

## **THE IDIOGRAMME OF FOUR CULTIVARS OF *HORDEUM VULGARE* SPECIES**

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**Abstract:** All four cultivars (Adi, Dana, Mădălin, Miraj) have  $2n=14$ . The chromosomes length is little bigger than that specified by other authors. The satellites are present at two pairs of chromosomes (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>). The karyotype is less evolved.

### **INTRODUCTION**

The chromosomes number and type are very important to characterize a species and its cultivars. The differences between chromosomes (length and type) may reflect sometimes the karyotype evolution and/or an explanation for differences between cultivars.

### **THE INVESTIGATIONS AIM**

We aimed to identify possibly differences between the chromosomes of four *Hordeum vulgare* cultivars, as first step in their characterization.

### **MATERIAL AND METHODS**

The seeds were obtained from ICCPT Fundulea (Miraj, yield 2001) and SCA Podu Iloaie (Adi, Dana, Mădălin, yield 2001).

The germination was assured in Petri dishes, on filter paper imbibed with distilled water, at 24°C.

The roots of 5-10 mm length were immersed for two hours in 0.2% colchicine in room conditions (23 - 25°C). After that the roots were placed again, for others two hours, on moistened filter paper.

The fixation, hydrolysis and staining (with CARR solution) were assured as in squash method.

The best metaphases were photographed at Nikon Eclipse microscope.

### **RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS**

In all investigated cultivars the diploid number of chromosomes is  $2n=14$ , four of them having satellites. The chromosomes are enough big, their length being between 8.35mμ (first pair) and 5.36mμ (7<sup>th</sup> pair) for Miraj and between 7.18mμ and 5.39mμ for

Dana cultivar. The chromosomes length specified by other authors (Drăghici, 1975) vary between 6m $\mu$  and 8m $\mu$ .

As the total length of the haploid set (HSL), the Miraj cultivar is on the first place (47.85 m $\mu$ ), and Dana cultivar is on the last place (43.53 m $\mu$ ).

The biggest decreasing chromosome length rate (1.12 m $\mu$ ) was registered at Miraj, between first and second pairs, and the lowest at the same cultivar between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> pairs (0.14 m $\mu$ ).

As values of arms ratio (L.a/S.a) the four cultivars are enough similar (between 1.37-1.53 at Adi, 1.24-1.51 at Dana, 1.17-1.55 at Mădălin and 1.05-2.33 at Miraj). So for all four cultivars the chromosomes are of **m** type, only in Miraj cultivar the second pair of chromosomes is of **sm** type. This situation is pointed out by centromeric index values, comprised between 24.61 (Miraj) and 47.01 (Miraj).

The relative length has registered values comprised between 17.45 (Miraj) and 11.20 (Miraj).

In conclusion we may affirm that are not important differences between these four cultivars of *Hordeum vulgare* L. and, on the other hand, that the karyotype of this species are unevolved.

## CONCLUSIONS

Analysing data related to the chromosomes of four cultivars belonging to *Hordeum vulgare* L. species, we can point out the following:

The number of chromosomes in somatic cells was constant 2n=14.

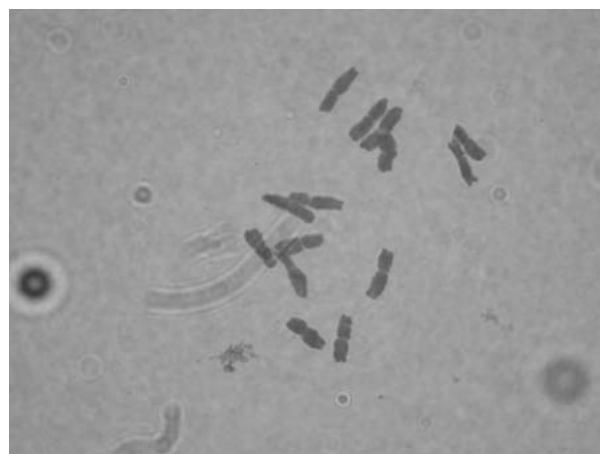
Every cultivar has satellites on chromosomes belonging to the pairs 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

With an exception (the chromosomes of 2<sup>nd</sup> pair of Miraj cultivar) the chromosomes are of **m** type.

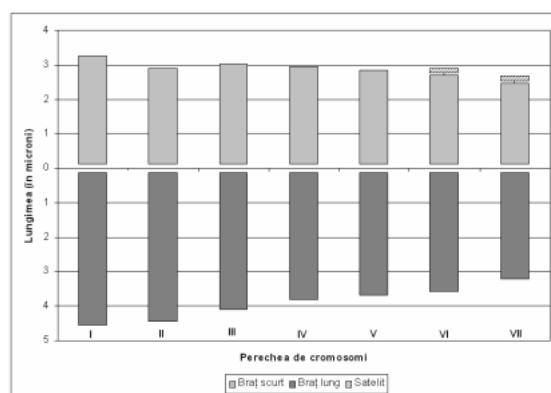
The average chromosomes length registered at the four investigated cultivars is bigger than that reported by other authors.

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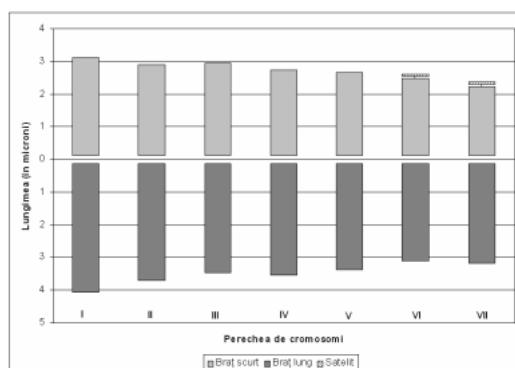
**Fig. 1. The metaphase of Adi cultivar**



**Fig. 2. The idiogramme of Adi cultivar.**



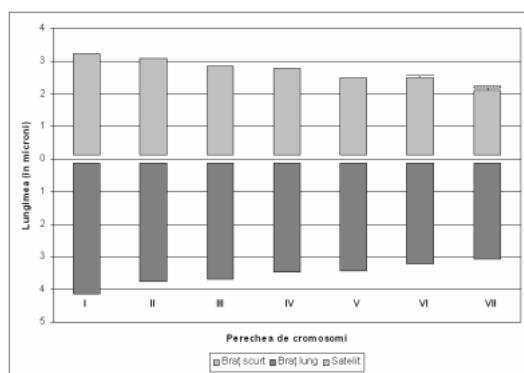
**Fig. 3. The metaphase of Dana cultivar**



**Fig. 4. The idiogramme of Dana cultivar**



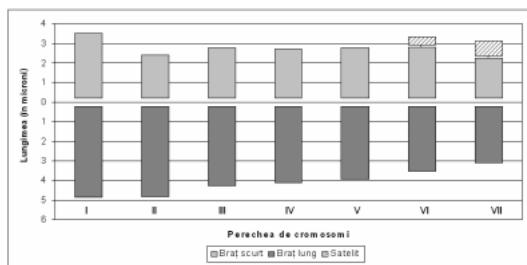
**Fig. 5. The metaphase of Mădălin cultivar**



**Fig. 6. The idiogramme of Mădălin cultivar**



**Fig. 7. The metaphase of Miraj cultivar**



**Fig. 8. The idiogramme of Miraj cultivar**

The chromosome		Total length (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Long arm (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Short arm (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Arms difference (μ)	Arms ratio	Centromeric index	Relative length	Satellites (μ)
pair	type											
I	m	7.80	6.91-8.91	4.02	3.37-4.89	2.72	2.37-3.14	1.30	1.47	34.87	16.41	
II	m	7.36	6.53-8.70	4.39	3.08-4.97	2.86	2.20-2.84	1.53	1.53	38.85	15.49	
III	m	7.11	6.45-8.04	4.01	3.03-3.70	2.92	2.11-2.84	1.09	1.37	41.06	14.96	
IV	m	6.75	6.26-7.49	3.13	2.70-3.41	2.28	1.87-2.70	0.85	1.37	33.77	14.20	
V	m	6.54	6.24-7.13	3.05	2.59-3.31	2.22	1.88-2.64	0.83	1.37	33.94	13.76	
VI	m	6.28	5.39-6.84	2.98	2.54-3.53	2.13	1.84-2.80	0.85	1.39	33.91	13.07	0.11
VII	m	5.67	4.97-6.74	2.76	2.30-3.26	2.01	1.66-2.32	0.75	1.37	35.44	11.93	0.15

Table 1. The chromosomes traits at Adi cultivar

The chromosome		Total length (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Long arm (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Short arm (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Arms difference (μ)	Arms ratio	Centromeric index	Relative length	Satellites (μ)
pair	type											
I	m	7.18	5.87-8.05	3.60	2.65-4.10	2.65	1.90-3.17	0.95	1.35	36.90	16.49	
II	m	6.61	5.33-7.28	3.15	2.35-3.58	2.33	1.83-2.66	0.82	1.35	35.24	15.18	
III	m	6.42	4.76-	2.77	2.18-	2.23	1.83-	0.54	1.24	34.73	14.74	

			6.99		3.35		2.62					
IV	m	6.27	4.66- 7.05	2.86	2.37- 3.51	2.04	1.65- 2.70	0.82	1.40	32.53	14.40	
V	m	6.06	4.49- 6.76	2.71	2.00- 3.54	2.00	1.57- 2.45	0.71	1.35	33.00	13.92	
VI	m	5.60	3.37- 6.35	2.66	1.87- 2.88	2.06	1.51- 2.51	0.60	1.29	36.78	12.86	0.05
VII	m	5.39	3.32- 6.08	2.80	1.84- 3.30	1.85	1.38- 2.03	0.95	1.51	34.32	12.38	0.07

Table 2. The chromosomes traits at Dana cultivar.

The chromosome pair	The type	The total length (mμ)	Variability limits (μ)	Long arm (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Short arm (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Arms difference (μ)	Arms ratio	Centromeric index	Relative length	Satellites (μ)
m	I	7.37	5.85- 10.43	3.44	3.07- 4.72	2.53	1.97- 3.65	0.91	1.17	34.32	16.84	
m	II	6.84	5.72- 9.65	3.11	2.41- 4.91	2.45	1.91- 3.95	0.66	1.26	35.81	15.63	
m	III	6.52	5.30- 9.49	3.08	2.34- 4.72	2.24	1.63- 3.59	0.84	1.37	34.35	14.89	
m	IV	6.26	5.01- 9.14	3.00	2.26- 4.37	2.33	1.83- 3.57	0.67	1.28	37.22	14.30	
m	V	5.91	4.72- 8.12	2.98	2.54- 4.78	2.06	1.73- 2.86	0.92	1.44	34.85	13.50	
m	VI	5.70	4.70- 7.74	2.78	2.22- 3.99	2.06	1.93- 2.93	0.72	1.33	36.14	13.02	0.01
m	VII	5.16	3.99- 6.83	2.68	2.11- 4.06	1.72	1.20- 2.03	0.96	1.55	33.33	11.79	0.05

Table 3. The chromosomes traits at Mădălin cultivar

The chromosome		The total length (mμ)	Variability limits (μ)	Long arm (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Short arm (μ)	Variability limits (μ)	Arms difference (μ)	Arms ratio	Centromeric index	Relative length	Satellites (μ)
pair	type											
I	m	8.35	6.00-12.96	4.00	2.58-6.33	3.23	2.00-5.97	0.77	1.23	38.68	17.45	
II	sm	7.23	5.96-10.08	4.15	2.89-6.79	1.78	1.60-3.16	2.37	2.33	24.61	15.10	
III	m	7.03	5.81-10.00	3.61	2.81-5.52	2.50	1.70-4.14	1.11	1.44	35.56	14.69	
IV	m	6.83	5.45-9.85	3.40	2.65-5.42	2.49	2.10-3.48	0.91	1.36	36.45	14.27	
V	m	6.69	5.44-9.82	3.31	2.58-4.83	2.52	2.00-3.97	0.79	1.31	37.66	13.98	
VI	m	6.36	5.92-9.18	3.15	2.27-4.48	2.99	2.06-4.48	0.16	1.05	47.01	13.29	0.36
VII	m	5.36	4.78-6.00	2.79	2.40-3.60	2.10	1.64-2.44	0.69	1.32	39.17	11.20	0.73

**Table 4. The idiogramme of Miraj cultivar**