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Study of heritability gene action and combining ability using CMS line in hybrid rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)

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SUMMARY

Low heritability (h_{ns}^2) estimate was observed with grain yield plant⁻¹ and test weight indicating preponderance of non-additive gene action to govern these traits. Combining ability revealed higher specific combining ability variance than their respective general combining ability variances indicating the predominance of non-additive gene effects indicated relevance of heterosis breeding for improving the yield and yield contributing attributes. Among the testers high gca was recorded in Sarjoo 52 and Narendra Usar 3 for harvest index, grain yield plant⁻¹, days to 50% flowering (earliness), plant height (dwarf stature), panicle bearing tillers plant⁻¹ and biological yield. Among the female parental lines, IR 58025 was observed as a good general combiner only for seedling height, panicle length, spikelets panicle⁻¹, test weight, biological yield plant⁻¹. Cross between IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52, IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1, IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 and IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B shown favorable *per se* performances and higher significant positive sca effects in related to grain yield plant⁻¹. These combinations proved to be good hybrids based on CMS system in rice.

Key Words : Heterosis, Combining ability, Line x tester, Rice hybrids

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Rice (*Oryza sativa* L., $2n = 2x = 24$) is second most widely grown cereal crop and the staple food for more than half of world's population, providing two thirds of calorie intake for more than three billion people in Asia and one-third of calorie intake of

nearly 1.5 billion people in Africa and Latin America. The average growth rate of rice yield was 3.68 per cent per year in the early 1980's but has decreased to 0.74 per cent per year in the late 1990's. China and India together produced 364.73 mt from an area of 74.60 mha. However, the average productivity of China (6.72 t/ha) is much higher than that of India (3.61 t/ha). In India rice provides 43 per cent of calorie requirement for more than 70 per cent of population. India contributed 77.49 per cent (816.11 Lt) of total rice production during 2012. The largest production of 146.06 Lt came from West Bengal followed by 140.22 Lt from UP and 128.95 Lt

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To full-fill the demand of increasing population, developing new high yielding hybrids and improved lines/ varieties along with stable performance in different agro climatic is a big challenge. Genetic improvement depends on the availability high magnitude of genetic variability in germplasm. The most common, easy and effective means for enveloping/identifying new hybrids or line is by utilizing cytoplasmic genetic male sterility (CMS) technique in the hybrid breeding programme is fruitful. The development and use of hybrid rice varieties on commercial scale utilizing CMS - fertility restoration system has now proved to be one of the plausible milestones in the history of rice improvement. The hybrid rice technology now in operation, aims at yield augmentation through higher exploitable heterosis levels. With the moto of increasing interest in exploitation of heterosis in rice, there is an urgent need to make available various CMS lines and good restoration capability lines for combining ability tests. nicking ability in self-pollinated crops and at the same time elucidate the nature and magnitude of gene actions involved, provides to the breeder about insight of nature and relative magnitude of fixable and non-fixable genetic variances *i.e.* due to dominance or epistatic components. Hence, this study provides useful information for the selection of donor parents for effective breeding programme. Such informations are required to design efficient breeding programmes for rapid dynamic and strategic crop improvement for quantitative along with qualitative nature of traits.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Plant materials :

The experimental material for this investigation comprised of 3 CMS lines *viz.*, IR 68897 A, IR 58025 A and Pusa 6 A possessing “wild abortive” (WA) cytoplasm as lines (females), 20 diverse rice varieties/genotypes as testers (males) and 60 crosses obtained through crossing in a “line × tester” mating design (Kempthorne, 1957). These diverse elite strains were selected from the collection of genetic stock available in Rice Section of the Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, N.D. University of Agriculture and Technology, Narendra Nagar (Kumarganj), Faizabad. The resulting set of 60 F₁'s along with their 23 parents were evaluated in Randomized Complete Block Design with three replications during *Khariif*, 2011. All the recommended

cultural practices were followed to raise a good crop. The experimental data collected on thirteen characters *i.e.* seedling height, number of leaves seedling⁻¹, days to 50 per cent flowering, flag leaf area, plant height, panicle bearing tillers plant⁻¹, panicle length, spikelets panicle⁻¹, spikelet fertility, grain yield plant⁻¹, test weight, biological yield plant⁻¹ and harvest index .

Statistical analysis :

Data were recorded on five randomly selected plants from parents and F₁'s plant samples. The combining ability analysis was carried out following line × tester mating design outlined by Kempthorne (1957) and further elaborated by Arunachalam (1974). Heritability in narrow sense (h_{ns}^2) was calculated as suggested by Kempthorne (1957).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results obtained from the present investigation as well as relevant discussion have been summarized under following heads :

Analysis of variance :

The analysis of variance (Table 1) revealed that the variation among CMS lines (females) for all characters and testers (males) except number of leaves seedling⁻¹, spikelet fertility, test weight and grain yield plant⁻¹ indicating prevalence of additive variance for rest of the traits. The significance of mean square due to line × tester for all traits provides a direct test indicating that (i) non-additive variance and (ii) combining ability contributed heavily in the expression of these traits.

Heritability in narrow sense :

The estimates of narrow sense heritability (h_{ns}^2) are presented in Table 2. The narrow sense heritability was classified into three groups following Robinson, 1966 as low (less than 10%), medium (10-30%) and high (more than 30%).

The estimated of heritability (h_{ns}^2) was low with number of leaves seedling⁻¹, spikelet fertility, test weight and grain yield plant⁻¹ indicating preponderance of non-additive gene action and suggesting that heterosis breeding may be more useful. Days to 50 per cent flowering⁻¹, spikelets panicle⁻¹ and harvest index shown moderate heritability whereas seedling height, flag leaf area, plant height, panicle bearing tillers plant⁻¹, panicle

length, and biological yield plant⁻¹ shown high heritability indicating that improvement can be done with phenotypic selection.

Genetic components of variance :

The estimates of components of variance (σ_A^2 and σ_D^2) are presented in Table 2. Dominance variance (σ_D^2) was greater than additive variance (σ_A^2) for all characters except panicle bearing tillers plant⁻¹ and panicle length. The estimated of genetic parameters are indicative of preponderance of non-additive gene action in expression of the traits under study.

General combining ability :

Estimates of GCA effects showed that it was difficult to choose a good combiner for all the traits as the combining ability effects were not consistent for all the yield components. It might possible due to low negative association of characters. The GCA effects of parent have been presented in Table 3.

It is noted that top two males, NDRK 5095 and NDRK 5013 proved the best general combiner for seedling height and number of leaves seedling⁻¹; Sarjoo 52 and NDRK 5056 for days to 50 per cent flowering (earliness); 92-H 51-4 and IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 for flag leaf area; CST 7-1 and Sarjoo 52 for plant height (dwarf

Table 1 : Analysis of variance for line x tester for 13 characters in rice

Source of variation	Replications	Tester (t)	Lines (l)	Crosses	LxT effect	Error
DF	2	19	2	59	38	118
Seedling height (cm)	5.797**	103.585	789.094**	114.904**	85.079**	0.731
Number of leaves per seedling	0.414*	0.644	1.095	0.821**	0.895**	0.149
Days to 50 per cent flowering	7.439	52.165	241.072*	59.925**	54.271**	9.301
Flag leaf area (cm ²)	4.438*	92.817**	485.142**	67.101**	32.241**	1.131
Plant height (cm)	5.295**	282.055*	4978.882**	345.034**	132.6375**	0.845
Panicle bearing tillers per plant	5.650**	49.957**	49.245**	21.996**	6.581**	0.608
Panicle length (cm)	6.049**	30.044**	107.760**	20.652**	11.370**	1.023
Spikelets per panicle	363.491	2918.248	7222.535*	2534.953**	2096.590**	245.698
Spikelet fertility (%)	15.066*	537.895	234.141	466.865**	443.598**	4.876
Test weight (g)	2.154**	27.208	6.349	27.794**	29.215**	0.317
Biological yield per plant (g)	11.963	5245.676	35838.850**	5889.423**	4635.010**	40.715
Harvest-index (%)	97.332**	297.888	1047.005*	299.558**	261.054**	7.834
Grain yield per plant (g)	157.004**	1609.642	41.872	1089.803**	885.038**	20.152

* and ** indicate significant of values at P=0.05 and 0.01, respectively.

Table 2 : Estimates of heritability broad (h_{bs}^2) and narrow sense (h_{ns}^2), additive (σ_A^2) and dominance (σ_D^2) genetic components of variance, for 13 characters in rice

Characters	Heritability (%)		Genetic components of variance	
	h_{bs}^2	h_{ns}^2	σ_A^2	σ_D^2
Seedling height	98.43	42.78	20.943	28.063
Number of leaves per seedling	59.90	@	-0.002	0.248
Days to 50 per cent flowering	66.69	22.84	5.354	15.051
Flag leaf area (cm ²)	93.19	58.70	14.883	10.285
Plant height (cm)	98.02	76.69	144.802	43.470
Panicle bearing tillers per plant	91.55	53.20	2.494	1.886
Panicle length (cm)	85.91	46.81	3.335	3.424
Spikelets per panicle	83.48	19.79	172.394	624.227
Spikelet fertility (%)	95.07	@	-3.338	145.614
Test weight (g)	96.04	@	-0.721	9.619
Biological yield per plant (g)	98.46	37.38	922.160	1534.241
Harvest-index (%)	91.17	21.57	23.849	84.025
Grain yield per plant (g)	94.68	@	-3.437	288.757

Legend: @ Negative estimates

Table 3 : Estimates of general combining ability effects (GCA) of parent (males and females) for 13 characters in rice

Parental lines	Seedling height (cm)	Number of leaves per seedling	Days to 50% flowering	Flag leaf area (cm ²)	Plant height (cm)	Panicle bearing tillers per plant
Male						
IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B	1.204**	-0.266*	1.189	1.811**	7.465**	-1.607**
IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	-2.885**	0.423**	-0.478	5.231**	5.088**	-1.118**
PNL 1-8-5-17-2	3.571**	0.090	3.522**	1.778**	-3.963**	0.326
NDRK 5095	8.604**	0.446**	-0.033	-0.044	3.465**	-0.363
NDRK 5056	-1.896**	-0.243	-4.256**	-1.233**	-2.624**	0.859**
NDRK 5086	2.004**	0.134	-1.033	-0.722	-1.079*	0.882**
NDR 9830119	-2.418**	-0.310*	-1.033	3.400**	2.099**	-0.741*
NDRK 5013	5.648**	0.312*	-1.033	-1.122**	2.432**	-2.918**
CST 7-1	-1.374**	0.112	-0.033	2.311**	-11.190**	-0.629
21-2-5-B-1-1	-0.174	0.290*	-1.811	2.836**	5.965**	0.259
IR 64	-1.385**	0.001	0.744	-3.756**	-3.924**	-1.918**
NDR 9830148	2.671**	0.290*	-0.589	-2.867**	7.699**	-2.529**
CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	-4.363**	-0.354**	-1.922	0.200	9.354**	-1.896**
PNL 5-8-1-7-21	-1.574**	-0.110	-1.478	-0.911*	-6.657**	0.548
IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	0.204	-0.354**	2.078*	-1.328**	0.332	1.726**
IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B	-4.485**	-0.332*	2.856**	-3.933**	-2.213**	1.348**
NDRK 5094	1.537**	0.134	3.967**	2.300**	-2.668**	-1.163**
92-H 51-4	-0.074	-0.177	1.300	6.789**	2.376**	-0.518
Narendra Usar 3	-0.152	-0.154	3.078**	0.360	-3.613**	1.171**
Sarjoo 52	-4.663	0.068	-5.033**	-6.478**	-8.346	8.282**
S.E. (gi)	0.3145	0.1290	1.0066	0.3923	0.4974	0.3202
S.E. (gi-gj)	0.4448	0.1825	1.4235	0.5548	0.7034	0.4528
C.D. (P=0.01)	0.8234	0.3378	2.6354	1.0272	1.3022	0.8383
C.D. (P=0.05)	0.6228	0.2555	1.9933	0.7769	0.9850	0.6341
Female						
IR 688897A	-2.379**	0.088	-2.239**	-1.449**	-4.410**	1.036**
IR 58025 A	4.174**	-0.156**	0.611	3.276**	10.444**	-0.646**
PUSA 6A	-1.794**	0.068	1.628**	-1.827**	-6.304**	-0.389**
S.E. (gi)	0.1218	0.0500	0.3899	0.1519	0.1926	0.1240
S.E. (gi-gj)	0.1723	0.0707	0.5513	0.2149	0.2724	0.1754
C.D. (P=0.01)	0.3189	0.1308	1.0207	0.3978	0.7133	0.3247
C.D. (P=0.05)	0.2412	0.0990	0.7720	0.3009	0.5395	0.2456

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Parental lines	Panicle length (cm)	Spikelets per panicle	Spikelet fertility (%)	Test weight (g)	Biological yield per plant (g)	Harvest index (%)	Grain yield per plant (g)
Male							
IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B	2.271**	-39.333**	2.212*	-3.181**	-35.216**	-7.287**	-18.016**
IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	-0.507	-13.667**	-1.922*	-3.081**	22.084**	-5.045**	-14.907**
PNL 1-8-5-17-2	-3.129**	-6.089	3.167**	0.053	-23.612**	5.736**	-0.601
NDRK 5095	3.226**	-22.889**	0.812	1.408**	-14.350**	0.049	-4.512**
NDRK 5056	-0.318	16.669**	7.189**	-2.003**	3.128	2.126*	5.401**
NDRK 5086	-2.085**	-0.889	-9.499**	-0.503*	4.306*	-6.025**	-7.232**
NDR 9830119	1.759**	28.111**	9.045**	-1.459**	38.306**	-5.230**	3.079*
NDRK 5013	-0.341	-18.311**	-17.788**	3.108**	-33.850**	-8.081**	-18.872**
CST 7-1	-1.318**	-5.356	3.734**	0.630**	4.750*	0.800	1.479
21-2-5-B-1-1	-0.141	22.111**	3.123**	1.408**	3.573	6.673**	14.093**

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IR 64	-3.041**	-4.622	8.545**	-0.347	-23.794**	0.937	-5.503**
NDR 9830148	1.193**	-17.533**	-5.855**	0.130	-32.672**	-7.074**	-17.194**
CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	-0.052	6.667	-3.799**	1.303**	2.850	-2.415*	-6.092**
PNL 5-8-1-7-21	-1.429**	2.667	6.223**	0.253	-2.627	5.296**	6.735**
IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	3.782**	7.155	1.712	-0.322	9.517**	3.707**	7.975**
IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B	-0.274	2.444	-5.944**	-1.807**	-9.261**	-1.682	-1.327
NDRK 5094	-0.496	-2.311	8.556**	2.453**	-13.841**	6.743**	4.673**
92-H 51-4	-0.274	10.044*	-14.688**	-0.081	38.028**	-6.353**	-4.079**
Narendra Usar 3	0.204	37.355**	7.656**	-0.403*	15.862**	6.999**	18.410**
Sarjoo 52	0.971**	-2.222	-2.477**	2.441**	46.817**	10.128**	36.490**
S.E. (gi)	0.3497	4.9879	0.8664	0.1996	1.8941	0.9988	
S.E. (gi-gj)	0.4945	7.0539	1.2253	0.2822	2.6786	1.4125	
C.D. (P=0.01)	0.9155	13.0590	2.2685	0.5225	4.9589	2.6150	
C.D. (P.=0.05)	0.6925	9.8774	1.7158	0.3952	3.7508	1.9779	
Female							
IR 688897A	-0.839***	-12.472***	0.541	-0.340***	-17.209***	3.153***	-0.385
IR 58025 A	1.546***	8.161***	-2.189***	0.308***	27.975***	-4.738***	0.958
PUSA 6A	-0.706***	4.311*	1.649***	0.032	-10.765***	1.585***	-0.574
S.E. (gi)	0.1354	1.9318	0.3356	0.0773	0.7336	0.3868	0.5593
S.E. (gi-gj)	0.1915	2.7320	0.4746	0.1093	1.0374	0.5471	0.7909
C.D. (P=0.01)	0.3546	5.0577	0.8786	0.2023	1.9206	1.0128	1.4642
C.D. (P.=0.05)	0.2682	3.8255	0.6645	0.1530	1.4527	0.7660	1.1075

*, ** and *** indicate significance of values at P=0.05, 0.01 and 0.10, respectively

stature); Sarjoo 52 and IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B for panicle bearing tillers plant⁻¹; IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B and NDRK 5095 for panicle length; Narendra Usar 3 and NDR 9830119 for spikelets panicle⁻¹; NDR 9830119 and NDRK 5094 for spikelet fertility; NDRK 5013 and NDRK 5094 for test weight; Sarjoo 52 and NDR 9830119 for biological yield; Sarjoo 52 and Narendra Usar 3 for harvest index and grain yield plant⁻¹. Similar findings are also reported by Singh and Kumar (2004); Rosamma and Vijayakumar (2005); Priyanka *et al.* (2014) and Dorosti and Monajjem (2014).

Among the female parental lines, IR 58025 was observed as a good general combiner only for seedling height, panicle length, spikelets panicle⁻¹, test weight, biological yield plant⁻¹. Whereas, IR 688897 A was good combiner for panicle bearing tillers plant⁻¹ and harvest index. Third CMS line PUSA 6A was shown good combining ability for the traits days to 50% flowering, plant height and spikelet fertility. These findings are supported by Saleem *et al.* (2010); Patial *et al.* (2016) and Prasad *et al.* (2013) also reported IR 58025 A as good general combiner for seedling vigour.

The GCA effects together with relative *per se* performance is useful for selecting desirable parent with

favourable genes for different component of yield. The *per se* performance of the parent and their gca effects for all the characters (Table 5) were almost in close correspondence which indicates that the *per se* performance of the parent for these traits could possibly be taken as a criterion for selection of parent

Specific combining ability effects :

In general, specific combining ability is associated with interaction effects, which may be due to dominance and epistatic component of variation that are non-fixable in nature. Hence, it can be utilized in generation like F₁ in developing good F₁ hybrid. In the present investigation, none of the 60 hybrids manifested consistently high SCA effects for all the characters. Ghosh (1993) and Dwivedi *et al.* (1999) also observed that no specific combination was desirable for all the traits they studied. The SCA effects of parent have been presented in Table 4. The present findings revealed that cross IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1, IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B, IR 58025 A X CST 7-1, IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 and IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 exhibited high SCA effects for grain yield plant⁻¹. The desirable affect of IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 for grain yield plant⁻¹ was accompanied

Table 4 : Estimates of specific combining ability effects (SCA) of hybrids for 13 characters in rice

Hybrids	Seedling height (cm)	Number of leaves seedling ⁻¹	Days to 50% flowering	Flag leaf length (cm)	Plant height (cm)	Panicle bearing tillers plant ⁻¹
IR 688897A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B	-0.987	0.446*	-2.206	-1.151	-6.804**	-0.991
IR 688897A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	0.835	0.290	-5.872**	-4.011**	-6.693**	-1.213*
IR 688897A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2	-1.821**	0.223	-6.539**	1.016	0.273	-0.191
IR 688897A X NDRK 5095	-3.454**	-0.466*	-0.650	1.171	-0.804	0.031
IR 688897A X NDRK 5056	0.779	0.223	0.239	1.527*	3.151**	-0.924
IR 688897A X NDRK 5086	1.479**	0.046	0.017	0.649	-1.893*	-0.347
IR 688897A X NDR 9830119	-0.698	0.223	1.017	-2.307**	-3.671**	0.742
IR 688897A X NDRK 5013	3.502**	-0.199	-3.983*	1.416*	-6.071**	-0.080
IR 688897A X CST 7-1	-6.809**	-0.332	1.017	0.871	7.551**	-0.302
IR 688897A X 21-2-5-B-1-1	-2.143**	0.157	1.461	-1.235	-1.938*	-1.458**
IR 688897A X IR 64	-6.798**	-0.488*	-1.428	-1.051	6.284**	1.587**
IR 688897A X NDR 9830148	0.146	-0.557*	4.906**	1.660*	-3.338**	1.631**
IR 688897A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	5.179**	0.601**	-0.094	-1.840**	-1.027	1.431*
IR 688897A X PNL 5-8-1-7-21	-0.676	-0.310	-1.206	1.771*	5.018**	0.053
IR 688897A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	7.546**	0.001	3.572*	3.271**	3.662**	0.209
IR 688897A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B	0.235	-0.021	2.461	0.827	-2.093*	0.187
IR 688897A X NDRK 5094	-0.787	-0.021	4.683**	-2.540**	3.862**	-0.436
IR 688897A X 92-H 51-4	1.091*	-0.043	3.550	-2.362**	-4.016**	0.053
IR 688897A X Narendra Usar 3	-1.032	-0.399	-3.094	0.447	3.307**	0.631
IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52	4.413**	0.446*	2.350	1.871	5.240**	-0.613
IR 58025 A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B	-2.141**	-0.178	-0.389	1.424*	7.678**	0.491
IR 58025 A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	-1.252*	-0.867**	6.278**	8.204**	10.256**	1.668**
IR 58025 A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2	3.159**	0.600**	7.611**	-3.476**	-5.828**	-0.909
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5095	0.859	0.578*	-3.500*	-1.921**	6.745**	-0.554
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5056	-0.907	-0.133	-1.944	-0.798	-7.300**	1.957**
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086	0.326	-0.178	-5.833**	-0.976	7.289**	1.935**
IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119	-3.918**	-0.333	-2.833	5.902**	3.245**	-1.176*
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5013	4.948**	1.044**	4.500*	-3.576**	7.978**	-1.732**
IR 58025 A X CST 7-1	8.971**	-0.022	-3.500*	-2.987**	-10.266**	1.379*
IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1	5.771**	0.200	-2.389	1.366*	4.378**	2.357**
IR 58025 A X IR 64	11.215**	0.889**	-0.278	1.124	-8.733**	-2.598**
IR 58025 A X NDR 9830148	2.326**	0.067	-1.278	-1.432*	5.511**	-2.521**
IR 58025 A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	-10.707**	-1.156**	0.722	4.168**	2.456**	-1.554**
IR 58025 A X PNL 5-8-1-7-21	3.571**	0.467*	0.611	-3.721**	-11.200**	-1.265*
IR 58025 A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	-8.541**	-0.422	4.389*	-2.437**	-5.855**	-0.509
IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B	1.082*	-0.044	0.278	-2.565**	4.356**	2.068**
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5094	-1.874**	0.022	0.500	4.335**	-5.055**	-0.421
IR 58025 A X 92-H 51-4	-1.329*	0.067	-3.167	4.446**	8.900**	0.268
IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3	-2.318**	-0.222	3.389	-4.125**	-6.444**	0.846
IR 58025 A X Sarjoo 52	-9.241**	-0.378	-5.167**	-2.954**	-8.111**	0.268
PUSA 6A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B	3.128**	-0.268	2.594	-0.273	-0.874	0.501
PUSA 6A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	0.417	0.577*	-0.406	-4.193**	-3.563**	-0.455
PUSA 6A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2	-1.339**	-0.823**	-1.072	2.460**	5.554**	1.101*
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5095	2.594**	-0.112	4.150*	0.749	-5.940**	0.523
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5056	0.128	-0.290	1.706	-0.728	4.149**	-1.033
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5086	-1.806**	0.132	5.817**	0.327	-5.396**	-1.588**

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PUSA 6A X NDR 9830119	4.617**	0.110	1.817	-3.595**	0.426	0.434**
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5013	-8.450**	-0.846**	0.517	2.160**	-1.907*	1.812**
PUSA 6A X CST 7-1	-2.161**	0.354	2.483	2.116**	2.715**	-1.077
PUSA 6A X 21-2-5-B-1-1	-3.628**	-0.357	0.978	-0.131	-2.440**	-0.899
PUSA 6A X IR 64	-4.417**	-0.401	1.706	-0.073	2.449**	1.012
PUSA 6A X NDR 9830148	-2.472**	0.510*	-3.628*	-0.228	-2.174*	0.889
PUSA 6A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	5.528**	0.554*	-0.628	-2.328**	-1.429	0.123
PUSA 6A X PNL 5-8-1-7-21	-2.894**	-0.157	0.594	1.949**	6.182**	1.212*
PUSA 6A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	0.994	0.421	-7.661**	-0.834	2.193*	0.301
PUSA 6A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B	-1.317*	0.066	-2.739	1.738*	-2.263**	-2.255**
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5094	2.661**	-0.001	-7.183**	-1.795**	1.193	0.856
PUSA 6A X 92-H 51-4	0.239	-0.023	-0.183	-2.084**	-4.885**	-0.322
PUSA 6A X Narendra Usar 3	3.350**	0.621**	-0.294	3.678**	3.138**	-1.477**
PUSA 6A X Sarjoo 52	4.828**	-0.068	-2.817	1.083	2.871**	0.345
S.E. (Sij)	0.545	0.224	1.744	0.680	0.862	0.555
S.E. (Sij-Skl)	0.7704	0.3160	2.4656	0.9610	1.2183	0.7843
C.D. (P=0.01)	2.0169	0.8274	6.4554	2.5161	3.1898	2.0534
C.D. (P=0.05)	1.5255	0.6258	4.8827	1.9031	2.4126	1.5531

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Hybrids	Panicle length (cm)	Spikelets per panicle	Spikelet fertility (%)	Test weight (g)	Biological yield per plant (g)	Harvest index (%)	Grain yield per plant (g)
IR 688897A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B	-0.394	43.583**	7.248**	1.329**	18.254**	6.545**	10.283**
IR 688897A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	1.151	32.583**	4.515**	1.962**	-46.713**	7.803**	8.167**
IR 688897A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2	1.206*	22.339*	4.259**	-1.471**	27.263**	-2.098	5.874*
IR 688897A X NDRK 5095	0.384	10.139	4.048**	-1.026**	5.087	1.952	2.732
IR 688897A X NDRK 5056	0.695	-31.752**	1.471	-1.582**	0.743	-8.821**	-12.995**
IR 688897A X NDRK 5086	-1.072	6.139	2.559	-2.115**	-15.535**	4.140*	0.305
IR 688897A X NDR 9830119	-0.449	-19.528*	-1.318	-0.726*	-26.502**	2.628	-2.760
IR 688897A X NDRK 5013	-1.616**	15.561	0.782	-0.360	9.587**	2.129	3.605
IR 688897A X CST 7-1	-1.772**	-28.728**	-8.341**	-1.882**	-46.746**	-0.795	-17.553**
IR 688897A X 21-2-5-B-1-1	-1.583*	-20.194*	-4.129**	-1.626**	-10.635**	-9.539**	-20.446**
IR 688897A X IR 64	0.251	-14.128	1.782	3.596**	27.865**	4.665**	13.363**
IR 688897A X NDR 9830148	-0.616	27.450**	-1.418	0.318	21.776**	6.462**	11.927**
IR 688897A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	0.295	-8.417	2.826	-0.554	-11.746**	5.800**	5.992*
IR 688897A X PNL 5-8-1-7-21	-0.294	-11.417	6.863**	0.496	0.698	-3.364	-5.575*
IR 688897A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	1.462*	-16.239	-12.385**	0.070	-18.346**	-3.699*	-11.802**
IR 688897A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B	0.751	1.806	-15.729**	-3.644**	-7.668*	-10.803**	-18.400**
IR 688897A X NDRK 5094	-0.627	-0.772	-1.563	1.096**	12.645**	-1.442	0.614
IR 688897A X 92-H 51-4	3.351**	-9.128	18.715**	3.829**	1.876	2.141	11.438**
IR 688897A X Narendra Usar 3	-0.427	-8.439	-2.596	-0.815*	11.543**	-3.671	-3.637
IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52	-0.694	9.139	6.137**	3.107**	46.554**	-0.033	18.869**
IR 58025 A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B	1.054	-52.384**	-8.622**	-2.919**	-32.563**	-8.138**	-15.014**
IR 58025 A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	0.199	-30.717**	-5.355**	-4.952**	109.470**	-17.616**	-12.730**
IR 58025 A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2	-2.479**	-19.228*	7.823**	1.114**	-42.168**	8.547**	-2.483
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5095	0.899	-22.161*	-9.155**	1.025**	-14.763**	-7.207**	-12.038**
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5056	-0.157	-0.046	3.801*	2.170**	-21.508**	13.643**	14.108**
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086	1.270*	-24.161**	-18.044**	3.817**	-26.419**	-0.002	-6.285*
IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119	0.699	13.505	2.678	1.359**	16.848**	-0.978	0.950
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5013	1.932**	-21.006*	3.512*	0.659	-40.597**	1.297	-7.212**

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Hybrids	Panicle length (cm)	Spikelets per panicle	Spikelet fertility (%)	Test weight (g)	Biological yield per plant (g)	Harvest index (%)	Grain yield per plant (g)
IR 58025 A X CST 7-1	1.843**	33.905**	7.256**	3.270**	76.737**	0.452	26.717**
IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1	3.532**	35.172**	8.401**	2.625**	26.314**	13.512**	35.624**
IR 58025 A X IR 64	-2.434**	29.372**	2.712	-7.152**	-33.052**	-9.604**	-18.747**
IR 58025 A X NDR 9830148	1.266*	-24.117**	18.378**	-1.164**	-27.908**	-2.250	-8.503**
IR 58025 A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	-1.823**	6.616	-8.544**	0.998**	29.777**	-11.699**	-10.665**
IR 58025 A X PNL 5-8-1-7-21	-1.552*	25.283**	5.167**	-0.286	-2.286	-0.363	1.375
IR 58025 A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	-1.657**	26.261**	10.345**	1.199**	37.570**	-0.428	14.062**
IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B	0.599	-5.495	17.067**	6.394**	13.481**	18.674**	33.050**
IR 58025 A X NDRK 5094	2.554**	31.994**	3.234*	-0.286	-15.846**	6.656**	6.084*
IR 58025 A X 92-H 51-4	-5.534**	-14.628	-40.322**	-6.086**	27.525**	-17.804**	-31.112**
IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3	-0.079	32.661**	4.267**	2.970**	-2.241	12.590**	22.293**
IR 58025 A X Sarjoo 52	-0.179	-20.828*	-4.599**	-4.808**	-78.363**	0.718	-29.474**
PUSA 6A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B	-0.661	8.800	1.373	1.590**	14.310**	1.593	4.731
PUSA 6A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	-1.349*	-1.867	0.840	2.990**	-62.757**	9.812**	4.562
PUSA 6A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2	1.273*	-3.111	-12.082**	0.357	14.905**	-6.449**	-3.391
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5095	-1.283*	12.022	5.107**	0.001	9.676**	5.254**	9.307**
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5056	-0.538	31.798**	-5.271**	-0.588	20.765**	-4.822**	-1.113
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5086	-0.205	18.022*	15.484**	-1.755**	41.954**	-4.138*	5.980*
PUSA 6A X NDR 9830119	-0.249	6.022	-1.360	-0.632	9.654**	-1.650	1.809
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5013	-0.316	5.445	-4.293**	-0.299	31.010**	-3.426	3.607
PUSA 6A X CST 7-1	-0.072	-5.178	1.084	-1.388**	-29.990**	-0.343	-9.164**
PUSA 6A X 21-2-5-B-1-1	-1.949**	-14.978	-4.271**	-0.999**	-15.679**	-3.973*	-15.178**
PUSA 6A X IR 64	2.184**	-15.244	-4.493**	3.557**	5.187	4.940**	5.385*
PUSA 6A X NDR 9830148	-0.649	-3.333	-16.960**	0.846*	6.132	-4.212*	-3.424
PUSA 6A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	1.528*	1.800	5.718**	-0.443	-18.024**	5.899**	4.674
PUSA 6A X PNL 5-8-1-7-21	1.806**	-13.867	1.696	-0.210	1.587	3.728*	4.200
PUSA 6A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	0.195	-10.022	2.040	-1.269**	-19.224**	4.127*	-2.260
PUSA 6A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B	-1.349*	3.689	-1.338	-2.750**	-5.813	-7.871**	-14.651**
PUSA 6A X NDRK 5094	-1.927**	-31.222**	-1.671	-0.810*	3.201	-5.213**	-6.698**
PUSA 6A X 92-H 51-4	2.184**	23.756**	21.607**	2.257**	-29.402**	15.663**	19.674**
PUSA 6A X Narendra Usar 3	0.506	-24.222	-1.671	-2.155**	-9.302**	-8.919**	-18.665**
PUSA 6A X Sarjoo 52	0.873	11.689	-1.538	1.701**	31.810**	-0.685	10.605**
S.E. (Sij)	0.606	8.639	1.500	0.346	3.281	1.730	2.501
S.E. (Sij-Skl)	0.8566	12.2177	2.1223	0.4888	4.6395	2.4465	3.5371
C.D. (P=0.01)	2.2426	31.9878	5.5566	1.2798	12.1468	6.4053	9.2605
C.D. (P=0.05)	1.6962	24.1945	4.2028	0.9680	9.1874	4.8448	7.0044

* and ** indicate significance of values at P=0.05 and 0.01, respectively

by desirable SCA effects for seedling height, panicle bearing tillers panicle^{-1} , panicle length, spikelets panicle^{-1} , and harvest index. Similarly desirable SCA effect of IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B was found to be related with desirable sca effect for spikelet fertility, test weight, harvest index.

The effect of IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 for grain yield was due to desirable SCA effect of seedling height, plant height, spikelets panicle^{-1} , test weight and biological yield

plant^{-1} . The common crosses based on *per se* performance and SCA effects for all the characters (Table 6) were also in close correspondence. Similar pattern of association between SCA effects for grain yield plant^{-1} with other yield attributing traits were reported by Hasan *et al.* (2013), Adilakshmi and Reddy (2012), Adilakshmi and Upendra (2014), Dorosti and Monajjem (2014) have suggested that about 20-30% standard heterosis may be considered sufficient to offset

Table 5 : Ranking of five desirable parent on the basis of *per se* performance and GCA effects for 13 characters in rice

Characters	Desirable parent based on <i>per se</i> performance	Best general combiners	Best parent based on <i>per se</i> performance and <i>gca</i> effects
Seedling height (cm)	NDRK 5095 Narendra Usar 3 NDR 9830148 92-H 51-4 PNL 1-8-5-17-2	NDRK 5095 NDRK 5013 IR 58025 A PNL 1-8-5-17-2 NDR 9830148	NDRK 5095 PNL 1-8-5-17-2 NDR 9830148
Number of leaves per Seedling	PUSA 6A IR 58025 A IR 688897A IR 64 NDR 9830148	NDRK 5095 IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 NDRK 5013 NDR 9830148 21-2-5-B-1-1	NDR 9830148
Days to 50% flowering	IR 688897A IR 58025 A NDRK 5013 PNL 1-8-5-17-2 Sarjoo 52	Sarjoo 52 NDRK 5056 IR 688897A CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0 PUSA 6A	Sarjoo 52 IR 688897A
Flag leaf area (cm ²)	92-H 51-4 PNL 1-8-5-17-2 21-2-5-B-1-1 Narendra Usar 3 NDRK 5095	92-H 51-4 IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0 NDR 9830119 IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	92-H 51-4
Plant height (cm)	PUSA 6A IR 58025 A IR 688897A IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B CST 7-1	CST 7-1 Sarjoo 52 PNL 5-8-1-7-21 PUSA 6A IR 688897A	PUSA 6A IR 688897A
Panicle bearing tillers per plant	IR 688897A Sarjoo 52 PUSA 6A IR 58025 A IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B	Sarjoo 52 IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B Narendra Usar 3 IR 688897A	Sarjoo 52 IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B
Panicle length (cm)	IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B 92-H 51-4 NDRK 5095 IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B Sarjoo 52	IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B NDRK 5095 IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B NDR 9830119 IR 58025 A	IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B NDRK 5095 IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B
Spikelets panicle ⁻¹	IR 58025 A NDR 9830119 PUSA 6A Narendra Usar 3 IR 688897A	Narendra Usar 3 NDRK 5094 21-2-5-B-1-1 NDRK 5056 92-H 51-4	Narendra Usar 3
Spikelet fertility (%)	Sarjoo 52 IR 688897A IR 58025 A PUSA 6A CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0	NDR 9830119 NDRK 5094 IR 64 Narendra Usar 3 NDRK 5056	
Test weight (g)	IR 688897A Sarjoo 52 IR 58025 A NDRK 5013 PUSA 6A	NDRK 5094 21-2-5-B-1-1 NDRK 5013 NDRK 5095 21-2-5-B-1-1	 NDRK 5013
Biological yield per plant (g)	Sarjoo 52 PNL 5-8-1-7-21 Narendra Usar 3 92-H 51-4 NDRK 5094	Sarjoo 52 NDR 9830119 92-H 51-4 IR 58025 A IR 61920-3B-22-2-1	Sarjoo 52 92-H 51-4
Harvest index (%)	IR 58025 A IR 688897A Sarjoo 52 PUSA 6A PNL 5-8-1-7-21	Sarjoo 52 Narendra Usar 3 21-2-5-B-1-1 PNL 1-8-5-17-2 PNL 5-8-1-7-21	Sarjoo 52 PNL 5-8-1-7-21
Grain yield per plant (g)	Sarjoo 52 PNL 5-8-1-7-21 Narendra Usar 3 92-H 51-4 NDRK 5094	Sarjoo 52 Narendra Usar 3 21-2-5-B-1-1 IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B PNL 5-8-1-7-21	Sarjoo 52 PNL 5-8-1-7-21 Narendra Usar 3

Table 6 : Ranking of five desirable hybrids on the basis of *per se* performance and SCA effects for 13 characters in rice

Characters	Desirable parent based on <i>per se</i> performance	Desirable crosses based on SCA	Common crosses based on <i>per se</i> performance and SCA
Seedling height (cm)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5013 (47.400)	IR 58025 A X IR 64 (11.215)	IR 58025 A X IR 64
	IR 58025 A X IR 64 (46.633)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (8.971)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1
	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5095 (46.267)	IR 688897A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B (7.546)	
	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (44.400)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (5.771)	
	IR 58025 A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2 (43.533)	PUSA 6A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0 (5.528)	
Number of leaves per Seedling	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5013 (4.933)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5013 (1.044)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5013
	PUSA 6A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (4.800)	IR 58025 A X IR 64 (0.889)	
	PUSA 6A X NDR 9830148 (4.600)	PUSA 6A X Narendra Usar 3 (0.621)	
	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5095 (4.600)	IR 58025 A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2 (0.600)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5095
Days to 50% flowering	IR 688897A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (4.533)1	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5095 (0.578)	
	IR 58025 A X Sarjoo 52 (91.333)	PUSA 6A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B (-7.661)	
	IR 688897A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (92.333)	PUSA 6A X NDRK 5094 (-7.183)	IR 688897A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1
	IR 688897A X NDRK 5013 (93.667)	IR 688897A X PNL 1-8-5-17-2 (-6.539)	
	IR 688897A X NDRK 5056 (94.667)	IR 688897A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (-5.872)	
Flag leaf area (cm ²)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086 (94.667)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086
	IR 58025 A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (50.533)	IR 58025 A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (8.204)	IR 58025 A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1
	IR 58025 A X 92-H 51-4 (48.333)	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119 (5.902)	IR 58025 A X 92-H 51-4
	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119 (46.400)	IR 58025 A X 92-H 51-4 (4.446)	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119
	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5094 (43.733)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5094 (4.335)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5094
Plant height (cm)	IR 58025 A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0 (41.467)	IR 58025 A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0 (4.168)	IR 58025 A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0
	PUSA 6A X CST 7-1 (84.033)	IR 58025 A X PNL 5-8-1-7-21 (-11.200)	
	PUSA 6A X NDRK 5086 (86.033)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (-10.266)	
	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (87.800)	IR 58025 A X IR 64 (-8.733)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1
	PUSA 6A X 92-H 51-4 (90.000)	IR 58025 A X Sarjoo 52 (-8.111)	
Panicle bearing tillers per plant	PUSA 6A X NDRK 5095 (90.033)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5056 (-7.300)	
	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 (22.800)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (2.357)	
	PUSA 6A X Sarjoo 52 (22.333)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (2.068)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B
	IR 58025 A X Sarjoo 52 (22.000)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5056 (1.957)	
	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (16.8667)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086 (1.935)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086
Panicle length (cm)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086 (16.2667)	PUSA 6A X NDRK 5013 (1.812)	
	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5095 (31.267)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (3.532)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1
	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (30.533)	IR 688897A X 92-H 51-4 (3.351)	
	IR 58025 A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B (30.467)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5094 (2.554)	
	IR 688897A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B (30.000)	PUSA 6A X IR 64 (2.184)	
Spikelets panicle ⁻¹	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119 (29.600)	PUSA 6A X 92-H 51-4 (2.184)	
	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 (285.733)	IR 688897A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B (43.583)	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3
	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (273.000)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (35.172)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1
	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119 (257.333)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (33.905)	
	IR 58025 A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B (249.133)	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 (32.661)	
	PUSA 6A X NDR 9830119 (246.000)	IR 688897A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (32.583)	

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Spikelet fertility (%)	IR 688897A X IR 64 (92.333)	PUSA 6A X 92-H 51-4 (21.607)	
	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830148 (91.800)	IR 688897A X 92-H 51-4 (18.715)	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830148
	IR 688897A X IR 70023-4B-R-12-3-1-1-B (91.467)	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830148 (18.378)	
	IR 58025 A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B (91.333)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (17.067)	
Test weight (g)	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 (91.200)	PUSA 6A X NDRK 5086 (15.484)	
	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 27.800)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (6.394)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B
	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (27.487)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5086 (3.829)	
	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (26.933)	IR 688897A X 92-H 51-4 (3.810)	
	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (26.800)	IR 688897A X IR 64 (3.596)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1
	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119 (26.667)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (3.270)	
Biological yield per plant (g)	IR 58025 A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (297.000)	IR 58025 A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1 (109.470)	IR 58025 A X IR 61920-3B-22-2-1
	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (246.933)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (76.737)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1
	IR 58025 A X 92-H 51-4 (231.000)	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 (46.554)	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52
	IR 58025 A X NDR 9830119 (220.600)	IR 58025 A X IR 72048-B-R-2-2-2-1-B (37.570)	
	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 (213.633)	IR 58025 A X CSRC(S) 14-1-4-0 29.770)	
Harvest index (%)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (49.143)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (18.674)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1
	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 (48.547)	PUSA 6A X 92-H 51-4 15.663)	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3
	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 (46.943)	IR 58025 A X NDRK 5056 (13.643)	
	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (45.950)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (13.512)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B
	PUSA 6A X Sarjoo 52 (44.723)	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 (12.590)	
Grain yield per plant (g)	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 (100.2933)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (35.624)	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52
	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1 (95.993)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (33.050)	IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1
	PUSA 6A X Sarjoo 52 (91.840)	IR 58025 A X CST 7-1 (26.717)	
	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 (86.980)	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 (22.293)	IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3
	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B (78.000)	IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 (18.869)	IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B

the extra cost of hybrid seeds. The favourable *per se* performances and higher significant positive SCA effects in related to grain yield plant⁻¹ were found in hybrid IR 688897A X Sarjoo 52 , IR 58025 A X 21-2-5-B-1-1, IR 58025 A X Narendra Usar 3 and IR 58025 A X IR 71829-3R-73-1-2-B. These combinations proved to be good hybrids based on CMS system in rice.

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