

Inheritance of resistance to *Pseudomonas coronafaciens* pv. *garcae* on Ethiopian wild Arabica coffee

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Introduction

- Bacterial-halo-blight (BHB) caused by the bacterium *Pseudomonas coronafaciens* pv. *garcae*: significant losses in Arabica coffee.
- Recently, resistance to *P. coronafaciens* pv. *garcae* is associated with a major specific gene called *Pga* [1].
- Aim:** to characterize the inheritance of resistance to *P. coronafaciens* pv. *garcae* from the wild accession of Ethiopia E287.

Materials/Methods

- Plant materials:** Ethiopia wild arabica coffee E287: resistant parent (P1); Sarchimor M.: susceptible parent (P2); F1 clonal hybrid (P1 x P2); F2 population; backcrosses (F1 X P1, F1 x P2).
- Inoculation:** Young leaves of all seedlings were inoculated by the abrasion method [2].
- BHB severity evaluation:** 30 days after inoculations (Figure 2).
- Chi-square test (χ^2) analysis:** different segregation proportions.

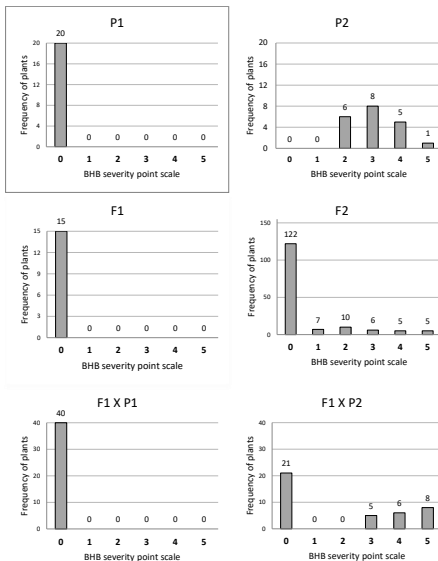


Figure 1: Frequency of plants according to the scale from 0 to 5 for evaluating the severity of BHB in resistant (P1 = E287) and susceptible (P2 = Sarchimor M.) parents, F1 clone (E 287 x Sarchimor M.), F2 populations and backcrosses (F1 x P1 and F1 x P2).

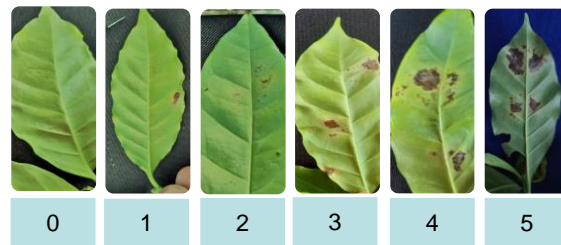


Figure 2: **BHB severity evaluation** using a scale of 0 to 5 points [2]. **0 = resistant (R)/ > 0 = susceptible (S).**

Results/Discussion

- P1, F1 and backcross F1 x P1:** -100% of R plants (Figure 1).
- Generation F2:** 78.71% of R plants
- Backcross F1 x P2:** 52.5% of R plants

Conclusion/Perspectives

- We conclude that the inheritance of resistance to *P. coronafaciens* pv. *garcae* from the wild accession of Ethiopia E287 is also controlled by a major dominant gene of qualitative character and complete dominance.

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