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# Comparative efficiency of yield and yield contributing characters in F<sub>4</sub> Generations of *Oryza sativa* L.

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## Abstract

The knowledge about the relative efficiency of the different breeding methods may greatly help the plant breeder in selecting a better method to be adopted in a particular crop. In the present experiment, thirteen characters were studied to find out the suitable traits for the improvement of rice yield. Plant height exhibited the highest plant height (133.9 cm) in G<sub>23</sub> where as the minimum plant height (91.69 cm) was observed in G<sub>21</sub>. The lowest days to maturity (139.5 days) were observed in G<sub>13</sub> and the maximum days to maturity (146.1 days) was observed in G<sub>15</sub>. The highest number of effective tiller per plant (16.53) was observed in G<sub>20</sub>; whereas the minimum number of primary branches/plant (9.936) was observed in G<sub>17</sub>. The highest yield (10.26 ton/ha) was recorded in G<sub>17</sub> and the minimum number of yield (7.281 ton/ha) was recorded in G<sub>23</sub>. The seven (7) genotypes viz. G<sub>17</sub>, G<sub>9</sub>, G<sub>16</sub>, G<sub>14</sub>, G<sub>27</sub>, G<sub>15</sub> and G<sub>13</sub> were selected as early high yielding Boro lines for future use. Visual selection based on the number of tillers and number of panicles per plant was very effective for increasing yield in bulk and pedigree methods. So direct selection based on these traits would be effective for improvement of these F<sub>4</sub> materials.

**Key-words:** Comparative Efficiency, Yield, Character, F<sub>4</sub> Generations and *Oryza sativa* L.

## Introduction

Rice is one of the most important staple food crops of the world and over half of the global population depends on it for their feed (Sasaki, 2005). The world population will grow up to 8.5 billion till 2030 and 9 billion in 2050 for that to feed this growing population about 40% more rice will be required (Singh et al., 2013). Currently, the issue of food security is a global and has become the main agenda in all countries as a result of the shrinking of agricultural land, global climate change, and population growth (Ma et al., 2018).

Rice is central to the lives of billions of people around the world and one of the oldest domesticated grain (~10,000 years). It is staple food for 2.5 billion

people and growing the largest single use of land for producing food, covering 9% of the earth's arable land. It provides 21% of global human per capita energy and 15% of per capital protein. Asia accounts for over 90% of the world's production of rice. India and Indonesia are the major countries in Asia producing the 85% of the rice produced in the world which is used for direct human consumption.

Enhancement of grain yield remains the principal objective of most breeding programmes. Several selection procedures (pedigree selection, bulk population breeding, single-seed descent, etc.) have been proposed for improving grain yield of selfpollinated crops. However, only a few of these procedures have been used extensively in rice. The

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knowledge about the relative efficiency of the different methods may immensely help the plant breeder in choosing a better method to be adopted in a particular crop.

The quantitative characters are the best indicators of yield. Yield is a complex character, which is effected by a number of its component characters and the environment, where it is grown. Thus selection for grain yield becomes difficult unless the associations between the yield contributory characters are known. So, measurement of correlation coefficient helps to identify the relative contribution of component characters towards yield (Panse, 1957). The correlation between grain yield and a component character may sometimes be misleading due to an over estimation or underestimation for its association with other characters. Thus yield components have influence on ultimate yield both directly and indirectly (Tukey, 1954). The diversity of phenotypic characters of a plant is the appearance of plant traits in a growing environment is the result of interaction between genetic and environmental factors (Hao et al., 2010; Kumar et al., 2010). If the diversity of phenotypes is high, the opportunity to produce superior varieties is greater. There are various desired phenotypes, particularly at the harvest time, the plant height, the panicle length, the weight of a thousand grains, the grain content and the potential yield (Ishak, 2012; Sutaryo, 2014; Mara et al., 2015).

Plant breeders still use the approach although this is an old method. Morphological characters are important for the preliminary assessment of genotypes (Hien et al., 2007). In order to evaluate variation among genotypes, grain morphology was also taken into account as vital factor (Mathure et al., 2011). Morphological and physiological characterization is a traditional and general approach for the determination of genetic diversity as well as variation (Hien et al., 2007). However, they play crucial role in the selection and utilization of proper parents in breeding program. Moreover, yield and yield contributing characters are very helpful through which overall performance of genotypes could be determined. Considering the above facts the present study, has, therefore, been undertaken to assess the character association and contribution of the characters towards grain yield in F4 generation of rice and to find out the direct and indirect effect of component characters on grain yield in F4 generation of rice.

## Material and methods

The experiment was conducted at the experimental field of Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University, Dhaka – 1207. Twenty seven (27) genotypes (22 F<sub>4</sub> materials and 5 check varieties) of *Oryza sativa* L were selected for experiment. Among them, twenty two were F<sub>4</sub> materials and 5 check varieties (Table 1). The experiment was laid out in Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications.

**Table 1.** List of genotypes, their serial number and their sources of collection.

| Serial No.      | Designation                      | Source |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------|
| G <sub>1</sub>  | BR 21                            | BRRRI  |
| G <sub>2</sub>  | BR 24                            | BRRRI  |
| G <sub>3</sub>  | BRRRI dhan 28                    | BRRRI  |
| G <sub>4</sub>  | BRRRI dhan 29                    | BRRRI  |
| G <sub>5</sub>  | BRRRI dhan 36                    | BRRRI  |
| G <sub>6</sub>  | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-1  | SAU    |
| G <sub>7</sub>  | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-2, | SAU    |
| G <sub>8</sub>  | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 28,S-5, P-3   | SAU    |
| G <sub>9</sub>  | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 28,S-5, P-4   | SAU    |
| G <sub>10</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-6  | SAU    |
| G <sub>11</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-1  | SAU    |
| G <sub>12</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-2  | SAU    |
| G <sub>13</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-3  | SAU    |
| G <sub>14</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-4  | SAU    |
| G <sub>15</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-5  | SAU    |
| G <sub>16</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-6  | SAU    |
| G <sub>17</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-7  | SAU    |
| G <sub>18</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-1  | SAU    |
| G <sub>19</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-2  | SAU    |
| G <sub>20</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-3  | SAU    |
| G <sub>21</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-4  | SAU    |
| G <sub>22</sub> | BR 21 X BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-5  | SAU    |
| G <sub>23</sub> | BR 24 X BRRRI dhan 28, S-10, P-2 | SAU    |

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----|
| G <sub>24</sub> | BR 24 X BRRi dhan 28, S-10, P-5 | SAU |
| G <sub>25</sub> | BR 24 X BRRi dhan 29, S-5, P-1  | SAU |
| G <sub>26</sub> | BR 24 X BRRi dhan 29, S-5, P-3  | SAU |
| G <sub>27</sub> | BR 24 X BRRi dhan 29, S-5, P-4  | SAU |

length (cm), number of primary branches per panicle, number of secondary branches per panicle, number of filled grain per panicle, number of unfilled grain per panicle, Yield/ Plant (gm), thousand seed weight (g) and yield (ton/ hectare) were recorded.

**Days to flowering**

In this study out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the maximum period (122.7 days) for days to flowering was seen in G<sub>20</sub> (BR 21 × BRRi dhan 36, S-1, P-3). On the other hand, check variety BR 21 took 122.7 days and BRRi dhan 29 took 136.3 days to flowering. The minimum days of flowering (117.7 days) was recorded in G<sub>6</sub> (BR 21 × BRRi dhan 28, S-5, P-1). The rest of the genotypes showed different flowering time (Table 2).

**Results and Discussion**

The present study was undertaken with 27 genotypes (22 F<sub>4</sub> materials and 5 check varieties) of *Oryza sativa* L. Seedlings were transplanted in the main field in Randomized Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications. Data on various yield attributing characters such as, days to flowering, days to maturity, plant height (cm), total number of tiller /plant, total number of effective tiller/plant, panicle

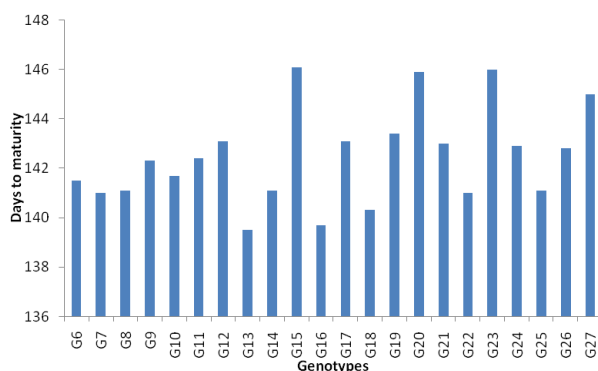
**Table 2.** Mean performance of yield and yield contributing characters of 27 genotypes of rice.

| Genotypes       | F       | M       | PH      | NTT    | NET    | PL     | NPB    | NSB    | TNSP    | NFG     | NUFG   | YP     | TSW    | Y (t/ha) |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| G <sub>1</sub>  | 122.7   | 151.9   | 106.2   | 14.17  | 13.53  | 24.59  | 9.921  | 33.55  | 196.8   | 178.6   | 18.23  | 38.03  | 19.46  | 8.300    |
| G <sub>2</sub>  | 121.3   | 141.3   | 117.9   | 12.83  | 11.75  | 24.83  | 10.18  | 34.36  | 198.7   | 171.1   | 27.60  | 29.16  | 21.63  | 7.239    |
| G <sub>3</sub>  | 125.7   | 148.8   | 92.20   | 15.72  | 15.18  | 22.34  | 9.186  | 23.68  | 134.9   | 111.3   | 23.53  | 33.27  | 20.75  | 8.175    |
| G <sub>4</sub>  | 136.3   | 161.6   | 100.3   | 15.99  | 15.02  | 25.63  | 11.21  | 35.74  | 182.6   | 153.1   | 29.50  | 41.91  | 17.74  | 9.380    |
| G <sub>5</sub>  | 121.3   | 147.0   | 115.3   | 14.73  | 14.31  | 24.49  | 10.24  | 31.59  | 167.1   | 151.1   | 16.00  | 36.58  | 20.96  | 9.012    |
| G <sub>6</sub>  | 117.7   | 141.5   | 132.2   | 12.18  | 10.97  | 27.04  | 12.26  | 36.83  | 207.9   | 178.0   | 29.83  | 40.66  | 24.09  | 7.302    |
| G <sub>7</sub>  | 121.3   | 141.0   | 121.4   | 11.53  | 11.21  | 25.40  | 11.01  | 37.86  | 184.0   | 164.2   | 19.73  | 38.20  | 26.29  | 8.476    |
| G <sub>8</sub>  | 119.7   | 141.1   | 127.4   | 13.49  | 13.21  | 27.02  | 11.72  | 34.81  | 201.0   | 178.4   | 22.60  | 47.87  | 24.50  | 8.665    |
| G <sub>9</sub>  | 122.0   | 142.3   | 113.2   | 12.35  | 12.20  | 25.23  | 10.70  | 32.82  | 165.8   | 146.2   | 19.53  | 35.14  | 21.88  | 9.131    |
| G <sub>10</sub> | 120.0   | 141.7   | 124.9   | 10.95  | 10.33  | 25.48  | 10.93  | 34.14  | 184.9   | 156.7   | 28.17  | 35.52  | 25.13  | 8.388    |
| G <sub>11</sub> | 120.3   | 142.4   | 102.7   | 12.81  | 12.47  | 22.56  | 10.78  | 39.74  | 190.9   | 170.6   | 20.27  | 35.64  | 21.42  | 8.557    |
| G <sub>12</sub> | 118.0   | 143.1   | 106.9   | 13.61  | 13.38  | 21.82  | 10.23  | 34.96  | 176.3   | 142.7   | 33.60  | 28.19  | 19.38  | 7.678    |
| G <sub>13</sub> | 118.0   | 139.5   | 109.3   | 11.48  | 11.25  | 22.74  | 10.20  | 35.69  | 181.0   | 164.1   | 16.90  | 34.65  | 21.71  | 8.461    |
| G <sub>14</sub> | 119.3   | 141.1   | 108.8   | 11.66  | 11.07  | 23.04  | 9.844  | 29.71  | 162.6   | 143.0   | 19.63  | 31.52  | 18.88  | 8.786    |
| G <sub>15</sub> | 119.0   | 146.1   | 103.4   | 12.63  | 12.12  | 22.42  | 11.00  | 32.11  | 164.4   | 151.8   | 12.60  | 32.96  | 20.59  | 8.416    |
| G <sub>16</sub> | 119.3   | 139.7   | 111.1   | 11.19  | 10.87  | 24.04  | 12.24  | 38.58  | 203.8   | 189.6   | 14.17  | 32.28  | 20.21  | 8.989    |
| G <sub>17</sub> | 119.0   | 143.1   | 111.3   | 10.36  | 9.936  | 23.60  | 10.34  | 39.85  | 200.5   | 185.0   | 15.50  | 39.60  | 21.21  | 10.26    |
| G <sub>18</sub> | 121.0   | 140.3   | 108.5   | 12.60  | 12.40  | 21.79  | 10.67  | 26.90  | 154.9   | 142.1   | 12.77  | 33.57  | 23.34  | 8.060    |
| G <sub>19</sub> | 120.0   | 143.4   | 105.7   | 14.85  | 14.26  | 22.37  | 10.00  | 29.31  | 134.3   | 117.4   | 16.90  | 29.02  | 20.80  | 7.711    |
| G <sub>20</sub> | 122.7   | 145.9   | 95.90   | 17.07  | 16.53  | 21.41  | 11.29  | 35.01  | 178.0   | 161.5   | 16.57  | 36.24  | 19.46  | 8.513    |
| G <sub>21</sub> | 121.3   | 143.0   | 91.69   | 16.23  | 15.05  | 21.36  | 10.68  | 28.69  | 155.5   | 134.4   | 21.10  | 34.68  | 18.96  | 8.589    |
| G <sub>22</sub> | 120.0   | 141.0   | 97.21   | 14.65  | 13.96  | 21.39  | 10.03  | 29.04  | 145.8   | 133.4   | 12.37  | 37.48  | 21.13  | 7.531    |
| G <sub>23</sub> | 120.3   | 146.0   | 133.9   | 12.24  | 11.64  | 25.62  | 10.21  | 33.17  | 176.7   | 155.1   | 21.63  | 32.99  | 22.09  | 7.281    |
| G <sub>24</sub> | 123.0   | 142.9   | 115.4   | 13.87  | 12.91  | 23.40  | 10.63  | 30.31  | 151.7   | 138.2   | 13.47  | 33.83  | 20.42  | 8.716    |
| G <sub>25</sub> | 118.0   | 141.1   | 119.8   | 13.08  | 12.85  | 25.27  | 10.97  | 34.29  | 180.3   | 163.8   | 16.57  | 33.82  | 21.05  | 8.408    |
| G <sub>26</sub> | 119.0   | 142.8   | 116.4   | 13.26  | 12.76  | 23.96  | 11.50  | 34.45  | 175.9   | 161.1   | 14.77  | 33.26  | 18.25  | 8.823    |
| G <sub>27</sub> | 121.0   | 145.0   | 116.3   | 13.70  | 13.33  | 24.21  | 10.97  | 36.10  | 161.4   | 141.9   | 19.50  | 34.58  | 19.34  | 7.373    |
| Maximum         | 136.3   | 161.6   | 133.9   | 17.07  | 16.53  | 27.04  | 12.26  | 39.85  | 207.9   | 189.6   | 33.60  | 47.87  | 26.29  | 10.26    |
| Minimum         | 117.7   | 139.5   | 91.69   | 10.36  | 9.936  | 21.36  | 9.186  | 23.68  | 134.3   | 111.3   | 12.37  | 28.19  | 17.74  | 7.239    |
| Mean            | 121.025 | 143.877 | 111.305 | 13.304 | 12.759 | 23.816 | 10.701 | 33.454 | 174.731 | 154.989 | 19.742 | 35.208 | 21.136 | 8.378    |
| CV (%)          | 1.38    | 0.79    | 12.38%  | 5.21%  | 5.03%  | 3.86%  | 4.41%  | 6.79%  | 4.35%   | 3.83%   | 22.02% | 4.30%  | 4.99%  | 6.36%    |

DF = Days to flowering, DM = Days to maturity, PH= Plant height, NTT = Number of total tiller per plant, NET=Number of effective tiller per plant, PL= Panicle length, CV (%) = Coefficient of Variation, NPB= Number of primary branches per panicle, NSB= Number of Secondary branches per panicle, NFG = Number of filled grain per panicle, NUFG= Number of unfilled grain per panicle, TNSP= Number of total spikelet per panicle, CV (%) = Coefficient of Variation, YP= Yield per plant (gram), TSW= Weight of thousand seed (gram), Y (t/ha) = Yield (ton per hectare), CV (%) = Coefficient of Variation.

### Days to maturity

In this study out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the highest number of days to maturity (146.1 days) was recorded in G<sub>15</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 29, S-6, P-5). On the other hand, check variety BR 21 took 151.9 days for maturity and BRR I dhan 36 took 147.0 days for maturity. G<sub>13</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 29, S-6, P-3) took minimum days (139.5 days) for maturity. G<sub>16</sub> was also suitable for selection as early lines aspect of early days to maturity. The rest of the genotypes showed different maturity times in (Table 2). Variation of days to maturity in 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> populations is presented in Figure 1. According to Pramudyawardani et al. (2015), flowering stage is controlled by the action of dominant additive genes, therefore the more dominant genes are present in one individual, the longer the heading date and it correlates with the length of harvesting time.



**Fig. 1.** Variations in days to maturity of 22 genotype of F<sub>4</sub> generations.

### Plant height (cm)

In this study out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the highest plant height (133.9cm) was recorded in G<sub>23</sub> (BR 24 × BRR I dhan 28, S-10, P-2) and the minimum plant height (91.69cm) was recorded in G<sub>21</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 36, S-1, P-4). G<sub>20</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 36, S-1, P-3) was also suitable for selection as short plant height. The rest of the genotypes showed differential plant height (Table 2). Abdullah et al. (2008) has also confirmed that plants which have a height of 90-110 cm are relatively resistant to lodging. Kustera (2008), assumed that the higher the plant is, the heavier weight is the plant will bear at the base of the stem therefore the lodging resistance of the plant will decrease.

### Number of total tillers per plant

Out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the highest number of tillers per plant (17.07) was recorded in G<sub>20</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 36, S-1, P-3) and the minimum number of tillers per plant (10.36) was recorded in G<sub>17</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 29, S-6, P-7). G<sub>21</sub> was also suitable for selection in this aspect. The rest of the genotypes showed differential number of tillers per plant (Table 2). The number of tillers will be maximal if the plant has good genetic traits coupled with favorable environmental conditions or in accordance with plant growth and development, the number of productive tillers is an important character in determining potential yield (Husna, 2010). This is due to the number of productive tillers that has a direct effect on the number of produced panicles, the more productive tillers the higher the amount of grain can be obtained (Fadjry et al., 2012). A large number of tillers is better balanced with a large number of productive tillers or a small number of unproductive tillers (Dewi et al., 2009).

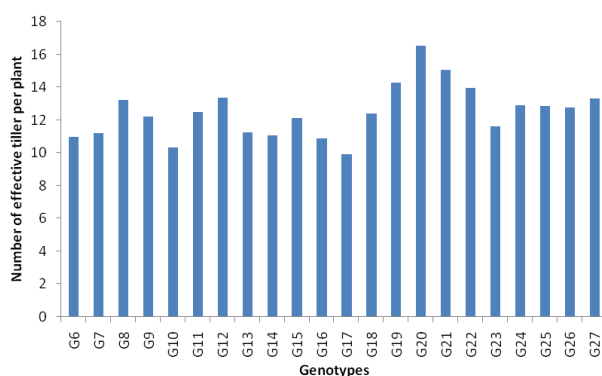
### Number of effective tillers per plant

In this study out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the highest number of effective tillers per plant (16.53) was recorded in G<sub>20</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 36, S-1, P-3) and the minimum number of effective tillers per plant (9.936) was recorded in G<sub>17</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 29, S-6, P-7). G<sub>20</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 36, S-1, P-3) was suitable for selection in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed different number of effective tillers per plant (Table 2). Variation of number of effective tillers per plant in 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> populations is presented in Figure 2. Abdullah et al. (2008) also stated that if the rice which has high potential yield should have the moderate number of tillers (12-18 stems) however they are all productive.

### Panicle length (cm)

In this study, out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the highest number of panicle length (27.04 cm) was recorded in G<sub>6</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 28, S-5, P-1) which was closely followed by G<sub>8</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 28, S-5, P-3) (27.02) and the minimum panicle length (21.36 cm) was recorded in G<sub>21</sub> (BR 21 × BRR I dhan 36, S-1, P-4). G<sub>6</sub> and G<sub>8</sub> were suitable for selection as they showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed differential

panicle length (Table 2). Rusdiansyah (2006) grouped panicle lengths into three groups, short ( $\leq 20$  cm), medium (20-30 cm), and long ( $> 30$  cm). All of the tested lines, 11 of them include to the medium category and the remaining genotype 9 lines are included to the long category. The results of the study by Lestari et al. (2011) has showed that panicle length was positively and significantly correlated to the number of filled grains, the total number of grains per panicle, and the weight of thousand grains.



**Fig. 2.** Variations of number of effective tiller per plant in 22 genotypes of  $F_4$  generations.

#### ***Number of primary branches per panicle***

In this study, out of 22 genotypes of  $F_4$  generations, the highest number of primary branches per panicle (12.26) was recorded in  $G_6$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-1) which was closely followed by  $G_{16}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-6) (12.24) and the minimum number of primary branches per panicle (9.844) was recorded in  $G_{14}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-4).  $G_6$  and  $G_{16}$  were suitable for selection as it showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed differential number of primary branches per panicle (Table 2).

#### ***Number of secondary branches per panicle***

In this study, out of 22 genotypes of  $F_4$  generations, the highest number of secondary branches per panicle (39.85) was recorded in  $G_{17}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-7) and the minimum number of secondary branches per panicle (26.90) was recorded in  $G_{18}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-1).  $G_{17}$  was suitable for selection as it showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed

differential number of secondary branches per panicle (Table 2).

#### ***Number of filled grains per panicle***

In this study, out of 22 genotypes of  $F_4$  generations, the highest number filled grains per panicle (189.60) was recorded in  $G_{16}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-6) and the minimum number of filled grains per panicle (133.4) was recorded in  $G_{22}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-5).  $G_{16}$  was suitable for selection as it showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed differential number of filled grains per panicle (Table 2).

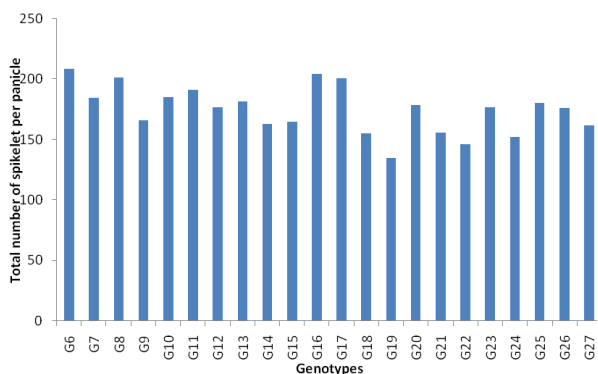
#### ***Number of unfilled grains per panicle***

In this study, out of 22 genotypes of  $F_4$  generations, the highest number unfilled grains of per panicle (33.60) was recorded in  $G_{12}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-2) and the minimum number of unfilled grains per panicle (12.37) was recorded in  $G_{22}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-5) which was closely followed by  $G_{18}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-1) (12.77).  $G_{22}$  and  $G_{18}$  were suitable for selection as it showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed differential number of unfilled grains per panicle (Table 2). The level of empty and filled grain in rice is influenced by genetic, environmental factors, including abiotic stress, and the time of stress occurring (Dulbari et al., 2018). Kausar et al. (1993) stated that the weight of grain is controlled by the genetic nature of the plant itself.

#### ***Total number of spikelet per panicle***

In this study out of 22 genotypes of  $F_4$  generations, the highest number of spikelet per panicle (207.9) was recorded in  $G_6$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-1) and the minimum number of spikelet per panicle (134.3) was recorded in  $G_{19}$  (BR 21  $\times$  BRRRI dhan 36, S-1, P-2).  $G_6$  was suitable for selection as it showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed differential number of spikelet per panicle (Table 2). Variation of total number of spikelet per panicle in 22 genotypes of  $F_4$  populations is presented in Figure 3. These characters are closely related to the potential production of a plant,

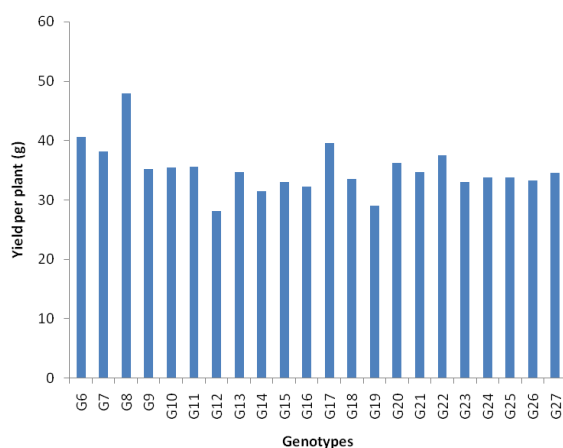
According to Safitri et al. (2016), one of the characters possessed by superior varieties (> 9 tons ha<sup>-1</sup>) which the number of grains per panicle ranges from 150-250 grains with filled percentage of 85-95%. Based on this study there are lines that meet the requirements of superior varieties according to Safitri et al. (2016). However, there are 5 lines that have more than 150 grain numbers and the percentage of grain content exceeding 85%.



**Fig. 3.** Variations in total number of spikelet/panicle of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations.

**Yield per plant (g)**

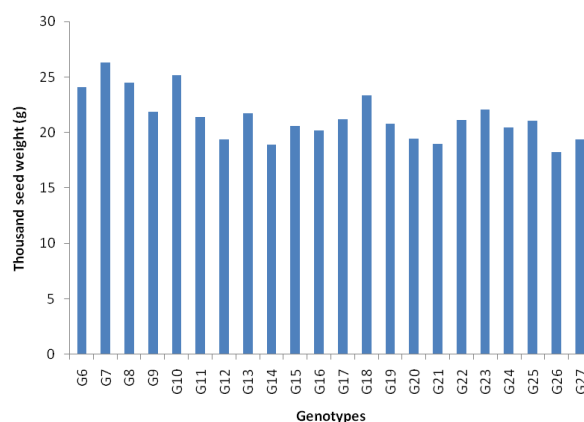
In this study, out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the highest yield per plant (47.87 g) was recorded in G<sub>8</sub> (BR 21 × BRRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-3) and the minimum number of yield per plant (28.19 g) was recorded in G<sub>12</sub> (BR 21 × BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-2). G<sub>8</sub> was suitable for selection as it showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed different number of yield per plant (Table 2). Variation of yield per plant in 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> populations is presented in Figure 4.



**Fig. 4.** Variations in yield per plant of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations.

**1000 seed weight (g)**

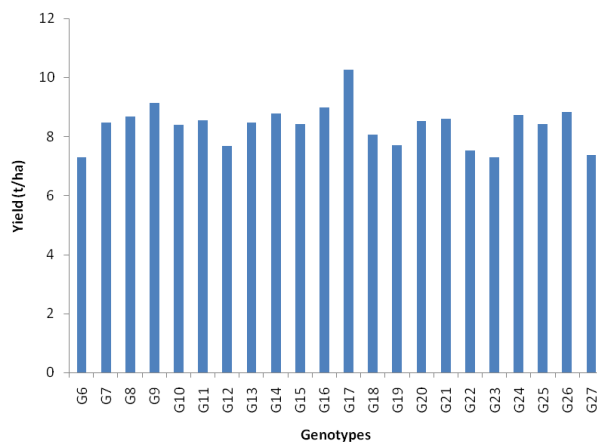
In this study, out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the highest 1000 seed weight (26.29 g) was recorded in G<sub>7</sub> (BR 21 × BRRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-2) and the minimum 1000 seed weight (18.25 g) was recorded in G<sub>26</sub> (BR 24 × BRRRI dhan 29, S-5, P-3) which was closely followed by G<sub>14</sub> (BR 21 × BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-4) (18.88 g). G<sub>7</sub> was suitable for selection as it showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. The rest of the genotypes showed differential 1000 seed weight in (Table 2). Variation of thousand seed weight in 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> populations is presented in Figure 5.



**Fig. 5.** Variations in thousand seed weight of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations.

**Yield (ton/ ha)**

In this study, out of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations, the highest yield (10.26 ton/ha) was recorded in G<sub>17</sub> (BR 21 × BRRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-7) and the minimum number of yield (7.281 ton/ha) was recorded in G<sub>23</sub> (BR 24 × BRRRI dhan 28, S-10, P-2). The second maximum yield per hectare (9.131) was recorded in G<sub>9</sub> (BR 21 × BRRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-4). G<sub>7</sub> was suitable for selection as it showed the better performance than the check varieties in aspect of this trait. Again, the yield (ton/ha) of G<sub>9</sub> (9.131) was also close to BRRRI dhan 29 and BRRRI dhan 36. So, G<sub>9</sub> was also suitable for selection. The rest of the genotypes showed different yield (ton/ha) (Table 2). Variation of yield per hectare in 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> populations is presented in Figure 6.



**Fig. 6.** Variations in yield per hectare of 22 genotypes of F<sub>4</sub> generations.

## Conclusion

Days to maturity, plant height, total number of tiller per plant, panicle length, number of secondary branches per panicle and thousand seed weight also were the important contributors to yield per hectare which could be taken in consideration for future hybridization program. The seven (7) genotypes viz. G<sub>17</sub> (BR 21 × BRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-7), G<sub>9</sub> (BR 21 × BRRI dhan 28, S-5, P-4), G<sub>16</sub> (BR 21 × BRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-6), G<sub>14</sub> (BR 21 × BRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-4), G<sub>27</sub> (BR 24 × BRRI dhan 29, S-5, P-4), G<sub>15</sub> (BR 21 × BRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-5), G<sub>13</sub> (BR 21 × BRRI dhan 29, S-6, P-3) were selected as early high yielding Boro lines for future use.

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