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# Evaluation of Sesame Genotypes for Yield, Phytochemical Characteristics and Fusarium Wilt Resistance by R-ISSR

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## Abstract

**Background and Objective:** Sesame diseases, which are mostly caused by fungal pathogens, are important production restrictions in Egypt and climatic change is exacerbating their impact. The objectives of this study were to identify high yield lines, to find out the phytochemical components in the ethanol extracts of genotypes and to determine some markers related to genes controlling the Fusarium wilt resistance trait. **Materials and Methods:** Four elite sesame lines and commercial variety Shandaweel were evaluated based on seed yield ha<sup>-1</sup> over two seasons. And they tested for seed-borne fungi. Then these genotypes were examined using R-ISSR. **Results:** Significant variations ( $p < 0.05$ ) found among genotypes for seed yield ha<sup>-1</sup>. The highest yield was obtained from Shandaweel. The line C3.8 recorded the low fungal incidence and achieved the highest germination and its seed has chemical compositions that have antifungal activity and absent in Shandaweel. R-ISSR generated more markers linked to Fusarium wilt resistance compared with RAPD and ISSR when used alone. Line C3.8 contains defense response genes against fungi diseases, which produced bioactive chemical compounds that have conferred resistance. **Conclusion:** Line C3.8 will be used as a parent in other breeding programs to form new varieties resistant to Fusarium wilt in sesame. And, this line can use as a basis for generating new broad-spectrum antimicrobial formulations.

**Key words:** GC-MS analysis, sesame, R-ISSR markers, seed borne fungi

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## INTRODUCTION

Sesame (*Sesamum indicum* L.) crop is recognized as the talent of oil seeds owing to its high value oil quality and excess of nutritive substances<sup>1</sup>. Conventional, sesame seeds are used for a variety of purposes including making margarine, sweets, cakes and bread. It acts as one of the ingredients for the manufacture of soaps, perfumes, pharmaceutical products and insecticides<sup>2</sup>. In addition, sesame plant has many characterizes including adaptability to a domain of soil types, drought tolerant, oil content reached to 63%, oil has a phenolic group is responsible for antioxidant activities, source of super quality oil, resistance against oxidation<sup>3-5</sup>. Despite these important characteristics, the area planted with sesame in Egypt is still insufficient compared to other crops, which contributes to low production capacity and instability<sup>6</sup>. The cultivated area of sesame crop reached 34,000 hectares and produced 44,000 t and the unit productivity is 1294.1 kg ha<sup>-1</sup><sup>7</sup>. Sesame Fusarium wilt which is one of the main worldwide diseases in sesame, resulting in 15-30% losses of yield<sup>8</sup>. Moreover, climate change is likely to increase demand for new crop varieties more resistance to plant diseases. Because, plant diseases have been caused significant crop losses in agriculture ranged from 20-40% of crop yields worldwide and are one of the most obstacles to achieving global food security in the 21st century<sup>9-11</sup>. In addition, human used chemicals substances (fungicides) to address plant fungi diseases, but the excessive usage of these substances caused their accumulation, which affected the crop productivity and soil degradation. And thus increase the harmful effect of climate changes.

Plant diseases are caused by kinds of organisms, namely fungi, bacteria and viruses<sup>12,13</sup>. Fortunately, the seed kernels of sesame oil extracted with ethanol by GC-MS revealed the presence of many bioactive compounds, including, steroids, terpenoids, phenolic compounds, fatty acids and different types of ester<sup>14-16</sup>. And these compounds sets several biochemical reactions to the production of phytoalexin, which are antibiotic polyphenolic compositions<sup>17</sup>. The development of crop varieties that combine resistance to plant pathogens and high yield is an essential method of disease control as well as addressing the adverse effects of climate change<sup>18,19</sup>. By preventing the spread of fungal diseases, reducing the use of pesticides, reducing production costs and preserving the pollution environment.

To accelerate these tasks, molecular markers will use to identify polymorphism represented by differences in DNA sequences<sup>20</sup>. Of these markers, RAPD and ISSR markers have been used to detect markers associated with resistance to

Fusarium wilt disease in many crops such as chickpea and faba bean<sup>21,22</sup>. Moreover, R-ISSR markers are useful to detect new genomic loci because they represent two different kinds of information about genomic sequences<sup>23</sup>. The current study was based on four axes including: evaluation of distinct lines based on the seed yield, evaluation based on fungal diseases resistant, the detection of some antibiotic polyphenolic compositions in genotypes and determine molecular markers linked resistance to Fusarium wilt to identify high yielding lines and to find out the phytochemical components in the ethanol extracts of genotypes by GC-MS analysis and determine molecular markers linked resistance to Fusarium wilt in new sesame lines.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Study area:** Genotypes evaluated based on seed yield ha<sup>-1</sup> at Agricultural Production and Research Station, National Research Centre, Al-Nubaria district, El-Behera Governorate for two years (2017 and 2018) in sandy soil. Irrigation drip was applied. The research was conducted in May until September of each year.

**Breeding materials:** Breeding materials used in this investigation were 4 elite derived lines of sesame in F<sub>9</sub> and F<sub>10</sub> generations, namely; C1.5, C1.6, C3.8 and C6.3 obtained via pedigree selection from Cairo University and commercial variety, Shandaweel, (C) obtained Agriculture Research centre. The characterization of their parents and C is presented in Table 1.

**Experiment design:** Genotypes laid down in randomized complete blocks design with three replicates. Plots consist of 2 rows 5 m long and spaced 0.60 m apart with a 10 cm plant distanced. Seed yield ha<sup>-1</sup> of the genotypes was taken off from net area (6 m<sup>2</sup>) of the three replications. Genotypes were grown according to the standard agricultural practice. Data of each trait were subjected to a regular analysis of variance of RCBD according to John<sup>24</sup>. The p<sub>≤</sub>0.05 was considered statistically significant.

### Diseases studies

**Testing procedure:** Seeds of all lines and C were analyzed for their association of seed-borne fungi by agar plate method<sup>25</sup>. One hundred seeds of sesame lines and C were sterilized with 1% sodium hypochlorite solution for 3 min and then placed at the rate of 10 seeds per Petri plate containing 20 mL of potato dextrose agar medium (PDA). The Petri plates were incubated

Table 1: Origin breeding status and description for parents and C

Genotypes	Breeding status	Seed source*	Specific characters
P1 (HM19)	F8-hybrid pop	Cairo Univ.*	Early maturity, non branching, first capsule set low, 3 capsules/axil, high resistant against <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
P2 (EUL90)	Mutant line	Cairo Univ.*	Early maturity, non-branching, first capsule set low, 3 capsule/axil, moderate resistant against <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
P3 (Mutant 48)	Mutant line	Cairo Univ.*	Branching, 3 capsules/axil, high susceptible against <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
P4 (Giza 32)	Local variety	Ministry of Agric. and Land Reclamation, Egypt	Heavy seed weight, medium branching, one capsule/axil, long capsule, late maturity, moderate resistant against <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
P5 (NM59)	Exotic line	India through IAEA**	Stiff stem, late maturity, one capsule/axil, resistant against <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
P6 (Babil)	Exotic variety	Iraq through IAEA**	Low branching, 3 capsules/axil, semi-shattering capsules, resistant against <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>
C	Local variety	Ministry of Agric. and Land Reclamation, Egypt	Heavy seed weight, medium branching, three capsule/axil, long capsule, susceptible against <i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>

Advanced breeding materials resulted from the breeding program conducted at Agronomy Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Cairo University. \*\*International Atomic Energy Agency. Lines C1.5 and C1.6 resulted from a hybrid P<sub>1</sub>\*P<sub>2</sub>, line C3.8 resulted from a hybrid P<sub>1</sub>\*P<sub>4</sub> and line C6.5 resulted from a hybrid P<sub>2</sub>\*P<sub>3</sub>

for seven days in the incubator at 27±2°C and the seeds were examined individually under a dissecting microscope. The percentage of seed infection (PI), relative occurrence (%) (RO) of fungal genera and species on seeds were calculated as follows:

$$PI(\%) = \frac{\text{Number of seeds on which a fungus appeared}}{\text{Total number of seeds}} \times 100$$

$$RO(\%) = \frac{\text{Number of a genus or species}}{\text{Total number of fungal isolates}} \times 100$$

The total fungal counts and the frequency occurrence of different fungi associated seeds were determined. All fungal isolates of none and sterilized seeds were identified to the generic or species level according to Samson *et al.*<sup>26</sup>. Seeds were allowed to germinate for 14 days.

**Extraction and purification of sesame oil:** The 100 g of dried seeds (from lines and C) were pulverized in a heavy-duty grinder to obtain crowd powder and extracted with 95% ethanol (300 mL) using the Soxhlet apparatus. The ethanolic extract was purified by suspending 2 g of activated charcoal, just boiled and filtered and the solvent was removed by evaporation under reduced pressure and temperature. A small portion (1 g) of the extract subjected to GC/MS analysis.

**Phytochemical analysis of sesame oil:** The GC-MS analysis of the essential oil samples was carried out using gas chromatography-mass spectrometry instrument stands at National Research Centre with the following specifications, instrument: a TRACE GC Ultra Gas Chromatographs (THERMO Scientific Corp., USA), coupled with a THERMO mass spectrometer detector (ISQ Single Quadruple Mass Spectrometer). The GC-MS system was equipped with a

TG-WAX MS column (30 m×0.25 mm i.d., 0.25 µm film thicknesses). The analysis was carried out using helium as carrier gas at a flow rate of 1.0 mL min<sup>-1</sup> and a split ratio of 1:10 using the following temperature program: 40°C for 1 min; rising at 4.0°C min<sup>-1</sup> to 160°C and held for 6 min; rising at 6°C min<sup>-1</sup> to 210°C and held for 1 min. The injector and detector were held at 210°C. Diluted samples (1:10 hexane, v/v) of 0.2 µL of the mixtures always injected. Mass spectra were obtained by electron ionization (EI) at 70 eV, using a spectral range of m/z 40-450. Components preliminary identified by comparison of their mass spectra with those of a computer library or with authentic compounds and confirmed by comparison of their retention indices, either with those of authentic compounds or with data published in the literature. The retention indices calculated for all volatile constituents using a homologous series of alkanes<sup>27</sup>.

### Molecular analysis

**Genomic DNA extraction:** Genomic DNA was extracted from genotypes using the DNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The DNA isolated checked on a 1% agarose gel.

**R-ISSR analysis:** Ten R-ISSR combinations (RAPD and ISSR) used for the molecular analysis and were synthesized by Sigma Aldrich, India (Table 2).

PCR reactions were performed according to Williams *et al.*<sup>28</sup> in DNA thermal cyclers. The reaction mixture (25 µL) contained a 2.5 µL of 10×PCR buffer, 0.5 µL of dNTPs (2.5 mM), a 2.5 µL of MgCl<sub>2</sub> (2.5 mM), 2.0 µL of primer (RAPD+ISSR), 1 U of *Taq* DNA polymerase enzyme (Fermentasi) and 2 µL of DNA template. The PCR reactions were performed for R-ISSR under the following conditions: Initial denaturation at 94°C for 4 min; 35 cycles of 1 min denaturation at 94°C; 1 min annealing at 40°C and extension primer at 72°C for 2 min and 10 min at 72°C for the final

Table 2: List of R-ISSR combinations, sequences and annealing temperature

R-ISSR	Primer name	Sequence	Annealing temperature (°C)
1	OP-A10+UBC-811	GTGATCGCAG+(GA)8C	40
2	OP-A10+UBC-825	GTGATCGCAG+(AC)8T	40
3	OP-A10+UBC-855	GTGATCGCAG+(AC)8YT	40
4	OP-A10+UBC-864	GTGATCGCAG+(ATG)6	40
5	OP-A10+UBC-868	GTGATCGCAG+(GAA)6	40
6	OP-B05+UBC-811	TGCGCCCTTC+(GA)8C	40
7	OP-B05+UBC-825	TGCGCCCTTC+(AC)8T	40
8	OP-B05+UBC-855	TGCGCCCTTC+(AC)8YT	40
9	OP-B05+UBC-864	TGCGCCCTTC+(ATG)6	40
10	OP-B05+UBC-868	TGCGCCCTTC+(GAA)6	40

ISSR: Inter simple sequence repeat polymorphism

product extension. The amplification product was separated by electrophoresis on agarose (1.5%) in 1×TBE buffer run for one hour at 100 V and stained with ethidium bromide. The DNA bands in the gel were observed under UV transilluminator filter. The bands were photographed using a digital camera. Solis BioDyne 100 bp DNA Ladder (100-3000 bp) was used as a size marker.

**Data analysis:** Amplified fragments were considered as a binary character for the present (scored 1) and absent (Scored 0). Similarities were estimated by Jaccard's coefficient. Cluster analysis was carried out with NTSYS-pc software, UPGMA algorithm<sup>29</sup>.

## RESULTS

**Variance and mean performance:** The analysis of variance manifested a statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) among the genotypes for seed yield  $\text{ha}^{-1}$ . In this study, C and line C1.5 had the highest seed yield  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  compared to other lines in  $F_8$  and  $F_9$  generations.

### Diseases studies

**Prevalence of seed-borne fungi:** Data presented in Table 4 showed that all Surfaces Sterilized (SS) and non (NS) of genotypes were contaminated with fungi.

The percentage of fungal infection was higher in sterilized seeds of C (68.13%), C6.3 (64.29%) and C1.5 (52.32%) and low for C1.6 (25.0%) while a line C3.8 was zero. On the other hand, the percentage of fungal infection of the non sterilized seeds was higher in C6.3 (85.71%), C1.5 (78.75%) and C (78.75%) and low in C3.8 (96.43%). Concerning the germination test, data in Table 4 showed that there was a difference in seed germination of genotypes, seed germination ranged from 35.79-100% in sterilized seeds and between 14.29-75.00% in non sterilized seeds. Of the seed genotypes that germinated in high rates occurred in sterilized seeds of C3.8 recorded

100% and C recorded 81.8%. And the same trend occurred in non-sterilized seeds of C3.8 recorded 75.0% and C recorded 64.38%.

**Total count and frequency occurrence of fungi:** It is clear from Table 5 that the number of fungi as cfu per 100 seeds on the PDA medium was ranged from 28.6 for line C3.8 to 471.4 for C. Seeds of C3.8 showed low fungal densities compared to other lines and C. A total of 16 fungal species were isolated from seeds of genotypes. The common genera were *Aspergillus* (five species), *Fusarium* (three species) and *Penicillium* (two spp.). Other genera were represented by a single species. *Aspergillus flavus*, *A. niger*, *Fusarium oxysporum* and *Rhizopus nigricans* showed the highest incidence on the sesame seeds with a mean frequency occurrence of 10.6, 18.1, 12.3 and 15.3%, respectively. Among the five species of *Aspergillus* reported, *A. niger* and *A. flavus* showed the highest incidence. Three *Fusarium* species were identified, among this *F. oxysporum* was found on seeds of C with high frequency reaching 18.2% while seeds of C3.8 were free of this fungus and *M. phaseolina* was not detected on seeds of C3.8. Accordingly, it could be considered that seeds of C3.8 were the most resistant ones for charcoal rot and wilt diseases caused by *M. phaseolina* and *F. oxysporum*. Data also showed that fungi were much more abundant in seeds of C since the seeds contained a large number of fungi reaching 15 species in comparison with seeds of line C3.8 (only two species).

**Identification and quantification of the constituent of C3.8 seeds:** On the basis of chemical test, crude ethanolic extract of C3.8 seeds contains numerous polar and nonpolar bioactive compounds including steroids, flavonoids, terpenoids and different types of ester compounds. The chromatogram obtained by ethanolic extract of sesame seeds is shown in Table 6. The main constituent found in C3.8 seeds were heptenoic acid,  $\alpha$ -naphthoflavone (14.9%), hexadecanoic acid

Table 3: Mean performance and variance of genotypes for seed yield ha<sup>-1</sup> in F<sub>9</sub> and F<sub>10</sub> generations

Line	F <sub>9</sub>	F <sub>10</sub>	X
C	846.4	856.0	851.2
C1.5	820.3	864.2	842.3
C3.8	652.3	715.0	683.3
C6.3	529.6	537.2	533.4
C1.6	776.2	779.3	777.8
p<0.05	0.002**	0.007**	-
LSD <sub>0.05%</sub>	97.0	75.3	-
CV (%)	12.2	10.0	-

F<sub>9</sub> and F<sub>10</sub>: Filial generations, C, C1.5, C3.8, C6.3 and C1.6: Genotypes, X: Lines mean X: overall of lines, \*\*p<0.05%, LSD: Least significant difference, CV (%): Coefficient of variation

Table 4: Percentages of fungal infection and germination of genotypes

Line	Incidence (%)		Germination (%)	
	SS	NON	SS	NON
Seed (NS)				
C	68.13 <sup>B</sup>	78.75 <sup>B</sup>	81.88 <sup>BC</sup>	64.38 <sup>AB</sup>
C1.5	52.32 <sup>B</sup>	78.75 <sup>B</sup>	71.43 <sup>CD</sup>	60.64 <sup>B</sup>
C3.8	0.00 <sup>D</sup>	96.43 <sup>A</sup>	100.00 <sup>A</sup>	75.00 <sup>AB</sup>
C6.3	64.29 <sup>B</sup>	85.71 <sup>AB</sup>	35.79 <sup>E</sup>	14.29 <sup>E</sup>
C1.6	25.00 <sup>C</sup>	50.00 <sup>C</sup>	37.50 <sup>E</sup>	20.84 <sup>D</sup>
$\bar{x}$	44.25	63.84	67.72	50.77

C, C1.5, C3.8, C6.3 and C1.6: Genotypes, X: lines mean, SS: Surface sterilized, Non: Non-surface sterilized-tests were rune in triplicates. Counts represent the number of fungi/100 seeds incubated at 27±2°C. Each figure represents average of three replicates, incubated at 27±2°C for 9 days (solid) PDA medium. The same letter: No differences

(6.9%), phenyl ester (6.77%) and pinolenic acid (4.9%). This is in addition to the presence of some compounds that have antifungal activity such as methyl ester, naphthalene acetic acid, cyanuric acid, hydroxyisocaproic acid, methylcoumarin and xanthine.

### Identification and quantification of the constituent of C seeds:

The 32 major bioactive chemical compounds identified from crude ethanolic extract of C seeds were Cis-13-Eicosenoic acid, n-Hexadecanoic acid, Dehydrocholic acid, Erucic acid, Indole-3-pyruvic acid, Octadecanoic acid, Oleic acid, butyl ester, Cis-Vaccenic acid, Pentadecanoic acid and Oleic acid which presented by 60.6, 6.19, 4.58, 2.2, 1.79, 1.71, 1.43, 1.31, 1.18 and 1.12%, respectively (Table 7). In addition to the presence of some compounds less than 1% identified also from C seeds such as Linoleic acid ethyl ester, 15-Tetracosenoic acid, methyl ester, Nonanoic acid 5-methyl-ethyl ester, Linoleic acid ethyl ester, E)-13-Docosenoic acid, Oxiraneoctanoic acid, 3-octyl-,cis, Cic-11-Eicosenoic acid, Heneicosanoic acid, methyl ester, Quinine,3,7,8,2-tetramethoxyflavone, 5,6,7,3,4-Pentamethoxyflavone, Palmitoleic acid, Oleanolic acid, Gardenin, Isomyristic acid, B-

Sitosterol, Gitoxigenin, Stigmasterol, Acitretin and 3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4methylcoumarin. Differences were observed in the chemical composition of the C3.8 seeds and the C type.

The GC-MS chromatogram analysis of the ethanolic extract of line C3.8 seeds (Fig. 1) showed three peaks which indicating the presence of three phytochemical constituents. On comparison of the mass spectra of the constituents with the their retention indices, either with those of authentic compounds or with data published in the literature the three phytochemicals were characterized and identified as shown in Table 6.

On the other hand, GC-MS chromatogram analysis of the ethanolic extract of C seeds (Fig. 2) showed one peak which indicating the presence of one major constituent (Cis-13-Eicosenoic acid) presenting 60.6% (Table 7). This may explain the why line C3.8 high resistance to the wilt disease caused by the fungus *Fusarium oxysporum*.

**Molecular analysis:** The R-ISSR (RAPD+ISSR) technique was used to detect markers linked to *Fusarium* wilt resistance. The ten combinations between RAPD (OP-A10 and OP-B05 primers) and ISSR (five primers) revealed a polymorphism, which six only combinations developed molecular markers linked to *Fusarium* wilt resistance as shown in Fig. 3 (from a to j) and summarized in Table 8.

These results demonstrated that the combination of OP-A10 primer with ISSR primers as shown in Fig. 3(a, b, e, f and i) for the five tested primers gave a total of 44 bands were produced of which 18 (40.9%) bands were polymorphic. The number of bands varied from 11 for the OP-A10+UBC-855 primer to 7 for the OP-A10+UBC-825 primer. The OP-A10 primer produced smeared profiles when combined with different ISSR primers comparing to OP-B05 primer. This combination gave polymorphism percentages ranged from 27.2% (for the OP-A10+UBC-855) to 57.1% (for the OP-A10+UBC-825) with an average of 42.4%. As for OP-B05 primer with ISSR primers shown in Fig. 3(c, d, g, h, j), which gave a total of 44 bands were produced of which 23(52.3%) bands were polymorphic. The number of bands varied from 11 for the OP-B05+UBC-864 primer to 8 for the OP-B05+UBC-811, OP-B05+UBC-825 and OP-B05+UBC-855 primers. The bands were clear and distinct.

This combination gave highly informative polymorphism percentages ranged from 12.5% (for the OP-B05+UBC-825) to 72.7% (for the OP-B05+UBC-864) with an average of 50.36%. It is interesting to note that the highest number of markers

Table 5: Frequency occurrence percentage of fungi and total fungal count (CFU/100 seeds) isolated from genotypes

Fungal genera and species	Genotypes					
	C	C1.5	C3.8	C6.3	C1.6	X
<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	3.0	-	-	8.3	-	2.3
<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	15.2	26.7	-	4.2	6.7	10.6
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	18.2	53.3	-	12.5	6.7	18.1
<i>Aspergillus ochraceus</i>	3.0	-	-	-	6.7	1.9
<i>Aspergillus terreus</i>	3.0	-	-	-	-	0.6
<i>Aspergillus versicolor</i>	3.0	-	-	4.2	6.7	2.8
<i>Chatomium globosum</i>	3.0	-	-	-	-	0.6
<i>Fusarium culmorum</i>	3.0	-	-	-	6.7	1.9
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	18.2	13.3	-	16.7	13.3	12.3
<i>Fusarium solani</i>	2.0	-	-	4.2	6.7	2.6
<i>Macrophomina phaseolina</i>	3.0	6.7	-	8.3	6.7	4.9
<i>Mucor</i> spp.	6.0	-	-	16.7	13.3	7.2
<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	3.0	-	-	-	13.3	3.3
<i>Penicillium</i> spp.	9.2	-	-	8.2	6.7	4.8
<i>Rhizopus nigricans</i>	3.0	-	50.0	16.7	6.7	15.3
<i>Trichoderma harzianum</i>	-	-	50.0	-	-	10.0
Total (CFU/100 seeds)	471.4	214.3	28.6	342.9	214.3	1528.9
Total no. of species	15	4	2	10	12	

C, C1.5, C3.8, C6.3 and C1.6: Genotypes, X: lines mean

Table 6: Compounds present in the ethanol fraction of line C3.8 seeds using GC-MS analysis

No.	RT	AS	Compound name
1	3.14	4.9	Pinolenic acid
2	12.5	6.7	Phosphor amidic acid,(1-methylethyl)-,ethyl 3-methyl-4-(methyl sulfinyl) phenyl ester
3	12.7	14.9	4-Methoxy- $\alpha$ -naphthoflavone
4	13.0	1.1	5,8,11-Eicosatriynoic acid, methyl ester
5	13.3	0.88	1-Naphthalene acetic acid
6	13.8	6.99	N-Hexadecanoic acid
7	14.4	1.5	7,10-Octadecadienoic acid, methyl ester
8	14.4	0.52	Cis-Vaccenic acid
9	14.6	50.9	2-Heptenoic acid, pentyl ester
10	16.2	1.6	2-Heptenoic acid, heptyl ester
11	16.7	0.98	Octanoic acid,6- (4 carboxy-3-methylbutoxy)-7-hydroxy-,dimethyl ester
12	17.2	0.51	Cyanuric acid
13	17.4	1.0	Cyclohexanecarboxylic acid, heptadecyl ester
14	17.6	0.94	Adipic acid, 2-ethylhexyl isobutyl ester
15	18.0	0.62	Octanoic acid, 6-(4-carboxyl-3-methylbutoxy)-7-hydroxy-domethyl ester
16	19.1	0.96	2-hydroxyisocaproic acid, acetate
17	20.6	0.80	Eicosanoic acid
18	20.9	0.59	1,2-Benzenediol, 3,5-bis(1,1 dimethylethyl)
19	21.7	0.74	Oleic acid,3-9octadecyloxy) propyl ester
20	21.8	0.89	Glycidyl oleate
21	22.4	0.59	3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4-methylcoumarin
22	22.7	0.51	Xanthine
23	23.1	0.53	2-Hydroxychalcone

RT: Retention time, AS: Area sum (%)

was amplified by the combination of OP-B05 primer with ISSR primers (eleven markers). However, the less number of markers was observed in the case of OP-A10 primer combined with ISSR primers (two markers). The combination of OP-A10 primer with ISSR primers exhibited two positive markers linked to resistance with molecular sizes of 1236 bp for the OP-A10+UBC-825 and 1276 bp for the OP-A10+UBC-855 primers. On the other hand, the combination of OP-B05 primer with ISSR primers exhibited eight positive markers

linked to resistance with molecular sizes of 261 bp for the OP-B05+UBC-811, 1209 bp for the OP-B05+UBC-825, 1158 bp for the OP-B05+UBC-855, 2154, 1515, 636, 438 and 350 bp for the OP-B05+UBC-864 primers. And three negative markers with molecular sizes of 520 bp for the OP-B05+UBC-811, 1293 and 331 bp for the OP-B05+UBC-855 primers. The genetic similarity coefficient varied from 0.74 between C and C3.8 also between C and C1.6, while was 0.95 between C1.6 and C6.3 (Table 9).

Table 7: Compounds present in the ethanol fraction of C seeds using GC-MS analysis

No.	RT	AS (%)	Compound name
1	13.7	6.19	n-Hexadecanoic acid
2	13.8	1.79	Octadecanoic acid
3	14.4	0.9	Linoleic acid ethyl ester
4	14.4	1.12	Oleic acid
5	14.6	0.65	15-Tetracosenoic acid, methyl. ester
6	14.8	60.6	Cis-13-Eicosenoic acid
7	14.8	4.58	Erucic acid
8	14.9	1.31	Cis-Vaccenic acid
9	15.0	0.84	Nonanoic acid, 5-methyl-ethyl.ester
10	15.4	0.95	9,15-Octadecadienoic acid.methyl ester
11	15.9	0.79	Linoleic acid ethyl ester
12	16.0	0.74	E)-13-Docosenoic acid
13	16.2	0.82	Oxiraneoctanoic acid, 3-octyl-,cis
14	16.3	0.87	Cic-11-Eicosenoic acid
15	16.5	0.78	Heneicosanoic acid, methyl ester
16	16.8	1.43	Oleic acid, butyl ester
17	17.0	0.75	Quinine
18	17.4	0.93	3,7,8,2-tetramethoxyflavone
19	17.8	0.8	5,6,7,3,4-Pentamethoxyflavone
20	18.0	0.79	Palmitoleic acid
21	18.7	0.67	Oleanolic acid
22	18.8	0.69	Gardenin
23	19.1	0.69	Isomyristic acid
24	19.5	1.71	Dehydrocholic acid
25	19.7	0.66	Gitoxigenin
26	19.8	1.06	∞-Santonin
27	20.1	0.98	B-Sitsterol
28	20.3	0.78	Stigmasterol
29	20.6	0.69	Acitretin
30	21.5	0.97	3-(3,4-Dimethoxyphenyl)-4methylcoumarin
31	21.8	1.18	Pentadecanoic acid, 14-bromo
32	22.9	2.2	Indole-3pyrovic acid

RT: Retention time, AS: Area sum (%)

Table 8: R-ISSR primers, total number of bands, number of polymorphic bands, polymorphism percentage, molecular size, marker type and molecular weight of the product

Primer	Primer name	TB	PB	P (%)	MS	MT	MW (bp)
R-ISSR	OP-A10+UBC-811	9	4	44.4	-	-	368-1895
(OP-A10+ISSRs)	OP-A10+UBC-825	7	4	57.1	1236	P	520-1643
	OP-A10+UBC-855	11	3	27.2	1276	P	232-1784
	OP-A10+UBC-864	9	3	33.3	-	-	293-1593
	OP-A10+UBC-868	8	4	50.0	-	-	371-1301
	Total		44	18			2
R-ISSR	OP-B05+UBC-811	8	4	50.0	520	N	329-1456
(OP-B05+ISSRs)					261	P	
					261	P	
	OP-B05+UBC-825	8	1	12.5	1209	P	330-1209
	OP-B05+UBC-855	8	4	50.0	1293	N	331-1293
					1158	P	
					331	N	
	OP-B05+UBC-864	11	8	72.7	2154	P	350-2154
					1515	P	
					636	P	
					438	P	
				350	P		
	OP-B05+UBC-868	9	6	66.6	-	-	336-1914
Total		44	23			11	

ISSR: Inter simple sequence repeat (ISSR) polymorphism, TB: Total number of bands, PB: Number of polymorphic bands, P (%): Polymorphism percentage, MS: Molecular size, MT: Marker type, MW: Molecular weight of the product (bp) P: Positive marker, N: Negative marker

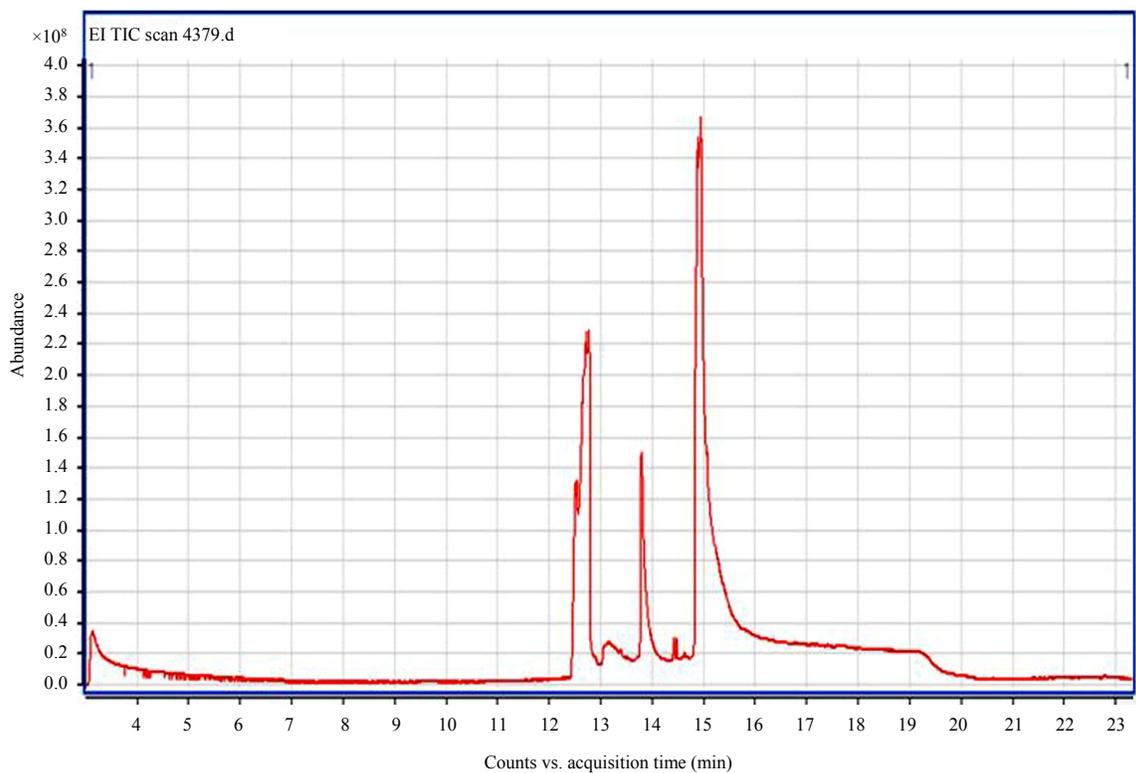


Fig. 1: GC-MS chromatogram of ethanolic extract of line C3.8 seeds

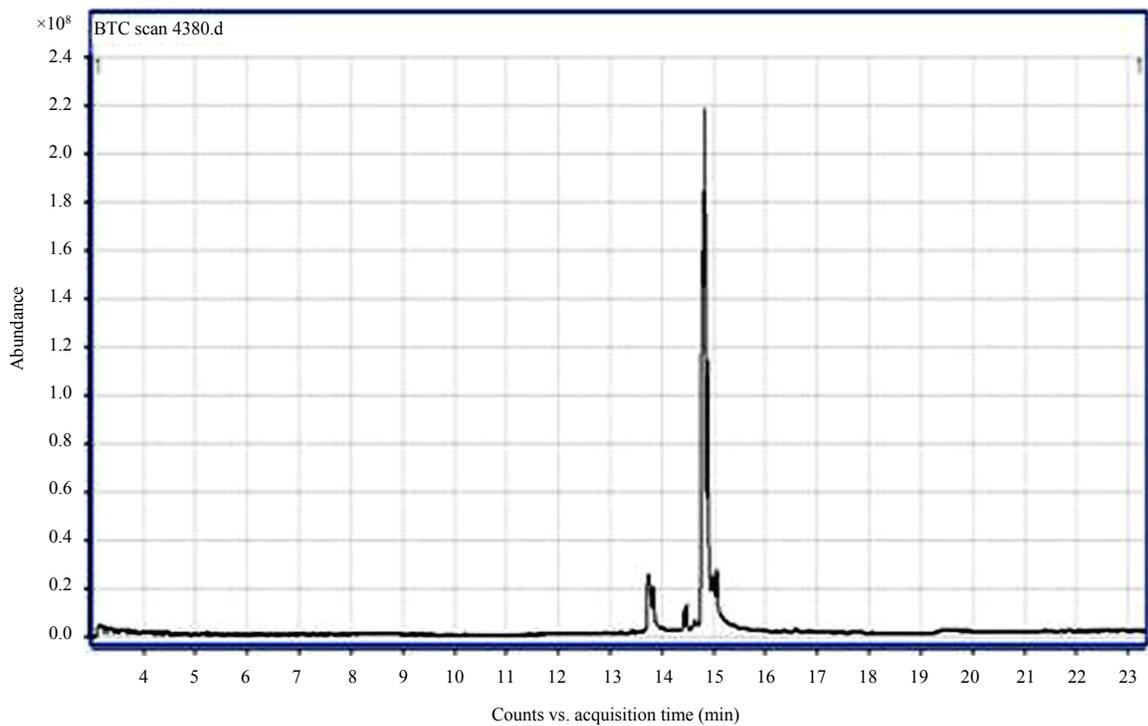


Fig. 2: GC-MS chromatogram of ethanolic extract of line C seeds



Table 9: Genetic similarity matrix of the five samples based on R-ISSR markers

Genotypes	C	C1.5	C3.8	C6.3	C1.6
C	1				
C1.5	0.79	1			
C3.8	0.74	0.89	1		
C6.3	0.79	0.90	0.92	1	
C1.6	0.74	0.92	0.93	0.95	1

C, C1.5, C3.8, C6.3 and C1.6: Genotypes

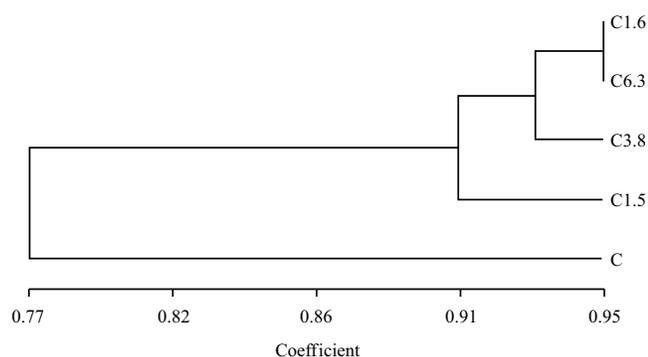


Fig. 4: UPGMA dendrograms of the five samples based on the genetic similarity matrix obtained with the Jaccard's index for the data from R-ISSR marker

The constructed dendrogram obtained by UPGMA analysis divided these samples into two main clusters (Fig. 4). The first one included only C. The other cluster was divided into two main sub-clusters; the first one included only C1.5, while the other one was divided into two sub-sub clusters, the first one included only C3.8, while the second one included C1.6 and C6.3. According to R-ISSR analysis, these results indicated that the most closely related samples C1.6 and C6.3, which were located in the same sub-sub cluster, while the most dissimilar samples were C, C3.8 and C1.6.

## DISCUSSION

The sesame crop faces constant challenges due to fungi diseases, which limits the cultivation of sesame in Egypt. Therefore, the development of new varieties of sesame that combine high productivity with resistance to fungal diseases becomes an urgent need. The current study was based on four axes as follows; evaluation of promising lines based on the seed yield, classified of genotypes based on some fungal diseases resistance, detection of some antibiotic polyphenolic compositions in genotypes and determine molecular markers linked resistance to *Fusarium* wilt. According to the analysis of variance of the data, genotypes differed statistically significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) for seed yield  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  in  $F_8$  and  $F_9$  generations, indicating that there is sufficient genetic

variation for phenotypic selection (Table 3). The highest average seed yield  $\text{ha}^{-1}$  was obtained from C followed by C1.5. Commercial variety (C) is well adapted to the growing environments also, line C1.5 may be due to its ability to genetically regulate by switching genes for expression<sup>30-32</sup>.

The sterilized seeds of line C3.8 when infected with fungal the percentage was zero and this line germinated by 100%<sup>25</sup>. May be due to impenetrable reaction, due to the hypersensitive the reactions of line, resulting from the prevention of pathogen to reach the line (host) consequently, the rate of reproductions of it become zero. The line C3.8 (host) has resistance genes; the disease (pathogen) has genes for virulence and resistance reaction would be the result when the genes of a pathogen are not able to identify with all the resistance genes in line with proper virulence genes according to the gene-for-gene relationship<sup>33</sup>. The frequency occurrence percentage of fungi and total fungal count (CFU/100 seeds) isolated from genotypes seeds on PDA medium in Table 5 clearly indicated that line C3.8 showed low densities compared to other genotypes. May be due to the presence of certain substances in it which have antifungal activity on fungal growth, Shabana *et al.*<sup>6</sup> found that line C3.8 was highly resistant against wilt disease caused by *Fusarium oxysporum*. In this study, GC/MS analysis used to interpret why line C3.8 showed low fungal densities compared to C. Data in Tables 6 and 7 showed differences in the chemical compositions of the C3.8 and C (Fig. 1 and 2). The line C3.8 seed has some chemical compositions that have antifungal activity but absents in C. Perhaps line C3.8 was a hypersensitive the response, which makes certain unique molecules, called elicitors, of a pathogen. The elicitors are recognized by receptor-like molecules present in the line. This recognition sets several biochemical reactions to the production phytoalexin, which are antibiotic polyphenolic compositions<sup>15</sup>. Bawazir *et al.*<sup>34</sup> found that sesame oil compounds have a negative effect and antifungal activity against *Aspergillus niger* and *Aspergillus flavus*. It was clear from this study; line C3.8 has defense response genes against fungi diseases, which produced bioactive chemical compounds that conferred resistance. This study suggested that some chemical compounds found in line C3.8 can use as

a basis for generate new broad-spectrum antimicrobial formulations. The results of this study demonstrate the possibility of using the R-ISSR technique could be used to select the resistant and susceptible lines to Fusarium wilt. It was shown that R-ISSR can be effectively generated more markers linked to Fusarium wilt resistance (10 positives+ 3 negative markers) compared with RAPD and ISSR when used alone [five RAPD and three ISSR markers (in press)]. This result indicated that the combination of ISSR and RAPD primers amplified regions that will fail to amplify when they are used alone. Some authors noted that when study genotypes close related, the analysis of variability could require more than one DNA-based technique<sup>35</sup>. The 10 R-ISSR combinations revealed polymorphic banding patterns amongst the five tested samples with 41 polymorphic bands out of 88 bands that covered the molecular size between 232 and 2154 bp. The average of polymorphism obtained in this study (46.38%) was high compared with previous studies in which a low level of polymorphism (33%) in sesame with ISSR markers<sup>36,37</sup>, but this average was low as compared with (70.1%) in sesame with RAPD markers. Finally, the results confirm that C was different from the four tested lines, especially; C3.8 which observed more bands didn't appear in C. This part of the study is complementary to the previous study<sup>6</sup>. In F<sub>6</sub> generation, they (excluding line C1.5) were evaluated under artificially infested soil with *M. phaseolina* and *F. oxysporum* as the causal pathogens of charcoal rot and wilt under greenhouse conditions and open field. The results were as follows: Lines C6.3 and C3.8 were the most resistant ones for charcoal rot disease. Lines C1.6, C3.8 and C6.3 were the most resistant lines against *F. oxysporum* infection. From this results, line C3.8 can be considered as novel genes in the primary gene pool to resistant to Fusarium wilt disease in sesame.

### CONCLUSION

Soil borne diseases are among the most destructive elements in sesame production and resistant varieties are the appropriate solution to confront this problem. Therefore, new sesame lines and commercial variety Shandaweel were evaluated based on seed yield ha<sup>-1</sup>, tested for seed-borne fungi and examined using R-ISSR. The line C3.8 recorded the low fungal incidence and it has chemical compositions that have antifungal activity and absent in C. R-ISSR technique can be used for identification of molecular markers linked to Fusarium wilt resistance. Line C3.8 is offering aspects to form new varieties resistant to Fusarium wilt disease in sesame. And, this line has compounds (antifungal activity) can use as a basis for generate new broad-spectrum antimicrobial formulations.

### SIGNIFICANCE STATEMENT

This study discovered that line C3.8 has chemical compositions that have antifungal activity that can be beneficial for generating new broad-spectrum antimicrobial formulations. R-ISSR generated more markers linked to Fusarium wilt resistance. This study will help the sesame breeder to use new valuable resource to form new varieties resistant to Fusarium wilt in sesame.

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