

**CHARACTERIZING THE AGRO-MORPHOLOGICAL DIVERSITY OF
CORCHORUS OLITORIUSL ACCESSIONS IN BOTSWANA.**

ABSTRACT

Aim:To evaluate the genetic diversity of the local accessions and foreign accessions of these important crop.

Study design:The experiment was laid in a Random Complete Block Design (RCBD).

Place and duration of the study: The pot experiment was carried in a greenhouse at the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, BUAN, Botswana. This was done from January until May 2022.

Methodology: The 49 accessions planted in plastic bags were replicated three times. Each pot was planted four seeds and after emergence were thinned to two plants per pot. The morphological characteristics were measured and recorded based on quantitative and qualitative traits following the International Board of Plant Genetic Resources (IPBGR) descriptors for *Corchorus spp.*

Results: Results from analysis of variance, simple correlation and multivariate analysis demonstrated a high variation among the studied accessions. Accessions such as Bafia, Aziga, ExCameroon, Local big leaves, TOT6684, MLJM4, MLJM5, SUD2, SUD3 had the highest fresh leaf biomass compared to other accessions and could be used as potential parental lines for improvement of leaf yield. Amongst the studied accessions, Delele2, Delele3, Panda and Panda1(all from Botswana) had few numbers of days to 50% flowering, therefore can be selected for early maturity, a mechanism that most of plants use to escape the abiotic stress. Significant correlation between the leaf yield and related attributes indicated the potential accessions to use for foliage yield improvement. The principal component analysis results revealed that variations observed in the accessions and the cluster analysis grouped the accessions based on the morphological characters similarities with limited extent on their geographical origin.

Conclusions: Significant variations were found among all the accessions used in this experiment for the studied morphological characters indicating the extent of genetic variability present among them. Irrespective of origins all the traits showed more diversity in the studied accessions.

Keywords: Botswana, multivariate analysis, variability, leaf yield, seed yield, early maturity

1. INTRODUCTION

Corchorus L. species commonly referred to as Jute belongs to the family Tiliaceae. The genus contains forty species throughout the tropics and of the forty species, thirty species are found in Africa and four species in Nigeria [1,2]. Its common names are Egyptian spinach, bush okra, Jew's mallow, and jute while the local name in Botswana is Delele. *Corchorus* species have been reported to be extremely variable morphologically, especially in the vegetative parts like leaves [2]. The genus *Corchorus* is comprised of annual or short-lived perennial herbs and shrubs with many agriculturally useful species [3]. It is a multi-purposed plant used as source of fiber as well as for medicinal purpose in many parts of the world and most importantly as an indigenous leafy vegetable.

Indigenous leafy vegetables form an important source of food in both urban and rural areas, their utilization is, however, limited by low yields [4]. *Corchorus species* (Jew's mallow) like other African leafy vegetables, serves as an affordable source of good quality nutrition for people in rural and urban areas [4]. Nutritionally, *Corchorus olitorius* leaves are rich in beta-carotene, iron, calcium, vitamin C, A, E, proteins, sodium, and folic acid [5]. The leaves produce mucilage when cooked, a feature that enables it to be used in sauces to accompany starchy foods [3]. Jew's mallow is increasingly recognized as a possible contributor of micronutrients and bioactive compounds [6]. The leaves possess an abundance of antioxidant compounds associated with diuretic, antimicrobial antitumor, antiobesity and gastroprotective properties [7]. Research has shown that roots, barks, leaves, and seeds, of *Corchorus olitorius* contain flavonoids, cardiac glycosides, fatty acids, triterpenoids, polysaccharides and phenolics [8,5,6].

Previous studies confirmed the different benefits of Jew's mallow and is reported to be of high socio-economic benefit in some countries that are cultivating it. [9]. High genetic variability that enables it to be cultivated in different parts of the world has been reported [10]. Therefore, efforts must be channeled towards selection of promising genotypes adapted to the local climatic conditions and involve them in programs for breeding improvement of appealing or attractive characters [11]. One important characteristic that facilitates production is the ability of the available genotypes to produce increased amounts of biomass and leaves as well as increased seed yield for its continual propagation [12].

Genetic diversity assessment is important in the selection of cultivars for plant improvement because the estimates of genetic similarities and distances among genotypes are needed to select parent plants to be used in breeding programs [12]. Selection of genotypes for breeding programs, the initial description and classification of germplasm is used for characterization [13]. Morphological traits are the first genetic markers used in germplasm characterization despite having some limitations. They provide a simple way of quantifying the genetic differences while assessing performance of genotype under normal growing environment [14]. The initial step towards crop improvement and domestication is characterization of genetic diversity among accessions of different germplasms by using phenotypic traits.

Domestication of *Corchorus olitorius* can complement its introduction as a vegetable in agriculture since vegetable production is a principal undertaking in Botswana. In the area of vegetable

production, there is therefore a need to incorporate climate change resilient crops into available arable production to provide an alternative source of leafy vegetable for the poor rural communities in Botswana. *Corchorus olitorius* is a potential crop for this purpose as it flourishes with the first rains in marginal lands or within cultivated crops as volunteer plants. Despite this potential, very little research has been done in Botswana on the crop, and there is little documentation on aspects like the genotype diversity in terms of morphological characteristics in Botswana. Thus, characterization of available accessions to document the important agro-morphological information that will guide acceptance, breeding, cultivation, and consumption of the crop is needed hence this study. The objective of the study is to assess the agro-morphological divergence of 49 accessions of *Corchorus olitorius*.

2. MATERIAL AND METHODS

2.1 Experimental site

The pot experiment was carried in a greenhouse at the Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, BUAN, Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, Botswana. The soil used was well drained sandy loam.

2.2 Plant material.

The *Corchorus olitorius* accessions (49) used were sourced from the Botswana National Genetic Resource Centre (BNGRC) (9), Botswana and the World Vegetable Centre, Regional Gene Bank, Tanzania (40). Seeds were planted in 5L plastic pots in the greenhouse. Seeds underwent dormancy relief by soaking in hot water at 90°C for 5 minutes [15]. They were then air dried and planted immediately. The passport information of the accessions under study is outlined in the Table 1. below:

Table 1. List of *Corchorus* accessions and their country of origin

ACCESSION	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	ACCESSION	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN
TOT 4316	Bangladesh	TOT 6683	Philippines
TOT 4713	Bangladesh	TOT 6684	Philippines
TOT 4721	Bangladesh	SUD1	Sudan
TOT 4670	Bangladesh	SUD2	Sudan
AZIGA	Cameroon	SUD3	Sudan
BAFIA	Cameroon	SUD4	Sudan
EXCAMEROON	Cameroon	ES	Tanzania
TOT 6430	Cameroon	HS	Tanzania
TOT 5876	Japan	MIX	Uganda
IP1	Kenya	UG-JM-1	Uganda
IP 10	Kenya	UG-JM-2	Uganda
1P 2	Kenya	UG-JM-13	Uganda
IP 4	Kenya	TOT 4879	USA
IP 5	Kenya	TOT 6278	Vietnam
TOT 6426	Kenya	ExZIM	Zimbabwe

ExMALAWI	Malawi	MSB054	Botswana
GKK-10	Malawi	MSB072	Botswana
ML-JM-14	Malawi	MSB082	Botswana
ML-JM-12	Malawi	MSB546	Botswana
ML-JM-4	Malawi	DELELE1	Botswana
ML-JM-3	Malawi	DELELE2	Botswana
ML-JM-2	Malawi	DELELE3	Botswana
ML-JM-5	Malawi	PANDA	Botswana
ML-JM-13	Malawi	PANDA1	Botswana
LOCAL LEAVE	Mali		

2.3 Experimental design and planting

The 49 accessions were planted in plastic bags and laid in a Random Complete Block Design (RCBD) with three replications. Blocking in the greenhouse was done against temperature (the wet wall side was cooler, and the temperature increased towards the extractor fans). Before planting, all pots were watered to field capacity. Four seeds were sown at 2cm depth because of their small size and watered thereafter. The seedlings were later thinned to two seedlings per pot two weeks after emergence. The plants were watered to field capacity thrice a week.

2.3.1 Agronomic practices

All crop management practices were carried out throughout the growing season in all the pots. These included weekly cultivation of the soil in the pots to improve soil drainage, irrigation was done after every 2 days, and the plants were foliar fed using Multi feed (19:8:16 (43)) that contains the following nutrients (N (193g/kg), P (83g/kg), K (158g/kg), S (6.1g/kg), Mg (4.6g/kg), Zn (700mg/kg), B (1054mg/kg), Mo (63mg/kg), Fe (751mg/kg), Mn (273mg/kg) and Cu (75mg/kg)). The foliar feeding was done 3 weeks after planting to address the deficiency of both major and minor elements in the soil. Weeds were hand pulled whenever observed as well as removed during cultivation.

2.4 Morphological data collection

The morphological characteristics were measured and recorded based on quantitative and qualitative traits following the International Board of Plant Genetic Resources (IPBGR) descriptors for *Corchorus spp*(AVRDC, Genetic Resources and seed unit, 2008). Morphological parameters were measured from seedling stage until maturity stage. The 19 quantitative and 13 qualitative morphological traits assessed are presented on Table 2.

Table 2. List of the descriptors and their descriptions as per the IPBGR descriptors for *Corchorus*spp (2008)

Character/variable	Description/measurement
1. Plant height (PH)	Height of the plant measured at ground surface at 50% flowering.
2. Fresh leaves	Weight of the fresh leaves after every harvest (g)
3. Leaf length (LL)	Leaf blade length excluding petiole length (cm)
4. Leaf width (LW)	Mature leaf width measured at widest point (cm)
5. Leaf length-width ratio (LWR)	The ratio of leaf length to leaf width.
6. Petiole length (PL)	Length of leaf stalk (cm)
7. Days to 50% flowering (50 FLR)	Number of days from sowing to 50% flowering
8. Number of primary branches (PB)	Number of branches from main stem
9. Number of secondary branches (SB)	Number of branches from the secondary stem
10. Plant canopy (PC)	Plant width taken at widest point (cm)
11. Flower diameter (FD)	The width of an open flower (mm)
12. Pedicel length (PEDL)	The stalk of the flower (mm)
13. Fruit length (FL)	Length of mature fruit excluding the pedicel (mm or cm)
14. Days to first mature pods (DMP)	Number of days from sowing to first mature pod
15. Number of leaves (NL)	Counted from individual plant during flowering.
16. Biomass yield (BY)	Total weight of the plant above the ground surface (g)
17. Number of pods/plant (NPP)	Counted from individual plant at maturity stage.
18. Weight of 1000 seeds (W1000S)	Measured in weighing balance after counting (g).
19. Seeds per pod (SP)	Counted from individual pod.
20. Stem colour (ST)	1: Light green, 2: green, 3: purplish green
21. Leaf colour (LC)	1: Light green, 2: green, 3: dark green, 4: purple, 5: d/ppl
22. Leaf lobe (LL)	0: Absent, 1: present
23. Setae (S)	1: Small, 2: large
24. Leaf shape (LS)	1: Ovate, 2: elliptical, 3: cordate, 4: palmate
25. Leaf base (LB)	1: Rounded, 2: sagittate, 3: acute
26. Leaf apex (LA)	1: Acuminate, 2: caudate, 3: acute, 4: palmate
27 Leaf margin (LM)	1: Coarsely serrate, 2: cleft, 3: double serrate, 4: finely serrate, 5: crenate
28 Stem pattern (SP)	1: erect, 2: semi-erect
29. Stipule colour (SC)	1: Green, 2: green stipule with dark red base, 3: light purple
30. Petiole colour (PETC)	1: Green, 2: green with dark red base, 3: purple
31 Fruit shape (FS)	1: Globule, 2: long pod, 3: round pod
32. Fruit colour (FRC)	1: Pale brown, 2: brown, 3: brown

2.5 Data analysis

2.5.1 Agro -morphological data analysis

The data collected was subjected to analysis of variance (ANOVA) using the Statistical Analysis System (SAS) software version 9.1 program. Treatment means were separated using the Least Significant Difference (LSD) at $P = 0.05$. A simple description by analyzing frequency or proportion of different variables shown by the studied accessions was performed for the qualitative data. Principal component analysis (PCA) and cluster analysis were performed and used to discriminate as well as to group the 49 accessions. The PCA was performed using the mean value of each quantitative trait for each accession using SAS software. The cluster analysis using unweighted pair group method with arithmetic mean UPGMA was carried out for all the measured quantitative and observed qualitative traits to generate dendrogram of the studied accessions based on their phenotypic relationship using PAST3 software 2.17 with some modifications. Pearson's correlation coefficients were used to decide on the relationship between the traits. Descriptive statistical measures of mean and coefficient of variation were used to estimate variability amongst the quantitative traits of *Corchorusolitorius*.

3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

3.1 RESULTS

3.1.1. Qualitative morphological characters

During the vegetative growth stage, light green stem was dominant (34.69%) followed by light brown (30.62%), green (24.49%) and only a few (10.20%) had purple coloured stem (**Table 3**). The purple-coloured stem comprised of TOT6278, TOT4713, Panda, Panda1 and Delele3 accessions. Two different leaf colours were observed as green and dark green. The green coloured leaves occurred frequently (77.55%) compared to the dark green coloured (22.45%). The presence of leaf lobe was only observed in 14.29% of the accessions including Big local leaves, EXMalawi, TOT4670, ML-JM2, ML-JM4, MI-JM3 and UG-JM1. These accessions with leaf lobes were characterized by palmate leaf shape and the leaf margins which are finely serrated. The remaining 85.71% accessions had no leaf lobes. Ovate, elliptical, palmate, and cordate leaf shapes were observed in 65.31%, 31.37%, 12.24% and 4.08 %, respectively. Only two accessions; TOT6684 and Big local leaves had the cordate leaf shape.

There was a little variation displayed by the stem pattern and the leaf margins, where 87.76% were erect stemmed while 12.24% was semi-erect and it included six accessions all from Botswana: Panda, Panda1, Delele1, Delelee2, Delele3 and MSB072. 65.30% of the observed accessions were finely serrated, 24.49% were coarsely serrated and only 10.50% were double serrated which comprised of ML-JM2, ML-JM3, ML-JM4 all from Malawi and TOT4670 accessions from Bangladesh. At maturity stage, 91.84% of the accessions were characterized by long fruit shape, and the remaining accessions (8.16%) had round (TOT4713 and TOT6278 accessions), and globule fruits (TOT6684 and Bafia accessions). Amongst these fruits, only 4.08% (TOT4713 and TOT6278

accessions) was characterized by dark brown coloured fruits while 95.92% were brown coloured at physiological maturity.

Table 3. Frequency distribution of some of the 13 qualitative morphological traits of Jew's mallow accessions under study.

CHARACTER	DESCRIPTORS	FREQUENCY %
Stem colour	green	24.49
	light/green	34.69
	purple	10.2
	light/brown	30.62
	green	77.55
Leaf colour	dark/green	22.45
	Absent	85.71
Leaf lobe	Present	14.29
Leaf shape	ovate	65.31
	elliptical	18.37
	cordate	4.08
	palmate	12.24
	round	8.17
Leaf margin	Double	10.2
	finely/serrate	65.3
	coarsely/serrate	24.49
Stem pattern	semi-erect	12.24
	Erect	87.76
Fruit shape	long	91.84
	Round	4.08
	Globule	4.08
Fruit colour	brown	95.92
	dark brown	4.08

3.1.2 Quantitative morphological traits

There was a significant variation in vegetative and reproductive characters. The results of the descriptive analysis (mean, minimum, maximum, coefficient of variance and standard deviation) were used to assess variation within each of the 21 measured traits (**Table4**). The fresh leaves mass ranged from 6.97g to 41.49g per plant. There were the differences amongst the accessions on leaf

shape, leaf size and the number of leaves produced by the different accessions under study. Similarly, the number of seeds per pod per plant exhibited a wide range 26.33 to 274.33 which may be attributed to the wide range of pod length per plant ranging 0.81cm to 9.24cm (**Table 4**). However, this wide range of the pod length per plant maybe attributed to the different pod shapes for the studied accessions. The wide range of 2 to 13 for primary branches and secondary branches per plant (0.67 to 4.67) was also observed, where different growth habits of the accessions were observed and some had bushy canopy with many primary and secondary branches, while others had small canopy with few primary and secondary branches. The number of days to 50% flowering varied from 53.33 days to 97 days. Similarly, the number of days to pod maturity range from 86.67 days to 133 days and was closely related with the number of days to 50% flowering. This places the accessions under study in two categories of early maturing and late maturing types. Other traits differed among the studied accessions showing significant variation amongst the accessions. These variables include leaf length width ratio, peduncle length and dry shoot weight. The traits' coefficient of variations was observed. Only five traits had coefficient variation more than 40%. These included primary branches at 46.10%, peduncle length at 44.33%, 1000 seeds mass at 41.94%, pod number per plant 78.28% and petiole length at 40.92%. Most traits had the coefficient of variation of < 30%, with the dry shoot weight having as low as 7.25%. These coefficients of variance showed the variation of accessions in these traits.

Table 4. Descriptive statistics of 19 morphological quantitative traits of Jew's mallow accessions.

CHARACTER	Mean \pm SE	Mini	Maxi
fresh leaves	22.76 \pm 1.17	6.94	41.59
dry leaves	5.23 \pm 0.26	1.54	9.31
leaf number	212.15 \pm 0.16	166.6	317.7
plant height	113.71 \pm 1.64	56.67	169
leaf width	5.03 \pm 0.16	1.86	7.81
leaf length	10.65 \pm 0.29	5.37	17.86
LLW ratio	2.22 \pm 0.07	1.3	3.64
petiole length	3.03 \pm 0.18	0.81	9.24
pod number	16.67 \pm 1.86	5.33	64.67
pod length	69.43 \pm 2.46	11.33	101.8
seeds per pod	153.89 \pm 6.65	26.33	274.33
1000 seeds mass	2.84 \pm 0.15	0.57	5.76
penducle length	0.97 \pm 0.06	0.1	1.87
flower diameter	12 \pm 0.60	1.77	19.52
Days to 50% flowering	64.69 \pm 1.29	53.33	97
Days to mature pod	140.55 \pm 2.49	86.67	1333
Biomass yield	53.12 \pm 0.55	44.76	60.64
primary branch	6.03 \pm 0.40	2	13
secondary branch	2.61 \pm 0.11	0.67	4.67

3.1.2.1 Yield and Yield components

Yield and yield components of *Corchorusolitorius* accessions are presented in **Table 5**. Number of leaves per plant was significantly different ($P \leq 0.05$) among the studied accessions with the most prominent difference between TOT 6278 from Vietnam (317.7) and MLJM3 from Malawi (166.6). Fresh leaves weight varied significantly ($P \leq 0.05$) among the accessions with Bafia from Cameroon recording the highest weight (41.58g per plant) and Delele 2 from Botswana recording the lowest value (6.96g per plant). Plant height was significantly different ($P \leq 0.05$) among the studied accessions with more variation between the accessions, highest values were recorded from IP1 (169cm) and ES (158cm) from Kenya and Tanzania respectively, while Delele2 (56.67cm) and Delele3 (59.33cm) and Panda (65cm) all from Botswana, recorded the lowest values amongst all the accessions under study. Significant differences ($P \leq 0.05$) were also observed in number of pods per plant with Delele3 from Botswana recording the highest (64.67) while Mix from Tanzania and Bafia recorded the lowest of 6.33 and 5.3, respectively.

Bafia recorded the lowest number of primary branches per plant (2) and IP1 from Kenya recorded the highest (13). The total number of seeds per pod ranged from 26.33 to 274.33, TOT 4713 from Bangladesh recorded the lowest value of the total number of seeds per pod while Mix from Tanzania had the highest value. Significant differences ($P \leq 0.05$) were also observed in 1000 seed weight with accession TOT 6278 from Vietnam recording the highest weight of 5.76mg while there was no significant difference between Delele2, Delele3, Panda1 and Panda all from Botswana, recording the lowest values ranging from 0.57-0.84mg. Furthermore, a significant difference ($P \leq 0.05$) on number of days to 50% flowering was observed between the accessions where the earliest flowering was observed in some of the accessions from Botswana, (i.e., Panda, Delele1, MSB072 and MSB054) just like HS from Tanzania and TOT4713 from Bangladesh with values ranging from 53.33-57.67days. The highest number of days to 50% flowering was observed in MLJM3, Aziga, ExCameroon, Bafia, SUD2 and SUD3 with values ranging between 76-97 days. Amongst these accession with high values, three are from Cameroon and two are from Sudan. The accessions with the high number of days to flowering may be classified as late maturing accessions while those with the lowest days to flowering may be classified as the early maturing type.

Table 5. Quantitative yield and yield contributing traits of Jew's mallow accessions.

ACC	Lfn	frsl	Height	Pribran	Pdn	s/pod	1000seds	Dysflw
SU3	240 ^{bc}	38.7 ^{ab}	135.33 ^{a-d}	3.33 ^{e-g}	7.67 ^{gh}	211.67 ^{ad}	2.52 ^{c-j}	76 ^{c-f}
TOT4713	345 ^{ab}	22.68 ^{e-l}	80.00 ^{d-g}	9 ^{a-e}	35 ^{cd}	26.33 ^k	3.74 ^{b-f}	59 ^{k-p}
TOT6278	371.7 ^a	15.02 ^{kl}	133.00 ^{a-g}	9.33 ^{a-d}	50.67 ^{ab}	34.33 ^{jk}	5.76 ^a	60.67 ^{i-p}
MLJM3	166.6 ^c	27.72 ^{a-k}	116.00 ^{ag}	4.67 ^{c-g}	8.3 ^{f-h}	79.67 ^{h-k}	2.57 ^{c-i}	97 ^a
DELELE2	301.8 ^{a-c}	6.96 ⁿ	56.67 ^g	3 ^{e-g}	30.67 ^{de}	59 ^{i-k}	0.57 ^k	58.67 ^{k-p}
DELELE3	300 ^{a-c}	12.48 ^{k-n}	59.33 ^{gf}	6.67 ^{b-g}	64.67 ^a	101.33 ^{fk}	0.58 ^k	57.67 ^{h-p}
PANDA1	255 ^{a-c}	10.14 ^{mn}	78.33 ^{dg}	6.67 ^{b-g}	47.33 ^{bc}	96.67 ^{h-k}	0.84 ^k	53.33 ^p
PANDA	300 ^{a-c}	12.12 ^{l-n}	65.00 ^{e-g}	5.33 ^{c-g}	56.33 ^{ab}	97 ^{h-k}	0.62 ^k	59.33 ^{k-p}
ES	212.6 ^c	19.74 ^{k-n}	158.00 ^{ab}	5 ^{c-g}	10.33 ^{f-h}	184 ^{a-g}	4.59 ^{ab}	64.67 ^{g-n}
TOT4879	270 ^{a-c}	14.76 ⁱ⁻ⁿ	122.67 ^{a-g}	9.33 ^{a-d}	12 ^{f-h}	181 ^{a-g}	2.48 ^{c-j}	60.67 ^{i-p}
IP10	258.3 ^{a-c}	18.06 ^{h-l}	107.33 ^{a-g}	4 ^{c-g}	5.67 ^h	197 ^{a-e}	4.01 ^{b-d}	70.33 ^{d-i}
UGJM13	270 ^{a-c}	19.44 ^{k-n}	114.67 ^{a-g}	5.67 ^{c-g}	7.67 ^{gh}	196.67 ^{ae}	3.26 ^{b-g}	61.33 ^{i-p}
MLJM12	238.2 ^{bc}	20.7 ^{e-l}	121.67 ^{a-g}	6.67 ^{b-g}	8.33 ^{f-h}	193.67 ^{af}	3.76 ^{b-e}	62.33 ^{i-p}
MLJM13	249.9 ^{a-c}	22.98 ^{e-l}	118.33 ^{a-g}	8 ^{a-g}	11 ^{f-h}	192.67 ^{af}	2.92 ^{b-i}	60 ^{k-p}
LOCAL	226.8 ^{bc}	26.64 ^{a-k}	84.3 ^{d-g}	4.33 ^{c-g}	13 ^{f-h}	199.67 ^{ae}	3.96 ^{b-d}	68.67 ^{d-k}
SUD4	256.8 ^{a-c}	19.14 ^{k-n}	102.67 ^{a-g}	5 ^{c-g}	9 ^{f-h}	204 ^{a-d}	3.78 ^{b-e}	67 ^{e-k}
GKK10	258.3 ^{a-c}	22.14 ^{e-l}	124.67 ^{a-g}	6.33 ^{c-g}	10.33 ^{f-h}	218 ^{a-c}	3.49 ^{b-f}	64.33 ^{g-o}
CAMERON	222.3 ^{bc}	38.46 ^{a-c}	123.00 ^{a-g}	4.33 ^{c-g}	14 ^{f-h}	229 ^{ab}	3.25 ^{b-g}	78.33 ^{cd}
AZIGA	183.3 ^c	38.4 ^{a-c}	92.00 ^{b-g}	2.33 ^{fg}	8.3 ^{f-h}	115.67 ^{ek}	2.25 ^{e-k}	90.67 ^{ab}
MSB546	180 ^c	15.36 ^{kl}	96.33 ^{b-g}	2.67 ^{fg}	11.33 ^{f-h}	144.67 ^{bi}	2.05 ^{f-k}	60 ^{k-p}
DELELE1	210 ^c	15.36 ^{kl}	127.00 ^{a-f}	7 ^{a-g}	19.67 ^{e-h}	124.67 ^{cj}	2.55 ^{c-i}	56.67 ^{m-p}
TOT4721	255 ^{a-c}	22.5 ^{e-l}	109.33 ^{a-g}	5 ^{c-g}	17 ^{e-h}	138.67 ^{ci}	2.52 ^{c-j}	60.33 ⁱ⁻ⁿ

TOT4316	261.6 ^{a-c}	19.62 ^{g-l}	88.33 ^{b-g}	6.33 ^{c-g}	13 ^{f-h}	138 ^{b-i}	3.08 ^{b-g}	60 ^{k-p}
MSB082	222.3 ^{bc}	17.64 ^{kl}	110.00 ^{a-g}	6.67 ^{b-g}	21.68 ^{d-g}	160.33 ^{bh}	2.4 ^{d-j}	58.67 ^{k-p}
MSB072	200.1 ^c	19.26 ^{h-l}	108.67 ^{a-g}	2.67 ^{fg}	19.67 ^{e-h}	160.33 ^{bh}	2.4 ^{d-j}	57.33 ^{h-p}
MSB054	191.7 ^c	17.16 ^{kl}	120.33 ^{a-g}	5.67 ^{c-g}	22.67 ^{d-f}	154.67 ^{bh}	2.41 ^{d-j}	57.67 ^{h-p}
TOT5876	278.4 ^{a-c}	20.28 ^{e-l}	104.67 ^{b-h}	7.67 ^{a-g}	16 ^{f-h}	160.67 ^{bh}	2.51 ^{c-j}	60.67 ^{h-p}
HS	236.7 ^{bc}	19.86 ^{f-l}	126.33 ^{a-f}	3 ^{e-g}	7.67 ^{gh}	178 ^{b-h}	4.18 ^{a-c}	54.33 ^{op}
MLJM14	216.6 ^c	17.16 ^{h-l}	126.33 ^{a-f}	7.33 ^{a-g}	11 ^{f-h}	169 ^{b-h}	2.96 ^{b-i}	61.67 ^{h-p}
UGJM2	256.8 ^{ab}	24.72 ^{a-l}	107 ^{a-g}	4 ^{c-g}	13.67 ^{f-h}	157 ^{b-h}	3.57 ^{b-f}	60 ^{k-p}
MIX	225.8 ^c	18.18 ^{kl}	114 ^{a-g}	5.33 ^{c-g}	6.33 ^h	274.33 ^a	3.78 ^{b-e}	66.67 ^{f-m}
TOT6683	229.5 ^c	12.72 ^{k-n}	87.33 ^{b-g}	5 ^{c-g}	9 ^{f-h}	165 ^{b-h}	2.83 ^{c-i}	73.33 ^{c-g}
SUD2	285 ^{abc}	34.62 ^{a-g}	131.33 ^{a-e}	3 ^{e-g}	10.33 ^{f-h}	162.67 ^{bg}	1.77 ^{h-k}	76 ^{c-f}
MLJM5	211.8 ^c	34.92 ^{a-f}	120.33 ^{a-g}	4.67 ^{c-g}	9 ^{f-h}	175.67 ^{bg}	1.66 ^{h-k}	62.67 ^{h-p}
BAFIA	216.6 ^c	41.58 ^a	114.67 ^{a-g}	2 ^g	5.3 ^h	193.67 ^{af}	3.8 ^{b-e}	80.67 ^{bc}
MLJM4	233.4 ^{bc}	31.26 ^{a-f}	127.00 ^{a-f}	5.67 ^{c-g}	7.67 ^{gh}	163 ^{b-h}	3.57 ^{b-f}	57.33 ^{l-p}
IP1	286.8 ^{a-c}	16.32 ^{h-l}	169.00 ^a	13 ^a	14.33 ^{f-h}	154.33 ^{bh}	3.52 ^{b-f}	56.33 ^{n-p}
IP2	256.8 ^{a-c}	20.88 ^{e-l}	156.00 ^{a-c}	12.67 ^{ab}	11.64 ^{f-h}	163.67 ^{bh}	3.03 ^{b-i}	66 ^{f-m}
SUD1	234.9 ^{bc}	37.98 ^{a-d}	144.67 ^{a-d}	3 ^{e-g}	12.33 ^{f-h}	166.33 ^{bh}	2.51 ^{c-j}	72.67 ^{c-h}
TOT4670	233.4 ^{bc}	25.32 ^{a-l}	131.33 ^{a-e}	8 ^{a-g}	12.33 ^{f-h}	160.67 ^{bh}	2.91 ^{b-i}	64.33 ^{g-o}
MLJM2	245.1 ^{a-c}	28.68 ^{a-i}	139.00 ^{a-d}	4.33 ^{c-g}	9.33 ^{f-h}	146.33 ^{bi}	3.3 ^{b-h}	77 ^{cde}
IP5	279.9 ^{a-c}	20.88 ^{e-l}	97.00 ^{b-g}	8 ^{a-g}	22.67 ^{d-f}	148 ^{b-i}	2.84 ^{c-i}	63.33 ^{g-p}
TOT6426	248.4 ^{a-c}	13.98 ^{k-n}	133.33 ^{ae}	13 ^a	18.33 ^{e-h}	140.33 ^{bi}	2.87 ^{c-i}	64.67 ^{g-n}
EXMALAW	266.7 ^{a-c}	23.58 ^{c-l}	119.33 ^{a-g}	8.33 ^{a-f}	16 ^{f-h}	142.67 ^{bi}	4.01 ^{b-d}	60 ^{k-p}
EXZIM	296.7 ^{a-c}	29.52 ^{a-i}	139.33 ^{a-d}	8 ^{a-g}	16 ^{f-h}	137.93 ^{bi}	3.34 ^{b-g}	59 ^{k-p}
TOT6684	230.02 ^{bc}	35.1 ^{a-e}	101.67 ^{a-g}	2.67 ^{fg}	14.33 ^{f-h}	121.67 ^{dj}	1.35 ^{i-k}	73.33 ^{c-g}
TOT6430	256.8 ^{a-c}	19.98 ^{kl}	82.00 ^{d-g}	10 ^{a-c}	11.67 ^{f-h}	122.33 ^{dj}	1.66 ^{h-k}	72 ^{c-i}

UGJM1	226.8 ^{bc}	24.6 ^{a-l}	122.67 ^{a-g}	3 ^{e-g}	14.33 ^{f-h}	118.67 ^{dk}	3.46 ^{b-g}	63.33 ^{g-p}
IP4	306.6 ^{a-c}	27 ^{a-l}	144.00 ^{a-d}	9.67 ^{a-c}	10 ^{f-h}	119.67 ^{dk}	2.43 ^{d-j}	58.67 ^{k-p}

Means followed by the same letter are not significantly different according to Least Significant Difference (LSD) at $P=0.05$ significance level. **Lfn**- Number of leaves per plant. **Frsl**- fresh leaf weight per plant. **Pibra**- number of primary branches per plant. **Pdn**- Number of pods per plant. **s/pod**- number of seeds per pod. **1000seds**- weight of 1000 seeds. **Dysflw**- Number of days to 50% flowering

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3.1.2.2 Correlation among the quantitative morphological traits

The Pearson's correlation coefficient analysis was carried out to find the relationship among morphological traits, **Table 6**. The correlation matrix highlights many significant correlations both positive and negative at 5% threshold for the different characters under study. Fresh leaves weight was statistically significant ($P < 0.0001$) with a very strong positive correlation with dry leaf weight ($r = 0.966$) and moderately correlated positively with leaf length ($r = 0.66$), days to 50% flowering ($r = 0.583$) and the flower diameter ($r = 0.583$). Leaf width showed moderate positive correlation with petiole length ($r = 0.43$). The fresh leaves were negatively correlated with leaf number ($r = 0.252$), pod number ($r = 0.483$) and primary branches ($r = 0.414$). Leaf number had moderate significant positive correlation with the pod number ($r = 0.539$); moderate significant negative correlations were further observed between leaf number and seeds per pod ($r = 0.588$) and pod length ($r = 0.487$). Similarly, pod length exhibited a significant positive correlation with seeds per pods ($r = 0.638$). A moderate significant negative association between pod number and pod length ($r = 0.582$), seeds per pod ($r = 0.623$) and ($r = 0.615$) for the flower diameter. Furthermore, a very strong positive correlation between the dry shoot weight and fresh shoot weight was observed ($r = 0.927$) and a very low positive correlation with primary branches ($r = 0.328$).

Table 6. Pearson's correlation coefficient amongst the quantitative morphological traits of Jew 'mallow

FL	DL	LN
PH	LW	LL
LWLR	PL	
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LL	LWLR	
PH	LW	LL
LW	LL	LWL
R	PL	PDN
LL	LWLR	P
L	PDN	PDL
SDP	SDM	
PNL	FLD	
LWLR	PL	P
DN	PDL	SD
P	SDM	PNL
FLD	DYF	
PL	PDN	PD
L	SDP	SDM
PNL	FLD	
PDN	PDL	S
DP	SDM	P
NL	FLD	DY
F	DYMP	FS
DS	HI	PB
SB	FL	1
	0.966*	0.25
3	0.329	0.7
74*	0.657*	0
	.367	0.449
PDL	SDP	S
DM	PNL	FL
D	DYF	DYM
P	FS	DS
H		
I	PB	SB
SDP	SDM	P
NL	FLD	DY
F	DYMP	FS
DS	HI	PB
SB	FL	1
	0.966*	0.25
3	0.329	0.7
74*	0.657*	0
	.367	0.449

SDM PNL F
 LD DYF DY
 MP FS DS
 PNL FLD D
 YF DYMP F
 S DS HI P
 B SB FL
 1 0.966* 0
 .253 0.329
 FLD DYF D
 YMP FS DS
 HI PB SB
 FL 1 0.9
 66* 0.253 0.
 329 0.774*
 DYF DYMP
 DYMP FS D
 S HI PB S
 B FL 1 0
 .966* 0.253
 FS DS HI
 DS HI PB
 HI PB SB
 PB SB FL
 1 0.966* 0
 .253 0.329
 SB FL 1
 FL 1 0.96
 6* 0.253 0.3
 29 0.774* 0.
 657* 0.367
 FL 1 0.966*
 0.253 0.32
 9 0.774* 0.6
 57* 0.367 0.
 449 0.483 0
 .034 0.449
 1 0.966* 0.2
 53 0.329 0.
 774* 0.657*
 0.966* 0.253
 0.329 0.77
 4* 0.657* 0.
 367 0.449 0
 .483 0.034
 0.253 0.329
 0.774* 0.65

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0.657* 0.36
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0.774* 0.657
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0.034 0.44
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0.483 0.034
0.449 0.09
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0.034 0.449
0.092 0.02
5 0.543* 0.5
83* 0.339 0.
421 0.354 0
.953* 0.444
0.449 0.092
0.025 0.54

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 4 0.953* 0.4
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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SDM
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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47 **PNL**
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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 0.357 **DYM**
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 0.021 0.556*
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 0.052 0.379
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 0.108 **FS**
 1 0
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1 0.00
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0.927* 0.33
4 0.327 0.2
46 **DS**
1 0
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1 0.9
27* 0.334 0.
327 0.246
1 0.92
7* 0.334 0.3
27 0.246
1 0.927*
0.334 0.32
7 0.246 **D**
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1 0.927* 0
.334 0.327
1 0.927* 0.3
34 0.327 0.
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0.927* 0.334
0.327 0.24
6 **DS**
0.334 0.327
0.246 **DS**

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0.254 0.32
4 0.257 **H**
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1 0
.254 0.324
1 0.2
54 0.324 0.
257 **HI**
1 0.25
4 0.324 0.2
57 **HI**
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0.324 0.25
7 **HI**
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1 0.254 0.
324 0.257
1 0.254 0.3
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20* **SC**
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PH LW LL
LW LL LWL
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L PDN PDL
SDP SDM
PNL FLD
LWLR PL P
DN PDL SD
P SDM PNL
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 3 0.329 0.7
 74* 0.657* 0
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HI PB SB
FL 1 0.9
 66* 0.253 0.
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DYMP FS D
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B FL 1 0
 .966* 0.253
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PB SB FL
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FL 1 0.96
 6* 0.253 0.3

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29 0.774* 0.
 657* 0.367
FL 1 0.966*
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 9 0.774* 0.6
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 449 0.483 0
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97 **DL** 1
0.157 0.37
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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0.364 **SD**

UNDER PEER REVIEW

P
 1 0
 .637* 0.247
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 37* 0.247 0.
 319 0.32 -
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 0.031 0.133
 0.137 -
 0.048 0.017
 0.364 **SD**

P
 1 0.63
 7* 0.247 0.3
 19 0.32 -
 0.052 -
 0.031 0.133
 0.137 -
 0.048 0.017
 0.364 **SD**

P
 1 0.637*
 0.247 0.31
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 0.364 **SD**

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 0.364 **SD**

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0.173 0.30
6 0.397 0.3
27 0.204 0.
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SDM
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73 0.306 0.
397 0.327 0
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06 0.354 -
0.264 0.178

SDM
1 0.17
3 0.306 0.3
97 0.327 0.
204 0.07 0.
06 0.354 -
0.264 0.178

SDM
1 0.173
0.306 0.39
7 0.327 0.2
04 0.07 0.0
6 0.354 -
0.264 0.178

SDM
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306 0.397 0
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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SDM
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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47 **PNL**
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47 **PNL**
0.429 0.417
0.054 0.16
3 0.347 **P**
NL
0.417 0.054
0.163 0.34
7 **PNL**
0.054 0.163
0.347 **PN**
L

UNDER PEER REVIEW

0.163 0.347

PNL

0.347 **PNL**

PNL

PNL

1

0.149 0.14

3 0.014 0.1

06 0.053 -

0.017 0.138

0.0259 **F**

LD

1 0

.149 0.143

1 0.1

49 0.143 0.

014 0.106 0

.053 -

0.017 0.138

0.0259 **F**

LD

1 0.14

9 0.143 0.0

14 0.106 0.

053 -

0.017 0.138

0.0259 **F**

LD

1 0.149

0.143 0.01

4 0.106 0.0

53 -

0.017 0.138

0.0259 **F**

LD

1 0.149

1 0.149 0.

143 0.014 0

.106 0.053 -

0.017 0.138

0.0259 **F**

UNDER PEER REVIEW

LD
1 0.149 0.1
43 0.014 0.
106 0.053 -
0.017 0.138
0.0259 F
LD
0.149 0.143
0.014 0.10
6 0.053 -
0.017 0.138
0.0259 F
LD
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

1
0.266 0.25
9 0.577* 0.5
23* 0.487 -
0.027 0.083

DYF

1 0
.266 0.259
1 0.2
66 0.259 0.
577* 0.523*
1 0.26
6 0.259 0.5
77* 0.523* 0
.487 -
0.027 0.083

DYF

1 0.266
0.259 0.57
7* 0.523* 0.
487 -
0.027 0.083

DYF

1 0.266
1 0.266 0.
259 0.577*
1 0.266 0.2
59 0.577* 0.
523* 0.487 -
0.027 0.083

DYF

0.266 0.259
0.577* 0.52
3* 0.487 -
0.027 0.083

DYF

0.259 0.577*
0.523* 0.48
7 -
0.027 0.083

DYF

0.577* 0.523
* 0.487 -
0.027 0.083

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DYF
 0.523* 0.487
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 0.083 **DYF**

DYF
DYF

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 0.24 0.11
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 -0.344 -
 0.357 **DYM**
P
 1 0.2
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 0.021 0.556*
 -0.344 -
 0.357 **DYM**
P
 1 0.24
 0.11 -
 0.021 0.556*
 -0.344 -
 0.357 **DYM**
P
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 11 -
 0.021 0.556*

UNDER PEER REVIEW

-0.344 -
 0.357 **DYM**
P
 1 0.24 0.1
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 0.021 0.556*
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 0.357 **DYM**
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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0.009 -
0.052 0.379
-0.142 -
0.108 **FS**
1 0
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0.052 0.379
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0.108 **FS**
1 0.0
09 -
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-0.142 -
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UNDER PEER REVIEW

0.052 0.379
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1
 0.927* 0.33
 4 0.327 0.2
 46 **DS**
 1 0
 .927* 0.334
 1 0.9
 27* 0.334 0.
 327 0.246
 1 0.92
 7* 0.334 0.3
 27 0.246
 1 0.927*
 0.334 0.32
 7 0.246 **D**
S
 1 0.927*
 1 0.927* 0
 .334 0.327
 1 0.927* 0.3
 34 0.327 0.
 246 **DS**
 0.927* 0.334
 0.327 0.24
 6 **DS**

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0.334 0.327
0.246 **DS**

0.327 0.246
DS
0.246 **DS**
DS
DS

1
0.254 0.32
4 0.257 **H**
I
1 0
.254 0.324
1 0.2
54 0.324 0.
257 **HI**
1 0.25
4 0.324 0.2
57 **HI**
1 0.254
0.324 0.25
7 **HI**
1 0.254
1 0.254 0.
324 0.257
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0.257 **HI**

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HI

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UNDER PEER REVIEW

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1 **FL**-
fresh leaves;
DL-dry
leaves; **HI**-
harvest
index; **PH**-
plant height;
LN-leaf
number;
DYF-days to
50%
flowering;
DYMP-days
to mature
pods; **LW**-
leaf width;
LL-leaf
length;
LWLR-leaf
width length
ratio; **PL**-
petiole
length; **PDN**-
pod number;
PDL-pod
length;
S/POD-

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number of
seeds per
pod;

1000SEEDS
- weight of
1000 seeds;

PNL-
peduncle
length; **FH**-
fresh shoot
weight; **DS**-
biomass. *
Significant at
 $P < 0.001$

1 0.5
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3.1.2.2 Principal component analysis (PCA)

Principal component analysis (PCA) which was carried out to reveal the relationship between the 31 characters studied generated 34 principal components (PC) and is presented in **Table 7**. The first four principal components had an eigenvalue greater than 2. These principal components accounted for 58.72% of the total variability of the morphological traits amongst the studied 49 accessions while the remaining components contributed only 21.28% of total variability for the accessions, with eigenvalue less than 2 but greater than 1. The fresh leaves weight, dry leaves weight, leaf width and flower diameter loaded high in principal component 1 (PC1) and accounted for 23.4% of the total variation of the samples with an eigenvalue of 7.96. The highest positive loading was associated with leaf width (0.31), leaf fresh weight (0.30), dry leaves weight (0.28), and the flower diameter (0.26). The component characterizes accessions with good performance for each of these characters. The second principal component (PC2) accounted 14.95% of the total morphological variation amongst the accession with the highest positive loading exhibited by fruit shape (0.35), leaf number (0.28) and leaf colour (0.27). The third principal component (PC3) accounted for 11.19% of the total variation with 3.806 eigenvalue. Traits such as primary branches (0.30) and secondary branches (0.33) loaded more in this component. The fourth principal component (PC4) accounted only 9.19% of the total variation with 3.123 eigenvalue. Leaf length (0.31) and stem colour (0.29) loaded the highest. Generally, PC1, PC2 and PC3 constituted 49.54% of the total morphological variation with mostly the vegetative related traits. This indicated that these traits can be used to classify the accessions under study.

Table 7. Eigenvalues, proportion of variance and morphological traits that contributed to the first four Principal components (PCs).

	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC4
Eigen value	7.955	5.081	3.806	3.123
Proportion of variance (%)	23.4	14.95	11.19	9.19
Cumulative variance (%)	23.4	38.34	49.54	58.72
plant height	0.19	0.09	0.24	0.19
leaf width	0.31	0.05	-0.06	-0.02
leaf length	0.15	-0.03	-0.25	0.31
leaf length width ratio	-0.26	-0.04	-0.18	0.18
petiole length	0.21	0.04	0.07	-0.05
pod number	-0.28	0.15	-0.11	0.03
pod length	0.14	-0.25	0.29	0.04
seeds per pod	0.21	-0.24	0.04	0.13
1000 seeds weight	0.13	0.19	0.26	0.1
peduncle length	0.07	-0.19	0.11	0.02
flower diameter	0.26	0.03	0.06	0.12
Days to 50% flowering	0.19	-0.01	-0.26	-0.08
Days to mature first pod	0.1	-0.01	-0.15	0.05
Biomass yield	0.17	0.23	0.2	0.08
Primary branches	-0.09	0.11	0.3	0.1
Secondary branches	0.02	0.01	0.33	0.09