



# Evaluation of Bush Type Common Bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) Genotypes for Morphological Characters and Anthracnose under Cold Arid Ladakh Conditions

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## ABSTRACT

In the present study 25 bush type common bean genotypes were evaluated for their adaptability, performance of yield, maturity and anthracnose disease. Among 25 genotypes, ten were red in colour, five were brown in colour, four genotypes were white, two purple and one each was black, pink, yellow and chocolate in colour. For seed shape, 16 genotypes were kidney shaped, 3 were oval, cylindrical and cuboidal. For seed coat pattern, 19 genotypes were plain and 6 were mottled. Seed size revealed that out of 25 genotypes, 6 were large, 17 were medium and two were small. Out of 25 genotypes, 14 were having green colour pods, 10 were yellow and one light green in colour. The pod curvature revealed that 15 genotypes were having medium pod curvature, 7 were curved and 3 genotypes were having straight pod curvature. WB-185 was earliest to flower, whereas WB-956 was earliest to maturity. Highest pod length was recorded in WB-185 where as lowest was recorded in local Ladakh and WB-257. Maximum seeds per pod were recorded in genotype WB-185 whereas minimum seeds per pods were recorded in WB-956. Highest plant height was recorded in genotype WB-1690. Highest value for 100 seed weight was recorded in WB-966 and lowest value was recorded in WB-6. Highest yield per plant was recorded in WB-185 and lowest yield per plant was recorded in WB-1129. Analysis of variance revealed that the genotypes exhibited significant variability for all the traits. Screening of genotypes against anthracnose revealed that maximum disease incidence was shown by WB-1690 followed by WB-257, WB-1643, WB-956 and WB-1129. Maximum disease intensity was shown by WB-1690 while lowest disease intensity was recorded in WB-719.

**Key words:** Anthracnose, Common bean, Maturity, Screening, Yield.

## INTRODUCTION

Ladakh which is wide spread over 80,000 square kilometres being the cold arid, high altitude region of India has a very harsh climate and a short agriculture season. Nearly 89% of people live in rural areas. The villages are remote, unconnected and inaccessible. Agriculture in this region is different from that in other rural areas of India, since farming can be done only for four to five months. Further, the soil suffers from moisture stress. There are socio-economic constraints as well- small land holdings, low productivity, labour shortage, poor post-harvest management and marketing of produce. The region remains landlocked for over six months in a year due to heavy snow fall. Most of the population (>70%) of the region belongs to schedule tribe and are left with a limited period of a year to earn their livelihood. Availability of locally grown fresh vegetables is restricted to summer months and therefore, there are seasonal differences in dietary intake of food. The availability of fresh vegetable decreases significantly during the winter months, so here is great scope of pulses during harsh winter months. In winter when no fresh vegetables are available in Ladakh, Common bean can be used in diet. Wheat and alfalfa are major crops of the Ladakh region and pulses are grown on just 300 hectares with a meagre productivity of 585 kgs/ha (CRIDA, 2012). Common bean is regarded as a nearly perfect food as it contains balanced mixture of different nutrients that promote better health and fight certain

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diseases. However, due to disappointingly low yield of pulses, they have become less competitive and people mostly prefer wheat and other crops. Therefore, in order to diversify the farming system, it is essential to identify high yielding varieties of common bean that can perform better under Ladakh conditions. This would require characterisation of germplasm for its adaptability and yielding ability in Ladakh.

Common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) also known as Rajmash or Rajma (Hindi) or haricot bean or kidney bean or Common bean or snap bean is an important grain legume

in human consumption in the whole world. Due to its importance, researchers around the world for many years have been developing new improved varieties from the many useful landraces present (Broughton *et al.* 2003; Munda, 2009). Common bean have growth habits which vary from determinate dwarf or bush types to indeterminate climbing (Kelly, 2010) and can be grown as a vegetable crop for fresh pods and leaves, or for dry seed. Furthermore, Common bean is important because it plays a role in improving soil fertility through nitrogen fixation. When used in crop rotation or intercropped with cereals it disrupts the life cycle of soil pathogens in an event where soil pathogens are present and supplies nitrogen to the cereal crop (Akibode and Maredia, 2011). Although there has been increase in bean production due to expansion into marginal agricultural lands, productivity has not shown any encouraging improvements. Typical bean yields obtained on farmers fields are only 20% to 30% of the genetic potential of improved varieties (Wortman *et al.* 1998). One of the reasons for low productivity is lack of effective disease management practices including lack of disease resistant cultivars. The development of cultivars with improved resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses has long been a primary goal for many bean breeding programs (Miklas *et al.* 2006). Among constraints, bean anthracnose disease caused by *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* (Sacc. and Magnus) Briosi and Cavara is one of the most devastating seed-borne diseases of Common bean. Since this pathogen overwinters inside bean seeds hence the losses can be 100% when badly contaminated seed is planted under conditions favourable for disease development (cool and wet weather) (Sharma *et al.* 1994). Under favourable conditions during the growing season, infected seeds become discoloured, shrivelled and dark acervuli are prominent on the lesions (Gonzalez *et al.* 1998). Common bean cultivation for green pod has potential to improve the economic conditions of tribal farmers in this Ladakh region. Therefore, the present investigation was done for identification of different resistant genotypes of Common bean.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

The present study was carried out during *kharif* 2018 at the research farm of High Mountain Arid Agriculture Research Institute Leh, SKUAST-K which is situated between 32°N to 36°N latitude and 75°E to 80°E longitude at an altitude of 3319 metres above sea level. 24 bush type genotypes of Common bean belonging to diverse maturity and market classes (comprising local landraces as well as accessions procured from national and international gene banks including a check variety Arka anup) were evaluated in the present study. The experiment was conducted in randomized complete block design (RCBD) with three replications. Each genotype was represented by a plot size of 2 x 2 meter dimensions with 5 lines. Observations were recorded on plant height, days to flowering, days to maturity, pod length, seeds per pod, 100-seed weight, pods per plant and yield per plant. Days to flowering and days to maturity were

measured on plot basis whereas above ground biomass and seed yield was measured on five competitive plants from each replication. Data was analysed for ANOVA using OPSTAT-1 (CCS HAU, Hisar).

Screening of 25 Common bean genotypes including popular local land races and released variety was done against anthracnose. The sowing was done on 5<sup>th</sup> of May in randomized complete block design (RCBD) with three replications. Recommended agronomic practices were followed to raise a good crop. No disease protection measures were adopted. From each representative collection, 10 plants were selected randomly, kept unsprayed throughout the season and were tagged for the assessment of the disease. All the pods of the ten plants were counted and then grouped as healthy and diseased. The disease incidence and intensity was assessed in the month of September. Per cent disease incidence was worked out as per the following formula given by (James, 1974):

Per cent disease incidence =

$$\frac{\text{No. of diseased leaves/pods}}{\text{Total no. of leaves/pods examined}} \times 100$$

The severity of the disease was recorded on the basis of 1 to 9 scales (CIAT 1987). The description of the scale is given below in Table 1.

Per cent Disease Index (PDI) was calculated on the basis of rating scale using the following formula,

Per cent disease incidence =

$$\frac{\text{Sum of all numerical rating}}{\text{No. of pods} \times \text{maximum score in scale}} \times 100$$

On the basis of PDI, genotypes were classified into different categories (Table 2).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The general descriptive features of 25 genotypes used in the study are presented in Table 3. The growth habit of all the genotypes was bush type. Out of 25 genotypes 12 were exotic (procured from NBPGR, CIAT Columbia and IPK Germany) and 12 were local land races and Arka anup was used as check. Seed colour revealed that out of 25 genotypes ten were red in colour, five were brown in colour and four genotypes were white, two purple and one each was black, pink, yellow and chocolate in colour. For seed shape, 16 genotypes were Kidney shaped, 3 each were cylindrical, cuboidal and oval. Seed coat pattern revealed that 19 genotypes were having plain seed coat pattern and 6 had mottling of variable colours and intensities. Seed size revealed that out of 25 genotypes, six were large, 17 were medium and two were small. For pod colour 14 genotypes were having green colour pods, ten were yellow and one light green in colour. The pod curvature revealed that 15 genotypes were having medium pod curvature, 7 were curved and 3 genotypes were having straight pod curvature. The results indicated diversity of market classes in the

material evaluated in terms of seed size, shape and colour and pod colour and curvature.

Mean performance of genotypes for morphological and yield traits revealed that WB-185 was earliest to flower (65.333) followed by WB-252 (65.667), WB-1435 (66.333), WB-195 (66.667) and WB-811 (67.333) whereas WB-1690 (85.333) took the highest number of days to flower (Table 4). For days to maturity, results showed that WB-956 (106.667) matured earlier which was followed by WB-252 (109.333), WB-811 (109.333), WB-195 (110.000) and WB-185 (110.000) whereas WB-1690 (132.667) was late maturing. Highest pod length was recorded in case of WB-185 (11.667cm) followed by WB-216 (10.933cm), WB-1492 (10.867cm), WB-1129 (10.833cm) and Arka anup (10.700cm) whereas lowest pod length was recorded in case of WB- 6(8.833cm) and local Ladakh (8.833cm). Seeds per pod was recorded highest in genotype WB-185 (5.700) followed by WB-1129 (5.500), WB-6 (5.333), WB-1492 (5.300), WB- 1690 (5.067) and WB-1643 (5.000) whereas lowest seeds per pod was recorded in WB-956 (3.200). Plant height was recorded highest in genotype WB-1690 (42.033cm) which was followed by WB-216 (38.333cm) and Arka anup (37.800cm). The lowest plant height was recorded in genotype WB-662 (23.967cm).

The highest value for 100-seed weight was recorded in genotype WB-966 (50.100g), followed by WB-216 (43.767g)

**Table 1:** Description scale for rating against anthracnose.

Rating scale	Per cent Infection
1	No infection
3	Upto 1% of pod surface area
5	Up to 5% of surface area
7	Upto 10% of surface area
9	More than 25% pod surface area

**Table 2:** Reaction of different genotypes of Common bean against *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

PDI	Categories
0	Absolutely resistant (AR)
0.01	Highly resistant (HR)
12.22-33.33	Moderately resistant (MR)
34.44-55.55	Moderately susceptible (MS)
56.66-77.77	Susceptible (S)
78.88-100.00	Highly susceptible (HS)

and WB-22 (43.333g) and lowest value was recorded for WB-6 (22.400g). Seed yield measured on per plant basis was recorded highest in case of WB-185 (12.733g) followed by SKUAWB-5001 (9.033g) and lowest in case of WB-1129 (5.100g). For pods per plant maximum number of pods per plant were recorded in WB-185 (9.667) followed by WB-1643 (9.633), WB-216 (9.367), WB-719 (9.333) and WB-22

**Table 3:** General description of 25 Common bean genotypes used in the study.

Genotype	Origin	Growth habit	Seed colour	Seed shape	Seed coat pattern	Seed size	Pod colour	Pod curvature
WB-966	Exotic	Bush	Red	Kidney	Mottled	Large	Green	Medium
WB-335	Exotic	Bush	White	Oval	Plain	Medium	Green	Medium
WB-1129	Local	Bush	Brown	Cylindrical	Plain	Medium	Green	Medium
WB-1435	Exotic	Bush	Black	Oval	Plain	Medium	Light green	Curved
WB-216	Exotic	Bush	Pink	Kidney	Plain	Large	Yellow	Medium
WB-719	Exotic	Bush	Red	Cuboidal	Plain	Medium	Green	Medium
WB-22	Exotic	Bush	Purple	Cylindrical	Plain	Large	Green	Medium
WB-1643	Exotic	Bush	Brown	Cuboidal	Mottled	Medium	Green	Curved
WB-1690	Local	Bush	Brown	Cylindrical	Plain	Small	Yellow	Straight
WB-811	Local	Bush	Brown	Kidney	Mottled	Medium	Yellow	Medium
WB-1441	Exotic	Bush	White	Kidney	Mottled	Medium	Yellow	Straight
WB-1247	Local	Bush	Red	Cuboidal	Plain	Medium	Green	Straight
WB-185	Exotic	Bush	Red	Kidney	Plain	Large	Yellow	Medium
WB-956	Exotic	Bush	White	Kidney	Mottled	Medium	Yellow	Medium
WB-662	Local	Bush	Yellow	Kidney	Plain	Medium	Yellow	Medium
WB-252	Local	Bush	Brown	Kidney	Plain	Medium	Green	Curved
WB-1492	Exotic	Bush	Purple	Kidney	Mottled	Medium	Green	Curved
WB-195	Local	Bush	Chocolate	Kidney	Plain	Medium	Green	Medium
WB-6	Exotic	Bush	Red	Oval	Plain	Large	Green	Curved
WB-257	Local	Bush	Red	Kidney	Plain	Large	Green	Curved
Arka Anup	Check	Bush	White	Kidney	Plain	Small	Green	Curved
Local Ladakh	Local	Bush	Red	Kidney	Plain	Medium	Green	Medium
SKUAWB-5000	Local	Bush	Red	Kidney	Plain	Medium	Yellow	Medium
SKUAWB-5001	Local	Bush	Red	Kidney	Plain	Medium	Yellow	Medium
SKUAWB-5002	Local	Bush	Red	Kidney	Plain	Medium	Yellow	Medium

**Table 4:** Performance of 25 Common bean genotypes for morphological and yield parameters.

Genotype	DF	DM	PL (cm)	Seeds/pod	PH (cm)	100-SW(g)	Yield/plant (g)	Pods/plant
WB-966	75.66	122.33	9.50	3.50	26.83	50.10	7.70	8.46
WB-335	74.66	121.66	9.16	4.73	25.76	37.00	6.46	6.13
WB-1129	73.00	123.66	10.83	5.50	24.76	27.93	5.10	7.50
WB-1435	66.33	112.33	9.83	4.03	30.40	36.60	8.43	7.66
WB-216	74.33	122.66	10.93	3.86	38.33	43.76	6.40	9.36
WB-719	72.33	120.66	9.83	4.16	28.56	32.66	6.43	9.33
WB-22	75.66	119.66	9.50	4.46	28.00	43.33	8.40	9.33
WB-1643	71.66	111.00	10.03	5.00	27.90	32.75	9.16	9.63
WB-1690	85.33	132.66	9.50	5.06	42.03	22.86	5.82	8.00
WB-811	67.33	109.33	10.50	4.86	30.93	36.90	8.43	7.83
WB-1441	72.00	113.66	9.93	4.20	29.40	37.56	6.50	6.66
WB-1247	70.33	115.00	10.30	4.13	30.83	33.56	6.66	6.00
WB-185	65.33	110.00	11.66	5.70	31.40	40.56	12.73	9.66
WB-956	67.00	106.66	10.30	3.20	30.63	37.76	7.36	5.50
WB-662	72.66	111.00	10.30	3.53	23.96	29.63	5.80	4.36
WB-252	65.66	109.33	10.16	4.53	26.50	27.61	6.76	5.66
WB-1492	72.00	111.66	10.86	5.30	35.40	29.63	8.66	6.33
WB-195	66.66	110.00	10.23	4.73	28.00	32.67	5.63	6.83
WB-6	70.66	123.00	10.50	5.33	24.43	22.40	5.60	5.16
WB-257	71.00	123.66	8.83	3.73	30.30	40.36	5.70	5.50
Arka Anup	72.66	111.66	10.70	4.66	37.80	39.96	6.56	6.13
Local Ladakh	74.66	124.33	8.83	3.50	25.20	24.76	7.53	4.16
SKUAWB-5000	74.00	125.00	10.50	4.53	31.40	28.66	8.36	5.50
SKUAWB-5001	72.00	121.33	10.66	4.40	35.30	29.66	9.03	6.10
SKUAWB-5002	70.00	120.66	9.46	4.63	30.83	28.43	8.43	6.66
CD	1.61	1.99	0.91	0.64	1.99	0.98	0.51	0.58
CV	1.37	1.03	5.49	8.80	4.01	1.76	4.25	5.12

**Table 5:** Analysis of variance for morphological, maturity, yield and yield component traits of the Common bean (*Phaseolus vulgaris* L.) genotypes.

Source of variation	DF	DF	DM	PL(cm)	Seeds/pod	PH(cm)	100-SW(g)	Yield/plant(g)	Pods/plant
Replication	2	1.48	2.68**	0.33	0.12	2.84**	0.28	0.66	1.28
Genotypes	24	53.74*	138.60**	1.41**	1.34**	63.88**	144.34**	8.23**	8.23**
Error	48	0.97	1.47	0.31	0.15	1.47	0.36	0.10	0.13

(9.333). The lowest pods per plant were recorded in WB-662 (4.367). Based on CD values, it could be safely concluded that the lines were significantly different from each other for various traits studied. Sofi *et al* (2014), Razvi *et al.* (2018) and Iram Saba *et al* (2017) have also reported significant variability for morphological and yield traits in Common bean germplasm tested under Kashmir valley condition. The results were also in agreement with Singh *et al.* (2009). Analysis of variance (Table 5) for the traits studied revealed that mean squares due to genotypes were significant for all the traits studied indicating presence of substantial variability in the lines evaluated that can be used to develop high yielding common bean genotypes for Ladakh region.

#### Screening of genotypes

The evaluation study of 25 Common bean accessions conducted during the year 2018 under natural epiphytotic

conditions against anthracnose indicated that disease occurred in variable proportion on all the tested cultivars during both years (Table 6). However, analysis of data showed a differential response among the accessions with regard to incidence as well as intensity.

#### Disease incidence

The disease incidence among the genotypes ranged between 10.53 to 68.63 percent. Maximum disease incidence (68.63%) was recorded in genotype WB-1690, which was statistically at par with WB-257 and WB-1643 with average disease incidence of 64.50% and 64.36% respectively. The minimum disease incidence was recorded in genotype WB-719 (10.53%) which was statistically at par with genotype WB-22 (11.66%). Rest of the accessions observed have significant differential response to the maximum and minimum disease incidence.

### Disease intensity

The disease intensity among the genotypes ranged between 5.83 to 36.00 percent. Maximum disease incidence (36.00%) was recorded in genotype WB-1690, which was statistically at par with WB-257 and WB-1643 with average disease intensity of 33.50% and 33.30% respectively. The minimum disease intensity was recorded in genotype WB-719 (5.83%) which was statistically at par with genotype WB-22 (6.36%) and WB-1435 (6.96%). Among 25 Common bean accessions screened nine of the accessions viz., WB-1435, WB-719, WB-22, WB-811, WB-4564, WB-662, WB-6, Local

Ladakh and SKUAWB-5002 exhibited highly resistant reaction to the disease (rating between 0.01-12.21% PDI), fourteen accessions viz., WB-966, WB-335, WB-1129, WB-216, WB-1643, WB-1247, WB-185, WB-956, WB-252, WB-1492, WB-195, Arka Anup, SKUAWB-5000 and SKUAWB-5001 were moderately resistant (rating between 12.22-33.33% PDI). Rest of the two accessions viz., WB-1690 and WB-257 were moderately susceptible. The development of anthracnose resistance genotypes can be expected to increase profitability by reducing the amount of fungicides used to produce a crop. Plant species have a defense mechanism to avoid and resist pathogens and pests (Parlevliet, 2002). Similar findings were reported by Maibam Nirmala *et al.* (2015).

Screening is one of the important processes involved in breeding programmes and it ensures that cultivars chosen exhibits increased resistance to a wide range of diseases and insects, better tolerance to environmental stress, better seed quality and improved efficiency in the utilization of limited soil nutrients. Many workers have conducted screening and reported varying degree of resistance to anthracnose in local land races and exotic Common bean genotypes (Pathania *et al.* 2006, Kour *et al.* 2012). More than 10 different anthracnose resistance genes have been identified in a number of bean varieties (Kelly and Vallejo 2004). According to Mahuku and Riascos (2004), the best strategy to manage this disease is planting resistant cultivars, which is most effective, least expensive and easiest for farmers to adopt.

Hence the moderately resistant and moderately susceptible accessions identified during the present investigation (Table 7) can be screened at different stages over locations and years to confirm their reaction to anthracnose so that promising accessions/resistant donors can be identified and used in future breeding programs for the development of anthracnose resistant varieties.

### CONCLUSION

Out of 25 genotypes screened, nine genotypes viz., WB-1435, WB-719, WB-22, WB-811, WB-4564, WB-662, WB-6, Local Ladakh and SKUAWB-5002 were found highly resistant, fourteen genotypes viz., WB-966, WB-335, WB-1129, WB-216, WB-1643, WB-1247, WB-185, WB-956, WB-252, WB-1492, WB-195, Arka Anup, SKUAWB-5000, SKUAWB-5001

**Table 6:** Field reaction of Common bean genotypes against anthracnose.

Genotype	Disease incidence	Disease intensity
WB -966	48.76	25.03
WB -335	44.96	22.76
WB -1129	56.33	28.33
WB-1435	13.93	6.96
WB-216	28.53	14.83
WB -719	10.53	5.83
WB-22	11.66	6.36
WB -1643	64.36	33.30
WB -1690	68.63	36.00
WB -811	16.73	9.40
WB -4564	18.26	9.30
WB-1247	50.56	25.90
WB-185	40.00	19.90
WB-956	60.90	30.06
WB -662	17.80	10.06
WB -252	44.96	22.63
WB -1492	30.93	15.30
WB-195	18.36	10.70
Anupma	35.90	18.36
WB-6	16.40	8.70
WB-257	64.50	33.50
Local (Ladakh)	21.26	11.83
SKUA WB -5000	23.60	12.40
SKUA WB- 5001	36.36	18.36
SKUAWB-5002	17.96	8.73
CD	4.72	2.91
CV	8.31	9.95

**Table 7:** Grouping of Common bean accessions for anthracnose reaction based on per cent disease intensity.

Reaction/Category	Per cent disease intensity	Accessions
Absolutely Resistant(AR)	0	-
Highly Resistant (HR)	0.01	WB-1435, WB-719, WB-22, WB-811, WB-4564, WB-662, WB-6, Local Ladakh, SKUAWB-5002
Moderately Resistant (MR)	12.22-33.33	WB-966, WB-335, WB-1129, WB-216, WB-1643, WB-1247, WB-185, WB-956, WB-252, WB-1492, WB-195, Arka Anup, SKUAWB-5000, SKUAWB-5001
Moderate susceptible(MS)	34.44-55.55	WB-1690, WB-257
Susceptible(S)	56.66-77.77	-
Highly susceptible(HS)	78.88-100.00	-



252, WB-1492, WB-195, Arka Anup, SKUAWB-5000 and SKUAWB-5001 were moderately resistant, whereas other two genotypes were categorized as moderately susceptible. None of the genotypes was found highly susceptible to anthracnose disease.

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