

## CHAPTER 4

### RESULTS

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##### 4.1 F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids Seed Production and Germination Rates

In Table 4.1, the total number of F<sub>1</sub> seeds produced from 14 different crosses was ranged from 5 to 58 seeds. The lowest number of seed was produced from the cross between MR 219 and Entry 7, whilst the highest number of seeds was derived from the cross between MRQ 50 and Entry 7. The F<sub>1</sub> seeds collected were separated into curve shaped seed and non-curve shaped seed (Appendix 1.1) for each crosses, except F<sub>1</sub> of MRQ 50/ Rambir Basmati which is only produced curve shaped seeds. The number of seedlings and germination rates were calculated for each cross. F<sub>1</sub> of MRQ 50/ E 11 performed 100 % germination rate for both curve shaped seeds and non-curve shaped seeds.

##### 4.2 Genotypic Characteristic for Fragrance (*mgr*) Gene in F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids

By using single tube Allele Specific Amplification PCR assay, PCR products were easily separated on an agarose gel. Four primers (ESP, EAP, INSP, IFAP) were used to identify the absence or presence of fragrance gene sequences in F<sub>1</sub> hybrids. A PCR product of approximately 580 bp was present in all fragrant (577 bp) and non-fragrant (585 bp) genotypes and serves as a positive control. The presence of a second PCR product of 355 bp identified as homozygous non-fragrant individuals. Whilst a second PCR product of 257 bp, identified individuals as homozygous fragrant. An individual that gives all three PCR products can be discriminated as heterozygous non-fragrant. In the present molecular screening the results are shown in figure 4.1. Of these, 38 individuals were observed as homozygous fragrant (**1, 2, 3(a)**): Lane 8, 9, 10, 11, 13,

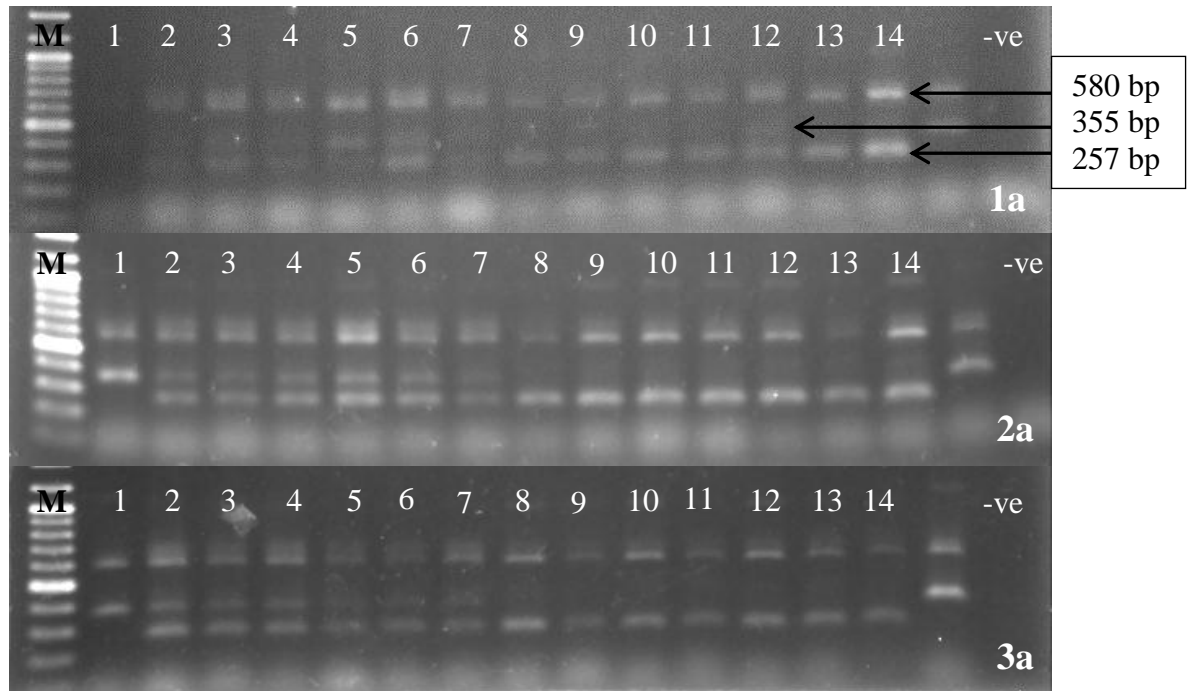
14; **2, 3(a)**: Lane 12; **1, 2, 3(b)**: Lane 10, 11, 12, 13, 14; **1, 3(b)**: Lane 9; **2(b)**: Lane 7); 35 individuals were identified as heterozygous non-fragrant (**1, 2, 3(a)**: Lane 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; **1(a)**: Lane 12; **1, 2, 3(b)**: Lane 2, 3, 4, 6; **1(b)**: Lane 5; **1, 3(b)**: Lane 7; **2(b)**: Lane 9) and 8 individuals were determined as homozygous non-fragrant (**1, 2, 3(a)**: Lane 1; **1, 2, 3(b)**: Lane 1; **2, 3(b)**: Lane 5). Similar amplification pattern in fragrance (*fgr*) gene were observed in all of 3 F<sub>1</sub> individuals from each cross, except for F<sub>1</sub> hybrid MRQ 50/Entry 11 (a: Lane 12), MR 219/Rato Basmati (b: Lane 5), MR 219/Sadri (b: Lane 7) and MRQ 50/Rato Basmati (b: Lane 9) (Figure 4.1).

**Table 4.1:** The total F<sub>1</sub> seeds produced and germination rates in different crosses.

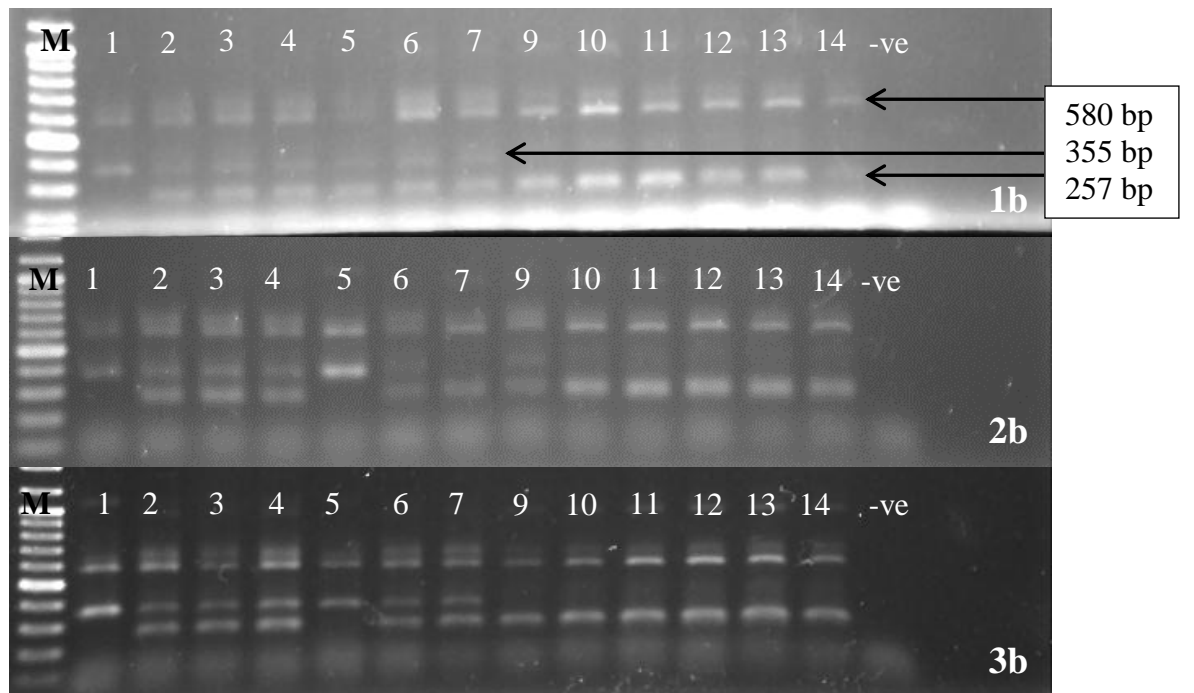
<b>F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids</b>	<b>Total Seeds Produced</b>	<b>Number of Curve shaped seeds</b>	<b>Number of Seedlings</b>	<b>Germination Rates (%)</b>	<b>Number of Non-Curve shaped seeds</b>	<b>Number of Seedlings</b>	<b>Germination Rates (%)</b>
MR219/GHARIB	40	20	15	75.0	20	5	25.0
MR219/E7	5	2	1	50.0	3	1	33.3
MR219/RMB	15	7	2	28.6	8	3	37.5
MR219/E13	30	22	12	54.5	8	6	75.0
MR219/RTB	35	21	12	57.1	14	2	14.3
MR219/E11	23	14	10	71.4	9	3	33.3
MR219/SADRI	47	23	20	87.0	24	12	50.0
MRQ50/RMB	7	7	3	42.9	-	-	-
MRQ50/RTB	22	15	11	73.3	7	1	14.3
MRQ50/SADRI	32	15	9	60.0	17	10	58.8
MRQ50/GHARIB	29	11	9	81.8	18	13	72.2
MRQ50/E11	43	20	20	100.0	23	23	100.0
MRQ50/E13	13	4	2	50.0	9	7	77.8
MRQ50/E7	58	26	18	69.2	32	22	68.8

(RMB= Rambir Basmati; RTB= Rato Basmati; E= Entry)

a. Curve seed



b. Non-curve seed



**Figure 4.1:** Six agarose gels showing individuals selected for fragrance analysis using single tube Allele Specific Amplification (ASA). Lanes 1-14 represent the F<sub>1</sub> individuals from 14 different crosses separated into curve and non-curve shaped seed with three replications (from three different seed). The band of approximately 580 bp corresponds to the positive control amplified by both external primers (ESP and EAP). The 355 bp band corresponds to a PCR product amplified from the non-fragrant allele by Internal Non-fragrant Sense Primer (INSP) and External Antisense Primer (EAP). The 257 bp band corresponds to a PCR product amplified from the fragrant allele by the

Internal Fragrant Antisense Primer (IFAP) and the External Sence Primer (ESP). –ve: Negative control (water). M: DNA ladder (100 bp, Vivantis) were used. (Lane 1-7:Gharib, Entry 7, Rambir Basmati, Entry 13, Rato Basmati, Entry 11 and Sadri crossed with MR 219 respectively; Lane 8-14: Rambir Basmati, Rato Basmati, Sadri, Gharib, Entry 11, Entry 13 and Entry 7 crossed with MRQ 50 respectively)

### **4.3 Aroma Evaluation in F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids**

A total of 14 F<sub>1</sub> hybrids were used in aroma evaluation. They were separated into curve and non-curve shaped seeds.

#### ***4.3.1 Leaf Aromatic Test***

From the leaf aromatic test, the highest mean aroma score was 3 while the lowest was 1 among F<sub>1</sub> hybrids. Within the curve shaped seed F<sub>1</sub> hybrids, five of them scored 3, nine individuals scored 2 and one of them scored 1. Within the non-curve shaped seeds F<sub>1</sub> hybrids, five of them scored 3 and the rest scored 2, as shown in Figure 4.2 (also see Appendix 2.1).

#### ***4.3.2 Grain Aromatic Test***

The highest scoring for grain aromatic test was 2 and the lowest was 1. F<sub>1</sub> hybrids from curve shaped seeds were evaluated and 9 of them perform with a score 2 and 6 of them scored 1. F<sub>1</sub> hybrids from non-curve seeds also were evaluated and 4 of them perform with a score of 2 and 9 of them scored 1 as shown in Figure 4.2 (also see Appendix 2.2).

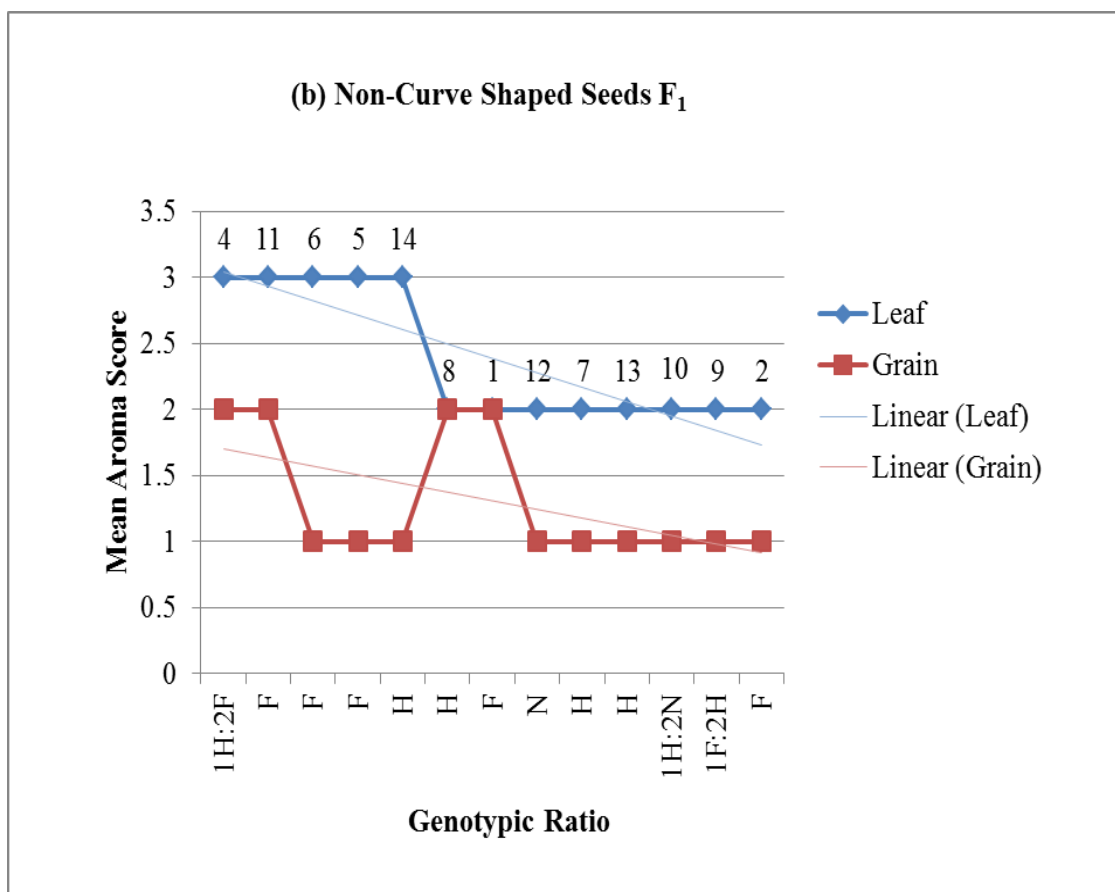
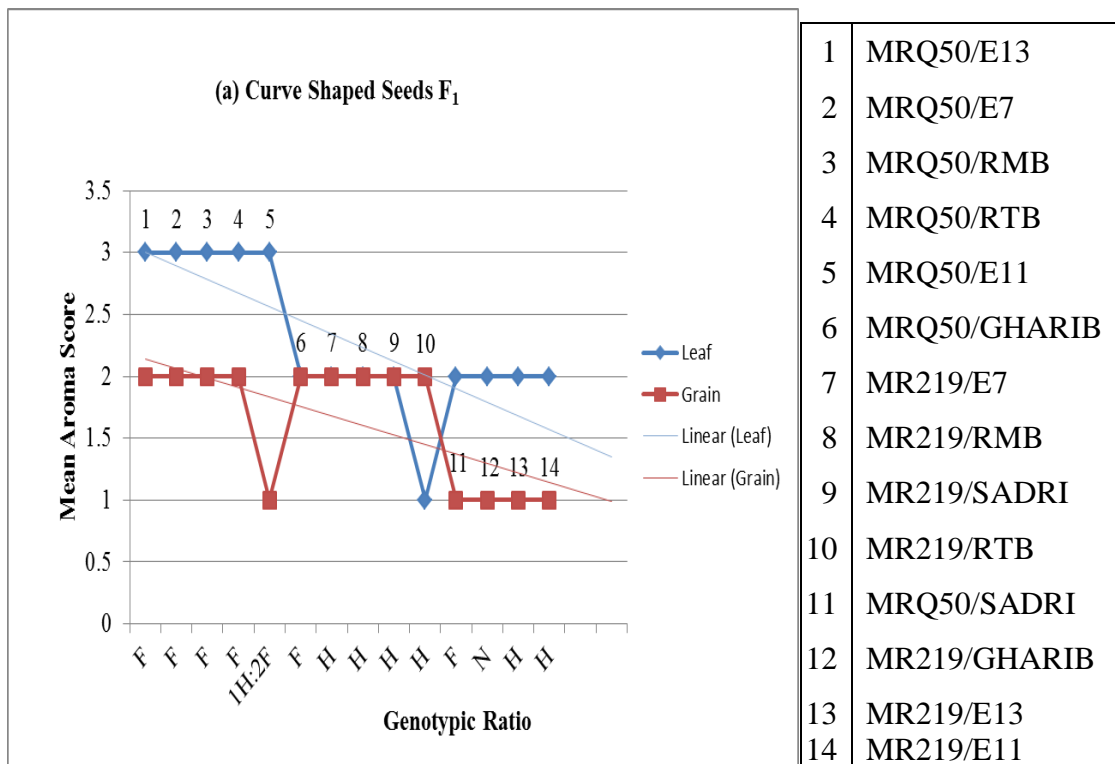
#### ***4.3.3 Comparison of Mean Aroma Score from Both Methods***

Comparing mean aroma scores from both methods, most of them produced a better leaf aroma score than the grain, except for the hybrids from MR 219/Rato Basmati in curve shaped seed. Most of them obtained a grain aroma score one grade

lower than the leaf aroma score, except for the hybrids from MRQ 50/E 11 in curve shaped seed which was two grades lower. F<sub>1</sub>s from MRQ 50/Gharib, MR 219/E 7, MR 219/Rambir Basmati, MR 219/Sadri in curve shaped seed and hybrids from MR 219/Rambir Basmati, MRQ 50/E 13 in non-curve shaped seed had the same aroma score in both leaf and grain. However, the trend for leaf aroma score was higher than the grain aroma score as shown in Figure 4.2.

#### **4.4 Comparison of Genotypic and Phenotypic Aroma Analysis**

From figure 4.2, genotypic analysis within F<sub>1</sub> hybrids, homozygous fragrant individuals were found to have a better mean aroma score in leaf and grain than both heterozygous non-fragrant individuals and homozygous non-fragrant individuals, except for F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/E 11 (curve and non-curve), MRQ 50/Sadri (curve), MR 219/E 13 (non-curve), MR 219/Sadri (non-curve), MRQ 50/E 7 (non-curve). Through comparison of both genotypic and phenotypic characteristics of aroma in F<sub>1</sub> rice individuals, it was observed that aroma character from parents was successfully inherited in F<sub>1</sub> individuals derived from curve shaped seed compared to non-curved seeds.



**Figure 4.2:** Comparison of aromatic performance for leaf and grain from F<sub>1</sub> hybrid rice and along with genotypic ratio for a) curve shaped seed and b) non-curve shaped seed. Mean aroma score were get from three individual plants. Linear lines were drawn for mean aroma score for leaf and grain. Genotypic ratio F, N and H represented homozygous fragrance, homozygous non-fragrance and heterozygous respectively. The

number 1 to 14 represented genotypes shown in right hand side column. (RMB=Rambir Basmati, RTB=Rato Basmati)

#### **4.5 Agronomic and Yield Performance of Selected F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids**

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) for yield related traits is presented in Table 4.2. Significant difference was observed in all traits among the F<sub>1</sub> hybrids at 1 % and 5 % level. The mean values for F<sub>1</sub> hybrid rice ranged from 79 to 108 days for days to heading (DH), 100 to 139 days to maturity (DM), 17 to 37 days for grain filling period (GFP), 64.0 to 102.33 cm for plant height (PH), 2.3 to 5.3 for number of tiller (NT), 1.0 to 4.3 for number of fertile tiller (NFT), 65.3 to 30.53 cm for panicle length (PL), 65.3 to 234.7 for grain per panicle (GP), 0.67 to 143.0 for fertile grain per panicle (FGP), 10.0 to 23.67 g for 1000-grain weight (TGW) and 0.05 to 9.30 g for grain yield per plant (GYP). Curve shaped seed F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ Sadri, MRQ 50/ E 11 and MRQ 50/ E 7 were not selected because they produced very low yield (not more than 10 F<sub>2</sub> seeds per plant). While, non-curve shaped seed F<sub>1</sub> of MR 219/ Sadri was selected because it produced high yield and better aroma.

From Table 4.2, the highest DH was in F<sub>1</sub> of MRQ 50/E 13 (104 days), followed by F<sub>1</sub> from MR 219/E 7 (102.7 days) and MRQ 50/Rambir Basmati (97 days). The lowest DH was in F<sub>1</sub> from MR 219/ Rato Basmati (79.3 days). The maximum DM was in F<sub>1</sub> of MR 219/E 7 (134 days) while the minimum was in F<sub>1</sub> from MR 219/ Rato Basmati (100.3 days). The highest GF was in F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ Gharib (37 days) while the lowest was in F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ Rato Basmati and MRQ 50/ E 13 (17.7 days). The highest PH was observed in F<sub>1</sub> of MRQ 50/ Rato Basmati (96 cm) whereas the lowest was observed in F<sub>1</sub> from MR 219/ E 13 (66.33 cm). Maximum NT was detected in F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ E 13 (5.3) while F<sub>1</sub> from three different crosses: MR 219/ E 7, MR 219/ Rambir Basmati and non-curve shaped MR 219/ Sadri had minimum NT (3.0). The highest NFT was found in MRQ 50/ E 13 (4.3) while the lowest was in MR 219/



Rambir Basmati (1.7). F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ E 13 was again found to have highest PL (28.0 cm) while the lowest was found in F<sub>1</sub> from MR 219/ E 13 (17.37 cm). The highest GP was also found in F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ E 13 (205) while the lowest was in F<sub>1</sub> of MRQ 50/ Gharib (74.3). F<sub>1</sub> of MRQ 50/ E 13 (101) was again performed highest FGP while the lowest was in F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ Gharib (0.67). The maximum TGW was in F<sub>1</sub> of MR 219/ Gharib (23.67 g) while the lowest in F<sub>1</sub> of MRQ 50/ Gharib (10.0 g). The highest GYP was again found in F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ E13 (9.30 g) while the lowest was in F<sub>1</sub> of MRQ 50/ Gharib (0.05 g). There are 3 F<sub>1</sub> scored 4 in the phenotypic acceptance (MRQ 50/ E 13, MRQ 50/ Gharib, and MR 219/ E 7). Two of the F<sub>1</sub> scored 3 in phenotypic acceptance (MR 219/ E 11 and MR 219/ E 13) while the rest scored 2 in phenotypic acceptance.

The comparison of grain yield/plant with aroma was shown in Figure 4.3. F<sub>1</sub> from MRQ 50/ E 13, MRQ 50/ Rato Basmati and MRQ 50/ Rambir Basmati showed top performance in leaf aromatic test. From these 3 F<sub>1</sub>, MRQ 50/ E13 has the highest yield.

The comparison of yield and yield related traits such as TGW, FGP, PL and NFT are presented in Figures 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 and 4.7 respectively.

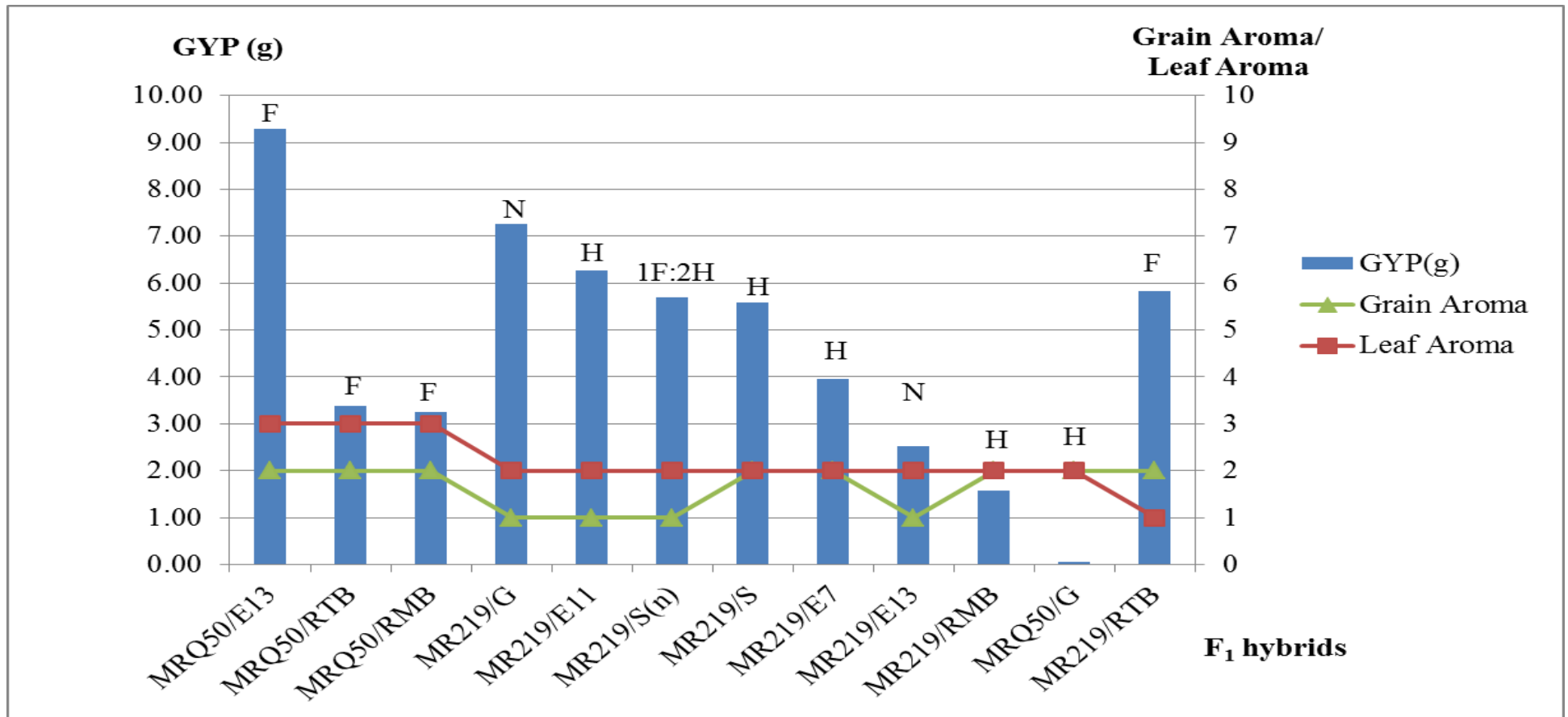
**Table 4.2:** Comparison of agronomic traits and grain yield performance between selected F<sub>1</sub> hybrid rice by analysis of variance data

F <sub>1</sub> Hybrids	Agronomic traits and grain yield											
	DH	DM	GFP	PH	NT	NFT	PL	GP	FGP	TGW	GYP	PActp
MR219/GHARIB	83.3 <sub>ijk</sub>	102.3 <sub>nm</sub>	19.0 <sub>jkl</sub>	78.33 <sub>fghij</sub>	4.3 <sub>ab</sub>	4.0 <sub>ab</sub>	23.47 <sub>bcdefgh</sub>	110.7 <sub>def</sub>	72.7 <sub>bcdef</sub>	23.67 <sub>a</sub>	7.26 <sub>ab</sub>	2
MR219/E7	102.7 <sub>b</sub>	134.0 <sub>b</sub>	31.3 <sub>bcd</sub>	83.67 <sub>defg</sub>	3.0 <sub>bc</sub>	2.3 <sub>bcde</sub>	21.20 <sub>fghij</sub>	137.3 <sub>cdef</sub>	88.0 <sub>bcd</sub>	20.67 <sub>ab</sub>	3.96 <sub>cdefg</sub>	4
MR219/RMB	94.0 <sub>def</sub>	115.0 <sub>hij</sub>	21.0 <sub>hijkl</sub>	86.33 <sub>bcdefg</sub>	3.0 <sub>bc</sub>	1.7 <sub>cde</sub>	21.10 <sub>ghij</sub>	81.3 <sub>def</sub>	75.0 <sub>bcdef</sub>	18.67 <sub>abc</sub>	1.58 <sub>fghi</sub>	2
MR219/E13	91.3 <sub>fg</sub>	120.0 <sub>efg</sub>	28.7 <sub>bcde</sub>	66.33 <sub>kl</sub>	3.3 <sub>bc</sub>	2.3 <sub>bcde</sub>	17.37 <sub>j</sub>	85.3 <sub>def</sub>	49.0 <sub>defgh</sub>	21.00 <sub>ab</sub>	2.53 <sub>efghi</sub>	3
MR219/RTB	79.3 <sub>k</sub>	100.3 <sub>n</sub>	21.0 <sub>hijkl</sub>	75.67 <sub>ghijk</sub>	4.3 <sub>ab</sub>	4.0 <sub>ab</sub>	26.30 <sub>abcdefg</sub>	131.7 <sub>def</sub>	76.0 <sub>bcde</sub>	20.67 <sub>ab</sub>	5.84 <sub>bcd</sub>	2
MR219/E11	93.0 <sub>def</sub>	111.7 <sub>jk</sub>	18.7 <sub>kl</sub>	75.33 <sub>ghijk</sub>	3.3 <sub>bc</sub>	3.3 <sub>abc</sub>	21.60 <sub>efghij</sub>	124.3 <sub>def</sub>	92.7 <sub>bcd</sub>	22.00 <sub>ab</sub>	6.28 <sub>bc</sub>	3
MR219/SADRI	84.7 <sub>ijk</sub>	107.3 <sub>l</sub>	22.7 <sub>ghijk</sub>	86.33 <sub>bcdefg</sub>	3.3 <sub>bc</sub>	3.3 <sub>abc</sub>	26.57 <sub>abcde</sub>	134.7 <sub>def</sub>	74.0 <sub>bcdef</sub>	23.00 <sub>a</sub>	5.59 <sub>bcde</sub>	2
MR219/SADRI(n)	83.7 <sub>ij</sub>	115.0 <sub>hij</sub>	31.3 <sub>bcd</sub>	80.00 <sub>efghi</sub>	3.0 <sub>bc</sub>	3.0 <sub>abcd</sub>	24.87 <sub>bcdefg</sub>	151.0 <sub>bcd</sub>	88.7 <sub>bcd</sub>	22.67 <sub>a</sub>	5.69 <sub>bcd</sub>	2
MRQ50/RMB	97.0 <sub>cd</sub>	116.3 <sub>ghi</sub>	19.3 <sub>ijkl</sub>	83.00 <sub>defgh</sub>	4.3 <sub>ab</sub>	3.3 <sub>abc</sub>	27.30 <sub>abcd</sub>	133.0 <sub>def</sub>	50.7 <sub>defg</sub>	19.33 <sub>ab</sub>	3.26 <sub>cdefghi</sub>	2
MRQ50/RTB	96.7 <sub>cd</sub>	114.3 <sub>ij</sub>	17.7 <sub>l</sub>	96.00 <sub>abc</sub>	4.0 <sub>abc</sub>	4.0 <sub>ab</sub>	21.57 <sub>efghij</sub>	84.7 <sub>def</sub>	53.7 <sub>cdef</sub>	17.67 <sub>abc</sub>	3.39 <sub>cdefgh</sub>	2
MRQ50/GHARIB	82.0 <sub>ijk</sub>	119.0 <sub>efgh</sub>	37.0 <sub>a</sub>	86.00 <sub>bcdefg</sub>	4.3 <sub>ab</sub>	2.0 <sub>cde</sub>	22.53 <sub>cdefghi</sub>	74.3 <sub>ef</sub>	0.67 <sub>h</sub>	10.00 <sub>c</sub>	0.05 <sub>i</sub>	4
MRQ50/E13	104.0 <sub>b</sub>	121.7 <sub>def</sub>	17.7 <sub>l</sub>	86.67 <sub>bcdefg</sub>	5.3 <sub>a</sub>	4.3 <sub>a</sub>	28.00 <sub>ab</sub>	205.0 <sub>abc</sub>	101.0 <sub>abc</sub>	22.00 <sub>ab</sub>	9.30 <sub>a</sub>	4
Average	91.5	117.3	25.8	81.89	3.8	2.5	23.55	121.1	52.2	19.06	2.85	
Range	<b>79.3-108.7</b>	<b>100.3-139.0</b>	<b>17.7-37.0</b>	<b>64.0-102.33</b>	<b>2.3-5.3</b>	<b>1.0-4.3</b>	<b>17.23-30.53</b>	<b>65.3-235.7</b>	<b>0.67-143.0</b>	<b>10.0-23.67</b>	<b>0.05-9.30</b>	
F test	32.49**	38.63**	13.18**	7.85**	1.98**	3.62**	4.56**	3.79**	7.03**	1.7*	7.36**	
CV%	2.41	1.99	9.56	7.32	22.2	35.69	11.23	30.58	47.73	23.41	56.63	

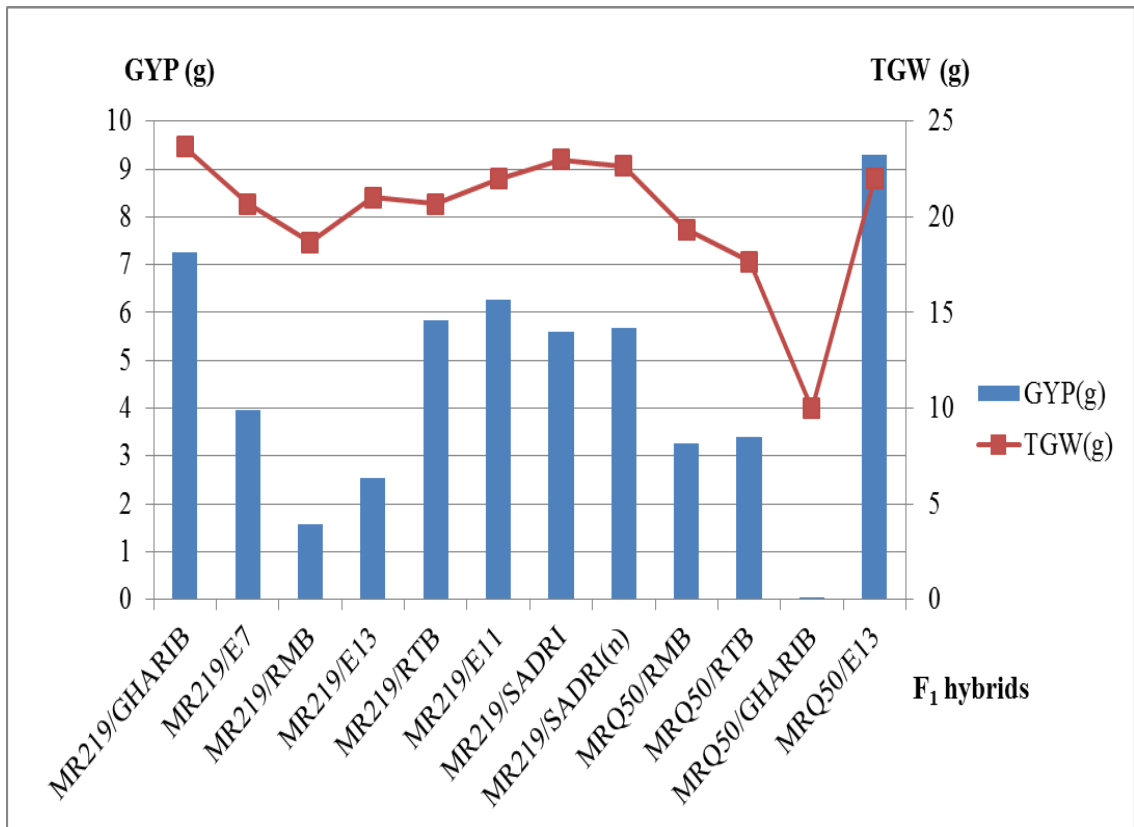
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\*Significant at 5% Probability level; \*\*Significant at 1% Probability level

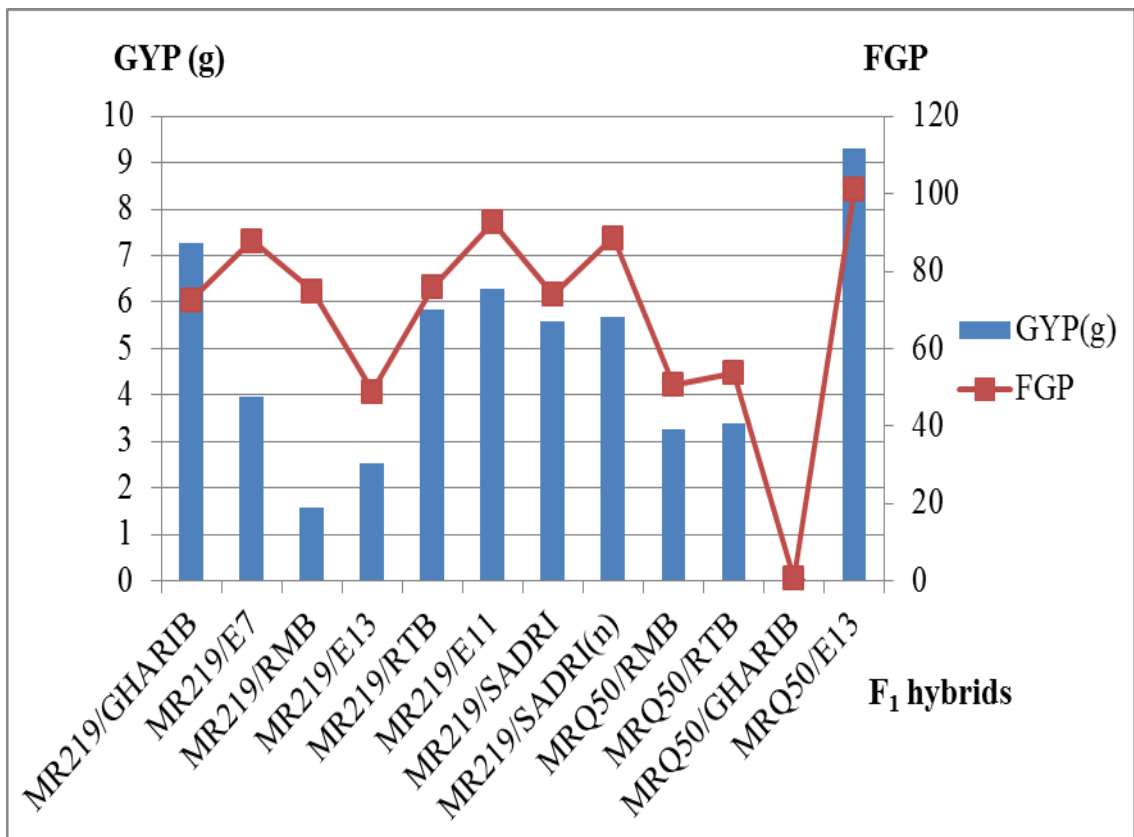
DH=Days to heading; DM=Days to maturity; GFP=Grain filling period (days); PH=Plant height (cm); NT=No. of tiller; NFT=No. of fertile tiller, PL=panicle length (cm); GP=Grain/panicle; FGP=Fertile grain/panicle; TGW= thousand grain weight (g); GYP=Grain yield/plant (g); PActp=Phenotypic Acceptance; (n) =non-curve shaped.



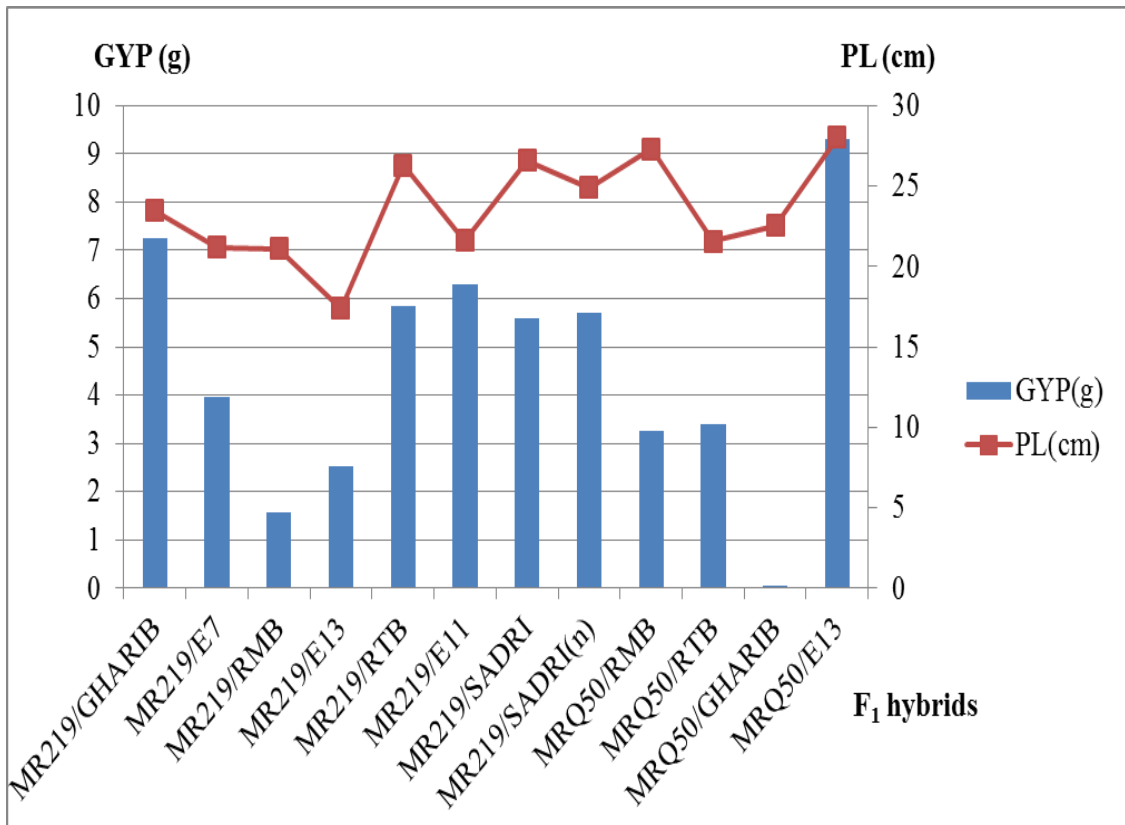
**Figure 4.3:** Relation between grain yield/plant (GYP) of F<sub>1</sub> hybrids selected with the mean aroma score (0-4) from leaf and grain. Genotypic ratio F, N and H represented homozygous fragrance, homozygous non-fragrance and heterozygous respectively. (RMB=Rambir Basmati, RTB=Rato Basmati, G=Gharib, S=Sadri, (n) =non-curve shaped).



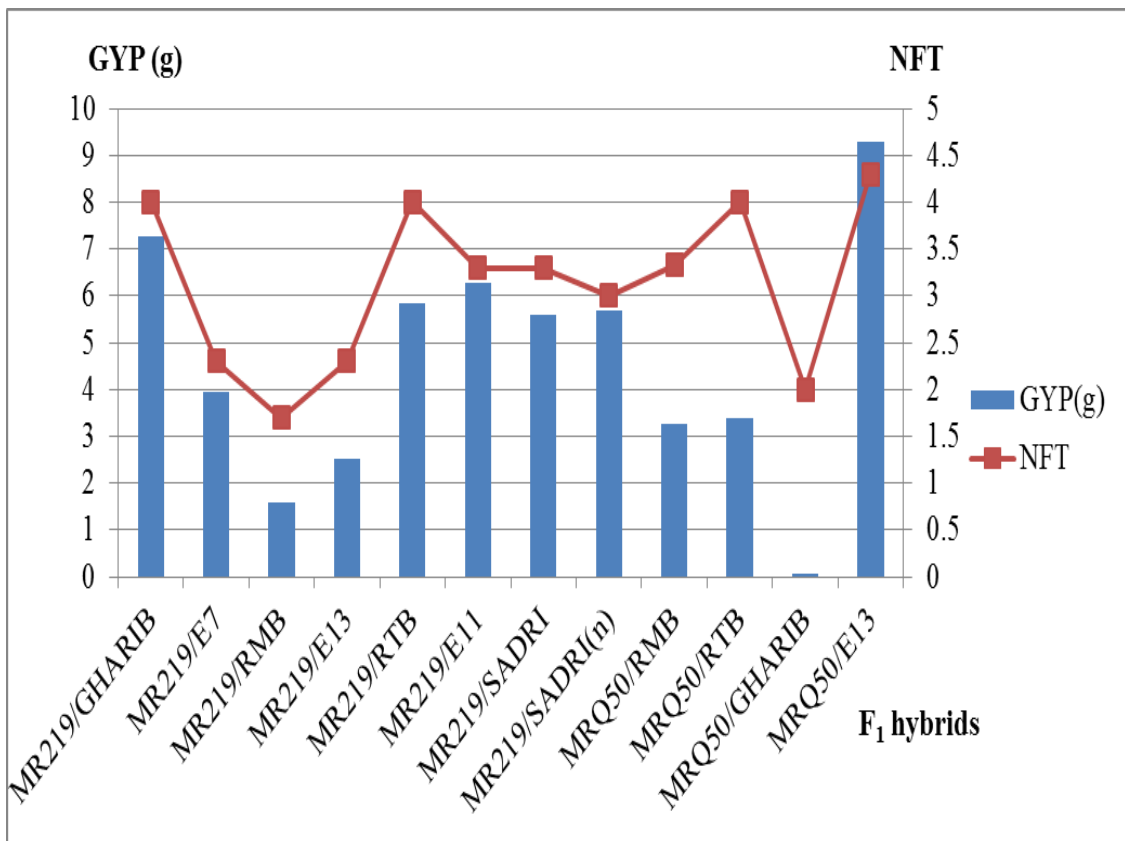
**Figure 4.4:** Relationship between grain yield per plant (GYP) (g) and thousand grain weight (TGW) (g) for selected F<sub>1</sub> hybrid rice.



**Figure 4.5:** Relation between grain yield per plant (GYP) (g) and fertile grain per panicle (FGP) for selected F<sub>1</sub> hybrid rice.



**Figure 4.6:** Relation between grain yield per plant (GYP) (g) and panicle length (PL) (cm) for selected F<sub>1</sub> hybrid rice.



**Figure 4.7:** Relation between grain yield per plant (GYP) (g) and number of fertile tiller (NFT) for selected F<sub>1</sub> hybrid rice.

#### **4.6 Comparison of Aroma and Yield Contributing Traits of Parental Materials along with their F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids**

During leaf aromatic tests, most of the F<sub>1</sub>s have the same aroma score as their female parent, except F<sub>1</sub> from MR 219/Rato Basmati. While comparing with the male parent, we observed 4 F<sub>1</sub> that have one grade lower, 4 F<sub>1</sub> two grade lower and 4 F<sub>1</sub> with the same grade as their male parent (Table 4.3).

During grain aromatic tests, most have the same aroma score as their female parent, except for 4 F<sub>1</sub> rice lines, which have one grade lower than their female parent. When comparing with their male parent, 3 of the F<sub>1</sub> have the same aroma score as their male parent, 4 of them scored one grade lower, 2 of them have two grades lower and 3 of them have three grades lower than their male parent (Table 4.3).

For molecular screening, homozygous non-aromatic female parents crossed with homozygous aromatic males produced heterozygous non-aromatic F<sub>1</sub>, except for one MR 219/Sadri(n) produced 2 types: heterozygous non-aromatic and homozygous aromatic F<sub>1</sub>. Homozygous non-aromatic female parents crossed with heterozygous non-aromatic male parents produced 2 different types of F<sub>1</sub>: heterozygous non-aromatic F<sub>1</sub> (MR 219/E 11) and homozygous non-aromatic F<sub>1</sub> (MR 219/Gharib). When two homozygous aromatic parents were crossed they produced homozygous aromatic F<sub>1</sub> progeny. Homozygous aromatic female parents crossed with heterozygous non-aromatic male parents produced homozygous aromatic F<sub>1</sub> progeny (as presented in Table 4.3).

In Table 4.4, grain yield and yield contributing traits of the F<sub>1</sub>s were compared together with their parents. The plant height of the F<sub>1</sub> MR 219/ E 7 performed better than both of the parents. F<sub>1</sub>s that had plant height in between that of both their parents are MR 219/Rambir Basmati, MR 219/Sadri, MRQ 50/Rambir Basmati, MRQ 50/Rato Basmati, MRQ 50/Gharib, and MRQ 50/E 13. The other five of the F<sub>1</sub>s have plant height lower than both of their parents. When considering the number of fertile tillers of F<sub>1</sub>, 7 of them performed better than both of their parents (MR 219/Gharib, MR 219/Rato

Basmati, MR 219/Sadri, MR 219/Sadri(n), MRQ 50/Rambir Basmati, MRQ 50/Rato Basmati, MRQ 50/E 13). There is only MR 219/ E 11 that showed a number of fertile tillers between that of both of their parents and four had fewer than both of their parents. Most of the F<sub>1</sub>s do not produce a better fertile grain per panicle than both of their parents, except 2 of them in between their parents (MR 219/Sadri curve and non-curve). The thousand grain weight of most of F<sub>1</sub> was lower than both of their parents, except 6 of them in between the parents (MR 219/Rato Basmati, MR 219/Sadri, MR 219/Sadri(n), MRQ 50/Rambir Basmati, MRQ 50/Rato Basmati and MRQ 50/E 13). The grain yield per plant was better than either parent in 4 of the F<sub>1</sub> (MR 219/Gharib, MR 219/Sadri, MR 219/Sadri(n), and MRQ 50/E 13). The other 3 showed grain yield per plant between that of their parents (MR 219/Rato Basmati, MR 219/E 11 and MRQ 50/Rambir Basmati).

#### **4.7 Genetic Analysis of Agronomic and Yield Components in F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids**

Genotypic and phenotypic variances, genotypic coefficient of variation (GCV), phenotypic coefficients of variation (PCV) and heritability of eleven agronomic traits of all F<sub>1</sub> hybrid rice were calculated and the results are shown in Table 4.5. GCV ranged from 7.063 to 82.587, grain yield per plant had the highest GCV followed by FGP, NFT and GP. Phenotypic coefficients of variation (PCV) ranged from 7.339 to 100.169. Phenotypic coefficients of variability were higher than genotypic coefficients of variability for all the traits. High heritability estimates were observed for DH, DM, GF, PH, PL, FGP and GYP, heritability was over 50% in all these characters.

#### **4.8 Correlation of Agronomic Traits in F<sub>1</sub> Hybrids Rice**

The association of grain yield per plant with other traits was estimated by correlation as shown in Table 4.6. Only three of the agronomic traits were negatively correlated with grain yield per plant (GYP). They are days to maturity (DM), grain filling period (GF) and plant height (PH). Highly positive correlation was observed between grain yield per plant (GYP) with grain per panicle (GP) and thousand grain weight (TGW) with fertile grain per panicle (FGP). Number of fertile tiller (NFT), panicle length (PL), fertile grain per panicle (FGP) and 1000-grain weight (TGW) exhibited positive direct effect on grain yield per plant (GYP). Positive correlation was also observed between days to heading (DH) with days to maturity (DM), number of tiller (NT) with number of fertile tiller (NFT) and panicle length (PL). Positive association of number of fertile tiller (NFT) with panicle length (PL) and grain per panicle (GP), panicle length (PL) with grain per panicle (GP) was also observed. There were also positive correlation between thousand grain weight (TGW) and fertile grain per panicle (FGP) with grain per panicle (GP).



**Table 4.3:** Differences of aroma score between parental and F<sub>1</sub> hybrids with their genotypic ratio.

F <sub>1</sub> Hybrids	Leaf Aroma			Grain Aroma			Genotypic		
	♀parent	♂parent	F <sub>1</sub>	♀parent	♂parent	F <sub>1</sub>	♀parent	♂parent	F <sub>1</sub>
<b>MR219/GHARIB</b>	0	-1	2	0	-3	1	N	H	N
<b>MR219/E7</b>	0	-1	2	1	-1	2	N	F	H
<b>MR219/RMB</b>	0	-1	2	1	-1	2	N	F	H
<b>MR219/E13</b>	0	-1	2	0	-1	1	N	F	H
<b>MR219/RTB</b>	-1	-2	1	1	0	2	N	F	H
<b>MR219/E11</b>	0	-2	2	0	-3	1	N	H	H
<b>MR219/SADRI</b>	0	-2	2	1	-2	2	N	F	H
<b>MR219/SADRI(n)</b>	0	-2	2	0	-3	1	N	F	<b>1F:2H</b>
<b>MRQ50/RMB</b>	0	0	3	0	-1	2	F	F	F
<b>MRQ50/RTB</b>	0	0	3	0	0	2	F	F	F
<b>MRQ50/GHARIB</b>	0	0	2	0	-2	2	F	H	F
<b>MRQ50/E13</b>	0	0	3	0	0	2	F	F	F

- RMB=Rambir Basmati; RTB=Rato Basmati; (n) = non-curve shaped seed
- N= homozygous non-fragrance; H= heterozygous non-fragrance; F= homozygous fragrance
- The number represented the difference of aroma score of F<sub>1</sub> from parents: 0= no difference; -1= one score lower; -2= two score lower; -3= three score lower; 1= one score higher than parent.

**Table 4.4:** Comparison of yield contributing traits of parental materials along with their F<sub>1</sub> hybrids.

Genotypes	Comparison of Agronomic traits and grain yield between parental (planted Oct 2009) and F <sub>1</sub> (planted Dec 2010)					
	PH	NFT	FGP	TGW	GYP	PAcp
<b>MR219/GHARIB</b>	<b>78.33</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>23.67</b>	<b>7.26</b>	<b>2</b>
MR219	82.7	2.4	130.7	24.0	4.60	5
Gharib	101.7	2.7	87.0	25.3	4.54	2
<b>MR219/E7</b>	<b>83.67</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>88.0</b>	<b>20.67</b>	<b>3.96</b>	<b>4</b>
MR219	82.7	2.4	130.7	24.0	4.60	5
Entry 7	80.7	3.4	96.7	23.3	6.40	4
<b>MR219/RMB</b>	<b>86.33</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>75.0</b>	<b>18.67</b>	<b>1.58</b>	<b>2</b>
MR219	82.7	2.4	130.7	24.0	4.60	5
Rambir Basmati	105.7	2.0	123.0	20.0	1.86	3
<b>MR219/E13</b>	<b>66.33</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>21.00</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>3</b>
MR219	82.7	2.4	130.7	24.0	4.60	5
Entry 13	90.3	2.9	124.3	26.7	8.34	4
<b>MR219/RTB</b>	<b>75.67</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>76.0</b>	<b>20.67</b>	<b>5.84</b>	<b>2</b>
MR219	82.7	2.4	130.7	24.0	4.60	5
Rato Basmati	109.3	3.9	112.7	19.3	6.60	4
<b>MR219/E11</b>	<b>75.33</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>92.7</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>6.28</b>	<b>3</b>
MR219	82.7	2.4	130.7	24.0	4.60	5
Entry 11	80.0	3.5	105.0	24.7	7.26	4

**Table 4.4 (Continued):** Comparison of yield contributing traits of parental materials along with their F<sub>1</sub> hybrids.

Genotypes	Comparison of Agronomic traits and grain yield between parental (planted Oct 2009) and F <sub>1</sub> (planted Dec 2010)					
	PH	NFT	FGP	TGW	GYP	PAcp
<b>MR219/SADRI</b>	<b>86.33</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>23.00</b>	<b>5.59</b>	<b>2</b>
MR219	82.7	2.4	130.7	24.0	4.60	5
Sadri	104.3	1.8	33.3	22.0	2.60	2
<b>MR219/SADRI(n)</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>88.7</b>	<b>22.67</b>	<b>5.69</b>	<b>2</b>
MR219	82.7	2.4	130.7	24.0	4.60	5
Sadri	104.3	1.8	33.3	22.0	2.60	2
<b>MRQ50/RMB</b>	<b>83.00</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>19.33</b>	<b>3.26</b>	<b>2</b>
MRQ50	76.3	2.0	125.7	15.3	4.80	4
Rambir Basmati	105.7	2.0	123.0	20.0	1.86	3
<b>MRQ50/RTB</b>	<b>96.00</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>53.7</b>	<b>17.67</b>	<b>3.39</b>	<b>2</b>
MRQ50	76.3	2.0	125.7	15.3	4.80	4
Rato Basmati	109.3	3.9	112.7	19.3	6.60	4
<b>MRQ50/GHARIB</b>	<b>86.00</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>4</b>
MRQ50	76.3	2.0	125.7	15.3	4.80	4
Gharib	101.7	2.7	87.0	25.3	4.54	2
<b>MRQ50/E13</b>	<b>86.67</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>9.30</b>	<b>4</b>
MRQ50	76.3	2.0	125.7	15.3	4.80	4
Entry 13	90.3	2.9	124.3	26.7	8.34	4

**Table 4.5:** Heritability and coefficients of variability estimated for grain yield component in F<sub>1</sub> hybrids rice.

<b>Traits</b>	<b>Error Variance</b>	<b>Genetic Variance</b>	<b>Phenotypic Variance</b>	<b>Genetic Advance (Gs)</b>	<b>GCV</b>	<b>PCV</b>	<b>Heritability(H)</b>
<b>DH</b>	4.89	51.28	56.17	105.296	7.826	8.191	0.91
<b>DM</b>	5.47	68.63	74.10	141.960	7.063	7.339	0.93
<b>GF</b>	6.08	24.68	30.76	50.692	19.255	21.497	0.80
<b>PH</b>	35.98	82.2	118.18	170.415	11.071	13.275	0.70
<b>NT</b>	0.72	0.24	0.96	0.494	12.892	25.784	0.25
<b>NFT</b>	0.81	0.71	1.52	1.471	33.705	49.315	0.47
<b>PL</b>	6.99	8.31	15.30	17.019	12.241	16.609	0.54
<b>GP</b>	1371.44	1277.55	2648.99	2619.321	29.515	42.501	0.48
<b>FGP</b>	620.25	1247.05	1867.30	2577.247	67.651	82.782	0.67
<b>TGW</b>	19.89	4.66	24.55	9.608	11.326	25.996	0.19
<b>GYP</b>	2.61	5.54	8.15	11.416	82.587	100.169	0.68

GCV: Genetic coefficient of variability, PCV: Phenotypic coefficient of variability.

**Table 4.6:** Correlation between agronomic traits of F<sub>1</sub> hybrids rice.

Traits	DH	DM	GF	PH	NT	NFT	PL	GP	FGP	TGW	GYP
<b>DH</b>	1.000										
<b>DM</b>	0.740*	1.000									
<b>GF</b>	-0.282 <sup>nc</sup>	0.436 <sup>nc</sup>	1.000								
<b>PH</b>	0.121 <sup>nc</sup>	0.021 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.129 <sup>nc</sup>	1.000							
<b>NT</b>	0.138 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.123 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.361 <sup>nc</sup>	0.108 <sup>nc</sup>	1.000						
<b>NFT</b>	0.122 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.348 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.659 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.038 <sup>nc</sup>	0.648*	1.000					
<b>PL</b>	-0.062 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.296 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.339 <sup>nc</sup>	0.263 <sup>nc</sup>	0.554*	0.573*	1.000				
<b>GP</b>	0.344 <sup>nc</sup>	0.139 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.263 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.035 <sup>nc</sup>	0.367 <sup>nc</sup>	0.549*	0.711*	1.000			
<b>FGP</b>	0.307 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.036 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.463 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.075 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.154 <sup>nc</sup>	0.353 <sup>nc</sup>	0.264 <sup>nc</sup>	0.693*	1.000		
<b>TGW</b>	-0.002 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.314 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.446 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.187 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.218 <sup>nc</sup>	0.321 <sup>nc</sup>	0.194 <sup>nc</sup>	0.500*	0.814**	1.000	
<b>GYP</b>	0.152 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.232 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.535 <sup>nc</sup>	-0.171 <sup>nc</sup>	0.382 <sup>nc</sup>	0.786*	0.540*	0.815**	0.761*	0.683*	1.000

\*= positive correlation, \*\*=highly positive correlation, <sup>nc</sup> = no correlation

DH=Days to heading; DM=Days to maturity; GFP=Grain filling period (days); PH=Plant height (cm); NT=No. of tiller; NFT=No. of fertile tiller, PL=panicle length (cm); GP=Grain/panicle; FGP=Fertile grain/panicle; TGW= thousand grain weight (g); GYP=Grain yield/plant (g)