

The Omani Barley Landrace Bahtini. I- Variability for Salt Tolerance and Agronomic Traits (C08-jaradat112412-Oral)

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Abstract:

One hundred twenty-five accessions representing seven ecotypes of the Omani barley landrace Batini were selected from a collection of 3,000 accessions based on their agronomic performance under optimum growing conditions. The 125 accessions were evaluated for biomass production, in a hydroponics system for eight weeks, under increasing (0.5, 10.0 and 20.0 dS/m) salinity levels. A salinity susceptibility index (SSI), based on standardized maximum yield (Y_{max}), yield under 10 (Y_{10}) and 20 (Y_{20}) dS/m, was calculated for each accession. SSI ranged from 0.84 (least susceptible) to a high of 1.68. Y_{max} was positively and significantly correlated with Y_{10} for all ecotypes, however, for four of the seven ecotypes, correlation coefficients between Y_{max} and Y_{20} , and between Y_{10} and Y_{20} weren't significant. SSI was best predicted by Y_{max} ($R^2=0.95$) and resulted in selecting 10 high-yielding accessions under medium (10 dS/m) and high (20 dS/m) salinity levels.

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