other hand, no significant differences were observed for days to heading and plant height in any of the groups (except groups 6 and 7) with the control cultivars (Tables 2 and 3). In group II, there were seven lines whose average grain yield, number of seeds per spike, flag leaf length, and growth vigor were 4376.85 kg/ha, 57.11, 10.22 cm, and 8.22, respectively. In group II, lines in terms of grain yield, number of seeds per spike, flag leaf length, and early growth vigor had higher values compared to all other groups and control cultivars except for group I. But the 1000-seed weight obtained for this group had no significant difference from other groups and control cultivars.

**Table 2.** Amounts of SIIG and ASIIG indices for 140 barley advanced lines under rainfed conditions.

| SIIG index |           |              |              |              | Line no.  | ASIIG index |              |              |              |
|------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Group      | Rank      | SIIG         | d-           | d+           |           | Rank        | ASIIG        | d-           | d+           |
| 6          | 114       | 0.393        | 0.095        | 0.146        | Con.k     | 81          | 0.530        | 0.018        | 0.020        |
| 5          | 106       | 0.403        | 0.099        | 0.147        | Con.F     | 72          | 0.553        | 0.017        | 0.021        |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>8</b>  | <b>0.748</b> | <b>0.173</b> | <b>0.058</b> | <b>3</b>  | <b>2</b>    | <b>0.856</b> | <b>0.005</b> | <b>0.031</b> |
| <b>1</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.819</b> | <b>0.178</b> | <b>0.039</b> | <b>4</b>  | <b>3</b>    | <b>0.852</b> | <b>0.005</b> | <b>0.030</b> |
| 3          | 17        | 0.683        | 0.149        | 0.069        | 5         | 42          | 0.628        | 0.013        | 0.022        |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>13</b> | <b>0.697</b> | <b>0.163</b> | <b>0.071</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>13</b>   | <b>0.729</b> | <b>0.010</b> | <b>0.026</b> |
| 4          | 48        | 0.572        | 0.138        | 0.103        | 7         | 92          | 0.511        | 0.018        | 0.019        |
| 3          | 32        | 0.644        | 0.146        | 0.081        | 8         | 55          | 0.605        | 0.014        | 0.022        |
| 5          | 94        | 0.431        | 0.101        | 0.134        | 9         | 109         | 0.461        | 0.019        | 0.017        |
| 7          | 137       | 0.266        | 0.060        | 0.165        | 10        | 129         | 0.352        | 0.023        | 0.012        |
| 6          | 126       | 0.344        | 0.079        | 0.151        | 11        | 123         | 0.373        | 0.022        | 0.013        |
| 4          | 51        | 0.555        | 0.126        | 0.101        | 12        | 103         | 0.477        | 0.019        | 0.017        |
| 3          | 34        | 0.642        | 0.147        | 0.082        | 15        | 18          | 0.672        | 0.012        | 0.024        |
| 5          | 98        | 0.415        | 0.100        | 0.141        | 16        | 89          | 0.518        | 0.018        | 0.0198       |
| 4          | 46        | 0.583        | 0.129        | 0.092        | 17        | 70          | 0.557        | 0.016        | 0.020        |
| 5          | 63        | 0.484        | 0.125        | 0.134        | 18        | 40          | 0.629        | 0.015        | 0.026        |
| 5          | 68        | 0.475        | 0.128        | 0.141        | 19        | 30          | 0.648        | 0.015        | 0.028        |
| 5          | 95        | 0.430        | 0.106        | 0.140        | 20        | 98          | 0.489        | 0.019        | 0.018        |
| 3          | 14        | 0.695        | 0.165        | 0.072        | <b>21</b> | <b>6</b>    | <b>0.840</b> | <b>0.006</b> | <b>0.030</b> |
| 5          | 67        | 0.475        | 0.117        | 0.130        | 22        | 60          | 0.595        | 0.016        | 0.023        |
| 4          | 49        | 0.572        | 0.130        | 0.097        | 23        | 105         | 0.473        | 0.019        | 0.017        |
| 6          | 115       | 0.392        | 0.093        | 0.143        | 24        | 101         | 0.480        | 0.019        | 0.018        |
| 5          | 70        | 0.472        | 0.118        | 0.132        | 27        | 130         | 0.346        | 0.026        | 0.014        |
| 5          | 104       | 0.405        | 0.097        | 0.142        | 28        | 77          | 0.538        | 0.017        | 0.020        |
| 3          | 33        | 0.644        | 0.143        | 0.079        | 29        | 21          | 0.664        | 0.012        | 0.023        |
| 3          | 20        | 0.669        | 0.160        | 0.079        | 30        | 35          | 0.638        | 0.013        | 0.024        |
| 5          | 89        | 0.437        | 0.105        | 0.135        | 31        | 96          | 0.4922       | 0.019        | 0.018        |
| 4          | 50        | 0.561        | 0.129        | 0.101        | 32        | 75          | 0.543        | 0.017        | 0.020        |
| 3          | 38        | 0.619        | 0.147        | 0.09         | 33        | 17          | 0.680        | 0.011        | 0.024        |
| 3          | 28        | 0.649        | 0.155        | 0.084        | 34        | 54          | 0.606        | 0.015        | 0.023        |
| 5          | 64        | 0.483        | 0.124        | 0.133        | 35        | 37          | 0.632        | 0.015        | 0.026        |
| 5          | 83        | 0.445        | 0.120        | 0.149        | 36        | 41          | 0.629        | 0.015        | 0.026        |
| 6          | 130       | 0.336        | 0.078        | 0.154        | 39        | 134         | 0.313        | 0.024        | 0.011        |
| <b>1</b>   | <b>4</b>  | <b>0.801</b> | <b>0.176</b> | <b>0.044</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>9</b>    | <b>0.756</b> | <b>0.008</b> | <b>0.026</b> |
| 5          | 112       | 0.397        | 0.095        | 0.144        | 41        | 110         | 0.458        | 0.020        | 0.017        |
| 5          | 100       | 0.412        | 0.097        | 0.138        | 42        | 83          | 0.527        | 0.017        | 0.019        |
| <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  | <b>0.816</b> | <b>0.181</b> | <b>0.041</b> | <b>43</b> | <b>4</b>    | <b>0.849</b> | <b>0.005</b> | <b>0.031</b> |
| 3          | 29        | 0.646        | 0.143        | 0.078        | 44        | 26          | 0.651        | 0.012        | 0.023        |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>10</b> | <b>0.709</b> | <b>0.169</b> | <b>0.069</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>5</b>    | <b>0.847</b> | <b>0.005</b> | <b>0.030</b> |
| 5          | 71        | 0.470        | 0.123        | 0.138        | 46        | 34          | 0.640        | 0.015        | 0.026        |
| <b>1</b>   | <b>3</b>  | <b>0.808</b> | <b>0.184</b> | <b>0.044</b> | <b>47</b> | <b>1</b>    | <b>0.907</b> | <b>0.003</b> | <b>0.031</b> |
| 3          | 36        | 0.625        | 0.138        | 0.083        | 48        | 59          | 0.598        | 0.014        | 0.021        |
| 5          | 113       | 0.395        | 0.097        | 0.148        | 51        | 106         | 0.469        | 0.020        | 0.018        |
| 5          | 86        | 0.442        | 0.109        | 0.138        | 52        | 61          | 0.591        | 0.016        | 0.023        |
| <b>3</b>   | <b>19</b> | <b>0.669</b> | <b>0.146</b> | <b>0.072</b> | <b>53</b> | <b>53</b>   | <b>0.608</b> | <b>0.014</b> | <b>0.022</b> |
| 3          | 18        | 0.672        | 0.153        | 0.075        | <b>54</b> | <b>10</b>   | <b>0.732</b> | <b>0.009</b> | <b>0.026</b> |
| 6          | 133       | 0.300        | 0.067        | 0.155        | 55        | 135         | 0.274        | 0.025        | 0.010        |
| 7          | 141       | 0.179        | 0.039        | 0.181        | 56        | 139         | 0.156        | 0.029        | 0.005        |
| <b>2</b>   | <b>9</b>  | <b>0.733</b> | <b>0.158</b> | <b>0.058</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>11</b>   | <b>0.732</b> | <b>0.009</b> | <b>0.025</b> |
| 5          | 105       | 0.404        | 0.097        | 0.143        | 58        | 111         | 0.451        | 0.020        | 0.0169       |
| 5          | 102       | 0.411        | 0.102        | 0.146        | 59        | 79          | 0.535        | 0.018        | 0.021        |
| 5          | 99        | 0.414        | 0.099        | 0.140        | 60        | 76          | 0.541        | 0.017        | 0.020        |

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**Table 2 (Continued).** Amounts of SIIG and ASIIG indices for 140 barley advanced lines under rainfed conditions.

| Group    | SIIG index |              |              |              | Line no.  | ASIIG index |              |              |              |
|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|          | Rank       | SIIG         | d-           | d+           |           | Rank        | ASIIG        | d-           | d+           |
| 5        | 111        | 0.397        | 0.098        | 0.149        | 63        | 91          | 0.515        | 0.018        | 0.019        |
| 5        | 74         | 0.466        | 0.128        | 0.146        | 64        | 25          | 0.653        | 0.015        | 0.028        |
| 4        | 56         | 0.515        | 0.133        | 0.126        | 65        | 31          | 0.647        | 0.015        | 0.027        |
| 6        | 134        | 0.296        | 0.067        | 0.159        | 66        | 126         | 0.363        | 0.023        | 0.013        |
| 5        | 84         | 0.444        | 0.108        | 0.136        | 67        | 51          | 0.614        | 0.015        | 0.024        |
| 3        | 37         | 0.622        | 0.142        | 0.086        | 68        | 94          | 0.504        | 0.018        | 0.018        |
| 4        | 53         | 0.548        | 0.150        | 0.124        | 69        | 38          | 0.631        | 0.015        | 0.026        |
| <b>2</b> | <b>5</b>   | <b>0.753</b> | <b>0.172</b> | <b>0.056</b> | <b>70</b> | 15          | 0.706        | 0.011        | 0.026        |
| 5        | 93         | 0.431        | 0.105        | 0.139        | 71        | 112         | 0.450        | 0.020        | 0.017        |
| 6        | 120        | 0.358        | 0.082        | 0.148        | 72        | 117         | 0.412        | 0.021        | 0.015        |
| 3        | 31         | 0.645        | 0.148        | 0.081        | 75        | 48          | 0.618        | 0.014        | 0.023        |
| 5        | 61         | 0.493        | 0.130        | 0.134        | 76        | 23          | 0.660        | 0.014        | 0.028        |
| 4        | 52         | 0.553        | 0.128        | 0.103        | 77        | 88          | 0.521        | 0.017        | 0.019        |
| 4        | 47         | 0.574        | 0.131        | 0.097        | 78        | 69          | 0.568        | 0.015        | 0.020        |
| 4        | 60         | 0.501        | 0.130        | 0.129        | 79        | 27          | 0.650        | 0.014        | 0.027        |
| 5        | 80         | 0.450        | 0.110        | 0.134        | 80        | 90          | 0.516        | 0.018        | 0.019        |
| 3        | 30         | 0.645        | 0.144        | 0.079        | 81        | 33          | 0.643        | 0.013        | 0.023        |
| 3        | 11         | 0.610        | 0.157        | 0.068        | 82        | 47          | 0.619        | 0.014        | 0.022        |
| 4        | 58         | 0.508        | 0.132        | 0.127        | 83        | 28          | 0.650        | 0.014        | 0.027        |
| 4        | 57         | 0.513        | 0.137        | 0.130        | 84        | 46          | 0.620        | 0.016        | 0.025        |
| 5        | 85         | 0.442        | 0.112        | 0.142        | 87        | 49          | 0.616        | 0.015        | 0.025        |
| 6        | 124        | 0.350        | 0.079        | 0.146        | 88        | 122         | 0.377        | 0.022        | 0.013        |
| 5        | 107        | 0.402        | 0.095        | 0.141        | 89        | 93          | 0.505        | 0.018        | 0.019        |
| 6        | 121        | 0.355        | 0.081        | 0.148        | 90        | 121         | 0.378        | 0.022        | 0.013        |
| 5        | 65         | 0.478        | 0.120        | 0.131        | 91        | 64          | 0.579        | 0.016        | 0.023        |
| 5        | 108        | 0.401        | 0.094        | 0.140        | 92        | 104         | 0.476        | 0.019        | 0.018        |
| 5        | 91         | 0.435        | 0.105        | 0.136        | 93        | 66          | 0.575        | 0.016        | 0.022        |
| 5        | 81         | 0.450        | 0.110        | 0.135        | 94        | 78          | 0.537        | 0.017        | 0.020        |
| 3        | 42         | 0.602        | 0.135        | 0.089        | 95        | 63          | 0.585        | 0.015        | 0.021        |
| <b>2</b> | <b>6</b>   | <b>0.749</b> | <b>0.167</b> | <b>0.056</b> | <b>96</b> | <b>7</b>    | <b>0.800</b> | <b>0.007</b> | <b>0.028</b> |
| 3        | 12         | 0.698        | 0.157        | 0.068        | 99        | 24          | 0.654        | 0.012        | 0.023        |
| 3        | 25         | 0.655        | 0.154        | 0.081        | 100       | 14          | 0.710        | 0.010        | 0.025        |
| 3        | 21         | 0.668        | 0.160        | 0.079        | 101       | 45          | 0.625        | 0.014        | 0.023        |
| 5        | 88         | 0.439        | 0.110        | 0.140        | 102       | 58          | 0.599        | 0.016        | 0.024        |
| 5        | 101        | 0.411        | 0.099        | 0.141        | 103       | 97          | 0.491        | 0.019        | 0.018        |
| 6        | 131        | 0.333        | 0.075        | 0.151        | 104       | 115         | 0.422        | 0.020        | 0.015        |
| 6        | 129        | 0.338        | 0.077        | 0.150        | 105       | 124         | 0.370        | 0.022        | 0.013        |
| 7        | 140        | 0.199        | 0.047        | 0.187        | 106       | 142         | 0.069        | 0.033        | 0.002        |
| 7        | 135        | 0.287        | 0.066        | 0.164        | 107       | 119         | 0.380        | 0.023        | 0.014        |
| 6        | 119        | 0.365        | 0.084        | 0.147        | 108       | 116         | 0.412        | 0.021        | 0.015        |
| 6        | 117        | 0.382        | 0.091        | 0.147        | 111       | 107         | 0.467        | 0.020        | 0.017        |
| 5        | 62         | 0.487        | 0.131        | 0.138        | 112       | 22          | 0.662        | 0.015        | 0.029        |
| 6        | 110        | 0.398        | 0.096        | 0.146        | 113       | 86          | 0.527        | 0.018        | 0.020        |
| 5        | 109        | 0.399        | 0.103        | 0.155        | 114       | 71          | 0.554        | 0.017        | 0.022        |
| 6        | 127        | 0.344        | 0.078        | 0.149        | 115       | 118         | 0.382        | 0.022        | 0.014        |
| 6        | 116        | 0.390        | 0.089        | 0.140        | 116       | 100         | 0.481        | 0.019        | 0.017        |
| 6        | 128        | 0.339        | 0.079        | 0.154        | 117       | 113         | 0.429        | 0.021        | 0.016        |
| 5        | 79         | 0.453        | 0.108        | 0.131        | 118       | 85          | 0.527        | 0.018        | 0.019        |
| 5        | 87         | 0.440        | 0.108        | 0.137        | 119       | 84          | 0.527        | 0.018        | 0.020        |
| 6        | 122        | 0.354        | 0.083        | 0.151        | 120       | 132         | 0.323        | 0.025        | 0.012        |
| 5        | 96         | 0.421        | 0.108        | 0.149        | 123       | 56          | 0.600        | 0.016        | 0.024        |
| 7        | 138        | 0.240        | 0.052        | 0.166        | 124       | 138         | 0.220        | 0.027        | 0.008        |

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**Table 2 (Continued).** Amounts of SIIG and ASIIG indices for 140 barley advanced lines under rainfed conditions.

| Group    | SIIG index |              |              |              | Line no.   | ASIIG index |              |              |              |
|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|          | Rank       | SIIG         | d-           | d+           |            | Rank        | ASIIG        | d-           | d+           |
| 3        | 23         | 0.656        | 0.143        | 0.075        | 125        | 52          | 0.614        | 0.013        | 0.021        |
| 6        | 132        | 0.303        | 0.068        | 0.156        | 126        | 137         | 0.262        | 0.025        | 0.009        |
| 5        | 90         | 0.437        | 0.105        | 0.135        | 127        | 67          | 0.572        | 0.016        | 0.022        |
| 3        | 26         | 0.651        | 0.148        | 0.079        | 128        | 73          | 0.549        | 0.0169       | 0.021        |
| 5        | 66         | 0.476        | 0.130        | 0.143        | 129        | 20          | 0.668        | 0.015        | 0.029        |
| 3        | 16         | 0.684        | 0.156        | 0.072        | 130        | 16          | 0.691        | 0.011        | 0.024        |
| 3        | 41         | 0.610        | 0.144        | 0.092        | 131        | 68          | 0.570        | 0.016        | 0.022        |
| 5        | 73         | 0.467        | 0.124        | 0.142        | 132        | 32          | 0.645        | 0.015        | 0.027        |
| 5        | 103        | 0.409        | 0.099        | 0.145        | 135        | 95          | 0.504        | 0.019        | 0.019        |
| 7        | 136        | 0.275        | 0.061        | 0.161        | 136        | 136         | 0.272        | 0.026        | 0.010        |
| <b>2</b> | <b>7</b>   | <b>0.748</b> | <b>0.173</b> | <b>0.058</b> | <b>137</b> | <b>8</b>    | <b>0.790</b> | <b>0.008</b> | <b>0.028</b> |
| 3        | 15         | 0.689        | 0.1660       | 0.075        | 138        | 36          | 0.632        | 0.014        | 0.025        |
| 6        | 123        | 0.352        | 0.086        | 0.159        | 139        | 99          | 0.485        | 0.019        | 0.018        |
| 5        | 92         | 0.434        | 0.111        | 0.145        | 140        | 50          | 0.616        | 0.015        | 0.025        |
| 5        | 69         | 0.473        | 0.124        | 0.137        | 141        | 44          | 0.627        | 0.015        | 0.026        |
| 5        | 78         | 0.457        | 0.117        | 0.139        | 142        | 65          | 0.575        | 0.017        | 0.023        |
| 3        | 40         | 0.610        | 0.143        | 0.092        | 143        | 108         | 0.466        | 0.021        | 0.018        |
| 3        | 24         | 0.655        | 0.150        | 0.079        | 144        | 74          | 0.546        | 0.017        | 0.020        |
| 3        | 27         | 0.649        | 0.154        | 0.083        | 147        | 29          | 0.648        | 0.013        | 0.025        |
| 4        | 45         | 0.587        | 0.133        | 0.094        | 148        | 57          | 0.599        | 0.014        | 0.021        |
| 3        | 35         | 0.627        | 0.142        | 0.085        | 149        | 43          | 0.627        | 0.014        | 0.023        |
| 3        | 22         | 0.664        | 0.157        | 0.079        | 150        | 12          | 0.729        | 0.010        | 0.027        |
| 5        | 76         | 0.463        | 0.110        | 0.128        | 151        | 120         | 0.379        | 0.023        | 0.014        |
| 5        | 72         | 0.469        | 0.120        | 0.136        | 152        | 125         | 0.368        | 0.025        | 0.015        |
| 5        | 82         | 0.447        | 0.114        | 0.141        | 153        | 133         | 0.318        | 0.028        | 0.013        |
| 4        | 59         | 0.504        | 0.121        | 0.119        | 154        | 127         | 0.355        | 0.025        | 0.014        |
| 5        | 97         | 0.419        | 0.108        | 0.149        | 1551       | 131         | 0.336        | 0.027        | 0.013        |
| 5        | 75         | 0.463        | 0.119        | 0.138        | 1552       | 128         | 0.353        | 0.026        | 0.014        |
| 3        | 39         | 0.617        | 0.147        | 0.091        | 158        | 19          | 0.671        | 0.012        | 0.024        |
| 4        | 54         | 0.548        | 0.135        | 0.111        | 159        | 62          | 0.585        | 0.015        | 0.021        |
| 3        | 44         | 0.596        | 0.135        | 0.091        | 160        | 87          | 0.527        | 0.017        | 0.019        |
| 4        | 55         | 0.541        | 0.129        | 0.109        | 161        | 82          | 0.529        | 0.017        | 0.019        |
| 3        | 43         | 0.602        | 0.135        | 0.089        | 162        | 80          | 0.532        | 0.017        | 0.019        |
| 6        | 125        | 0.348        | 0.080        | 0.150        | 163        | 114         | 0.426        | 0.021        | 0.015        |
| 6        | 118        | 0.371        | 0.090        | 0.154        | 164        | 102         | 0.479        | 0.019        | 0.018        |
| 5        | 77         | 0.460        | 0.121        | 0.142        | 165        | 39          | 0.631        | 0.015        | 0.026        |
| 7        | 142        | 0.163        | 0.037        | 0.188        | 166        | 141         | 0.075        | 0.032        | 0.003        |
| 7        | 139        | 0.232        | 0.054        | 0.178        | 167        | 140         | 0.097        | 0.031        | 0.003        |

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**Table 3.** Grouping of 140 barley advanced lines based on SIIG index and mean of different traits in each group.

| E.G.V | DHE   | Average of groups |         |       |           |         | No. Lines | R/T | Groups | SIIG         |
|-------|-------|-------------------|---------|-------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----|--------|--------------|
|       |       | F.L.L(cm)         | PLH(cm) | G/S   | GY(kg/ha) | TKW(gr) |           |     |        |              |
| 8.25  | 94    | 12.17             | 88.33   | 60.5  | 5015.42   | 38.6    | 4         | 6   | 1      | 0.8<SIIG<0.9 |
| 8.22  | 92.89 | 10.22             | 88.26   | 57.11 | 4376.85   | 37.71   | 7         | 6   | 2      | 0.7<SIIG<0.8 |
| 7.29  | 92.68 | 9.22              | 87.18   | 53.20 | 3617.04   | 37.25   | 34        | 6   | 3      | 0.6<SIIG<0.7 |
| 6.25  | 92.56 | 9.48              | 91.31   | 42.29 | 3772.08   | 37.61   | 16        | 2&6 | 4      | 0.5<SIIG<0.6 |
| 7.04  | 92.06 | 8.65              | 89.51   | 26.05 | 4102.27   | 37.77   | 51        | 2&6 | 5      | 0.4<SIIG<0.5 |
| 5.36  | 91.86 | 8.91              | 83.134  | 22.18 | 3393.17   | 37.04   | 22        | 2   | 6      | 0.3<SIIG<0.4 |
| 2.5   | 91.25 | 7.79              | 80.54   | 22    | 2482.5    | 37.42   | 8         | 2   | 7      | 0<SIIG<0.3   |



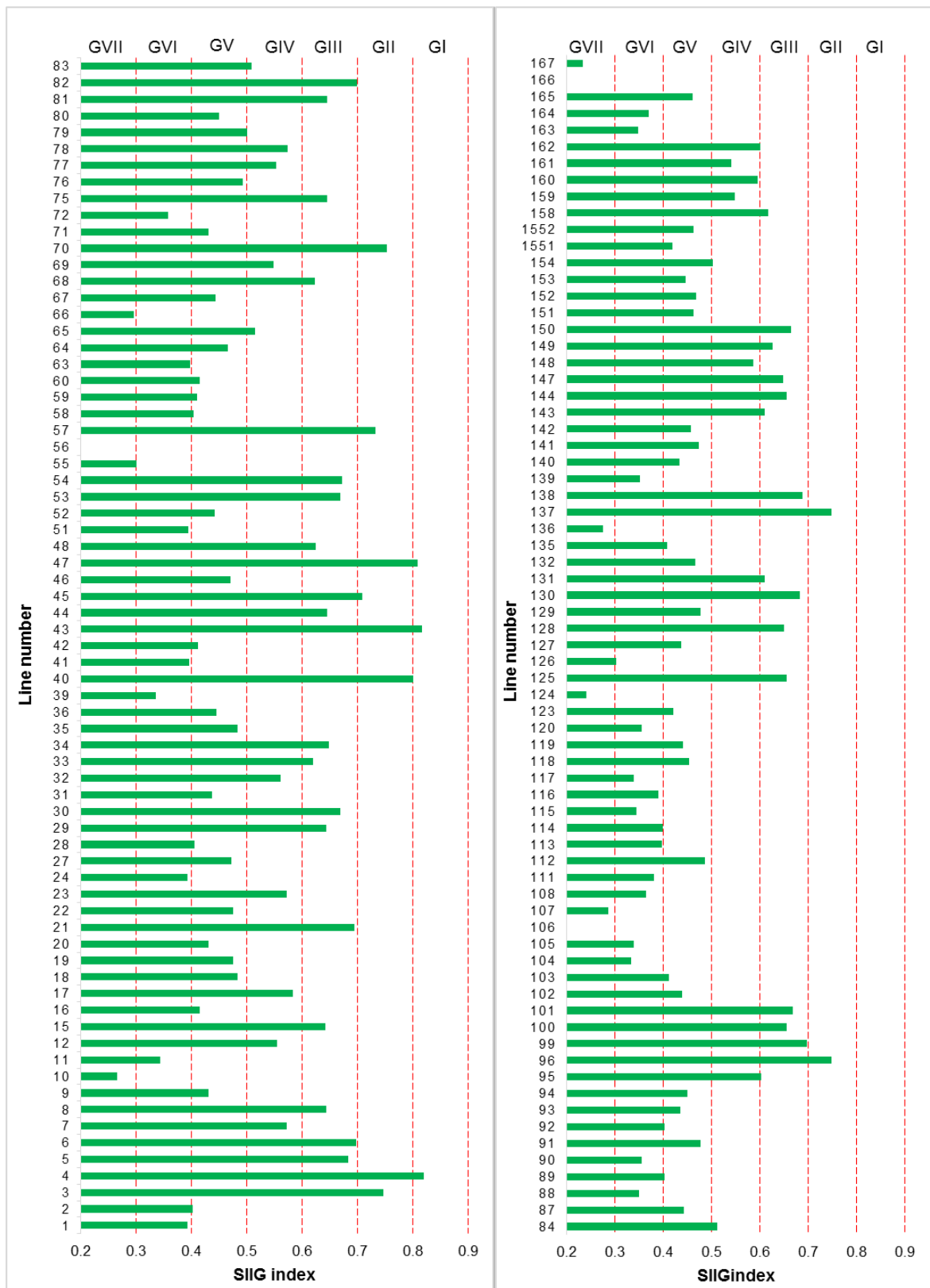


Figure 1. Grouping of 140 barley advanced lines based on SIIG index.

**Table 4.** Correlation analysis among different morphological traits and SIIG index.

| Traits | SIIG               | R/T                 | E.G.V               | DHE                | F.L.L              | PLH                | G/S                 | TKW    | GY |
|--------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------|----|
| SIIG   | 1                  |                     |                     |                    |                    |                    |                     |        |    |
| R/T    | 0.81**             | 1                   |                     |                    |                    |                    |                     |        |    |
| E.G.   | 0.48**             | -0.04 <sup>ns</sup> | 1                   |                    |                    |                    |                     |        |    |
| DH     | 0.21**             | 0.09 <sup>ns</sup>  | 0.11 <sup>ns</sup>  | 1                  |                    |                    |                     |        |    |
| F.L.   | 0.32**             | 0.12 <sup>ns</sup>  | 0.03 <sup>ns</sup>  | 0.29**             | 1                  |                    |                     |        |    |
| PLH    | 0.19*              | 0.13 <sup>ns</sup>  | 0.13 <sup>ns</sup>  | 0.09 <sup>ns</sup> | 0.15 <sup>ns</sup> | 1                  |                     |        |    |
| G/S    | 0.83**             | 0.98**              | -0.02 <sup>ns</sup> | 0.08 <sup>ns</sup> | 0.14 <sup>ns</sup> | 0.13 <sup>ns</sup> | 1                   |        |    |
| TK     | 0.07 <sup>ns</sup> | -0.14 <sup>ns</sup> | 0.25**              | 0.15 <sup>ns</sup> | 0.04 <sup>ns</sup> | 0.09 <sup>ns</sup> | -0.16 <sup>ns</sup> | 1      |    |
| GY     | 0.35**             | -0.17*              | 0.76**              | 0.195*             | 0.01 <sup>ns</sup> | 0.19*              | -0.13               | 0.46** | 1  |

\* , \*\* , and <sup>ns</sup>: significant at 5% , 1% probability levels and non-significance respectively.

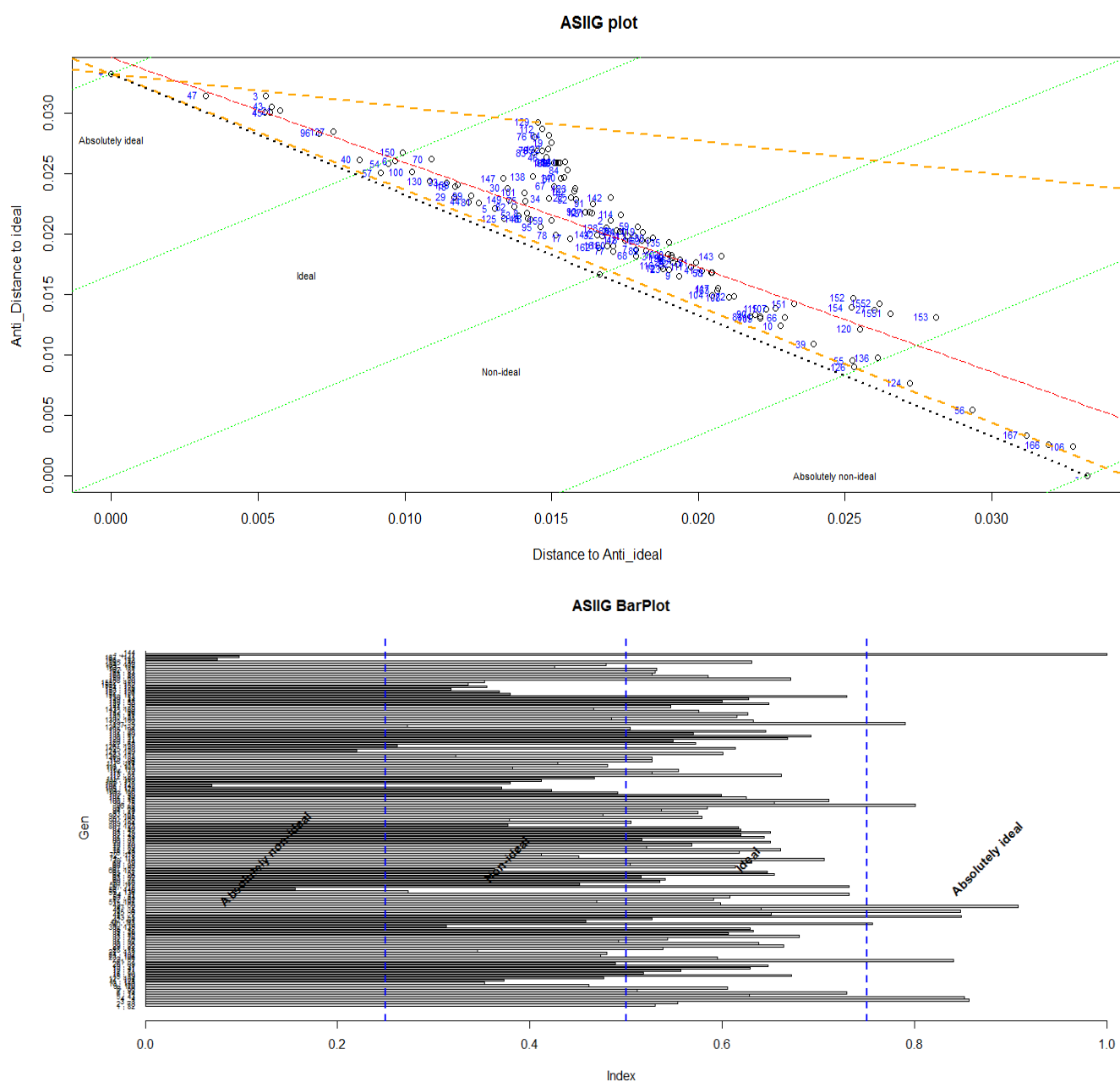
In group III, there were 34 lines whose average grain yield, number of seeds per spike, flag leaf length, and early growth vigor were 3617.04 kg/ha, 53.20, 9.22 cm, and 7.29, respectively.

The mean of grain yield and early growth vigor of this group were lower than those of the control cultivars. Group IV with 16 lines had the average grain yield, number of seeds per spike, flag leaf length, 1000-seed weight, plant height, and early growth vigor of 3772.08 kg/ha, 42.29, 9.48 cm, 37.61 g, 91.31 cm, and 6.25, respectively. In group V with 51 lines, the average grain yield, the number of seeds per spike, flag leaf length, 1000-seed weight, plant height, and early growth vigor were 4102.27 kg/ha, 26.05, 8.65 cm, 37.77 g, 89.51 cm, and 7.04, respectively. In group VI, there were 22 lines with an average grain yield, the number of seeds per spike, flag leaf length, 1000-seed weight, plant height, and early growth vigor were 3393.09 kg/ha, 22.18, 8.91 cm, 37.61 g, 91.04 cm, and 5.36, respectively. In group VII, there were eight lines with average grain yield, the number of seeds per spike, flag leaf length, 1000-seed weight, plant height, and early growth vigor of 2482.5 kg/ha, 22, 7.79 cm, 37.42 g, 80.54 cm, and 2.5, respectively. According to the results, the average grain yield of lines in groups I and II was higher than that of both control cultivars and the other lines groups.

The results of correlation analysis between traits used and SIIG index (Table 4) showed that SIIG correlation coefficients observed with all traits were significantly positive. The highest positive correlations were observed between SIIG with the number of grains per spike (0.83), spike type (0.81), early growth vigor (0.48), grain yield (0.35), flag leaf length (0.32), days to heading (0.21), and plant height (0.19), respectively. Nevertheless, no significant correlation was observed between grain yield with some grain yield components such as the number of grains per spike and flag leaf

length. We used all traits entered/un-entered in the regression model along with the standardized regression coefficient for each trait as optimal weight, in order to select the best lines in terms of grain yield and other traits using the ASIIG method, and calculated the ASIIG values for each line (Table 2). Whenever the value of this index is closer to one, the genotype will be more desirable. Here, the value of ASIIG for line 47 was calculated 0.907 and therefore, had the most similarity to the ideal genotype. Lines 3, 4, 43, 45, 21, 96, 137, 40 and 54 with ASIIG values of 0.856, 0.852, 0.849, 0.847, 0.84, 0.8, 0.79, 0.756 and 0.732, respectively, and also with a minimum distance to the ideal genotype were placed in the next ranks (Table 2). Also, according to Figure 2 plots and the creation of ideal quarters and graphic grouping established between the lines, only lines 47, 3, 43, 45, 137, 96, and 40 were placed in the ideal quarter. The lines 106, 166, 167, 56, 124 with the ASIIG values of 0.069, 0.075, 0.097, 0.156 and 0.220 were in non-ideal quarter, respectively.

The SIIG index in selecting the best lines in terms of grain yield and seven more traits entered the regression model simultaneously and separated the studied 140 advanced lines of barely into seven groups. According to the results, the average grain yield of lines located in groups I and II were higher than the grain yield of both control cultivars and the lines located in other groups in rainfed conditions. These results showed that the SIIG index can simultaneously classify the studied lines and determine their distances based on several traits. According to Table 2, we observed that as the value of SIIG decreases, the value of grain yield, the number of seeds per spike, flag leaf length, and vigor decrease. We could not observe a significant difference in the value of days to heading, plant height, and 1000-seed weight. This indicated that the SIIG index could simultaneously select high-yielding barely lines with



**Figure 2.** Grouping of 140 barley advanced lines based on ASIIG index.

more seeds per spike, flag leaf length, and early growth vigor.

Based on the results of correlation analysis between traits and SIIG index (Table 4), there were no significant relationships between grain yield with some grain yield components such as the number of grains per spike and flag leaf length. Therefore, selection based on grain yield alone may not lead to identifying lines with other desirable traits. On the other hand, there was positively significant relationships between SIIG with grain yield and other traits affecting grain yield. Therefore, the SIIG index used in this study has been more efficient

than single-trait selections. Tadili *et al.* (2020) studied drought tolerance in 18 advanced durum wheat lines under rainfed and supplementary irrigation conditions, and based on the SIIG method, they performed the selection of superior lines. Zali and Barati (2020) investigated genetic diversity and selected high-yielding lines with desirable agronomic characteristics using the SIIG index from 108 pure barley lines along with four controls. Their results showed that the SIIG index, by integrating different traits, selects the desired genotypes more effectively; therefore, the lines with the highest the SIIG values were the superior lines,

and the lowest SIIG values were the weakest lines in this research. They evaluate the efficiency of SIIG index in selecting the best lines in terms of grain yield, 1000-seed weight, plant height, days to flowering, and days to ripening simultaneously; where they classified the studied lines according to the SIIG index into six groups. On the other hand, the genotypes with SIIG index close to one were drought-tolerant, and with SIIG index close to zero were drought-sensitive genotypes. The conclusion showed that the selection index of the ideal genotype is a selective model and is used to select the most appropriate genotype among genotypes in different environments. Researchers can use either the SIIG method to convert drought tolerance indices, different traits to a single index, or other stability analysis parameters and select superior genotypes confidently and accurately. Yagoutipour *et al.* (2017) evaluated 20 bread wheat genotypes using other drought tolerance indices and SIIG index to identify drought-tolerant genotypes. They indicated the efficiency of the SIIG index in selecting drought-tolerant genotypes. Researchers obtained similar results regarding the application of the SIIG index by an experiment to evaluate salinity tolerance indices and choose the ideal genotype among several new cultivars and lines of safflower (Haghighatnia and Alhani 2020). Based on the fact that using an indicator alone in selecting stable or ideal genotypes is not a suitable choice, it is better to evaluate the stability of genotypes using several indices. Additionally, by increasing the number of indices, it may be difficult for the researcher to select the appropriate genotype; therefore, all parametric statistics simultaneously evaluate the stability of genotypes. Moqaddas Zadeh Ahrab *et al.* (2018) investigated the interaction of genotype $\times$ environment on tuber grain yield of 15 potato genotypes in six environments based on parametric stability methods using SIIG technique to identify stable potato genotypes with high grain yield. By using the SIIG index, some researchers have integrated different methods of stability analysis, where they introduce Cooper and Lilian canola genotypes as stable genotypes (Zali *et al.*, 2015). Ramzi *et al.* (2018) used this index to evaluate the tolerance of advanced durum wheat lines under aluminum stress conditions. They identified 20 lines with the highest rank and 20 lines with the lowest level among 100 studied lines.

Comparing the grouping results of SIIG with ASIIG methods, both methods showed high similarities in selecting the best lines. In SIIG method, lines 4, 43, 47, 40, 70, 96, 137, 3, 57 and 45, also in ASIIG method, lines 47, 3, 4, 43, 45, 21, 96, 137, 40 and 54

were identified as the best/ideal lines. Therefore, these two methods are compatible in selecting the best lines. ASIIG method, because of the participation of all traits commensurate with its importance and weight in the quantity and quality of the crop end product, was more suitable for separating the desired lines.

## CONCLUSION

The coefficient of variation for agronomic traits showed a wide range of variations and diversity among 140 advanced lines. The highest variation was related to grain yield, followed by seeds per spike, flag leaf area, and plant height. The results of the SIIG index, based on the traits entered into the regression model, showed that lines 4, 43, 47, 40, 70, 96, 137, 3, 57, and 45 with the highest SIIG values, are the most tolerant lines under rainfed conditions with the highest grain yield. In the ASIIG method, in addition to the best lines identified by the SIIG method, lines 21 and 54 were also found as the best lines. Also, according to ASIIG plots and the creation of ideal quarters, only lines 47, 3, 43, 45, 137, 96, and 40 were placed in the ideal quarter.

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## SUPPLEMENTAL DATA

Supplementary Table 1. Pedigree of 140 barley advanced lines with line number and their source (ICARDA).

| Line no. | Source            | Pedigree   |
|----------|-------------------|--|
| 1        | Iran              | Khorram as check   |
| 2        | Iran              | Fardan as check  |
| 3        | IBYT-HI (2018-19) | P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA1/6/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA 1 CBSS07Y00497S-4T-05CJ-05CH-04CJ-0CH |
| 4        | IBYT-HI (2018-19) | CIRU/ZIGZIG CBSS07Y00322S-14T-05T-05CJ -05CH-3CJ-0CH   |
| 5        | IBYT-HI (2018-19) | CANELA//LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS07Y00382S-4T-05T-05CJ -05CH-5CJ-0CH  |
| 6        | IBYT-HI (2018-19) | BERMEJO//CAPUL/TOCTE CBSS06Y00313S-13Y-1M-05T-05CJ-05T-3CJ-0CH   |
| 7        | IBYT-HI (2018-19) | S95031002008N/H87010008N H99075001 09/4H0018-0MR   |
| 8        | IBYT-HI (2018-19) | MSEL//LOGAN-BAR CBSS03B00016S-0M-0Y-0M-0Y-1M-0Y  |
| 9        | IBYT-HI (2018-19) | AJO 61/6/Vmorales ICB09-1494-0AP-0TR-0AP-0TR   |
| 10       | 6thGSBYT(2018-19) | WABAR2242//LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS07Y00242S-7T-05T-05CJ -05CH-3CJ-0CH   |
| 11       | 6thGSBYT(2018-19) | LIMON/BICHY2000//DEFRA/DESCONOCIDA-BAR CBSS05Y00036S-6Y-0M-0Y-0M-4AP   |
| 12       | 6thGSBYT(2018-19) | IPA7/4/AwBlack/Aths//Arar/3/9Cr279-07/Roho/5/Rhn-03//Lignee527/As45 ICB03-0079-0AP-5AP-0AP   |
| 15       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | RIHANE-03 As46//Avt/Aths (Sel,02L-1AP-3AP-0AP)   |
| 16       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | AZAF/MSEL/4/PFC8562//ATAH92/GOB/3/CANELA CITV10B095S- 0100T-0100CJ-9CH-04CJ-0CH  |
| 17       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | CHAMICO/TOCTE//CONGONA/6/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA 1 CBSS07Y00423S-8T-05T-05CJ -05CH-3CJ-0CH                        |
| 18       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | COMINO/3/MATICO/JET//SHYRI/4/ALELI/5/L.P/SHYRI M00080001 08/1G0043   |
| 19       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | ALELI/SCARLETT CBSS05M00148S-2M-0Y-0M-0AP-0TR  |
| 20       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | CANELA//LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS07Y00382S-13T-05T-05CJ -05CH-1CJ-0CH   |
| 21       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | RIHANE-03 As46//Avt/Aths (Sel,02L-1AP-3AP-0AP)   |
| 22       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | CANELA//LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS07Y00382S-14T-05T-05CJ -05CH-1CJ-0CH   |
| 23       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | CIRU//BREA/DL70/3/SUMBARD400 CBSS07Y01027T-A-0AP-0AP   |
| 24       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | H92013289Z\H93003203Z J02037004 09/2T0127  |
| 27       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/3/PUNGSANCHAPSSALBORI CBSS07Y00052S-23T-05CJ-05T-05CJ - 010CH-CH2-0CH  |
| 28       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | TR653/H92020115X J00038005 09/3T0021   |
| 29       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | GLORIA-BAR/COPAL//M104 CBSS07Y00004S-3T-05CJ-05T-05CJ - 010CH-CH3-0CH  |
| 30       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | VMorales/6/ORGE618 CBSS06Y00274S-11Y-0M-0AP-0TR  |
| 31       | IBON-HI(2018-19)  | CANELA/ECU1.31 CBSS07Y00391S-18T-05T-05CJ -05CH-3CJ-0CH  |

**Supplementary Table 1 (Continued).** Pedigree of 140 barley advanced lines with line number and their source (ICARDA).

| Line no. | Source                | Pedigree   |
|----------|-----------------------|--|
| 32       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/3/PUNGSANCHAPSSALBORI<br>CBSS07Y00052S-31T-05CJ-05T-05CJ - 010CH-CH3-0CH   |
| 33       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | ADABELLA/ESMERALDA/6/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5<br>/PETUNIA 1 CBSS07Y01054T-G-05T-05CJ-05T-05CJ - 010CH-CH4-0CH                      |
| 34       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA<br>1/6/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA 1<br>CBSS07Y00497S-41T-05CJ-05CH-04CJ-0CH |
| 35       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | J09072 F3 10/030575 H97034002/J99048002-0MR  |
| 36       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | AJO 61/6/Vmorales ICB09-1494-0AP-0TR-0AP-0TR   |
| 39       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | CANELA/LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS07Y00382S-23T-05T-05CJ -05CH-<br>3CJ-0CH  |
| 40       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | GLORIA-BAR/IAR.H.485//ALOE/3/CABUYA M00009001 08/1G0018  |
| 41       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | CANELA/CONLON F10166-0MR   |
| 42       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | BR2/MERIT,B//MSEL F09446 09/D30363-0MR   |
| 43       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | NISKA/H00057 H01023001 09/2S0001   |
| 44       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | RIHANE-03 As46//Avt/Aths (Sel,02L-1AP-3AP-0AP)   |
| 45       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | LA MOLINA 94/FOSTER F10199-0MR   |
| 46       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | G09107 F3 10/030601 G08110/TR06676-0MR   |
| 47       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | ATAH92/GOB//PETUNIA 2 M99147001 08/2G0014  |
| 48       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/6/Vmorales ICB09-1620-0AP-0TR-0AP  |
| 51       | IBON-HI(2018-19)      | CANELA//E.QUEBRACHO/W9338 CBSS07Y00384S-25T-05T-05CJ -<br>05CH-1CJ-0CH   |
| 52       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | G09111 F3 10/030605 G08114/TR06676-0MR   |
| 53       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/6/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLL<br>U/5/PETUNIA 1 CBSS07Y00060S-44T-05CJ-05T-05CJ - 010CH-CH3-<br>0CH               |
| 54       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | LA MOLINA 96/6/Vmorales CBSS05Y00158S-25Y-0M-0Y-0M-4AP   |
| 55       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | CLE150/W89.11369//CHERI/3/CANELA F10191-0MR  |
| 56       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | DEFRA/E.QUEBRACHO//DEFRA/E.QUEBRACHO/3/LEO-B F09808<br>09/D30759-0MR   |
| 57       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | Avt/Attiki//MAtt733371/3/Aths/Lignee686/4/Lignee527/NK1272//JLB70-63<br>ICB02-0689-0AP-5AP-0AP-0MC   |
| 58       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | CANELA//LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS07Y00382S-9T-05T-05CJ -05CH-<br>2CJ-0CH  |
| 59       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | BARONESE/5/ESCOBA/3/MOLA/SHYRI//ARUPO*2/JET/4/ALELI/6/MSEL/7/<br>LIMON/AZAF M06445 F6 08/030381-0MR  |
| 60       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | CEV 96060//BUCK M8.88/E.ACACIA/3/CANELA F10192-0MR   |
| 63       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | AZAF/MSEL/4/PFC8562//ATAH92/GOB/3/CANELA CITV10B095S- 0100T-<br>0100CJ-9CH-04CJ-0CH  |
| 64       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | J09062 F3 10/030565 H97042002/H97075001-0MR  |
| 65       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | J09058 F3 10/030561 H97006017/BUSBY-0MR  |
| 66       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | MSEL//BUCKM8.88/E.ACACIA/3/MSEL//PERLE/BOWMAN<br>CITV10B087S- 0100T-0100CJ-2CH-04CJ-0CH  |
| 67       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | MSEL/LOGAN-BAR CBSS03B00016S-0M-0Y-0M-0Y-1M-0Y   |
| 68       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | Alanda/Hamra//Alanda-01 ICB97-0930-0AP-18AP-3TR-4AP-0AP-3AP-<br>0AP  |
| 69       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19) | CANELA//LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS07Y00382S-5T-05T-05CJ -05CH-<br>3CJ-0CH  |



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| Line no. | Source                               | Pedigree   |
|----------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 70       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19)                | CHAMICO/TOCTE//CONGONA/6/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/B<br>LLU/5/PETUNIA 1 CBSS07Y00423S-8T-05T-05CJ -05CH-3CJ-0CH  |
| 71       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19)                | CANELA//LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS07Y00382S-31T-05T-05CJ -05CH-<br>3CJ-0CH   |
| 72       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19)                | BISON 136/CANELA CBSS07Y00807S-37T-05T-05CJ -05CH-1CJ-0CH  |
| 75       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19)                | VMorales/6/M9846//CCXX14.ARZ3/PACO/3/PALTON CBSS04B00043S-<br>3M-0Y-0M-0Y-2M-0AP   |
| 76       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19)                | J09072 F3 10/030575 H97034002/J99048002-0MR  |
| 77       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19)                | Nadawa/Rhn-03//Saida ICB04-0706-0AP-1AP-0AP-0MC  |
| 78       | 6th<br>GSBON(2018-19)                | CIRU/3/LEGACY//PENCO/CHEVRON-BAR CBSS07Y00326S-27T-05CJ-<br>05T-05CJ - 010CH-CH2-0CH   |
| 79       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Melusine/Aleli/3/Matico/Jet//Shyri/4/Canela/5/Cerise/Shyri//Aleli/3/Mpyt169-<br>1Y/Laurel//Olmo/4/Canela ICB11-0128-0MC-0MC-0MC-2MR                                      |
| 80       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | CEV 96060/3/ARUPO/K8755//MORA/4/CANELA   |
| 81       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | VLB 118  |
| 82       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | SARA1-BAR/CAPUCHONA 20   |
| 83       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Melusine/Aleli/3/Matico/Jet//Shyri/4/Canela/5/Gobernadora HIICB10-0053-<br>0AP-0TR-0MR-6MR   |
| 84       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Litani/Chigwell HIICB10-0200-0AP-0TR-0MR-8MR   |
| 87       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Melusine/Aleli/3/Matico/Jet//Shyri/4/Canela/5/Reem HIICB10-0055-0AP-<br>0TR-0MR-11MR   |
| 88       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Cerise/Shyri//Aleli/3/Mpyt169.1Y/Laurel//Olmo/4/Canela/5/Horonera<br>HIICB10-0092-0AP-0TR-0MR-2MR  |
| 89       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Xena/CANELA/DEFRA HIICB10-0354-0AP-0TR-0MR-19MR  |
| 90       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Xena/DWRUB52 HIICB10-0362-0AP-0TR-0MR-12MR   |
| 91       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Melusine/Aleli/3/Matico/Jet//Shyri/4/Canela/5/HOLKR HIICB10-0057-0AP-<br>0TR-0MR-11MR  |
| 92       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | LOGAN-BAR/MSEL//AZAF/3/MADRE SELVA HIICB10-0555-0AP-0TR-<br>0MR-14MR   |
| 93       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Litani/Chigwell HIICB10-0200-0AP-0TR-0MR-3MR   |
| 94       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | Melusine/Aleli/3/Matico/Jet//Shyri/4/Canela/5/EFES28 HIICB10-0077-<br>0AP-0TR-0MR-18MR   |
| 95       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA 1/6/GLORIA-<br>BAR/COPAL/7/TOCTE IBM12CH178-10CH-05CJ-010CH-1CJ-0CH-0MR   |
| 96       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | PETUNIA 2/M111/5/ESMERALDA/3/SLLO/ROBUST//QUINA/4/M104<br>HIICB12-549-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-7MR  |
| 99       | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | ATACO/BERMEJO//HIGO/3/CALI92/ROBUST/4/PETUNIA1/5/PETUNIA1/CH<br>INIA/3/ATACO/BERMEJO//HIGO/6/ZIGZIG/3/M9846//CCXX14.ARZ3/PACO/<br>7/M122 HIICB12-500-0TR-0TR-0MR-0MR-3MR |
| 100      | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | RD2668/7/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA1/6/ZIG<br>ZIG/4/EGYPT4/TERAN78//P.STO/3/QUINA HIICB12-033-0TR-0TR-0MR-<br>0MR-1MR                              |
| 101      | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | SUMBARD400/5/ESMERALDA/3/SLLO/ROBUST//QUINA/4/M104<br>HIICB12-323-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-7MR  |
| 102      | Mrocco nurseries-<br>Gonbad(2018-19) | BICHY2000//GOB/HUMAI10/3/Sebastian HIICB12-192-0TR-0TR-0MR-<br>0MR-2MR   |

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| Line no. | Source                           | Pedigree  |
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| 103      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | Xena//Canela HIICB12-083-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-10MR   |
| 104      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | MSEL/LA MOLINA 95//SHAKIRA HIICB12-219-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-7MR<br>PFC9214//PENCO/CHEVRON-   |
| 105      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | BAR/7/ATACO/BERMEJO//HIGO/3/CALI92/ROBUST/4/PETUNIA 1/5/PETUNIA<br>1/CHINIA/3/ATACO/BERMEJO//HIGO/6/ZIGZIG/3/M9846//CCXX14.ARZ 3/PACO HIICB12-013-0TR-0TR-0MR-0MR-8MR |
| 106      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | LEGACY /4-1MBN11 ICM13CH29-29CH-05CJ-010CH-0MR  |
| 107      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | BICHY2000//GOB/HUMAI10/3/SHAKIRA HIICB12-221-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-4MR<br>PFC9214//PENCO/CHEVRON-   |
| 108      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | BAR/8/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA 1/6/M111/7/LEGACY/3/SVANHALS-BAR/MSEL//AZAF/GOB24DH<br>HIICB12-016-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-6MR                         |
| 111      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | BICHY2000//GOB/HUMAI10/3/CONCHITA HIICB12-246-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-9MR   |
| 112      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | MSEL/PFC9214//Zacatecas 9 IBM12CH214-9CH-05CJ-010CH-4CJ-0CH-0MR<br>MADRE  |
| 113      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | SELVA/7/STANDERBAR/API/6/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA 1 ICM13CH18-64CH-05CJ-010CH-0MR   |
| 114      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | MSEL/LA MOLINA 95//BRS195/ND19098-1 HIICB12-445-0TR-0TR-0MR-0MR-6MR   |
| 115      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | BREA/DL70//CABUYA/3/MADRE SELVA ICM13CH62-2CH-05CJ-010CH-0MR<br>PFC9214//PENCO/CHEVRON-   |
| 116      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | BAR/7/ATACO/BERMEJO//HIGO/3/CALI92/ROBUST/4/PETUNIA 1/5/PETUNIA<br>1/CHINIA/3/ATACO/BERMEJO//HIGO/6/ZIGZIG/3/M9846//CCXX14.ARZ 3/PACO HIICB12-013-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-4MR |
| 117      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | SARA1-BAR/CAPUCHONA 20/3/PFC9214//PENCO/CHEVRON-BAR<br>HIICB12-526-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-4MR  |
| 118      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | SHYRI/3/ZHEDAR#1/SHYRI//OLMO  |
| 119      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | Xena/3/MSEL//DEFRA/CL128 HIICB10-0359-0AP-0TR-0MR-0MR   |
| 120      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | MSEL//LIMON/BICHY2000 CBSS06Y00152S-1Y-0M-05T-05CJ-05T-1CJ-0CH-0MR  |
| 123      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | SVANHALS-BAR/MSEL//AZAF/GOB24DH/3/NE167/CLE176  |
| 124      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | OPS 66/CANELA   |
| 125      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | ROBUST//GLORIA-BAR/COPAL/3/MAHIGAN/4/PETUNIA 2/5/ESMERALDA/ROBUST CICJ1011B075S-050CJ-8CH-04CJ-05CH-5CJ-0CH-0MR   |
| 126      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | CANELA//ATAH92/GOB CBSS07Y00375S-17T-05T-05CJ -05CH-5CJ-0CH   |
| 127      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | H92020078/TR232//I95039 H97042002 09/6T0006   |
| 128      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | BT554/MAHIGAN H98080003 09/500012   |
| 129      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19) | MSEL/LOGAN-BAR CBSS03B00016S-0M-0Y-0M-0Y-1M-0Y  |

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| Line no. | Source                              | Pedigree  |
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| 130      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)    | BISON 110.3/3/SVANHALS-BAR/MSEL//AZAF/GOB24DH   |
| 131      | Mrocco nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)    | TRADITION//PENCO/CHEVRON-BAR  |
| 132      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | J08040/MERIT 57 J08053 F3-0TR-3MR   |
| 135      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | SHENMAI NO.3/SCARLETT//CANELA F09120 09/D30020-0AP-0TR-13MR   |
| 136      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | 110122/Impala//Birence/3/ArabiAbiad/4/5604/1025/5/SB73358B1041613//ER/Apm/6/WI2291/Bgs//Hml-02/7/MADRE SELVA ICB09-1932-0AP-0AP-0TR--0AP-0TR-6MR  |
| 137      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | CABUYA/4/GLORIABAR/COPAL//BEN.4D/3/S.PB/5/PETUNIA1/6/P.STO/3/LBIRAN/UNA80//LIGNEE640/4/BLLU/5/PETUNIA 1 M06427 F6 08/030380-0TR-8MR   |
| 138      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | Hma02//110122/CM67/3/Alanda/5/Rhn03//Lignee527/NK1272/4/Lignee527/7/Chn01/3/Alanda/6/Rhn//Bc/Coho/3/DeirAlla106//Api/EB89-8-2-15-4/5/CM67/3/Apro//Sv02109/Mari/4/Carbo ICB09-0613-0AP-0AP-025AUB-2AUB-0MR |
| 139      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | Chigwell//SHAKIRA HIIICB12-112-0TR-0MR-0MR-0MR-2MR  |
| 140      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | CANELA//E.ACACIA/DEFRA/4/CLI18/E.QUEBRANCHO//E.QUEBRANCHO/NCL95109/3/CANELA RSI/ICJ11-12B017S-81CJ-05CH-05CJ-10CH-0CJ-0MR   |
| 141      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | MP103MQ/11MQ51 UCD13-118-0UCD-0UCD-0MR-0MR-2MR  |
| 142      | Mrocco nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | Melusine/Aleli/3/Matico/Jet//Shyri/4/Canela/5/CANELA ICB11-0162-0MC-0MC-0MC-10MR  |
| 143      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Rhn03/Eldorado/5/Rhn03//Lignee527/NK1272/4/Lignee527/Chn01/3/Alanda/6/Rhn03/Eldorado/5/Rhn-03//Lignee527/NK1272/4/Lignee527/Chn-01/3/Alanda   |
| 144      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Rhn-03/Eldorado/5/Rhn-03//Lignee527/NK1272/4/Lignee527/Chn-01/3/Alanda/6/ALISO/CI3909-2//FALCON-BAR/3/HIGO  |
| 147      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Rihane03/3/As46/Aths*2//Aths/Lignee686/6/Rhn03/Eldorado/5/Rhn03//Lignee527/NK1272/4/Lignee527/Chn-01/3/Alanda   |
| 148      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Rihane03//Lignee527/Aths/6/Rhn03/Eldorado/5/Rhn03//Lignee527/NK1272/4/Lignee527/Chn-01/3/Alanda   |
| 149      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Lignee527/NK1272//JLB70063/3/Rhn03/6/Rhn03/Eldorado/5/Rhn03//Lignee527/NK1272/4/Lignee527/Chn-01/3/Alanda   |
| 150      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Roho/4/Zanbaka/3/ER/Apm//Lignee131/5/Otis/7/IPA7/5/Api/CM67//Mona/3/DI//Asse/CM65-1W-B/4/Asl-02/6/Aths  |
| 151      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | 7028/2759/3/6982//Ds/Apro/4/Arizona5908/Aths//ArabiAbiad*2/5/Menuet/ArabiAbiad//WI2198/6/Arar/Rihane-03//Osiris   |
| 152      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Nadawa/Rhn03/3/Lignee527/Rihane//Arar/9/Saida/6/Cita'S'/4/Apm/RI//Manker/3/Maswi/Bon/5/Copal'S'/7/Malouh/8/Birka  |
| 153      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Nadawa/Rhn03/3/Lignee527/Rihane//Arar/9/Saida/6/Cita'S'/4/Apm/RI//Manker/3/Maswi/Bon/5/Copal'S'/7/Malouh/8/Birka  |
| 154      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Nadawa/Rhn-03/3/Lignee527/Rihane//Arar/7/AwBlack/Aths//Arar/3/9Cr279-07/Roho/6/Alanda-01/5/CI01021/4/CM67/U.Sask.1800//Pro/CM67/3/DL70  |
| 155-1    | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Rihane03/3/As46/Aths*2//Aths/Lignee686/5/Lignee527/NK1272/4/Avt/Attki//Aths/3/Giza121/Pue   |
| 155-2    | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)      | Rhn-03/3/Mr25-84/Att//Mari/Aths*3-02/4/Rhn-03/Lignee527/7/Rhn03/3/Mr2584/Att//Mari/Aths*3-02/6/Lignee527//Bahtim/DL71/3/Api/CM67//Mzq/5/Alanda-01/4/WI2291/3/Api/CM67//L2966-69                           |

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| Line no. | Source                            | Pedigree  |
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| 158      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)    | Alanda/Hamra//Alanda-01/7/Alanda/5/Aths/4/Pro/Toll//Cer*2/Toll/3/5106/6/Baca'S'/3/AC253//CI08887//CI05761         |
| 159      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)    | Alanda-01/3/Alanda//Lignee527//Arar/6/Alanda-01//Gerbel/Hma/5/Chn-01/3/Arizona5908/Aths//Bgs/4/Lignee640/Bgs//Cel |
| 160      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)    | Soffet no.9//SLB21-81/SLB22-74  |
| 161      | SPII nurseries-Gonbad(2018-19)    | JLB70-20/SenS//Aths/Lignee686/6/U.Sask.1766/Api//Cel/3/Weeah/4/Arar/5/Aths  |
| 162      | SPII nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | GLORIA-BAR/IAR.H.485//ALOE/3/CABUYA   |
| 163      | SPII nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | WI2737/4/Alger/Ceres//SIs/3/ER/Apm/5/Onslow/Tipper  |
| 164      | SPII nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | Harrington/Arta/4/Leb71/CBB37//Leb71/CBB29/3/Lignee527/Chn-01   |
| 165      | SPII nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | Leb71/CBB37//Leb71/CBB29/3/Lignee527/Chn01/4/Mo.B1337/WI2291//Moroc9-75   |
| 166      | SPII nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | ICARO/MORA/5/Melusine/Aleli/3/Matico/Jet//Shyri/4/Canela  |
| 167      | SPII nurseries-Gachsaran(2018-19) | FIRAT/3/Mo.B1337/WI2291//Moroc9-75  |