

## Studies on pleiotropy in rice, *Oryza sativa* L.: X-ray induced transformation of genetic control and pleiotropic relationships of morphological characters

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### ABSTRACT

*A normal cross between Cherumodan and Japan Violet as control and three differential crosses of the same parents, wherein 1500, 2000 and 5000 rads X-ray treated pollen grains were used for pollination, were studied upto  $F_3/M_3F_3$  generations for the analysis of possible genetical transformations. The results showed transformation of ratios for inheritance and of interrelationships of morphological characters of which the pleiotropic associations are dealt with here.*

**Key words:** *Genetical analysis, X-rayed pollen grain, transformation, pleiotropy, rice*

The complexity of rice genetic system is generally attributed to differential patterns of intricate gene interactions, linkage relationships and pleiotropic control of morphological characters, existence of multiple alleles and polygenes. Pleiotropic genes are common in rice and it has been estimated to be nearly 10% of the total genes known in rice (Anitha 1994, Pavithran 2005). The present study refers to the induced alteration/transformation of pleiotropic associations in certain differential crosses wherein pollen grains X-rayed with different dosages were used for pollination.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

The materials used are Cherumodan (@&) and Japan Violet (B&) with 80-85 and 90-95 days duration respectively. The female parent has all plant parts green except leaf axil and the male parent is a purple marker for anthocyanin pigment with tip-sterility. The crosses studied are Ch x JV (normally pollinated as control), Ch x JV (pollinated with 1500 rads X-ray treated pollen grains), Ch x JV (pollinated with 2000 rads X-ray treated pollen grains) and Ch x JV (pollinated with 5000 rads X-ray treated pollen grains). The crosses were studied up to the respective  $F_3/M_3F_3$  generations under uniform

conditions of culture (Santhoshlal and Pavithran 2006).

The expectant spikelets of Japan Violet were exposed to X-ray (Pandey 1978, 1983) emitting @ 420 rads/min with the help of Maximar-100 of the Medical College, Calicut. The dosages were calibrated to 1500, 2000 and 5000 rads. Pollen grains collected from the irradiated spikelets were dusted over the stigmatic lobes of the respective pre-emasculated flowers of the female parent during 8-9 a.m. The plants were kept at the Medical College, Calicut for a few days and then transferred to net house of the Calicut University. Seeds were harvested at 30 day maturity and were grown for  $F_1/M_1F_1$  generation. During subsequent seasons  $F_2/M_2F_2$  and  $F_3/M_3F_3$  generations were studied following Misro (1963).

Both for individual segregations and interrelationships of morphological characters, Chi-square tests were applied for goodness of fit (Richharia *et al.*, 1966) and wherever joint Chi-square showed higher values, but did not yield any linkage relationships, pleiotropy was assumed and Chi-square test for goodness of fit was applied on expected pleiotropic ratio to determine pleiotropy

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## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Data on differential patterns of inheritance of morphological characters and their transformed genic interrelationships relating to pleiotropy are presented in Tables 1 and 2 respectively. Transformation of genetical ratios mostly showed different complementary loci for the expression of the concerned characters (Table 1). Pleiotropic association of morphological characters mostly showed linear increase of such instances with increase in dosage of X-ray treatments except for *Px* and *Pn*. Consistently, pleiotropic association of morphological characters increasingly occurred in the treated crosses from 30 (control) to 32 in 1500 rads treated cross, to 37 in 2000 rads treated cross and to 45 in 5000 rads treated cross (Table 2). The pleiotropic relationships were invariably broken with 5000 rads treatment in relation to *Px—Psh/Plm/P1/Plm/Plm/Pjp/Plg/Pau/Pin/Ps/Pa, Pn—Pin/Ps/Pa/P1/Plg/Pau* (Table 2). No pleiotropic association of any character was observed with an and *tst* in crosses 1-4. Similarly, no change/transformation occurred with pleiotropic associations of *Pl—Pau/Ps/Pa, Pjp—Pin/Ps/Pa, Plg—Ps/Pa* and *Pau—Ps* in the control (Table 2).

New pleiotropic associations of certain characters were formed with 5000 rads treated cross. These are *Psh—P1/Plm/Plm/Pjp/Plg/Pau/Pin/Ps/Pa, P1—Pjp/Plg/Pau, Plm—Plm/Pjp/Plg/Pau/Pin/Ps/Pa, Pla—Pjp/Plg/Pau/Pin/Ps/Pa, Pjp—Plg/Pau, Plg—Pau, Pin—Ps/Pa* and *Ps—Pa* (Table 2). However, in the case of *P1—Pjp, Plm—Pjp/Pau/Ps* and *Pjp—Plg* all the treated crosses produced pleiotropic associations compared to the control. These transformations in the genic interrelationships might have occurred, probably, due to chromosomal aberrations and certain consequential rearrangements induced by the X-ray treatments of the pollen grains used for hybridization.

It is difficult to distinguish tight linkage from pleiotropy due to complete absence of recombinant classes (Misro 1968, 1981). Misro has suggested effective irradiation as a test for pleiotropy/tight linkage. It has been estimated earlier that over 650 genes have been identified in rice to have control over 200 characters (Pavithran 1986, Kinoshita 1991, 1993) and also that over 10% of those genes have been estimated to have pleiotropic control over different morphological characters (Anitha 1994, Pavithran 2005). Kinoshita

**Table 1. Inheritance of morphological characters in relation to genetical transformation induced by X-ray treated pollen grain used in crosses of Cherumodan X Japan Violet**

Morph. Characters	Parents		F <sub>2</sub> /M <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> of Crosses							
			1		2		3		4	
	F <sub>1</sub> /M <sub>1</sub> F <sub>1</sub> in all crosses	F <sub>2</sub> /M <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> population P-G	Ratio	F <sub>2</sub> /M <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> population P-G	Ratio	F <sub>2</sub> /M <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> population P-G	Ratio	F <sub>2</sub> /M <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> population P-G	Ratio	
Leaf axil	+ +	+/+	132/12	15:1	171/10	15:1	70/6	15:1	36/2	15:1
Node	- -	--/	30/114	3:13	25/156	3:13	16/60	3:13	7/31	3:13
Awn	- +	+/+	107/37	3:1	128/53	3:1	61/15	3:1	27/11	3:1
Tip sterility	- +	+/+	107/37	3:1	144/37	3:1	57/19	3:1	33/5	3:1
Leaf sheath	- +	+/+	111/33	3:1	126/55	3:1	55/21	3:1	23/15	9:7
Leaf margin	- +	+/+	100/44	3:1	114/67	9:7	49/27	9:7	19/19	9:7
Leaf tip	- +	+/+	103/41	3:1	114/67	9:7	53/23	3:1	20/18	9:7
Internode	- +	+/+	106/38	3:1	126/55	3:1	54/22	3:1	22/16	9:7
Stigma	- +	+/+	108/36	3:1	138/43	3:1	54/22	3:1	22/16	9:7
Apiculus	- +	+/+	106/38	3:1	127/54	3:1	55/21	3:1	22/16	9:7
Leafblade	- +	+/+	82/62	9:7	93/88	9:7	38/38	27:37	14/24	27:37
Juncture Proper	- +	+/+	75/69	9:7	80/101	27:37	33/43	27:37	15/23	27:37
Ligule	- +	+/+	89/55	9:7	102/79	9:7	39/37	9:7	15/23	27:37
Auricle	- +	+/+	77/67	9:7	89/92	27:37	33/43	27:37	12/26	27:37

P - Purple  
 G - Green  
 + - Presence  
 - - Absence

1. Normal cross  
 2. 1500 rads treated pollen  
 3. 2000 rads treated pollen  
 4. 5000 rads treated pollen

**Table 2. Interrelationship of morphological characters studied for pleiotropic relationship of gametes in crosses 1-4**

Character Combination			Cross/es	Population	Joint F <sub>2</sub> Frequency				Total	X <sup>2</sup> on P	P Value
F <sub>2</sub> ratio /s					AB	Ab	aB	ab			
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>Psh</i>									
(15:1)		(3:1)	1	0	111.00	21.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	2.42	0.50-0.30
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	126.00	45.00	0.00	10.00	181.00	4.46	0.30-0.20
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	55.00	15.00	0.00	6.00	76.00	0.44	0.95-0.90
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>Plm</i>									
(15:1)		(3:1)	1	0	100.00	32.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	2.52	0.50-0.20
(15:1)	Vs	(9:7)	2	0	114.00	57.00	0.00	10.00	181.00	3.36	0.50-0.20
(15:1)	Vs	(9:7)	3	0	49.00	21.00	0.00	6.00	76.00	3.21	0.50-0.30
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>PI</i>									
(15:1)		(9:7)	1	0	82.00	50.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	1.31	0.80-0.70
(15:1)	Vs	(9:7)	2	0	93.00	78.00	0.00	10.00	181.00	2.42	0.50-0.30
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>Pla</i>									
(15:1)		(3:1)	1	0	103.00	29.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	1.38	0.80-0.70
(15:1)	Vs	(9:1)	2	0	114.00	57.00	0.00	10.00	181.00	3.05	0.50-0.30
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	53.00	17.00	0.00	6.00	76.00	1.14	0.80-0.70
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>Pjp</i>									
(15:1)		(9:7)	1	0	75.00	57.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	1.61	0.70-0.50
<i>Px</i>	<i>Plg</i>										
(15:1)		(9:7)	1	0	89.00	43.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	4.03	0.30-0.20
(15:1)	Vs	(9:7)	2	0	102.00	69.00	0.00	10.00	181.00	0.17	0.99-0.95
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>Pau</i>									
(15:1)		(9:7)	1	0	77.00	55.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	1.22	0.80-0.70
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>Pin</i>									
(15:1)		(3:1)	1	0	106.00	26.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	1.08	0.80-0.70
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	126.00	45.00	0.00	10.00	181.00	4.46	0.30-0.20
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	54.00	16.00	0.00	6.00	76.00	0.70	0.90-0.80
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>Ps</i>									
(15:1)		(3:1)	1	0	108.00	24.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	1.33	0.80-0.70
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	138.00	33.00	0.00	10.00	181.00	0.22	0.98-0.95
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	54.00	16.00	0.00	6.00	76.00	0.70	0.90-0.80
<i>Px</i>	Vs	<i>Pa</i>									
(15:1)		(3:1)	1	0	106.00	26.00	0.00	12.00	144.00	1.08	0.80-0.70
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	127.00	44.00	0.00	10.00	181.00	3.70	0.50-0.30
(15:1)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	55.00	15.00	0.00	6.00	76.00	0.44	0.95-0.90
<i>Psh</i>	Vs	<i>PI</i>									
(9:7)		(27:37)	4	0	14.00	9.00	0.00	15.00	38.00	2.92	0.50-0.30
<i>Psh</i>	Vs	<i>Plm</i>									
(3:1)		(9:7)	3	0	49.00	6.00	0.00	21.00	76.00	5.90	0.20-0.10
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	19.00	4.00	0.00	15.00	38.00	7.46	0.10-0.05
<i>Psh</i>	Vs	<i>Pla</i>									
(9:7)		(9:7)	4	0	19.00	4.00	0.00	14.00	38.00	5.07	0.20-0.10
<i>Psh</i>	Vs	<i>Pjp</i>									
(9:7)		(27:37)	4	0	15.00	8.00	0.00	15.00	38.00	1.55	0.70-0.50
<i>Psh</i>	Vs	<i>Plg</i>									
(9:7)		(27:37)	4	0	15.00	8.00	0.00	15.00	38.00	1.55	0.70-0.50
<i>Psh</i>	Vs	<i>Pau</i>									
(9:7)		(27:37)	4	0	12.00	11.00	0.00	15.00	38.00	7.17	0.10-0.05
<i>Psh</i>	Vs	<i>Pin</i>									
(9:7)		(9:7)	4	0	21.00	2.00	1.00	14.00	38.00	7.81	0.10-0.05

<i>Psh</i> (9:7)	Vs	Ps (9:7)	4	0	21.00	2.00	1.00	14.00	38.00	7.81	0.10-0.05
<i>Psh</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pa (9:7)	4	0	21.00	2.00	1.00	14.00	38.00	7.81	0.10-0.05
<i>Pl</i> (9:7)	Vs	Plm (3:1)	1	0	82.00	0.00	18.00	44.00	144.00	4.79	0.20-0.10
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	3	0	38.00	0.00	11.00	27.00	76.00	2.28	0.70-0.50
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	14.00	0.00	5.00	19.00	38.00	0.62	0.90-0.80
<i>PI</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pla (3:1)	1	0	82.00	0.00	21.00	41.00	144.00	2.04	0.70-0.50
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	3	0	38.00	0.00	15.00	23.00	76.00	5.90	0.20-0.10
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	14.00	0.00	6.00	18.00	38.00	0.71	0.90-0.80
<i>PI</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pjp (27:37)	2	0	80.00	13.00	0.00	88.00	181.00	7.04	0.10-0.05
(27:37)	Vs	(27:37)	3	0	30.00	8.00	3.00	35.00	76.00	4.64	0.30-0.20
(27:37)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	11.00	3.00	4.00	20.00	38.00	0.57	0.95-0.90
<i>PI</i> (27:37)	Vs	Plg (9:7)	3	0	38.00	0.00	3.00	36.00	76.00	6.85	0.10-0.05
(27:37)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	12.00	2.00	3.00	21.00	38.00	1.77	0.70-0.50
<i>PI</i> (27:37)	Vs	Pau (27:37)	3	0	31.00	7.00	2.00	36.00	76.00	6.66	0.10-0.05
(27:37)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	10.00	4.00	2.00	22.00	38.00	2.26	0.70-0.50
<i>PI</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pn (3:13)	1	0	26.00	56.00	4.00	58.00	144.00	3.18	0.50-0.30
(9:7)	Vs	(3:13)	2	0	22.00	71.00	3.00	85.00	181.00	7.27	0.10-0.05
(27:37)	Vs	(3:13)	3	0	12.00	26.00	4.00	34.00	76.00	3.30	0.50-0.30
<i>PI</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pin (3:1)	1	0	82.00	0.00	24.00	38.00	114.00	0.04	0.95-0.90
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	93.00	0.00	33.00	55.00	181.00	2.89	0.50-0.30
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	38.00	0.00	16.00	22.00	76.00	4.78	0.20-0.10
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	14.00	0.00	8.00	16.00	38.00	1.61	0.70 - 0.50
<i>PI</i> (9:7)	Vs	Ps (3:1)	1	0	82.00	0.00	26.00	36.00	144.00	0.08	0.98
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	93.00	0.00	45.00	43.00	181.00	4.48	0.30-0.20
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	38.00	0.00	16.00	22.00	76.00	4.78	0.20-0.10
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	14.00	0.00	8.00	16.00	38.00	1.61	0.70 - 0.50
<i>PI</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pa (3:1)	1	0	82.00	0.00	24.00	38.00	144.00	0.75	0.90 - 0.80
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	93.00	0.00	34.00	54.00	181.00	2.26	0.70 - 0.50
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	38.00	0.00	17.00	21.00	76.00	3.84	0.30 - 0.20
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	14.00	0.00	8.00	16.00	38.00	1.61	0.70 - 0.50
<i>Plm</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pla (9:7)	2	0	114.00	0.00	0.00	67.00	181.00	3.34	0.50-0.30
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	17.00	2.00	3.00	16.00	38.00	5.15	0.20-0.10
<i>Plm</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pjp (27:37)	2	0	80.00	34.00	0.00	67.00	181.00	4.92	0.20-0.10
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	3	0	33.00	16.00	0.00	27.00	76.00	3.84	0.30-0.20
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	15.00	4.00	0.00	19.00	38.00	0.74	0.90-0.80
<i>Plm</i> (9:7)	Vs	Plg (27:37)	4	0	15.00	4.00	0.00	19.00	38.00	0.74	0.90-0.80
<i>Plm</i> (9:7)	Vs	Pau (27:37)	2	0	89.00	25.00	0.00	67.00	181.00	3.98	0.30-0.20
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	3	0	33.00	16.00	0.00	27.00	76.00	3.84	0.30-0.20
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	12.00	7.00	0.00	19.00	38.00	1.87	0.70 - 0.50

<i>Plm</i>	Vs	Pn									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:13)	2	0	21.00	93.00	4.00	63.00	181.00	7.61	0.10-0.05
(9:7)	Vs	(3:13)	3	0	16.00	33.00	0.00	27.00	76.00	2.47	0.50 - 0.30
<i>Plm</i>	Vs	Pin									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	49.00	0.00	5.00	22.00	76.00	7.39	0.10-0.05
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	17.00	2.00	5.00	14.00	38.00	2.75	0.50 - 0.30
<i>Plm</i>	Vs	Ps									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	114.00	0.00	24.00	43.00	181.00	4.48	0.30-0.20
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	49.00	0.00	5.00	22.00	76.00	7.39	0.10-0.05
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	17.00	2.00	5.00	14.00	38.00	0.77	0.90 -0.80
<i>Plm</i>	Vs	Pa									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	49.00	0.00	6.00	21.00	76.00	5.90	0.20 -0.10
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	17.00	2.00	5.00	14.00	38.00	2.82	0.50 -0.30
<i>Pla</i>	Vs	Pjp									
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	2	0	80.00	34.00	0.00	67.00	181.00	4.92	0.20 -0.10
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	15.00	5.00	0.00	18.00	38.00	0.20	0.00 -0.95
<i>Pla</i>	Vs	Plg									
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	15.00	5.00	0.00	18.00	38.00	0.20	0.00 - 0.95
<i>Pla</i>	Vs	Pau									
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	12.00	8.00	0.00	18.00	38.00	2.45	0.50 - 0.30
<i>Pla</i>	Vs	Pn									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:13)	2	0	21.00	93.00	4.00	63.00	181.00	7.60	0.10 -0.05
<i>Pla</i>	Vs	Pin									
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	18.00	2.00	4.00	14.00	38.00	3.32	0.5-0.30
<i>Pla</i>	Vs	Ps									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	114.00	0.00	24.00	43.00	181.00	4.48	0.30-0.20
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	18.00	2.00	4.00	14.00	38.00	3.32	0.50 -0.30
<i>Pla</i>	Vs	Pa									
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	19.00	1.00	3.00	15.00	38.00	6.32	0.10 - 0.05
<i>Pjp</i>	Vs	Plg									
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	2	0	80.00	0.00	22.00	79.00	181.00	0.64	0.90 -0.80
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	3	0	33.00	0.00	6.00	37.00	76.00	2.78	0.50 -0.30
(27:37)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	11.00	4.00	4.00	19.00	38.00	0.15	0.99 -0.98
<i>Pjp</i>	Vs	Pau									
(27:37)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	11.00	4.00	1.00	22.00	38.00	3.25	0.50 -0.30
<i>Pjp</i>	Vs	Pn									
(27:37)	Vs	(3:13)	2	0	20.00	60.00	5.00	96.00	181.00	7.14	0.10 - 0.05
(27:37)	Vs	(3:13)	3	0	12.00	21.00	4.00	39.00	76.00	3.21	0.50-0.30
<i>Pjp</i>	Vs	Pin									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	75.00	0.00	31.00	38.00	144.00	1.15	0.80-0.70
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	80.00	0.00	46.00	55.00	181.00	5.29	0.20-0.10
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	33.00	0.00	21.00	22.00	76.00	1.12	0.80-0.70
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	15.00	0.00	7.00	16.00	38.00	0.61	0.90-0.80
<i>Pjp</i>	Vs	Ps									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	75.00	0.00	33.00	36.00	144.00	1.78	0.70-0.50
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	80.00	0.00	58.00	43.00	181.00	0.32	0.98-0.95
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	33.00	0.00	21.00	22.00	76.00	1.12	0.80-0.70
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	15.00	0.00	7.00	16.00	38.00	0.61	0.90-0.80
<i>Pjp</i>	Vs	Pa									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	75.00	0.00	31.00	38.00	144.00	1.15	0.80-0.70
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	80.00	0.00	47.00	54.00	181.00	4.44	0.30-0.20
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	33.00	0.00	22.00	21.00	76.00	0.58	0.95-0.90
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	15.00	0.00	7.00	16.00	38.00	0.61	0.90-0.80

<i>Plg</i>	Vs	<i>Pau</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(27:37)	3	0	33.00	6.00	0.00	37.00	76.00	2.51	0.50-0.30
(27:37)	Vs	(27:37)	4	0	10.00	5.00	2.00	21.00	38.00	2.11	0.70-0.50
<i>Plg</i>	Vs	<i>Pn</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:13)	1	0	26.00	63.00	4.00	51.00	144.00	3.33	0.50-0.30
(9:7)	Vs	(3:13)	2	0	22.00	80.00	3.00	76.00	181.00	4.58	0.30-0.20
<i>Plg</i>	Vs	<i>Pin</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	89.00	0.00	17.00	38.00	144.00	4.61	0.30-0.20
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	39.00	0.00	15.00	22.00	76.00	0.84	0.90-0.80
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	15.00	0.00	7.00	16.00	38.00	0.61	0.90-0.80
<i>Plg</i>	Vs	<i>Ps</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	89.00	0.00	19.00	36.00	144.00	3.16	0.50-0.30
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	102.00	0.00	36.00	43.00	181.00	0.24	0.00-0.95
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	39.00	0.00	15.00	22.00	76.00	0.84	0.90-0.80
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	15.00	0.00	7.00	16.00	38.00	0.61	0.90-0.80
<i>Plg</i>	Vs	<i>Pa</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	89.00	0.00	17.00	38.00	144.00	4.61	0.30-0.20
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	102.00	0.00	25.00	54.00	181.00	4.05	0.30-0.20
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	39.00	0.00	16.00	21.00	76.00	0.75	0.90-0.80
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	15.00	0.00	7.00	16.00	38.00	0.61	0.90-0.80
<i>Pau</i>	Vs	<i>Pn</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:13)	1	0	26.00	51.00	4.00	63.00	144.00	5.13	0.20-0.10
(27:37)	Vs	(3:13)	3	0	12.00	21.00	4.00	39.00	76.00	3.20	0.50-0.30
<i>Pau</i>	Vs	<i>Pin</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	77.00	0.00	29.00	38.00	144.00	0.46	0.95-0.90
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	33.00	0.00	21.00	22.00	76.00	1.12	0.80-0.70
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	12.00	0.00	10.00	16.00	38.00	5.10	0.20-0.10
<i>Pau</i>	Vs	<i>Ps</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	77.00	0.00	31.00	36.00	144.00	0.79	0.90-0.80
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	89.00	0.00	49.00	43.00	181.00	4.02	0.30-0.20
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	33.00	0.00	21.00	22.00	76.00	1.12	0.80-0.70
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	12.00	0.00	10.00	16.00	38.00	5.10	0.20-0.10
<i>Pau</i>	Vs	<i>Pa</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	77.00	0.00	29.00	38.00	144.00	0.46	0.95-0.90
(27:37)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	33.00	0.00	22.00	21.00	76.00	0.58	0.95-0.90
(27:37)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	12.00	0.00	10.00	16.00	38.00	7.17	0.10-0.05
<i>Pn</i>	Vs	<i>Pin</i>									
(3:13)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	30.00	0.00	76.00	38.00	144.00	1.64	0.70-0.50
(3:13)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	25.00	0.00	101.00	55.00	181.00	4.46	0.30-0.20
<i>Pn</i>	Vs	<i>Ps</i>									
(3:13)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	30.00	0.00	78.00	36.00	144.00	0.44	0.95-0.90
(3:13)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	16.00	0.00	38.00	22.00	76.00	1.22	0.80-0.70
<i>Pn</i>	Vs	<i>Pa</i>									
(3:13)	Vs	(3:1)	1	0	30.00	0.00	76.00	38.00	144.00	0.75	0.90-0.80
(3:13)	Vs	(3:1)	2	0	25.00	0.00	102.00	54.00	181.00	4.34	0.30-0.20
(3:13)	Vs	(3:1)	3	0	16.00	0.00	39.00	21.00	76.00	0.75	0.90-0.80
<i>Pin</i>	Vs	<i>Ps</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	22.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	38.00	0.04	0.99
<i>Pin</i>	Vs	<i>Pa</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	22.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	38.00	0.04	0.99
<i>Ps</i>	Vs	<i>Pa</i>									
(9:7)	Vs	(9:7)	4	0	22.00	0.00	0.00	16.00	38.00	0.04	0.99

(1995) estimated a total of 792 genes identified for various morphological characters including biochemical and resistance characters. Later, this has been extended to over 900 genes of which 209 were located in the 12 linkage groups/chromosomes (Kinoshita 1998). It may be concluded that pleiotropism in rice with particular reference to anthocyanin genes is a common phenomenon. The study thus has resulted in salient findings on the phenomenon of transformation of genetic controls including pleiotropic genic relationships of morphological characters probably due to different types of chromosomal aberrations followed by random arrangements.

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