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## Screening of Mutant Wheat Lines to Resistance for Fusarium Head Blight and Using SSR Markers for Detecting DNA Polymorphism

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# Drought resistance

Methods used for determine resistance to drought of mutant wheat lines:

- Soil sensors method;
- RWC method (relative water content);
- Nitrogen status in leaf (SPAD measurement);
- qPCR analysis



Note: A-seedlings after 3 days of germination; B-seedlings of wheat in the pots (after 18 days of watering); C,D-seedlings of wheat in the soil column (after 18 days of watering)  
Figure. The experiments with soil columns and pots in the glass-house

- Nitrate is the main form of nitrogen available for wheat crop and it usually limits growth and yield. Soil sensor gives a real-time measurement of nitrate availability in the soil. Other methods involve extraction of soil and chemical measurements of nitrate in soil
- The purpose of training is to manufacture a cost-effective ion selective sensor to measure the nitrate concentration of the soil water solution. We are going to apply this method for screening mutant wheat germplasm collections from Kazakhstan for nitrate uptake efficiency under differing levels of water supply.



The seeds of local cultivars tolerant (Kaz-10) and sensitive to drought (Samgau), also mutant line (E-152, M7) and its parent cultivar (Erythrospermum standart) planted in the soil columns after pre-germination in the petri dishes. The experiment was carried out in controlled conditions in the glasshouse during one month.



- There were built and created calibration curves for 36 nitrate selective soil sensors to compare and measure the nitrate concentrations in the soil water solution. The logger data will be compared with calibration to indicate the nitrate concentration in the soil. This data allow me to determine the real time nitrate concentration in the soil at different stages of plant development during the onset of drought conditions.
- The mutant lines (M7, M8) are derived from the cultivar Almaken, Zhenis, Erythrospermum (soft spring wheat varieties of Kazakhstan breeding ) will be screened for growth and nitrate uptake efficiency under changing levels of water supply in the Almaty region of Kazakhstan.

## **The techniques for measuring the water and nitrogen status of the wheat leaf**

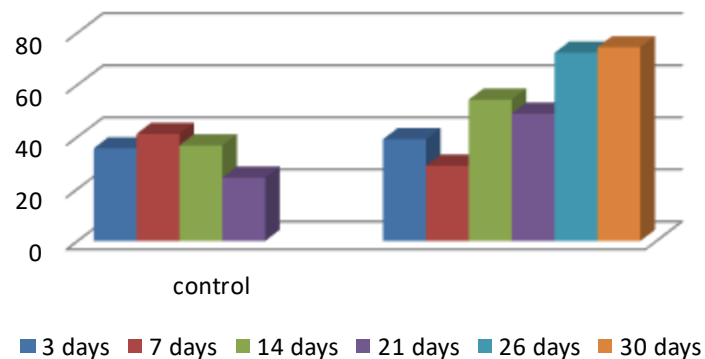
It was determined the relative water content (RWC) for five genotypes of spring wheat growing under drought. For this experiment three leaf samples were taken from each pot, sealed in plastic bags and taken to the laboratory. After fresh weight determination, the leaf parts were floated in distilled water for 3 h at room temperature with no illumination. Then leaf surfaces were dried with filter paper and the turgid weight was determined. To measure the dry weight the leaf parts were oven-dried at 85<sup>0</sup> C overnight and then reweighed. The water status was evaluated before drought (control) and during drought stress for 13 days.

- One of the physiological parameter related to resistance to abiotic stress factors is level of photosynthesis and also chlorophyll content. Chlorophyll content is one indicator of plant health and can be used to optimize the timing and quantity added fertilizer to provide the largest crop yields. For this aim was used easy measurements of the chlorophyll content of plant leaves by the SPAD-502Plus (Konica Minolta, Osaka, Japan).

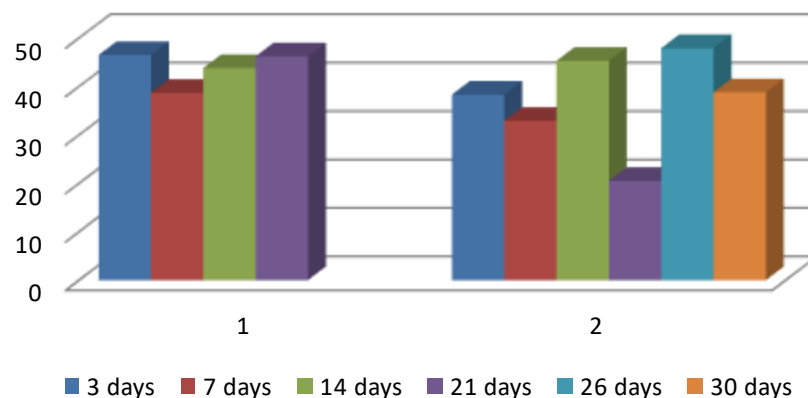




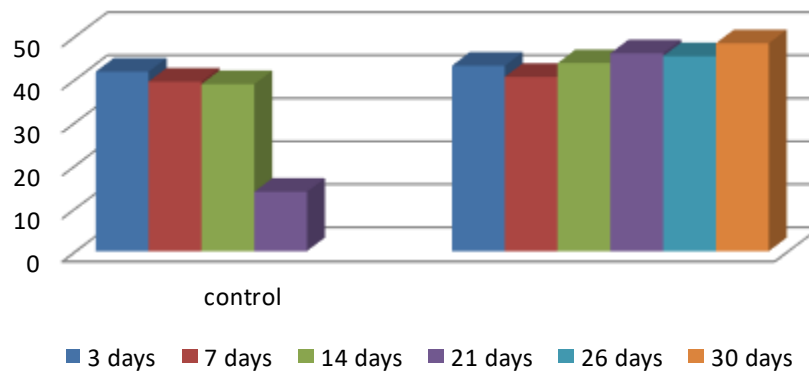
**Chlorophyll content in leaves of weat cultivar Kaz-10 under drought stress**



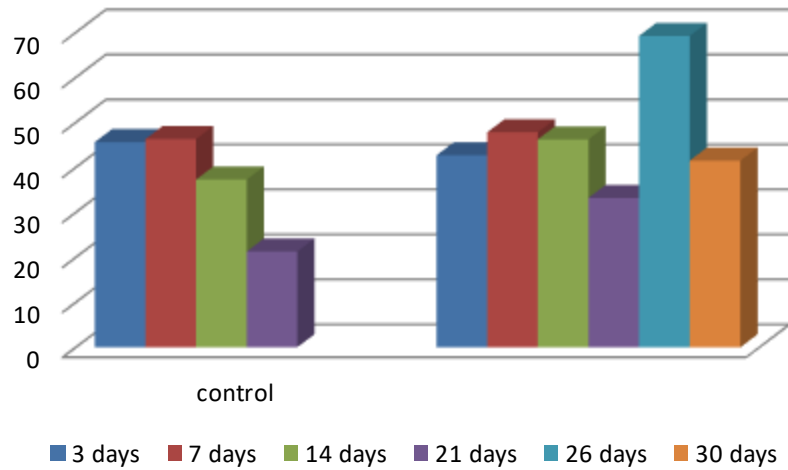
**Chlorophyll content in leaves of weat cultivar Samgau under drought stress**



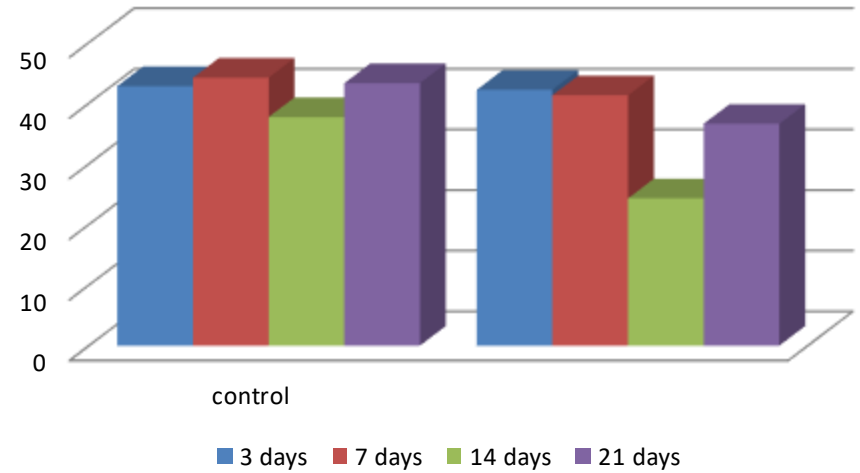
**Chlorophyll content in leaves of weat cultivar Erythrospermum under drought stress**



**Chlorophyll content in leaves of mutant line E 152(8) under drought stress**



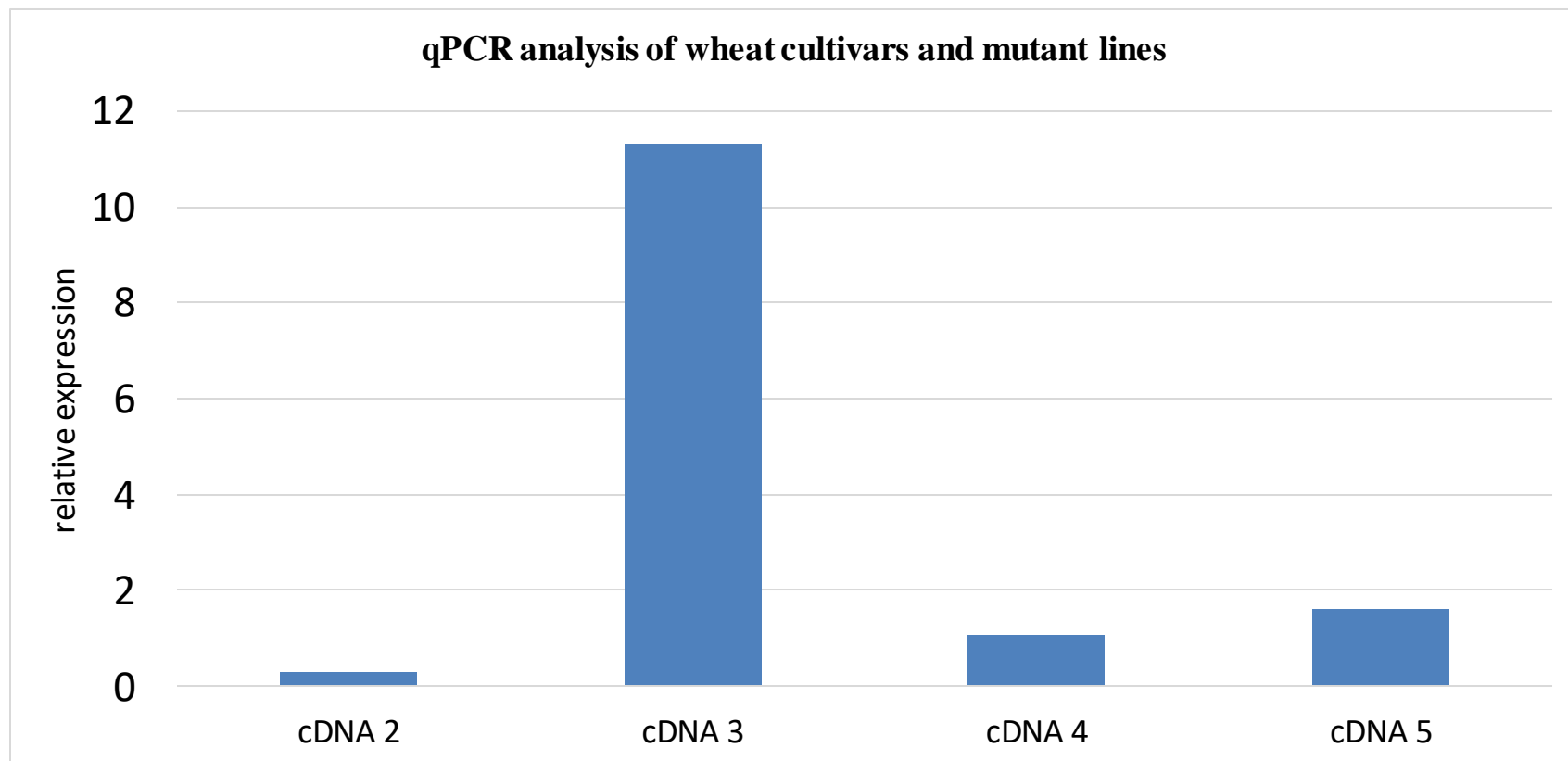
**Chlorophyll content in leaves of mutant line E153(4) under drought stress**



# **PCR screening of wheat mutant lines**

- To indicate the drought status of the wheat plants at the molecular level samples were taken for RNA expression analysis and quantitative RT-PCR. For this aim the fresh plant samples were harvested before drought stress and then after 3-d, 7, 14 days without watering.
- This will include identifying and testing a suite of drought marker genes that can be used for PCR screening wheat growing under stress.

- The fresh plant samples harvested, quickly frozen in liquid nitrogen and then stored at  $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$  before use. Total RNA was isolated using the RNeasy Plant Mini Kit (Qiagen, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia). Nucleic acid quantity was analysed with a NanoDropND-1000UV–VisSpectrophotometer (Nano Drop Technologies, Wilmington, DE). Quantiscript Reverse Transcriptase and RT primer mix were used for cDNA synthesis (Qiagen). As a reference gene were used Actin and Tubulin primers. Real-time quantitative RT-PCR(qRT-PCR) were performed using double-stranded DNA binding dye SYBR Green PCR master mix (Applied Biosystems, Scoresby, Victoria, Australia) in ViiA™ 7 system (Applied Biosystems). Each reaction was run in triplicate. The first experiment data presented in Figure 3.



Note: cDNA 2- cultivar Samgau, cDNA 3 – cultivar ErythrospERMum, cDNA 4 – mutant line E 152-8, cDNA 5 – mutant line E 153-4

**Figure 3. Relative expression of marker gene DREB in leaf samples of wheat cultivars and mutant lines**

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