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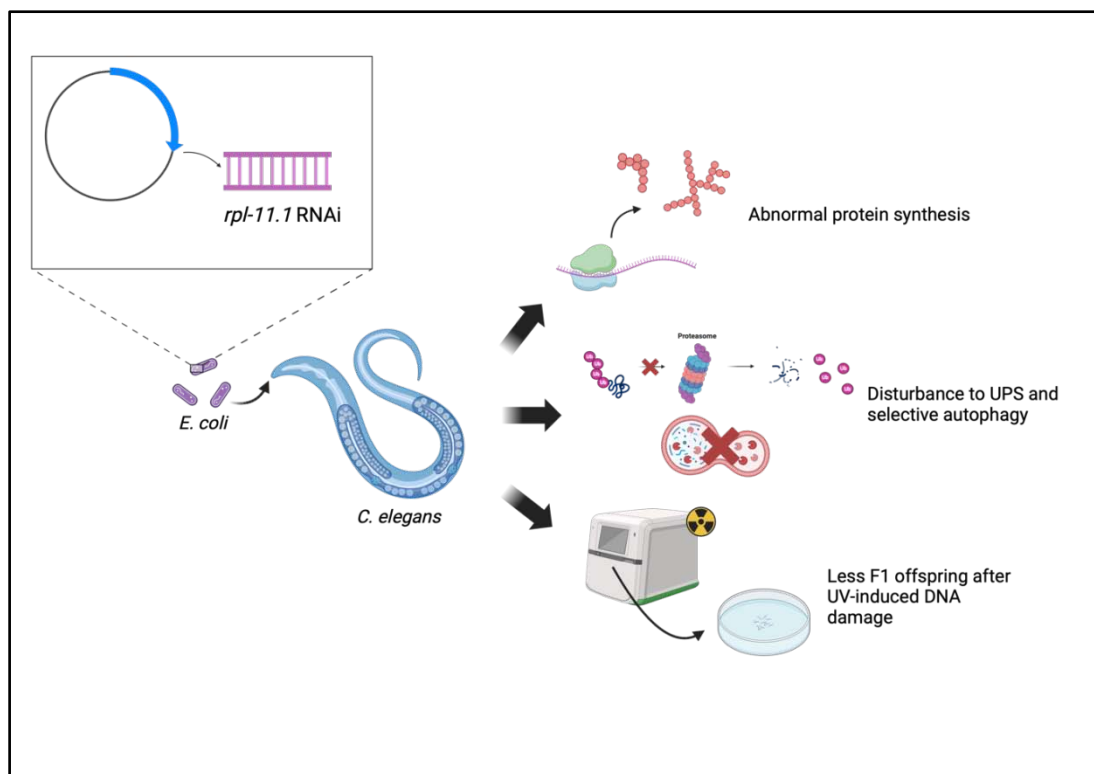
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1. INTRODUCTION

Protein degradation is a major cellular process that maintains proteostasis and cellular physiology (Papaevgeniou & Chondrogianni, 2014). It primarily consists of degrading normal proteins in excessive amounts or eliminating damaged proteins, which might be a result of disturbances to normal

protein synthesis in the ribosomes. A major proteostasis pathway in charge of this role is the Ubiquitin-Proteasome System (UPS), which tags damaged or misfolded proteins with ubiquitin and digests them with the 26S proteasome complex (Kipreos, 2005).

Since the genes involved in UPS are generally evolutionarily conserved, their biological roles can be investigated in simple model organisms such as *Caenorhabditis elegans*, a well-studied nematode for understanding fundamental biological mechanisms. A specific strain of *C. elegans*, PP563, has been developed to specifically investigate the UPS pathway of proteostasis. Having a GFP linked to the ubiquitin protein, *C. elegans* PP563 provides a direct approach to monitoring UPS activity in nematodes through fluorescence signals (McCue et al., 2015). In a genetic screen that uses RNAi to silence 35 genes at the post-transcriptional level in *C. elegans* PP563, we discovered a particular gene, *rpl-11.1*, whose knockdown causes a marked increase in fluorescence signal in both intensity and localization. Such phenotype led us to deduce that *rpl-11.1* knockdown causes excessive UPS activity by increasing the number of active ubiquitin tags, which in turn disrupts proteostasis at the organismal level.

The biological role of *rpl-11.1*, a gene primarily expressed in the germline cells and pharyngeal muscle cells of *C. elegans* (Bgee, 2024), is still not completely elucidated. It was predicted to encode the 60S ribonucleoprotein L11-1 (RPL-11.1) in *C. elegans*, a homolog of ribosomal protein L11 (RPL-11) in humans (WormBase, 2022). RPL-11.1 constitutes a part of the large ribosomal subunit, which contains the peptidyl transferase center that catalyzes the formation of peptide bonds during mRNA translation (UniProt, 2024). Thereby, *rpl-11.1* knockdown might lead to the absence of RPL-11.1 in the ribonucleoprotein complex, affecting the biogenesis of ribosomes and forming a defect in translation machinery. The incorrectly assembled ribosomes will produce misfolded proteins with altered thermodynamic stability that may be functionally damaged or prone to aggregation after exposing hydrophobic regions. An excess of misfolded proteins and protein aggregates can be the source of proteostasis disturbance observed previously: a plethora of proteins are tagged with active ubiquitin and hence emit a substantial amount of fluorescence signal.

We thereby hypothesize that knocking down *rpl-11.1* via RNAi in *C. elegans* results in structurally incomplete ribosomes, which might produce misfolded proteins, recruit excessive ubiquitin for tagging and clearing through the UPS pathway, and ultimately overwhelm the proteostasis. Answering this hypothesis would reveal the biological role of *rpl-11.1* more clearly and possibly shed light on its relationship with translation efficiency and proteostasis regulation. To verify the hypothesis, two aims have been formulated: first, to determine if *rpl-11.1* has a role in ensuring

correct protein synthesis. This will be achieved by conducting protein assays such as SDS-PAGE to compare the pattern of protein expression in *rpl-11.1* knockdown and that in *C. elegans* PP563 on an empty vector (L4440). We will further examine whether the other pathway of proteostasis that also makes use of ubiquitin tagging, selective autophagy, is involved in the clearance of *rpl-11.1* knockdown-induced protein aggregates and misfolded proteins as well. This would require knocking down *rpl-11.1* in *C. elegans* MAH215, which is built for studying autophagy (Chang et al., 2017), and conducting a double-gene RNAi knockdown in *C. elegans* PP563 for comparison with *rpl-11.1* single knockdown. Another minor aim of this study would be to determine the role of *rpl-11.1* in protecting germline cells. The human orthologue of *C. elegans* RPL-11.1 is involved in p53 pathway regulation through RPL11-MDM2 antagonism and acts as a tumor suppressor (Chène, 2003). Similarly, *C. elegans* also has a p53-like pathway (*cep-1*) that regulates DNA damage-induced apoptosis in germline cells (Derry, 2001). We hypothesize that knocking down *rpl-11.1* will inhibit *cep-1* stabilization and hence germline apoptosis after UV-induced DNA damage, allowing increased germline cell proliferation and more egg deposition. This will be investigated through a F1 progeny count following parent generation exposure to UV.

As mentioned, the functionality and mechanism of *rpl-11.1* in *C. elegans* is not fully clarified in literature. Some of the of the earliest genome-wide screens indicate that *rpl-11.1* knockdown resulted in phenotypes such as life-span extension (Hsin & Kenyon, 1999) and gigantism (Patel et al., 2002). More recent studies have focused on the germline proliferation aspect of the gene as well as its evolutionary history in the *C. elegans* genome (Maciejowski et al., 2005). A more interesting study, without any experimental evidence, suggested the potential involvement of the gene in mitochondrial activity (Sun et al., 2019). These various studies seemingly covered the role of *rpl-11.1* in *C. elegans* from a broad perspective, but none of them point out the specific mechanism by which this gene works in terms of its fundamental role: encoding a ribosomal protein. Additionally, none of the prior research exclusively focused on studying *rpl-11.1*. Here, we solely investigated *rpl-11.1* knockdown from the perspective of translation and proteostasis disturbance and germline proliferation. Elucidating the biological role of *rpl-11.1* in nematodes is of great importance as it can give insight into similar mechanisms in the translation machinery and UPS pathway of humans. A substantial homogeneity exists between humans and *C. elegans* (Lai, 2000), so confirming the gene's role in the nematode can potentially pave the way to developing therapeutic strategies for diseases related to protein aggregation and irregular proteostasis, such as Alzheimer's disease,

Huntington's disease, Parkinson's disease, and prion disorders (Papaevgeniou & Chondrogianni, 2014).

II. METHODS

Culture of *C. elegans*. *C. elegans* PP563 and *C. elegans* MAH215 were used in this study and obtained from the *Caenorhabditis* Genetics Center (University of Minnesota, St. Pau, MN, USA). They were maintained at 25°C under standard conditions on nematode growth media (NGM; 2% (w/v) agar, 0.3% (w/v) NaCl, 0.25% (w/v) peptone, 1 mM CaCl₂, 5 µg ml⁻¹ cholesterol, 25 mM KH₂PO₄, 1 mM MgSO₄) agar plates (Sun et al., 2019). Nematodes were fed on *E. coli* OP50.

PP563 RNAi screen. The following screen protocol was followed:

Day 1. 100 µL of cultures of the Htt115 strain of *E. coli* containing the L4440 plasmid alone or containing an RNAi sequence targeting a specific gene were seeded onto NGM + carbenicillin p6 plates and allowed to dry overnight. Each plate has one targeting RNAi. (Refer to these plates as RNAi p6s.)

Day 2. All RNAi p6s had 50 µL of IPTG added to enhance expression of the RNAi. This was allowed to dry (~1 hour). Gravid worms were bleached to obtain a synchronized population of eggs. Approximately 50 eggs were plated onto the RNAi p6s and were allowed to develop to adulthood (~3 days) at 20°C.

Day 5. About 10 worms were randomly selected from each RNAi p6, immobilized with sodium azide, and aligned for imaging. Micrographs were imaged at 150x magnification and 20ms exposure with LED at 16 and white-balanced. For the GFP signal, *C. elegans* PP563 was imaged at 800 ms exposure, and *C. elegans* MAH215 was imaged at 500 ms exposure. For the mCherry signal, *C. elegans* MAH215 was imaged at 500 ms exposure.

We conducted a preliminary screen for *C. elegans* PP563 with 36 different RNAi knockdowns. Of all the knockdowns that showed some degree of change in fluorescence signal in comparison to the L4440 genetic control, the *rpl-11.1* knockdown displayed the most drastic increase in both signal intensity and localization. We therefore decided to follow up on our investigation on the *RPL-11.1* knockdown exclusively.

The knockdown efficiency of *rpl-11.1* RNAi was confirmed using RT qPCR, where the mRNA level of the housekeeping gene *ama* was used as the internal reference. Primers for the target genes were designed by primer-BLAST (NCBI, 2019) and synthesized by a commercial company. The RT qPCR result showed that *rpl-11.1* RNAi achieved a near-complete (0.0025 fold change) knockdown of *rpl-11.1* in *C. elegans* PP563. It should be noted that the same gene knockdown in *C. elegans* MAH215 was not verified by RT qPCR.

Nematode population maintenance: Nematodes were synchronized by hypochlorite bleaching (2% sodium hypochlorite and 0.5 mol/L NaOH) according to standard protocols (Stiernagle, 2006). Approximately 1,000 extracted worm eggs were cultured on one NGM plate for protein isolation and RNA isolation (for RT qPCR cDNA synthesis).

Protein isolation: Proteins from *C. elegans* PP563 *rpl-11.1* knockdown and L4440 are isolated by washing the worms off the plate following standard protocols (Stiernagle, 2006), lysing through RIPA (50mM Tris-HCl, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1% or 5% SDS, tablet of protease inhibitor), centrifugation and incubation on ice. Proteins treated with 1% SDS are generally small-sized and soluble, while the 5% SDS aims to separate out proteins that are large-sized or aggregated.

SDS-PAGE: RIPA-treated proteins (including 1% SDS-treated and 5% SDS-treated) were loaded onto protein gel to run SDS-PAGE at 170V for the first 10 minutes and then at 200V for 1 hour. The gel was destained and visualized in imaging system.

***Rpl-11.1* RNAi knockdown in *C. elegans* MAH215:** *C. elegans* MAH215 were fed with *rpl-11.1* RNAi-expressing bacteria during development. Procedure similar to PP563 RNAi screen was followed. Micrographs were imaged at 31.6 ms exposure and 2x gain. GFP and mCherry fluorescence signal are later overlaid to create merged fluorescence micrographs.

Double-gene RNAi knockdown: Two genes (*rpn-6* and *lgg-1*, *rpl-11.1* and *lgg-1*, *rpn-6* and *rpl-11.1*) were knocked down via RNAi at once in *C. elegans* PP563 to evaluate the involvement of UPS and autophagy pathways of proteostasis in translation-defect cells' protein degradation. Bacteria expressing both types of RNAi are used as food source for worms and the procedure is similar to PP563 RNAi screen. Micrographs were imaged at 31.6 ms exposure and 2x gain.

UV radiation exposure: Two plates of *rpl-11.1* knockdown *C. elegans* PP563 and two plates of L4440 *C. elegans* PP563 were placed under a UV source (imaging system), with one plate exposed to UV for 30 sec and the other for 120 sec. Then, 5 adult worms from each plate is transferred to new plates seeded with *E. coli* OP50 and cultured for 3 days at 25°C till the F1 progeny reaches adulthood. The number of worms on each plate was then counted manually. After worm (population) count, 10 worms from each group were transferred to new plate, immobilized and imaged under fluorescent microscope.

III. RESULTS

a) **5% SDS-PAGE Reveals Potential Protein Aggregation**
In Figure 1, it is observed that under 1% SDS treatment, which separates out smaller proteins, there is

no clear difference between the bands of *rpl-11.1* knockdown and the control (L4440). Nonetheless, under 5% SDS treatment that targets larger proteins, *rpl-11.1* knockdown exhibits markedly more bands and higher intensity in comparison with the control. These extra bands might be protein aggregates accumulated in the cells.

b) Rpl-11.1 Knockdown in MAH215 Induces More Merged Fluorescence Signal

In Figure 2, merged micrographs generally reveal more stand-alone mCherry fluorescence in the control (L4440) and more merged fluorescence (mCherry and GFP) in *rpl-11.1* knockdown. One exception is that there are two nematodes in *rpl-11.1* knockdown that exhibit GFP fluorescence unaccompanied by any mCherry fluorescence. These two nematodes were believed to be dead by the time of imaging and were displaying auto-fluorescence because the GFP signal must be accompanied by the mCherry signal in *C. elegans* MAH215. Other than the two abnormalities, *rpl-11.1* knockdown displays mostly merged fluorescence.

It should be noted that in an attempt to verify if the autophagy pathway of proteostasis is involved in misfolded protein clearance, a double-gene knockdown experiment was also performed (refer to *Methods*). However, no valid results were obtained because there is minimal difference between the control and experiment groups (Figure 3).

c) Rpl-11.1 Knockdown Produces Less F1 Progeny after UV Exposure

Figure 4A reveals that there is no obvious difference between UV-treated *rpl-11.1* knockdown and the control (L4440) in terms of F1 progeny phenotype (fluorescence, size, mobility, etc.). However, when a worm count was conducted, it turned out that in both the 30s and 120s UV exposure groups, there are more nematodes surviving in the control group, with a 6.4-fold increase in the 30s exposure and a 2.5-fold increase in the 120s exposure. The knockdown of *rpl-11.1* inhibits nematode proliferation after UV exposure.

IV. DISCUSSION

a) Protein Aggregation as a Result of Error in Translation Machinery

Our SDS-PAGE experiment substantiated that there are protein aggregates formed in *C. elegans* PP563 cells after *rpl-11.1* knockdown, as indicated by extra bands of proteins that are not seen in the control (Figure 1). Moreover, although the expression of smaller proteins appears to be similar in both the control and the *rpl-11.1* knockdown, we observed an overexpression of larger proteins (5% SDS-treated) in the *rpl-11.1* knockdown, suggesting a difference in protein expression pattern. This aligns with our hypothesis that

abnormal protein synthesis will arise due to the absence of RPL-11.1 ribonucleoprotein in ribosome biogenesis. The abnormality can take the form of producing misfolded polypeptides that have altered thermodynamic stability, which are prone to exposing their hydrophobic regions and hence become aggregated (Berrill et al., 2011). Alternatively, the abnormal protein synthesis might also simply result in an overexpression of a group of large, insoluble proteins. Both outcomes will cause severe disruption to the UPS because excessive amounts of ubiquitin will be tagged to abnormal proteins, overwhelming the proteostasis pathway.

It is confirmed that knocking down *rpl-11.1* makes a difference in cellular protein synthesis in *C. elegans*. Next, we will attempt to identify which specific proteins are affected (overexpressed, misfolded, or become prone to aggregation) by such errors in translation machinery. Our preliminary RNAi screen indicated that most proteostasis defects occur in *C. elegans* intestinal cells after knocking down *rpl-11.1*. We will select a set of proteins whose expressions may be disturbed by the knockdown and use immunoblotting to confirm their identity. In addition, we will evaluate the degree of impact on ribosome biogenesis and translation efficiency caused by knocking down *rpl-11.1* through RT qPCR on rRNAs and polysome profiling, respectively.

b) Autophagy Pathway is Disturbed by Rpl-11.1 Knockdown Alongside UPS

Alongside UPS, the selective autophagy pathway of proteostasis also makes use of ubiquitin tagging to achieve protein degradation (Kocaturk & Gozuacik, 2018). We indeed observed a disturbance to the autophagy pathway in the *C. elegans* MAH215 *rpl-11.1* knockdown (Figure 2). The abundant mCherry signal in the control suggests that most GFP tagged to the autophagosomes has been quenched after fusing with the lysosome in the autophagy pathway. Conversely, in *rpl-11.1* knockdown, an increase in merged fluorescence signal indicates that autophagosomes are not efficiently undergoing lysosomal fusion, suggesting a delay in protein degradation and a buildup of protein waste. This is likely attributable to the protein aggregates and other large misfolded proteins generated by the translation error. Therefore, the hypothesis that selective autophagy is also involved in this knockdown-induced proteostasis disturbance is supported. Interestingly, autophagy differs from the UPS in that it primarily degrades long-lived proteins, insoluble protein aggregates, and organelles, whereas the UPS pathway targets short-lived proteins and soluble misfolded proteins (Kocaturk & Gozuacik, 2018). This aligns with our findings from the protein assay, which show that knocking down *rpl-11.1* produces protein aggregates and other insoluble large proteins,

necessitating the involvement of selective autophagy in maintaining proteostasis.

Our hypothesis could be better supported with results from the double-gene knockdown experiment. If simultaneously knocking down *rpl-11.1* and *lgg-1*, a key gene involved in autophagy (Romane Leboutet et al., 2023), produces a result that is no different from knocking down *rpl-11.1* alone, we could conclude that the autophagy pathway of proteostasis is already disturbed by knocking down *rpl-11.1* in addition to the UPS. However, unfortunately, the experiment did not yield valid data to draw any conclusions. We suspect that the RNAi knockdown efficiency might be problematic, resulting in an incomplete silencing of the targeted gene. To ensure validity in re-performing the double-gene knockdown experiment, we will include a confirmation of RNAi knockdown efficiency using RT qPCR.

c) *Rpl-11.1 Might Be Integral to Germline Proliferation*

We previously predicted that knocking down *rpl-11.1* will lead to more F1 offspring as germline apoptosis is inhibited by the deactivation of *cep-1*, which is under RPL-11.1 regulation (Schumacher et al., 2001). However, the experiment result indicates that *rpl-11.1* knockdown produces much less F1 progeny in comparison with the control after UV exposure for either 30s or 120s. The original hypothesis is hence rejected. We need to reconsider the role of *rpl-11.1* in maintaining germline proliferation.

According to Chang et al. (2017), *cep-1*, while activating DNA damage-induced germline apoptosis, is also required for meiotic chromosome segregation in the germline. Hence, it is reasonable that knocking down *rpl-11.1*, the stabilizer of *cep-1*, leads to less progeny after UV-induced DNA damage in the parent generation. Also, the mechanism by which *cep-1* is stabilized by RPL-11.1 in *C. elegans* might be different from how p53 (the human homolog of *cep-1*) is stabilized by RPL-11 (the human homolog of RPL-11.1) in humans, requiring us to figure out the specific mechanism of *cep-1* activation before making predictions. It can be concluded that *rpl-11.1* might be integral to germline proliferation in *C. elegans* in the face of radiation stress, based on the UV exposure experiment result.

In further investigation, we attempt to monitor the process of meiotic chromosome segregation in the germline of *rpl-11.1* knockdown *C. elegans* using live microscopy imaging. We will observe the gonads of the nematodes under fluorescent microscopes after their chromosomes are stained with fluorescent markers. This will allow us to evaluate our new hypothesis.

In conclusion, our original hypothesis was partially supported. The role of *rpl-11.1* in ensuring correct protein synthesis in *C. elegans* is confirmed. We believe the selective autophagy pathway of proteostasis

is involved in the clearance of misfolded proteins alongside UPS, but evidence from the double-gene RNAi knockdown experiment is lacking. On the other hand, the role of *rpl-11.1* in protecting germline cells requires re-consideration and further investigation. It appears that the gene may be a necessity for meiotic chromosome segregation, as it plays an important role in nematode reproduction after radiation-induced DNA damage.

Due to the substantial homogeneity between humans and *C. elegans* (Lai, 2000), it is of utter importance to continue elucidating the biological role of *rpl-11.1* and its protein product in translation and cellular proteostasis, which relates closely to an array of human diseases involving proteomic defects. We would like to further evaluate the disturbance caused by RPL-11.1 dysfunction to translation efficiency by conducting polysome profiling and rRNA qPCR. The immunoblotting of specific proteins involved in the disturbance is equally crucial for developing therapeutic strategies toward relevant proteomic diseases.

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Abbreviations

UPS	Ubiquitin-Proteosome System
RNAi	Ribonucleic acid interference
mRNA	Messenger ribonucleic acid
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
GFP	Green fluorescent protein
UV	Ultraviolet
SDS-PAGE	Sodium dodecyl-sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
RT qPCR	Quantitative reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction
NGM	Nematode growth medium

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Results and implications: Overall, high morphological diversity was observed among the cultivars for all the traits evaluated. The most diverse traits included petiole color, leaf color, leaf vein color, flowering and seed set abilities, branching levels, end branch color, stem epidermis color, lobe margins, and growth habit of stem. Seven morphotypes with interesting features were identified through cluster analysis. Morphotype 1 is made of unflowering and unbranching cultivars with greenish-red petioles. Morphotype 2 is composed of varieties exhibiting purple petioles, three levels of branching, dichotomous branching habit, good flowering and seed set ability. Morphotype 3 made of only one cultivar was considered as outlier. Morphotype 4 cultivars are characterized by red petioles, compact plants, white root pulp and bad seed set ability; whereas cultivars belonging to morphotype 5 exhibited green petiole, good flowering and seed set abilities. Morphotype 6 is made of cultivars with sessile peduncle root, conical cylindrical root, orange root pulp, short distance between leaf scars, good flowering and seed set ability. Morphotype 7 genotypes exhibited dark green apical leaves, cream stem epidermis, two levels of branching, good flowering and seed set ability. The most diverse traits identified in this study could be used for genetic resources

identification. Parent cultivars could be selected from morphotypes harbouring good flowering and seed set abilities.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Cassava belongs to the family of Euphorbiaceae and includes 98 species. The crop is native to the American continent, being distributed from the USA to Africa. The main diversity center of cassava (Brazil) posses at least 78 species, approximately 80% of the total number of species. *M. esculenta* is its only domesticated species (Rogers and Appan, 1973).

Cassava plays an essential part in the food security of millions of families in tropical and subtropical regions of Africa. It is one of the main sources of carbohydrates, especially in developing regions, where it is grown as subsistence crop (FAO, 2023). Cassava has a wide range of uses in the so-called '4Fs' of: (i) food for human consumption, (ii) feed for animals, (iii) fuel, which in the form of ethanol is produced from cassava, and (iv) factories, where it is used to make alcohol, citric acid, clothing, medicines, paper, and chemicals. For many years, global demand for cassava has grown strongly due to its many industrial uses and the fact that it has often been cheaper than other starchy crops. This has then lifted it to the status of being the world's 5th most important crop, after corn, wheat, rice, and potatoes.

In 2022, 303 million tons of cassava were produced globally worldwide, grown on 23.87 million hectares, with an average yield of 11.24 t ha⁻¹ (FAO, 2023). In Togo, cassava used to be a crop of the poor for a long time, but of late it is becoming more of a staple crop especially in the areas of production (Sogbedji et al., 2015). Across the country, 10,297 hectares were occupied by cassava plantations, and 38,542 tons of cassava root were harvested in 2022, with an average yield of 4 t ha⁻¹, 75% lower than the global productivity (DSID, 2022).

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Cassava is a diploid ($2n=36$ chromosomes) and monoicous species, with predominantly allogamous fertilization, making it highly heterozygotic (Pootakhan et al. 2014) and giving it high genetic diversity, even though it propagates vegetatively (Costa et al. 2013). Cassava can adapt to different edapho climatic conditions, such as drought and low-fertility soils (Vidal et al. 2015). Because of these characteristics, cassava cultivation is attractive to farmers with limited resources in Togo.

Despite the importance of cassava as a staple crop (Sogbedji et al., 2015), its genetic diversity is poorly documented and consequently the genetic improvement of this crop is limited in Togo (Kombaté et al., 2017). The study of Kombaté et al. (2017) using ethnobotanical survey and morphological descriptors revealed the existence of high diversity. However, ethnobiological studies involving farmers' knowledge in varietal classification have shown large variations according to Agre et al.(2017). Also, there is no consistency in the naming of varieties by farmers. This results in the possibilities of duplicates and mislabelling within the local varieties collected from farmers' fields. Additionally, the number of local varieties with different features and names, most often planted together in a single field, suggest the existence of high diversity within this crop (Siqueira et al., 2009; Rabbi et al., 2015b), which is important for plant breeding and genetic resources programs. This substantial genetic variability is due to the high heterozygosity of the crop, ease of natural cross pollination, fruit dehiscence, and to the volunteer seedlings in farmers fields (Rabbi et al., 2015b; Ceballos et al., 2016). Besides, the informal plant material exchange between farmers promotes a large number of new cultivars and expand cassava genetic diversity (Peprah et al., 2020).

From a point of breeding, small-farm cultivation of cassava is of great importance to the conservation of genetic resources. Exploring the morphological diversity of a given germplasm is fundamental to guide its conservation, management and use in conventional breeding programs (Ceballos et al., 2016).

In West Africa, genetic diversity studies have been carried out for cassava germplasm management and breeding using both morphological descriptors (Adjebeng-Danquah et al., 2016; Agre et al., 2017; Kamanda et al., 2020) and molecular markers (Rabbi et al., 2014; Soro et al., 2024). In addition, multivariate analyses allows for the simultaneous integration of data for multiple traits and has been widely used to quantify the phenotypic diversity in several crops (Kamanda et al., 2020, Soro et al., 2024).

Morphological descriptors are inexpensive and easy to record for most breeders compare to molecular markers. They are strongest determinants of taxonomic classification and agronomic value of varieties (Soyode and Oyetundi, 2009; Rabbi et al., 2015b).

The objective of this study was to explore the phenotypic diversity in a core collection of cassava cultivars based on thirty two (32) morphological traits.

II. MATERIAL AND METHODS

a) *Plant Material*

A core collection (Table 1) made of: i.one hundred (100) cultivars obtained from major cassava growing areas across the country, ii. thirty five (35) improved varieties introduced from IITA cassava breeding program, iii. seven (7) cultivars sourced from the gene bank of the Laboratory of Virology and Biotechnology of the University of Lome and iv. two (2) varieties obtained from the cassava gene bank of Embrapa Mandioca Fruticultura (Cruz das Almas, BA, Brazil) was used in this study. Five improved varieties (high yielding and CMD resistant) namely Gbazekoute, TMS 96_0409, TMS 96_0166, CRI Sika Bankye and CRI Ampong bankye, recently released by the national cassava breeding unit were used as checks.

b) *Experimental Site*

The experiment was run at the Togolese Agronomic Research Institute (ITRA) station of Davié (latitude: 6° 23' 5" North; longitude: 1° 12' 18" East; altitude: 76 meters) located in the cassava production belt. This site is representative of typical cassava-growing conditions in Togo and is characterized by a bimodal rainfall pattern. During the experimentation, a total rainfall of 1231.5 mm was recorded for 80 rainy days. July was the highest monthly rainfall with 207.8 mm for 14 rainy days, while November was the lowest monthly rainfall with 8.7 mm for 4 days rainy days. The annual average temperature was 28.5°C. The egetation is characterized by herbaceous vegetation (Banito et al., 2010). The site's soil, suitable for cassava cultivation (Ezui, 2017) and known as 'Terres de Barre,' is characterized as sandy-clay with 70% sand, 3.8% silt, 8.1% clay, acid pH (H_2O 1:1) 5.5, 1.05% organic matter, 0.41% total nitrogen (N), 10 ppm available phosphorus (P), and cation exchange capacity (CEC) of 2.89 milli-equivalents (meq)/100g of soil in the top 15 cm samples (Sogbedji et al. 2015).

c) *Experimental Design, Field Layout and Maintenance*

The experiment was laid out in an augmented block design with one hundred fourty four (144) cultivars as tested genotypes and five (5) checks varieties, distributed in twelve (12) blocks. Each block was delimited after ploughing and harrowing of the site. Distance of 1.5 m separated adjacent blocks and plots. The experimental unit was composed of four rows of 4 m with 16 plants of a genotype. A spacing of 1 m between plants and rows was adopted. The experiment was carried under rainfed conditions. Neither herbicide nor fertilizers were applied. The experiment was kept weed free by regular hand weeding. The trial was harvested twelve months after planting.

Table 1: List of Togo's Cassava Germplasm Cultivars Characterized

N°	Cultivar	Type	Origin	N°	Cultivar	Type	Origin
1	CRI Sika Bankye	Improved	Ghana	27	TMS 92_0326	Improved	Togo
2	CRI Ampong Bankye	Improved	Ghana	28	TMS 96_1708	Improved	Togo
3	TMS 95_0166	Improved	IITA	29	TMS 98_2132	Improved	Togo
4	TMS 96_0409	Improved	IITA	30	TMS 99_0554	Improved	Togo
5	Gbazekoute	Landrace	Togo	31	Agbede	Landrace	Togo
6	TMS 01_0006	Improved	IITA	32	Agou	Landrace	Togo
7	TMS 00_0354	Improved	IITA	33	Aguidagba	Landrace	Togo
8	TMS 00_0364	Improved	IITA	34	Akaleyo	Landrace	Togo
9	TMS 01_0034	Improved	IITA	35	Akebou	Landrace	Togo
10	TMS 01_0046	Improved	IITA	36	Akoss	Landrace	Togo
11	TMS 01_0093	Improved	IITA	37	Ankra atihe	Landrace	Togo
12	TMS 01_0098	Improved	IITA	38	Akpadjin Feto	Landrace	Togo
13	TMS 01_0131	Improved	IITA	39	Alagno	Landrace	Togo
14	TMS 01_0379	Improved	IITA	40	Ankra 3	Landrace	Togo
15	TMS 01_1085	Improved	IITA	41	Ankra Atiyibo	Landrace	Togo
16	TMS 01_1086	Improved	IITA	42	Assiatoe	Landrace	Togo
17	TMS 01_1097	Improved	IITA	43	Atidjin1	Landrace	Togo
18	TMS 01_1206	Improved	IITA	44	Atidjin 2	Landrace	Togo
19	TMS 01_1224	Improved	IITA	45	Atidjin Poli	Landrace	Togo
20	TMS 01_1368	Improved	IITA	46	Atidokpo	Landrace	Togo
21	TMS 01_1368(2)	Improved	IITA	47	Atihe1	Landrace	Togo
22	TMS 01_1371	Improved	IITA	48	Atiyibo 1	Landrace	Togo
23	TMS 01_1610	Improved	IITA	49	Atiyobo2	Landrace	Togo
24	TMS 01_1662	Improved	IITA	50	Awou	Landrace	Togo
25	TMS 01_1797	Improved	IITA	51	Awouye	Landrace	Togo
N°	Cultivar	Type	Origin	N°	Cultivar	Type	Origin
53	Badjogou	Landrace	Togo	79	Kanbom Bantchi	Landrace	Togo
54	Bazoka	Landrace	Togo	80	Kanigbeli 1	Landrace	Togo
55	Bob	Landrace	Togo	81	Kanigbeli 2	Landrace	Togo
56	Bob Assou	Landrace	Togo	82	Kataoli	Landrace	Togo
57	Bob Yegue	Landrace	Togo	83	Katawole	Landrace	Togo
58	BRS Caipira	Landrace	Brazil	84	Kidirondi	Landrace	Togo
59	Degaule	Landrace	Togo	85	Kisseimou Koutowou	Landrace	Togo
60	Djakoagni	Landrace	Togo	86	Kola	Landrace	Togo
61	Djeble	Landrace	Togo	87	Kolaoung	Landrace	Togo
62	Djolaoba	Landrace	Togo	88	Kolmon kamkam	Landrace	Togo
63	Djoliba	Landrace	Togo	89	Kossikouma	Landrace	Togo
64	Donmoyibo	Landrace	Togo	90	Koutowou 2	Landrace	Togo
65	Fetonegbodji	Landrace	Togo	91	Kperoung Felgou	Landrace	Togo
66	Flawavi	Landrace	Togo	92	Kperoung Mamougue	Landrace	Togo
67	Gabonvi-ESA	Landrace	Togo	93	Kpla	Landrace	Togo
68	Gbadovi	Landrace	Togo	94	Loki	Landrace	Togo
69	Gbaze- ESA	Landrace	Togo	95	M'beou	Landrace	Togo
70	Vivigbaze	Landrace	Togo	96	MM96/5280	Improved	Togo
71	Ghana spana	Landrace	Togo	97	MM96/JW2	Improved	Togo
72	Gnidou	Landrace	Togo	98	Nigeria Fleur	Landrace	Togo

73	Hogninvo 1	Landrace	Togo	99	Nigeria Kikpaou	Landrace	Togo
74	Hogninvo 2	Landrace	Togo	100	Nigeria Kissaimon	Landrace	Togo
75	Inconnu	Landrace	Togo	101	N'tossou	Landrace	Togo
76	IRAT- Davie	Landrace	Togo	102	Ankra atihe	Landrace	Togo
77	Jhonson	Landrace	Togo	103	Okpoli	Landrace	Togo
78	Kalba	Landrace	Togo	104	Pela	Landrace	Togo
N°	Cultivar	Type	Origin	N°	Cultivar	Type	Origin
105	Peloumkoute	Landrace	Togo	131	D00_126	Improved	IITA
106	Penivi	Landrace	Togo	132	D00_54	Improved	IITA
107	Sabe	Landrace	Togo	133	D00_166	Improved	IITA
108	Sankara	Landrace	Togo	134	Toma 9	Landrace	Togo
109	Sassakawa	Landrace	Togo	135	CVTM4	Landrace	Togo
110	Sorad	Landrace	Togo	136	Toma 162	Landrace	Togo
111	Sawa	Landrace	Togo	137	Unknown 02	Landrace	Togo
112	Spana Assou	Landrace	Togo	138	TMS 96_1317	Improved	Togo
113	Spana Yegue	Landrace	Togo	139	TMS 96_0304	Improved	Togo
114	BRS Tapioqueira	Landrace	Brazil	140	TMS 96_0102	Improved	Togo
115	Tassiodo	Landrace	Togo	141	TMS 96_0869	Improved	Togo
116	Tchigouevi	Landrace	Togo	142	TMS 96_1642	Improved	Togo
117	Tetetidadjin	Landrace	Togo	143	TMS 96_0590	Improved	Togo
118	TME 419	Improved	Togo	144	TMS 96_539	Improved	Togo
119	TM1	Improved	Togo	145	TMS 96_1565	Improved	Togo
120	TME1	Improved	Togo	146	TMS 96_0603	Improved	Togo
121	TME 696	Improved	Togo	147	TMS 30572	Improved	IITA
122	Touwevi	Landrace	Togo	148	KPEM_10_03	Improved	Togo
123	Tuaka Atsu	Landrace	Togo	149	TMS 4(2) 1425	Improved	IITA
124	Tuaka komi Mami	Landrace	Togo	129	D00_208	Improved	IITA
125	Yabaka	Landrace	Togo	130	D00_14	Improved	IITA
126	D00_8300	Improved	IITA	52	Unknown	Landrace	Togo
127	M94_0583	Improved	IITA				
128	D00_137	Improved	IITA				

d) Phenotypic Data Collection

Thirty two (32) morphological traits were recorded using the cassava descriptor (Guevara et al., 2010) at three (3), six (6), nine (9) and twelve (12) months after planting (MAP). Data were recorded from the plants within the whole plot, and the most frequent occurrence variant was noted. At 12 MAP, the inner eight (8) plants within each plot were uprooted and observations on roots were taken. The traits assesment date, and method of assessment are summarized in Table 2.

Table 2: List of Morphological Traits recorded in Togo's Cassava Germplasm

N°	Trait	Code	Assessment date	¹ Assessment scale
1	Colour of apical leaves	ColApLea	3 MAP	3, 5, 7 or 9
2	Pubescence on apical leaves	PubApLea	3 MAP	0 or 1
3	Lobe margins	LoMar	6 MAP	3 or 5
4	Colour of leaf vein	ColLeaVe	6 MAP	3, 5, 7 or 9
5	Petiole Colour	PetCol	6 MAP	1, 2, 3, 5, 7 or 9
6	Leaf color	LeaCol	6 MAP	3, 5, 7 or 9
7	Number of leaf lobes	NLeaLo	6 MAP	3, 5, 7, 9 or 11
8	Shape of central leaflet	ShaCeLea	6 MAP	1-10
9	Orientation of petiole	OriPet	6 MAP	1, 3, 5 or 7
10	Flowering hability	FIHa	6 MAP	0 or 1
11	Pollen	Pol	6 MAP	0 or 1
12	Leaf retention	LeaRet	6 MAP	1-5
13	Stipule margin	StiMar	9 MAP	1 or 2
14	Length of stipule	LenSti	9 MAP	3 or 5
15	Color of stem cortex	ColStCor	9 MAP	1-3
16	Colour of stem epidermis	ColStEpi	9 MAP	1, 2, 3, or 4
17	Colour of stem exterior	ColStExt	9 MAP	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9
18	Colour of end branches of adult plant	CoEBran	9 MAP	3, 5, or 7
19	Growth habit of stem	GrHaSt	9 MAP	1 or 2
20	Distance between leaf scars	DisLeaSca	9 MAP	3, 5, or 7
21	Prominence of foliar scars	ProFoSca	9 MAP	3 or 5
22	Fruit	Frt	9 MAP	0 or 1
23	Levels of branching	LeBran	12 MAP	0, 1, 2 or 3
24	Branching habit	BranHab	12 MAP	1, 2, 3 or 4
25	Root constrictions	RoCons	12 MAP	1-3
26	Colour of root cortex	ColRoCor	12 MAP	1-4
27	Colour of root pulp	ColRoPu	12 MAP	1-5
28	External colour of storage root	ExColRo	12 MAP	1-4
29	Extent of root peduncle	ExRoPed	12 MAP	0, 3 or 5
30	Shape of plant	ShaPl	12 MAP	1-4
31	Root shape	RoSha	12 MAP	1-4
32	Texture of root epidermis	TexRoEpi	12 MAP	3, 5, or 7

¹ Each phenotypic trait had distinct phenotypes which were depicted by the values ranging from 0 to 9. Images associated with these scale values can be found in Fukuda et al. (2010). MAP = months after planting

e) Phenotypic Diversity Analyses

The morphological diversity of the core collection was assessed following two approaches. Traits distribution was determined using Microsoft Excel (2016) in the first approach. In the second approach, morphological data were subjected to Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) for identification of relevant traits contributing mostly to the germplasm diversity (Giles et al. 2018). From the MCA results, traits that presented the highest variability were used as active variables to perform cluster analysis for morphotypes identification within the germplasm using the Ward's method (Kawuki et al. 2011). The optimal number of clusters was determined using the distribution of the variance function methods. The morphological diversity of the germplasm was visualized by plotting the factors scores for individual genotype in the first factorial plan in order to assess the relationship among cultivars (Selamawit Abebe et al. 2021). Analyses were run in SAS version 9.4.

III. RESULTS

a) Descriptive Analysis of Morphological Traits

The variability observed for qualitative traits among cassava cultivars is given in figure 1. In all 37.58% cultivars showed purplish green colour, 22.82% had purple, 3.36% showed dark green and 36.24% had purplish green colour. About 45% of the cultivars had pubescence on apical leaves, while 55% had not (Figure 1). Approximately 25% of cultivars had yellowish green petioles, 22.82% purple petioles, 16.78% red petioles, 15.54% reddish-green petioles, 11.41% green petioles and 8.72% accessions showed greenish-red petioles (Figure 1). Nearly half of the cultivars (47.65%) had green leaf vein, 28.19% cultivars showed reddish-green leaf vein in less than half of the lobe, 13.42% had reddish-green leaf vein in more than half of the lobe and 10.74% had red leaf vein. Four morphotypes were observed in the germplasm based on the leaves colour. The first morphotype with dark green leaves was

represented by 51.68% of the cultivars, the second morphotype had light green leaves and was represented by 22.82% of the cultivars, the third morphotype exhibited purple green leaves and was represented by 14.76% of the cultivars and the fourth one had purple leaves was represented by 10.74% of the cultivars. The petioles of most cultivars in the collection were horizontal (50.34%), the irregular type was observed in 29.53% cultivars. 12.75% cultivars showed petioles inclined downwards while 7.38% cultivars had petioles inclined upward. About 40.27% accessions had lanceolate central leaflet, 32.88% had elliptic-lanceolate, 10.07% accessions had oblong-lanceolate central leaflet, 10.74% had obovate-lanceolate, 4.03% had ovoid, 0.67% had linear, 0.67% had pandurate and 0.67% had linear pandurate central leaflet (Figure 1). Most cultivars (66.44%) showed a winding lobe margin and 33.56% cultivars in the germplasm had a smooth lobe margin. In the germplasm, 61.07% cultivars had nine leaf lobes, 28.19% had seven leaf lobes, 8.05% had eleven and 2.69% five leaf lobes. For the leaves retention trait, 31.54% cultivars exhibited very poor leaf retention, 33.56% cultivars showed less than the average leaf retention, 19.46% exhibited average leaf retention while 15.44% cultivars exhibited better than average leaf retention (Figure 1).

With regards to stem related traits, 31.54% cultivars showed an upright growth habit of the stems, while the cultivars exhibiting a zigzag growth habit were observed in 68.46% cultivars. About 44% of the characterized cultivars had green end branches, 42.95% cultivars had green-purple and 12.75% had purple end branches. Four morphotypes were observed in the germplasm with regard to the stem epidermis colour (Figure 1). About 33.56% cultivars had light brown stem epidermis, 25.5% had dark brown, 24.83% had orange and 16.11% showed light-green stem epidermis. The colours of stem cortex observed were dark green (61.07% cultivars), orange (22.82% cultivars) and light green (16.11% cultivars). Approximately 30% cultivars had silver stem exterior, 17.45% had greenish-yellowish stem exterior, 14.17% showed gray stem, 12.08% orange stem, 10.74% dark brown stem, 9.39% light brown stem and 6.04% golden stem exterior. Majority of

the cultivars (63.09%) exhibited prominent foliar scars while 36.91% had semi- prominent foliar scars. The distance between leaf scars was short for 92.63% cultivars characterized, medium for 6.04% cultivars and long for 1.34% cultivars. About 69.80% of the cultivars had long stipules while 30.20% cultivars had short stipules. The stipule margin of 61.74% cultivars was split or forked and entire for 38.26% cultivars (Figure 1).

Differences in the flowering ability among cultivars were observed. About 50% of the cultivars produced flowers while remaining did not flower. At harvest, seeds were observed on 42.28% of cultivars. Cultivars exhibiting zero level of branching (47%) and three level of branching (34.23%) were predominant. About 60.40% cultivars showed trichotomous branching habit, 26.85% cultivars showed dichotomous type, 8 cultivars had tetrachotomous type while only 4 cultivars showed an erect type. Cassava cultivars examined phenotypically based on their plant shape exhibited variation with umbrella (39.60% cultivars), compact (33.56%), open (12.64%) and cylindrical (6.04%) shapes. (Figure 1)

At harvest, the external colour of storage root also exhibited variation with dark brown (40.82%), light brown (35.37%), yellow (12.93%), and white or cream (10.88%) colours. The root cortex colour showed high variability among cultivars and four morphotypes were observed. Majority (49.0%) had white or cream root cortex colour, followed by yellow (22.2%), pink (11.1%) and purple (8.9%) colours. Root epidermis was white or cream for 47.62% cultivars, yellow (18%), pink (20.41%) and purple (6.52%). Based on the colour of root pulp cultivars exhibited variation with cream (48.98%), yellow (30.61%), white (14.29%), and pink (6.12%) colours. In the germplasm, 69% cultivars had conical cylindrical root shape, 18.37% cylindrical, 9.52% conical and 3.4% had irregular root shape. Cultivars with few (50.34%) and some (30.61%) root constrictions were predominant. Majority of the cultivars (77.55%) had sessile roots, whereas 14.29% had pedunculate roots. The mixed type was recorded on 8.16% of the cultivars. The texture of root epidermis exhibited variation with rough (33.33%), smooth (34%), and intermediate (32.65%) textures. (Figure 1).

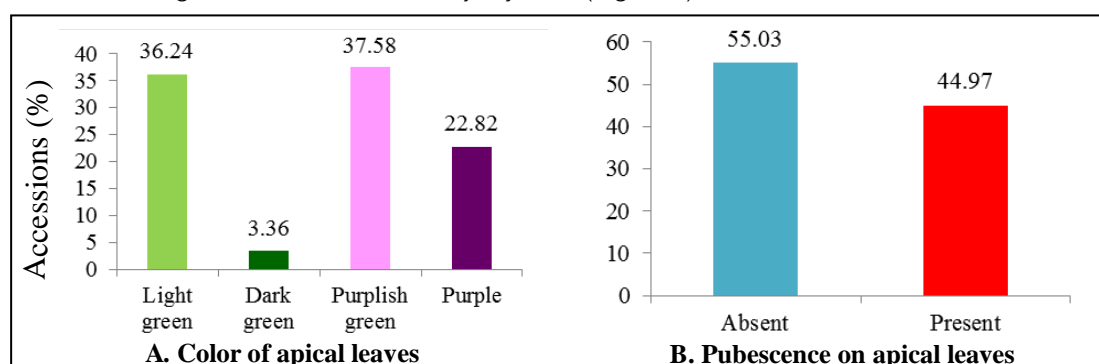


Figure 1: Frequency Distribution of 149 Cassava Cultivars based on Morphological Traits

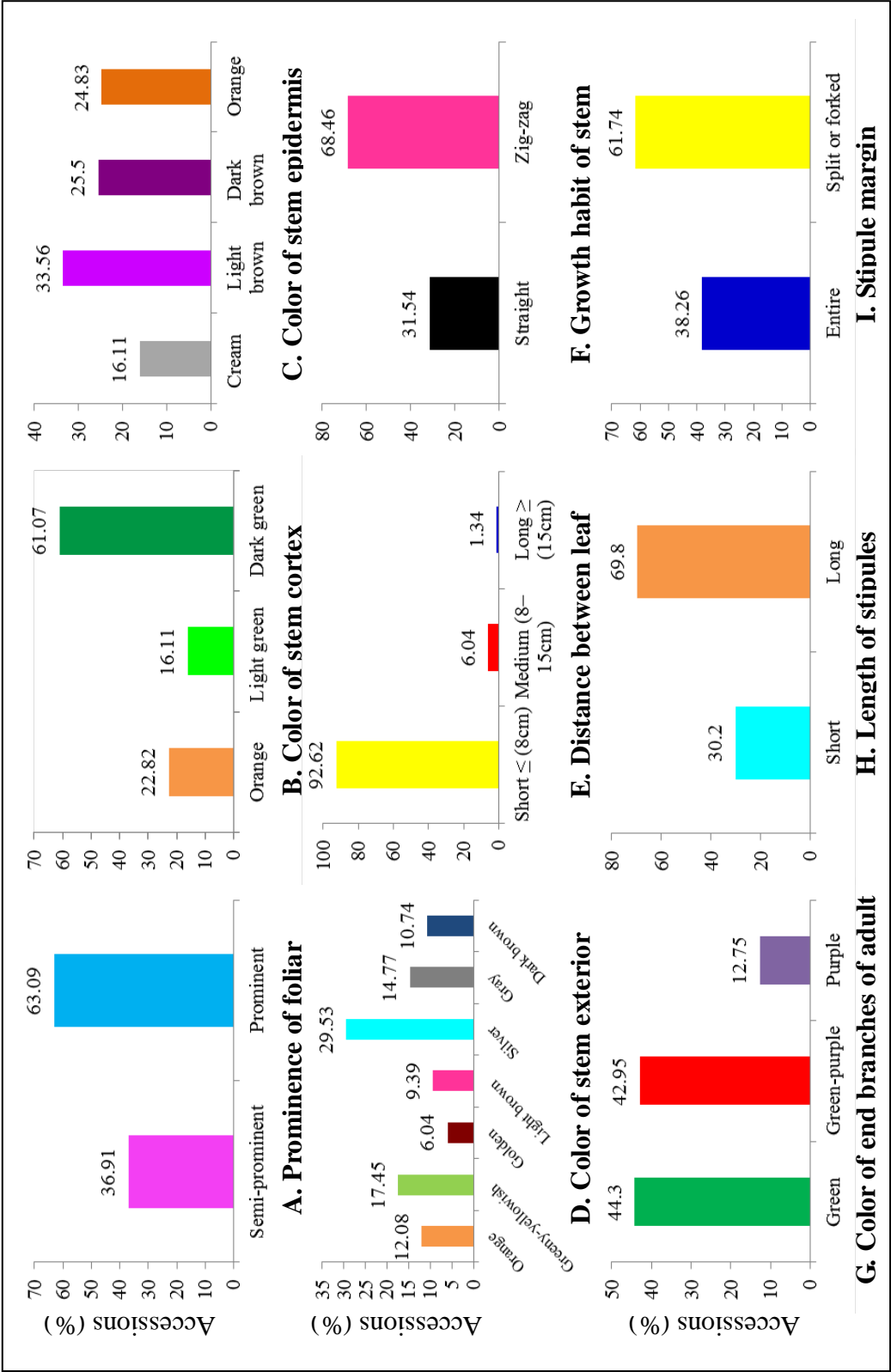


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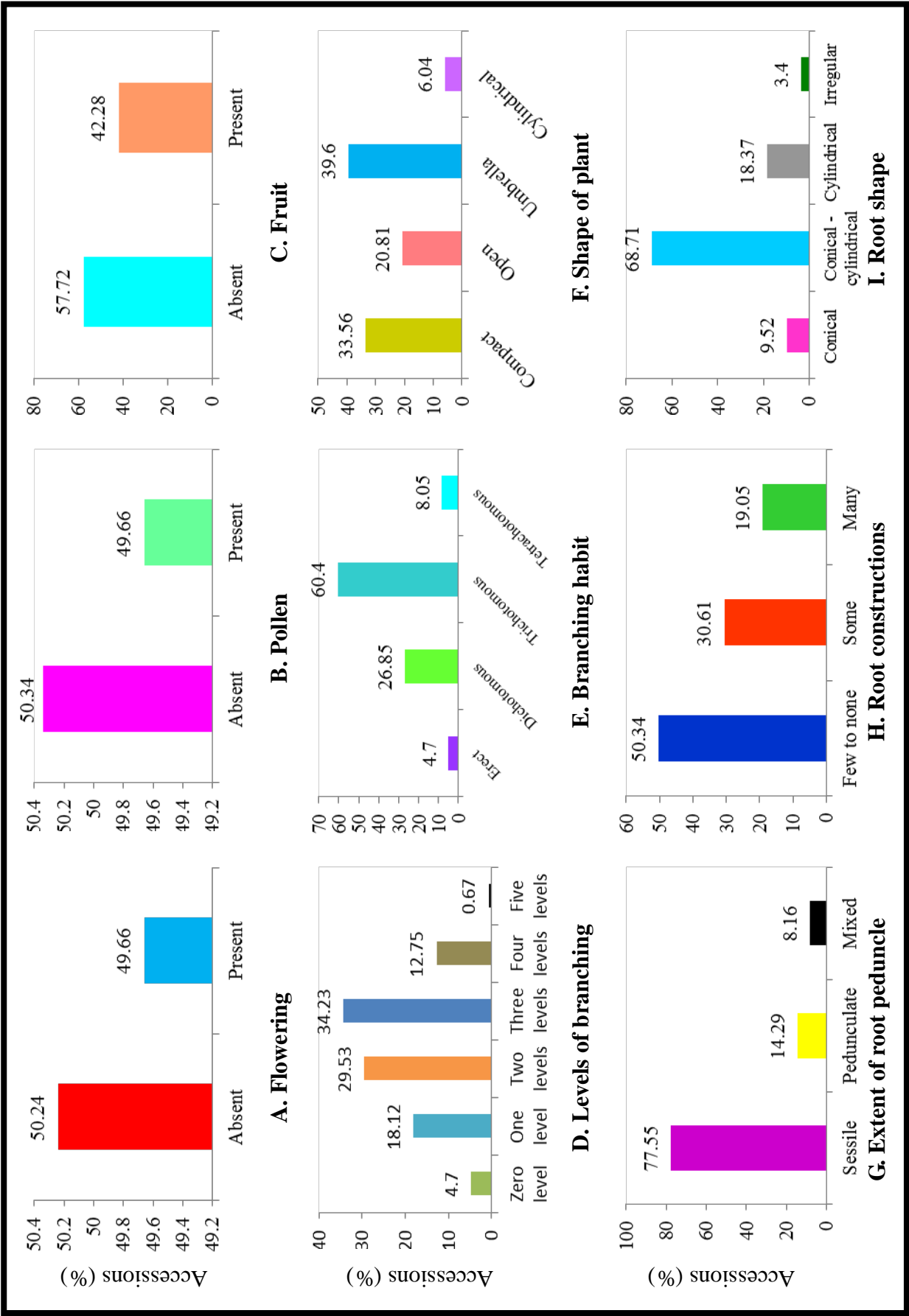


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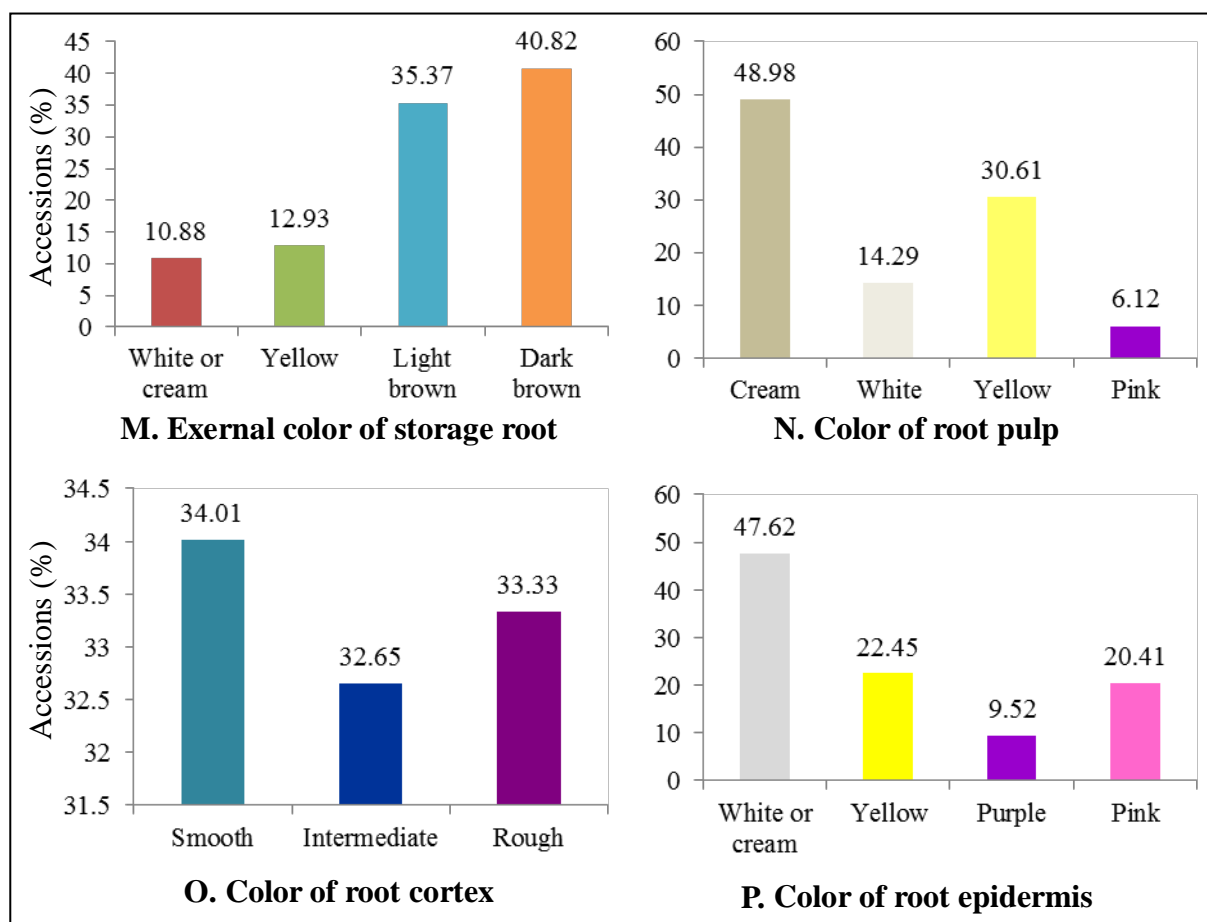


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b) *Diversity Among Cultivars and Differentiation based on Morphological Traits*

i. *Significant traits describing the germplasm diversity*

The objective of Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA) is to provide interpretable visualization of complex variable space. The meaning given to the axes and analysis of proximities between traits and conditions are usually made from the factorial planes. Thus, the first factorial plan and the factors having eigenvalue greater than one were retained. On the basis of this criterion, the first 11 factors with an eigenvalue greater than one were significant and therefore retained for the subsequent analyses (Table 3). These first eleven factors (Fs) explained 68.14% of the morphological variability among cultivars.

Factor 1 with an eigenvalue of 5.17 and accounted for 16.16% of the morphological variability. This factor was strongly correlated with petiole colour, leaf colour, colour of leaf vein, flowering and seed set ability and the levels of branching. Factor 2 with an eigenvalue of 3, explained 9.40% of the total variation, and was positively defined by leaves colour of end branches, color of stem epidermis, leaf lobe margin and

the growth habit of stem. Factor 3 represented by traits such the colour of stem exterior and color of stem cortex, had an eigenvalue of 2.5, and explained 7.81% of the divergence among cultivars. Factor 4 with an eigenvalue of 1.73 correlated with leaf retention and color of apical leaf. Factor 5 with an eigenvalue of 1.71 was related mainly to the distance between leaf scars. In Factor 6, shape of central leaflet and pubescence on apical leaves were the main traits, while the extent of root peduncle was most important trait in factor 7. In factor 8, the most important traits describing the germplasm variability were the stipule length and the prominence of foliar scars. Factor 9 with an eigenvalue of 1.26, contribute 3.95% of the total variability and was mainly related to the stipule margin. Factor 10 was mainly represented by the orientation of petioles, plante shape and the color of root cortex while factor 11 was represented by the colour of root pulp (Table 3).

Table 3: Eigen values, proportion of variation and contribution associated with the axes of the MCA of 32 qualitative traits

	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9	F10	F11
Eigenvalue	5.172	3.000	2.502	1.734	1.718	1.508	1.394	1.362	1.265	1.148	1.003
Variability (%)	16.161	9.375	7.817	5.419	5.369	4.714	4.356	4.256	3.953	3.586	3.134
Cumulative %	16.161	25.536	33.353	38.773	44.142	48.855	53.211	57.467	61.420	65.007	68.141
ColApLea ¹	0.053	0.122	0.001	<u>0.287</u>	0.006	0.010	0.016	0.040	0.037	0.051	0.068
PubApLea ²	0.001	0.019	0.091	0.040	0.001	<u>0.180</u>	0.047	0.146	0.016	0.003	0.009
LeaRet ³	0.024	0.122	0.000	<u>0.298</u>	0.028	0.019	0.117	0.018	0.029	0.012	0.027
ShaCeLea ⁴	0.001	0.000	0.049	0.047	0.020	<u>0.230</u>	0.034	0.053	0.052	0.025	0.021
PetCol ⁵	<u>0.494</u>	0.235	0.028	0.002	0.005	0.003	0.039	0.001	0.001	0.012	0.002
LeaCol ⁶	0.426	0.282	0.003	0.000	0.001	0.043	0.013	0.010	0.015	0.031	0.000
NuLeaLob ⁷	0.352	0.005	0.036	0.001	0.018	0.159	0.038	0.012	0.058	0.000	0.006
LobMar ⁸	0.003	<u>0.187</u>	0.000	0.016	0.142	0.023	0.007	0.021	0.149	0.003	0.001
ColLeaVei ⁹	<u>0.409</u>	0.352	0.002	0.000	0.015	0.027	0.012	0.008	0.017	0.016	0.008
OrPet ¹⁰	0.014	0.142	0.061	0.023	0.001	0.027	0.146	0.008	0.000	<u>0.215</u>	0.013
Flow ¹¹	<u>0.714</u>	0.095	0.013	0.042	0.000	0.004	0.003	0.013	0.000	0.007	0.017
Pol ¹²	<u>0.714</u>	0.095	0.013	0.042	0.000	0.004	0.003	0.013	0.000	0.007	0.017
Fru ¹³	0.635	0.082	0.012	0.065	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.022	0.000	0.001	0.007
ProFoSca ¹⁴	0.104	0.001	0.001	0.000	0.072	0.148	0.000	<u>0.224</u>	0.036	0.065	0.003
ColSteCor ¹⁵	0.113	0.084	<u>0.232</u>	0.028	0.101	0.107	0.047	0.047	0.034	0.001	0.000
ColSteEpi ¹⁶	0.014	<u>0.187</u>	0.018	0.021	0.086	0.173	0.001	0.005	0.009	0.057	0.013
ColSteExt ¹⁷	0.016	0.079	<u>0.301</u>	0.039	0.154	0.038	0.017	0.036	0.012	0.010	0.001

¹Colour of apical leaves, ²Pubescence on apical leaves, ³Leaf retention, ⁴Shape of central leaflet, ⁵Petiole Colour, ⁶Leaf color, ⁷Number of leaf lobes, ⁸Lobe margin, ⁹Colour of leaf vein, ¹⁰Orientation of petiole, ¹¹Flowering ability, ¹²Pollen, ¹³Fruit, ¹⁴Prominence of foliar scars, ¹⁵Color of stem cortex, ¹⁶ Colour of stem epidermis, ¹⁷Colour of stem exterior. Traits that contributed most to the morphological variation of a particular factor are in bold and underlined

Table 3: Continued: Eigen values, proportion of variation and contribution associated with the axes of the MCA of 32 qualitative traits

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DisLeaSca ¹⁸	0.105	0.001	0.010	0.061	<u>0.189</u>	0.009	0.023	0.052	0.085	0.052	0.042
GroHaSte ¹⁹	0.036	<u>0.179</u>	0.025	0.002	0.028	0.011	0.105	0.070	0.031	0.000	0.031
ColBrAdPI ²⁰	0.275	<u>0.319</u>	0.006	0.074	0.045	0.011	0.048	0.007	0.002	0.001	0.012
LenSti ²¹	0.058	0.020	0.061	0.096	0.005	0.002	0.019	<u>0.243</u>	0.011	0.002	0.081
StiMar ²²	0.007	0.000	0.021	0.031	0.018	0.005	0.110	0.001	<u>0.489</u>	0.055	0.016
LevBran ²³	<u>0.211</u>	0.193	0.022	0.073	0.143	0.000	0.029	0.002	0.039	0.000	0.002
BraHab ²⁴	0.048	0.015	<u>0.179</u>	0.052	0.054	0.139	0.008	0.007	0.001	0.017	0.076
ShaPI ²⁵	0.085	0.087	0.044	0.161	0.016	0.011	0.004	0.018	0.000	<u>0.198</u>	0.044
ExRoPed ²⁶	0.004	0.002	0.121	0.000	0.093	0.044	<u>0.233</u>	0.046	0.000	0.003	0.028
RoConst ²⁷	0.003	0.035	0.082	<u>0.179</u>	0.016	0.009	0.048	0.054	0.000	0.025	0.103
RoSha ²⁸	0.003	0.008	<u>0.244</u>	0.011	0.000	0.025	0.013	0.008	0.054	0.026	0.000
ExtColRo ²⁹	0.001	0.022	<u>0.428</u>	0.000	0.135	0.003	0.081	0.032	0.009	0.049	0.001

ColRoPul ³⁰	0.120	0.001	0.051	0.036	0.006	0.038	0.008	0.017	0.038	0.051	0.239
ColRoCor ³¹	0.117	0.020	0.041	0.005	0.148	0.004	0.111	0.009	0.036	0.151	0.092
TexRoEpi ³²	0.014	0.009	0.308	0.001	0.168	0.000	0.009	0.117	0.005	0.003	0.021

¹⁸Distance between leaf scars, ¹⁹Growth habit of stem, ²⁰Colour of end branches of adult plant, ²¹Length of stipule, ²²Stipule margin, ²³Levels of branching, ²⁴Branching habit, ²⁵Shape of plant, ²⁶Extent of root peduncle, ²⁷Root constrictions, ²⁸Root shape, ²⁹External colour of storage root, ³⁰Colour of root pulp, ³¹Colour of root cortex, ³²Texture of root epidermis. Traits that contributed most to the morphological variation of a particular component are in bold and underlined.

c) Structure of the Germplasm Diversity

Factor 1 is positively correlated to the flowering and seed set ability and negatively correlated to the leaf colour, while factor 2 is positively correlated to the end branches colour, stem epidermis colour, leaf lobe margin, and the growth habit of stem (Figure 2). With regard to figure 2, four morphotypes were distinguished.

Morphotypes 1 and 2 exhibited good flowering and seed set ability but differed in terms of the end branches colour, stem epidermis colour, and growth habit of stem. The varieties belonging to morphotype 3 and 4 did not flower and differed in terms of the colour of the end branches, stem epidermis and the leaf lobe margin.

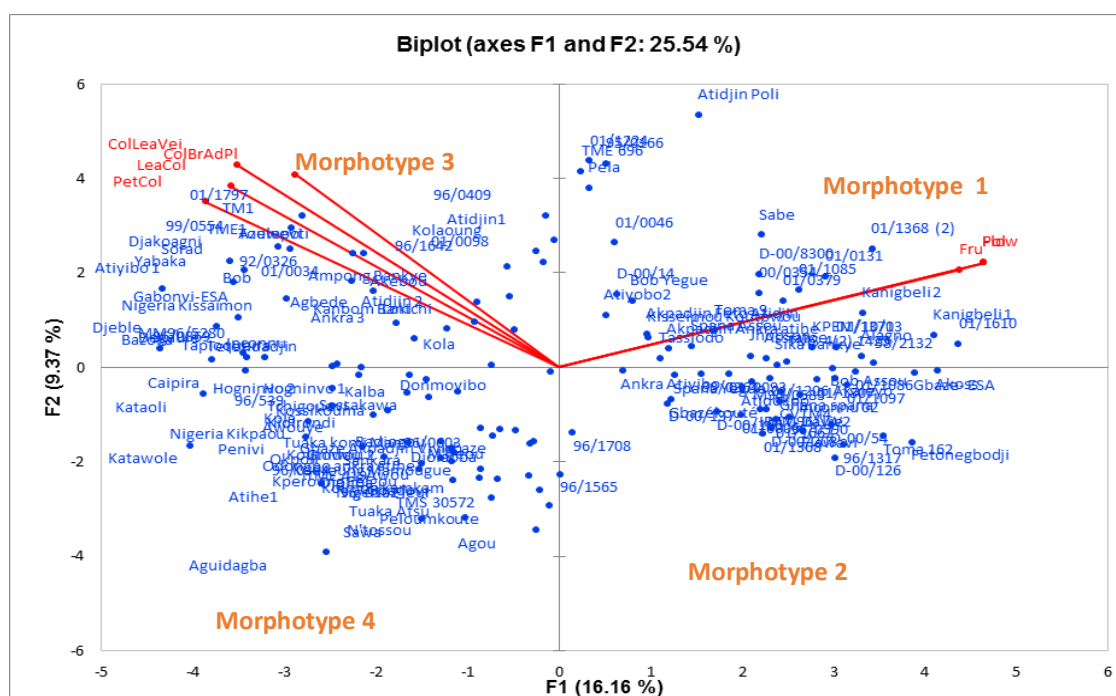


Figure 2: Component patterns of the MCA based upon factor 1 and 2 using significant phenotypic traits observed on 149 cassava cultivars of Togo

From the cluster analysis, the variance distribution function revealed that the optimal number of clusters was seven, with within class variance of 53.7 (Figure 3). Thus, the varieties were clustered into seven morphotypes (Figure 4). Morphotype 1 was composed of 137 varieties among which 53 were improved varieties, while remaining were landraces. Morphotype 1 is made of unflowering and unbranching cultivars with greenish-red petioles (Figure 4 and 5). Morphotype 2 was composed of 3 varieties (TMS 01_0379, Akoss, Kolaoung) exhibiting ovoid central leaflet, purple leaves, reddish green leaf vein, light green stem cortex, greenish-yellowish stem exterior, three levels of branching, dichotomous branching habit, conical root, cream root pulp, good flowering and seed set ability. Morphotype 3

composed of cultivar Akaleyo was considered as outlier. The fourth morphotype comprised of cultivars Akebou, Akpadjin and Tassiodo is characterized by red petioles, obovate-lanceolate central leaflet, compact plants, pink root cortex, white root pulp and bad seed set ability; whereas cultivars belonging to morphotype 5 (Alagno, Pela) exhibited good leaf retention, irregularly shaped roots, many root constrictions, good flowering and seed set abilities (Figure 4 and 5). In morphotype 6, there were 8 cultivars (D00_126, Inconnu 2, D00_137, D00_208, D00_14, D00_54, D00_166 and D00_8300) with sessile peduncle root, conical cylindrical root, orange root pulp, short distance between leaf scars, good flowering and seed set ability. The morphotype 7

composed of cultivar TMS 96_0590 exhibited dark green apical leaves, cream stem epidermis, two levels of

branching, good flowering and seed set ability (Figure 4 and 5).

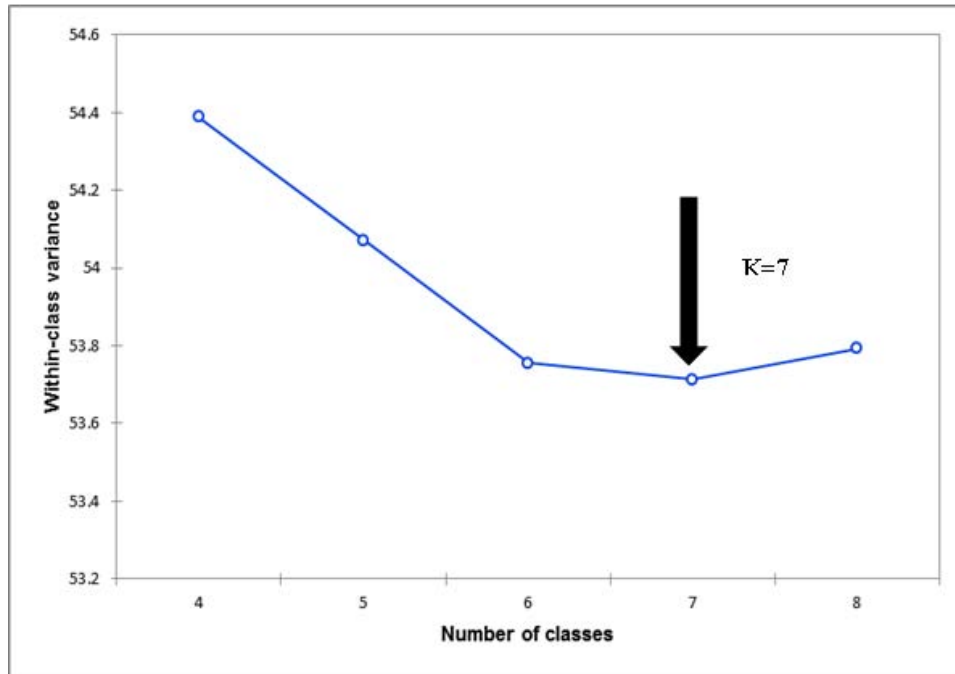


Figure 3: Distribution of the variance function according to the number of clusters obtained from cluster analysis based on significant morphological traits

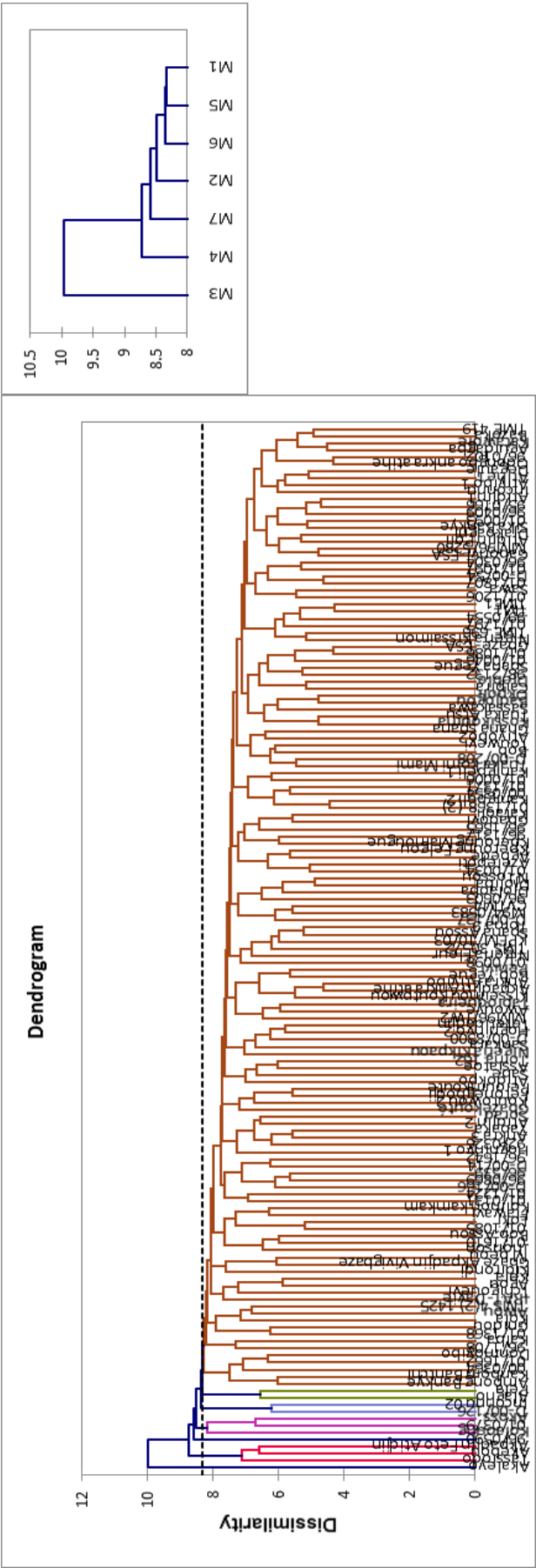


Figure 4: Dendrogram of 149 cassava genotypes revealed by the Wards method based on significant morphological traits

From left to right of the dendrogram the Morphotype 3, Morphotype 4, Morphotype 7, Morphotype 2, Morphotype 6, and Morphotype 5 are respectively represented.



IV. DISCUSSION

a) *Morphological Diversity of the Germplasm*

Phenotyping of plant materials based on morphological traits has been used to determine the phenotypic variability among cultivars (Avijala et al., 2015; Agre et al., 2015; Adjebeng-Danquah & Gracen, 2020). The use of these traits allows rapid identification of cultivars. In addition, morphological traits are found to be stable, highly heritable and independent from the environment (Fukuda et al., 2010). However, molecular characterization may allow a more accurate detection of differences between germplasm bank cultivars than morphological characterization.

In our study, substantial variation was observed within the germplasm. Traits such as petiole colour, leaf colour, colour of leaf vein, flowering ability, seed set ability, levels of branching, colour of end branches, colour of stem epidermis, leaf lobe margins, growth habit of stem, and root flesh colour were underscored as the most relevant traits for cultivars discrimination. Genetic variability for morphological traits has been reported in different studies in Ghana (Asare et al., 2011; Adjebeng-Danquah & Gracen, 2017); in Benin (Agre et al., 2017), in Burkina Faso (Gmakouba et al., 2018) and in Brazil (Oliveira et al., 2015).

Root flesh colour is a trait with great importance for cassava because of dietary habits of Togolese. Moreover, this trait is directly related to the presence of vitamin. Orange varieties are rich in carotenoids (provitamin A) (Kamanda et al., 2020). Low occurrence was found for yellow root colour and pink root colour varieties, which possibly have lycopene in their roots.

b) *Structure of the Germplasm Diversity*

Cluster analysis classified the varieties into seven morphotypes, showing random distribution of the varieties. The fact that cassava is an outcrossing crop which can propagate vegetatively could explain this result. This facilitates the dispersion of varieties the exchange among farmers and, consequently, the exchange of genes (Agre et al., 2017). The main factor involved in the high diversity found may be gene flow promoted by farmers, who have acted as a dispersing agents for the species. An intense exchange system of varieties has been documented among farmers growing cassava.

The germplasm bank cultivars were not grouped based on the geographical origin distribution. Cultivars collected from place such as Vogan, Wetropé, Akebou, Danyi, Aouda, Davié, and Assoukoko were clustered in morphotype 1. Likewise cultivars from Bafilo, Assoukoko, Danyi, and Bourondè were also clustered together in morphotype 2. The remaining clusters also included cultivars from different collection regions. The informal farmers to farmers seed supply system practiced in the country could explained this

result. This agrees with earlier studies on cassava (Ojulong et al., 2010; Sing et al., 2015; Adjebeng-Danquah & Gracen, 2017, Gmakouba et al., 2018). In addition, the cassava cultivars collected from the same region were clustered into different morphotypes which suggest a high genetic diversity within each collection area. Similar findings were also reported by Agre et al. (2017) in Bénin. Moreover, there was no clear differentiation and real structuring between local and improved varieties in this study as also reported by Kombo et al. (2012).

Morphotypes identified may be valuable in cassava germplasm management and cultivars identification. Especially, the varieties belonging to morphotypes 5, 6 and morphotype 7 might be most desirable for breeding due to their good flowering and seed set ability and adaptability to environmental conditions. These cultivars could be used to set up crossing blocks in order to develop segregating breeding lines with farmers desired traits.

V. CONCLUSIONS

The study revealed that the cassava germplasm of Togo exhibited high phenotypic diversity. Morphological traits such as petiole colour, leaf colour, colour of leaf vein, flowering ability, seed set ability, levels of branching, colour of end branches, colour of stem epidermis, leaf lobe margins and the growth habit of stem were the most diverse and could be used for cultivar identification in the field. The varieties of morphotypes 5, 6 and 7 harboured interesting features such as flowering and seed set ability and may be useful for the national breeding programme. For breeding purpose, superior parental clones could be selected from these morphotypes for crossing and generating a breeding population.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Origin of life consciousness is a great puzzle, life appears with the streaming of the protoplasm and disappears with aging of the cell body. I have traced the roots of life consciousness in pre-cosmic condition. The phonon wave appeared first and activated the dark matter with blast and light. The phonon and photon run parallel with equal and opposite wavelength. The purine and pyrimidine base differing only in Nitrogen shed like bullet with incandescent gaseous clouds with phonon photon interaction with the vibrations. The electrostatic force governs the motion of the elementary particles, which caused them to aggregate or collide in various ways with oxidation and reduction with the transfer of electrons in the primordial soup. It has activated the purine and the pyrimidine complementary base pair with resonance.

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II. EARLY WORK

The Russian Chemist A.I. Oparin 1922 and English Geneticist J.B.S. Haldane 1928 first conceived of the theory of the pre-biotic origin of life. DNA Watson and Crick 1953, Darwin Origin of Species 1859, Life evolved from the single DNA with Genetic recombination and cell division. How did the first Life begin? NASA researchers noticed polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in meteorites. Extra hydrogen or oxygen called Quinone has the potential for the origin of life.

Higgs field 1914, phonon scattered the photon in a crystal Lie et al 2014, Einstein 1923 there must be two equal and opposite forces. The photon is the smallest unit of light, and immortal phonon is smallest unit of the sound wave vibration are connected at the molecular level with equal and opposite wavelength.

The DNA with photon-phonon interaction is universally present. Hence its complimentary resonant wave blackouts radio communications on the earth and the protons damage human beings in space if not protected properly. Because the entry of radiation rays with protons checked by the magnetosphere and ozone layer and complimentary resonance finds its counterpart protons astronaut human in space.

a) Life on the Earth

The incandescent gaseous cloud cooled down with time and the movement of the molten mass generated the geomagnetic field and magnetosphere around the earth has given the place for the ionization of the solar flares trapped by the magnetosphere and interacts with the sun's magnetic field. The ions flow down and filled the earth with the water.

b) Ozone Layer

Stratospheric ozone is formed naturally through the interaction of solar ultraviolet (UV) radiation with molecular oxygen (O₂). Ozone absorbs the toxic UV rays with the entry of visible light, it has given the way for the origin of life on the earth.

III. THEORY

I have traced its root in pre-cosmic cosmology and the sun.

The earth is a part of our solar system, which is one unit of the cosmos. The human body is a microcosm inside a macrocosm. All can be searched just like a drop of water in the sea can reveal the character of the ocean I have studied the sun with the naked eyes with my yogic practice otherwise it is impossible to face the sun even for a second with confirmation from Egypt Rosetta granite stone, pyramids of the Egypt, Gold plate Grand Canyon North. America, NASA pictures & Veda,

I have observed the nuclear reactions on the sun's surface with blast and light. The photon and phonon run in a straight way in concentric circles. It has been confirmed from the Sun disc gold plate Grand Canyon and Veda.

The digitally stacked sequence reveals that the photon and phonon running in concentric circles from the sun Grand Canyon Star Trails NASA - March 3, 2013. The Scientists are searching the Dark matter, is

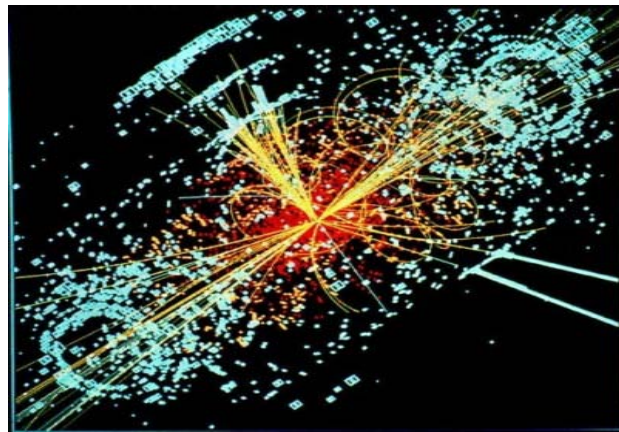
not a matter. The dark atmosphere is hidden in the interior of the sun, black caters and sunspots, which explode with blast and light.

The shock waves are antimagnetic, white, and travel with supersonic speed, and dark matter is an inactive condensed zone of magnetism without movement, just like a waste. The shock waves are 'anti-matter of dark matter, immortal with opposite character. It appears first in the pre-cosmic darkness like the shock waves appear before the earthquake, and activated the dark matter with resonance with blast and light. The photon and phonon are complementary to each other.

The activation of dark matter is activation of inherent magnetism in cosmos, with formation of charged elementary particles. The electrostatic force is the force which governs the motion of the elementary particles, which caused them to aggregate or collide in various ways with oxidation and reduction with the transfer of electron.

The photon and phonon have broad complementary spectrum from gamma rays to radio waves with equal and opposite wavelength. The immortal phonon stimulate the event with electron configuration and half-spin change in the opposite wavelength and photon undergoes the synthesis and degradation with time Einstein's Equation $E=Mc^2$.

The flow of the photon and phonon has been halted with the Higgs field underlying space imparted mass to the elementary particles.



Higgs Field and Mass to the Elementary Particles

All elementary particles are vibrating with the resonance of vibration and their respective charge. They are complementary to each other from gamma rays to radio waves. They find their resonant with resonance. The resonant vibrations of electromagnetic rays, touch, press-mark, and rebound. The colliding protons, decaying into hadron jets and electrons, converted them into electric vibrations to join them in series with phonic compression electromagnetic force. It has maintained its continuity in the molecules and the matter with Higgs field 2013 with asteroids and planets.

IV. DISCUSSION

All elementary particles are vibrating with the resonance of vibration and their respective charge. They are complementary to each other from gamma rays to radio waves. They find their resonant with resonance. The phonon touch press mark and rebound with electron configuration and the half spin change in the opposite wavelength, and the photon undergoes the synthesis and degradation with time Einstein's

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The first life arose in the primordial soup with the streaming movement of the charged ions in the colloidal solution. The respective complementary wavelength of the charged ions caused them to vibrate with streaming

The vibratory movement of the ions with streaming developed a dynamo in the center with actions and interactions in series with electron transfer and photon undergoes synthesis and degradation with time.

The electron transfer is associated with the oxidation loss of an electron and reduction gain of electron in anaerobic condition. The electrostatic interaction between the charged ions developed

dynamo in the center with the electromagnetic field. The vibration waves activated the equal and opposite wavelengths of purine and pyrimidine base differing only in Nitrogen. The elementary particles adhered to space, the sound of vibration, touched, press the mark, and rebound. The colliding protons, decaying into hadron jets and electrons, converted them into electric vibrations to join them in series with electron configuration and half spin change in the opposite wavelength.

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Ultra resolution image of DNA with Electron transfer

The phonon wave strike and rebound with a press mark with the electron configuration in the opposite direction of hydrogen triple bond, it triggered off the chain of oxidation and reduction reaction, and the hydrogen triple bond converted into double bond and Nitrogen reunite it on the other side simultaneously.

The equal and opposite wavelength of hydrogen triple bond led the development with electron transfer. With the first genetic code and amino acid in

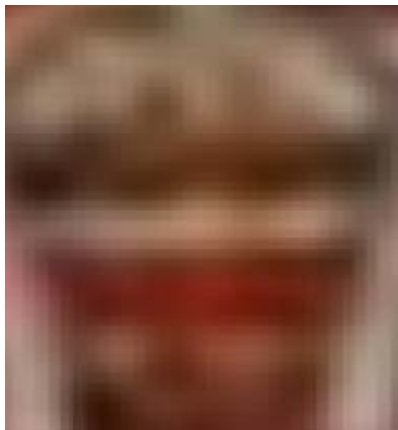
series synthesized the chromosomes. The chromosomes divided into four with first prokaryotic cell. Life appears with the streaming of protoplasm with the food metabolism as source of life and disappears with aging and death of the cell body. The complementary wavelength of hydrogen triple bond of the nucleotide pair led the development from generation to generation with new life.



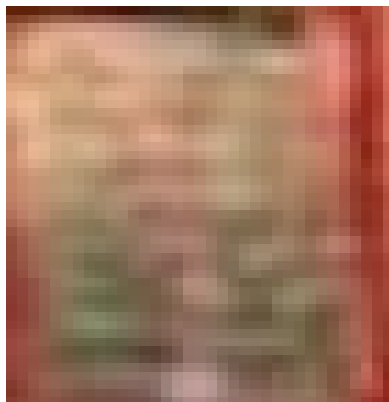
T Nucleotides Divide in air Like Image in the Mirror with Electron Transfer

The equal and the opposite wavelength of hydrogen triple bond led the development with electron transfer in series and the hydrogen triple converted into double bond and reunited in the opposite direction simultaneously with Nitrogen in series as identity of the individual cell with equal and opposite wavelength. Hence, even the time twins have different genetic identity and fate in life.

The prokaryotes evolved into the eukaryotic autotrophic cell with the entry of the red wavelength of light made apparent the three places of nucleotide pair with the photosynthesis and generation of immortal chemical energy. The immortal phonon wave follows the immortal DNA from generation to generation with new life and cell division.



At the Point of Two Different DNA the Complementary Phonon Wave Strike and Rebound with Generation of Triplet code in air with Electron Configuration and Half Spin Change in the Opposite Wavelength



The Complementary Wavelength Led the Development Vigorously



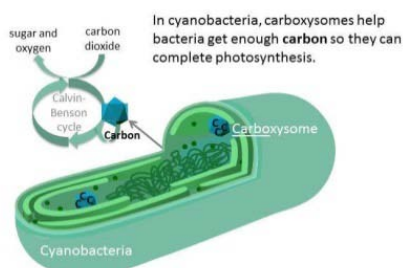
The Triplet Genetic Code of DNA Divides in Chain with Never Breaking Nitrogen

The complementary phonon wavelength acts as antennae and speaker to execute the functions of life, It led the development with the synthesis of amino acids and proteins in chain to synthesize the chromosome pair with the first prokaryote.

The Hydrogen triple bond Nitrogen triple bond with oxidation and reduction separate and unite simultaneously on other side, with oxidation the hydrogen bond break and Nitrogen reunite it on other side, due to this the double helix chain never break.

V. RESULT AND CONCLUSION

The entry of the Red wavelength of light through the plasma membrane activated the place of the chlorophyll pigment on the DNA.



The first prokaryotic cell with an incipient nucleus maintained its continuity with cell division, and immortal phonon follow it from generation to generation with new life.

The entry of the Red wavelength of light through the plasma membrane activated the place of the chlorophyll pigment on the DNA as source of life with food metabolism.

It has given double horsepower to the developing cells and the prokaryotic autotrophic cell evolved into the eukaryotic cell and moved on the path of evolution with genetic recombination and cell division with the hereditary characters and the complementary phonon wave follow it from the generation to generation with new life as hereditary life principle.

Life appears with the streaming of the protoplasmic vibrations with food metabolism and disappears with the aging of the cell body.

It is like this that all the rotating astronomical bodies rotate at their axis with the generation of the dynamo in the centre with the magnetic field and the magnetosphere around them. In the same fashion, the streaming of the protoplasm with the nucleus in the centre generates dynamo in the centre with a magnetic field and magnetosphere but is hard to detect, which disappears with death, aging of the cell body.

The purine and the pyrimidine base pair of DNA differing only in Nitrogen have shed from the Nebula with the cosmological event. It divides in the air just like the image in the mirror. The Purine and pyrimidine base

pair of the DNA has an inbuilt mechanism for the transcription and translation with time, with three immortal and three stages of life. The three immortals are, 1- the Higgs field ensign of the existence, 2- the immortal chemical energy of photosynthesis, with food metabolism is the source of life. 3. The immortal DNA with resonant vibrations light of life for all.

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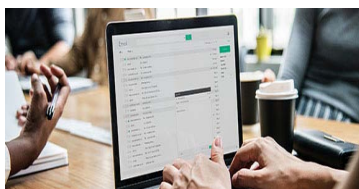
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