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11 **New faba bean germplasm with multiple resistance to Ascochyta blight,**
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26 **ABSTRACT**

27 Faba bean is one of the oldest crops originated in Fertile Crescent and distributed around the world and produced
28 under different agro climatic conditions. It mainly cultivated in high rainfall and irrigated areas favoring the
29 development of the foliar diseases causing severe loses in the crop. The purpose of this study is to identify new
30 sources of resistance for the three key foliar diseases. 2000 accessions, breeding lines and populations were
31 screened for different diseases at Lattakia station, Syria from 2005 to 2012. The results showed that multiple
32 disease resistance for two or three disease were identified. 30 lines combining chocolate spot, Ascochyta blight
33 and rust resistance were selected and evaluated for three seasons from populations collected from China, Italy,
34 Jordan, Lebanon and Spain. 10 improved lines derived from breeding program at ICARDA were developed for
35 disease resistance. These improved sources for resistance will enhance the development of faba bean breeding
36 lines combining the three foliar diseases with other economical traits.

37 Key words: Ascochyta blight, chocolate spot, faba bean, multiple disease resistance, Germplasm, rust.

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39 Introduction

40 Faba bean (*Vicia faba* L.) is the third most important cool season food legume crop in many countries
41 worldwide. It was domesticated at the beginning of agriculture in the Fertile Crescent of the Near East following
42 the Neolithic era around 9000–10,000 BC. Faba bean center of diversity includes Iraq, Iran, Georgia, Armenia,
43 Azerbaijan, Syria and Turkey (Maxted, 1995, Tanno & Willcox, 2006). Subsequently, its cultivation has spread
44 around the world (Cole, 1970; Tanno & Willcox, 2006) through different routes from the Near East to Europe and
45 to other parts of the world (Cubero, 1974). Secondary centers of diversity are postulated to be located in
46 Afghanistan, China, and Ethiopia. The movement of faba bean towards South America, especially the Andean
47 region, probably occurred in the fifteenth century through Spanish and Portuguese travelers. This resulted in the
48 development of Peruvian and Bolivian landraces displaying a large variability in seed size, color and shape (Duc et
49 al., 2010). Currently Faba bean is cultivated under rainfed and irrigated conditions in more than 55 countries
50 covering are about 2.7 million ha with 4.2 million tons of dry grain and 1.7 million tons of green pods yields
51 (FAOSTAT, 2015).

52 Faba bean yields remained low in many countries due to susceptibility of the crop to different biotic and
53 abiotic stresses. The dominant foliar diseases affecting faba bean are chocolate spot (*Botrytis fabae* Sard), rust
54 (*Uromyces viciae fabae*) and Ascochyta blight (*Ascochyta fabae* Speg.). Ascochyta blight can cause up to 90%
55 yield losses on susceptible cultivars when environmental conditions are conducive to disease development
56 (Hanounik, 1980). Chocolate spot is especially severe in humid areas, having been reported to be the cause of
57 heavy reductions in yields in places such as the Maghreb countries, Southern China, Egypt, UK and France
58 (Bouhassan et al., 2004; Tivoli et al., 2006). Faba bean rust can cause moderate to substantial yield losses (Rashid
59 and Bernier, 1991; Jellis et al., 1998). Application of agronomical practices such as crop rotations, delayed date of
60 planting, use of chemicals and use of certified seeds may provide partial protection against chocolate spot and
61 ascochyta blight; however, effective disease control is possible with host resistance. The first effective resistant
62 sources for ascochyta blight and chocolate spot were identified at the International Center for Agricultural
63 Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) (Robertson 1984; Hanounik and Robertson 1988, 1989). ICARDA in close
64 collaboration with National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) continued in developing foliar disease
65 resistance combined with high yield potential breeding lines and faba bean varieties with good levels of foliar
66 disease resistance and high yield potential. As a result, varieties were released in Ethiopia, Australia, Canada,
67 China Egypt and Spain (Hanounik and Robertson 1989; van Leur et al. 2000; Sillero et al, 2001; Sillero et al,
68 2010; Trivoli et al. 2006; Redden et al. 2008; Villegas-Fernández et al. 2009; Rubiales et al 2012; Villegas-
69 Fernández et al. 2012; Maalouf et al., 2013; Temesgen et al., 2015). Although most breeding programs are
70 focusing on developing resistant genotypes for a single disease of economic importance, faba bean lines with
71 multiple disease resistance have been identified (Villegas-Fernández et al. 2011). This work presents results of
72 identification of new sources of resistance to Ascochyta blight, chocolate spot and rust for three key foliar diseases

73 of faba bean from ICARDA breeding program, genebank collections and from different donors. The field
74 screening method was also evaluated.

75 **Material and Methods**

76 Screening faba bean accessions against chocolate spot, *Ascochyta* blight, and rust were conducted at
77 Jableh (35.36°N, 35.93°E) site in Lattakia province, Syrian from 2005 to 2012. The weather (November to May),
78 was characterized by high precipitation (average 1000 mm/year), high humidity (45 to 90%) and mild temperature
79 (7 to 28 °C) during the cropping season (Weather Spark, 2015). During dry spells, mist irrigation was applied to
80 ensure good disease development of the three foliar diseases. A total of 2000 genotypes (germplasm accessions
81 and breeding lines), genotype including landrace accessions and breeding lines were screened (Table 1).

82 **Methods of disease resistance screening:**

83 *Chocolate spot resistance screening:* Eight aggressive isolates of *B. fabae* collected from different parts
84 of Syria were used to inoculate the disease nursery every season. To maintain the pathogenicity of the isolates;
85 each season, isolations were made after artificially inoculating seedlings at fourth leaf stage of susceptible faba
86 bean genotype. Inoculum of the eight isolates was multiplied on faba bean dextrose agar and kept under 12/12
87 light regime under room temperature at Food legume Pathology Laboratory at ICARDA Tel Hadya Research
88 Station,; 10-12 days cultures were blended and spore suspensions were adjusted to $4-5 \times 10^5$ spores/ml and Tween-
89 20 (0.03% v/v) was added to the suspension. Infested seeds were prepared in growth room and distributed in the
90 field to induce the infection. The first artificial inoculations were done during February and March at vegetative
91 growth to early flowering stages to supplement natural inoculum sources. To secure homogenous distribution of
92 the inoculum automatic sprayer was used with fixed pressure.

93 *Ascochyta blight resistance screening:* Seven aggressive isolates of *A. fabae* collected from different parts
94 of Syria were used to inoculate the disease nursery every season. To maintain the pathogenicity of the isolates;
95 each season, isolations are made after artificially inoculating seedlings of susceptible faba bean genotype in the
96 greenhouse. Inoculum of the seven isolates was re-isolated from infected leaves and multiplied on faba bean
97 dextrose agar and kept under 12/12 light regime under room temperature at Food legume Pathology Laboratory at
98 ICARDA Tel Hadya Research Station. 10-15 days cultures (equal number of Petri dishes/isolate) were blended
99 and spore suspensions were adjusted to 5×10^5 spores ml⁻¹. Each season, 2-3 artificial inoculations were done
100 during January, February and March of each season at vegetative and early flowering stages of the crop.

101 Rust resistance screening: Faba bean genotypes were planted late (early January), in order to coincide with
102 favourable weather conditions for rust development under natural infection.

103 **Experimental design and disease measurements**

104 Chocolate spot resistance screening nurseries were arranged in a randomized complete block design with
105 two replications and with repetitive susceptible and resistant checks after eight test entries. *Ascochyta* blight and
106 rust screening nurseries from 2009 to 2012, where arranged in a replicated design with repetitive resistant and

107 susceptible checks after 8 test entries. The resistant check for Ascochyta blight was ILB1593, susceptible check
108 Giza 4, for chocolate spot resistant check was BPL710 and susceptible check Rebeya40 and for rust, resistant
109 check was BPL710 and the susceptible check ILB1814. Single plants from resistant sources were selected and
110 evaluated for three seasons. Each disease was evaluated using 1-9 disease rating scale where 1 = highly resistant
111 and 9 = is highly susceptible (Hanounik and Robertson, 1988, 1989).

112 **Identification of origin of disease resistance:**

113 A database was created using MySQL (My acronym stands for Monty Widenius's daughter, SQL for
114 Structured Query Language, <https://www.mysql.com>) for faster data manipulation/processing where about 10000
115 observation points were added to the database (Fig. 1). A list of unique germplasm identifier was extracted with
116 their scores; then each entry was traced back to its original Genebank accession record in the Genebank's database
117 to find its geographical coordinates or site description. In case the longitude and latitude of some germplasm
118 accessions were not found in the database, site description was used to derive coordinate values using
119 [Biogeomancer](http://www.biogeomancer.org) (www.biogeomancer.org) and gazetteer within +/- 5 km radius. The software program for mapping
120 and geographic data analysis (DIVA-GIS) (<http://www.diva-gis.org>) was then used to convert the extracted
121 coordinates to Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) shape file format to create distribution map.

122 **Data analyses and efficiency of methods of screening**

123 For identification of sources of resistance from the disease measurements, the reactions of the accessions
124 was scored using the following resistant/susceptible classes: HR= highly resistant, R= resistant, MR=moderately
125 resistant, MS= moderately susceptible and S=susceptible. For Ascochyta blight and chocolate spot: A line is
126 classified as HR if Score is = 1; R if Score <= 2, 3; MR if Score =4; MS if Score =5; and S if Score is >5. Note
127 that the class R also includes lines in class HR. For rust a line is classified as R if Score <= 1, 2, 3; MR if Score =
128 4 or 5; MS if Score = 6 or 7; and S if Score > 7.

129 The efficiency of disease screening was examined in terms of the distribution of scores for susceptible
130 and resistant repeated checks by calculating the probability: Probability, Prob (Score for Susceptible check = i) =
131 number of plots with the susceptible check score i divided by the total number of plots under the susceptible
132 check. Similar calculation was carried out for resistant check. The probability was computed for the susceptible
133 check falling in S class and probability of resistant check in R class will be the indicators of the efficiency of the
134 screening.

135 **Results**

136 The disease scores varied from 1 to 9 for Ascochyta blight, chocolate spot and rust during all cropping
137 seasons. The probability of susceptible check scored above 6 [$P(S \geq 6)$] and of resistant checks $P(R \leq 3)$ were
138 estimated (Table 2) The highest probability indicated that disease developments were uniformly distributed
139 throughout the experimental fields. Trials with low probability of susceptible checks were not considered for
140 selection of resistant sources. For chocolate spot, the score for resistance check BPL710 varied from 1 to 3 from
141 2005 to 2012. $P(S \geq 6)$ for chocolate spot varied between 0.17 to 0.94 over seasons and values above 0.60 were
142 reported in 2005, 2006, 2009 and 2010. $P(R \leq 3)$ for resistant chocolate spot check varied from 0.85 to 1 and
143 screening conducted in 2008 and 2012 were not considered for selection (Table 2). For Ascochyta blight

144 susceptible check $P(S \geq 6)$ varied from 0.81 over the years except in 2012 and for the resistant check $P(R \leq 3)$ varied
145 among the years, except 2011/2012 cropping season, where disease development was low. The results indicated
146 that disease was high and uniformly distributed in the disease nurseries (Table 2). For rust screening the
147 probability of infection of susceptible check was high during the three cropping seasons indicating uniform disease
148 development.

149 Among the 2000 samples, 424 faba bean samples identified resistant to chocolate spot, 136 showed
150 resistance to *Ascochyta* blight and 52 for were resistant to rust. The generated maps by MySQL showed that
151 resistance donors, scored below 4, were geographically distributed (Fig. 2 and Fig. 3) for *Ascochyta* blight and
152 chocolate spot, respectively.

153 The geographical distribution of major donors of resistance to chocolate spot were from Turkey,
154 Bangladesh, Iran, Iraq, Tunisia, Italy, Morocco, Egypt, Ethiopia, China, Columbia, Ecuador and Peru (Fig.2);
155 while for *Ascochyta* blight, the resistance was mainly in the Mediterranean costal area of Lebanon, Syria, Turkey,
156 Egypt, Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, and in Ethiopia, China, Ecuador, Peru and Columbia (Fig. 3).

157 Thirty accessions with resistance to *Ascochyta* blight and chocolate spot were IG11199, IG11233,
158 IG11359, IG11404, IG11458, IG11463, IG11479, IG11630, IG11805, IG12404, IG12406, IG13114, IG13626,
159 IG13635, IG13681, IG14041, IG14046, IG14227, IG14267, IG14275, IG14278, IG14281, IG14301, IG70592,
160 IG70593, IG70628, IG70637, IG70650, IG70660, IG72243 obtained from 11 countries: Canada, Ethiopia, Iraq,
161 Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Italy, Spain, United kingdom, Ecuador, Columbia, Peru. The following seven faba bean
162 landraces collected from Ethiopia, Cyprus and Syria were identified as resistant to *Ascochyta* blight and Rust:
163 IG12682, IG12685, IG12686, IG12691, IG13549, IG72370, and IG72401. The accessions identified with
164 combined resistance to *Ascochyta* blight, chocolate spot and rust were IG13132, IG13599, IG13625, IG13630,
165 IG13681, IG14301, IG14331 originated from Spain, Columbia and China.

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167 **Utilization of sources of disease resistance in the faba bean breeding program**

168 Single plants with multiple diseases' resistances and good agronomic performance were identified and re-
169 evaluated for their disease resistance for three seasons for further use in hybridization breeding program. Seven
170 new sources resistant *Ascochyta* blight originated from Morocco, Syria and Spain, two lines for chocolate spot
171 lines originated from Ecuador and Turkey; 19 lines with combined resistance to *Ascochyta* blight and Chocolate
172 spot originated from Canada, Columbia, Algeria, Spain, Morocco, Lebanon, Tunisia and Turkey; three lines
173 resistant to rust and chocolate spot were derived from landraces received from Canada and Columbia. Thirty lines
174 combining chocolate spot, *Ascochyta* blight and rust resistance were selected and evaluated for three seasons from
175 populations collected from China, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon and Spain (Table 4). Ten improved lines derived from
176 breeding program at ICARDA were developed for disease resistance (Table 5)

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178 **Discussion**

179 Faba bean is usually grown under high rainfall and irrigation conditions in the Mediterranean and sub-
180 tropical environments with cool, warm and humid weathers, which favor the development of foliar diseases that

181 cause severe crop losses throughout the world (Tivoli et al., 2006). Measures to control these diseases have relied
182 on identification of adequate sources of resistance and their use in the development of resistant varieties through
183 screening in the field and in controlled environments. Field screening is commonly used to evaluate faba bean
184 germplasm against *Ascochyta* blight, chocolate spot and rust (Tivoli et al., 2006). Results obtained indicated that
185 field screening techniques was efficient as shown by the uniform reactions of the susceptible and resistant checks
186 showing homogeneity of infections and avoiding the probability of escapes. Villegas-Fernandez et al. (2009) and
187 Tivoli et al. (1986 and 1988) considered that the distribution of the inoculum in the soil to secure homogenous
188 distribution of the disease is better than spraying spore suspension over the plants. However, their assumption
189 needs to be supported by experiments. Since results obtained in the present study showed homogenous
190 distribution of the suspensor, we suggest further experimental studies be carried out in order to compare the
191 efficiency of the two mentioned screening techniques. In the field screening some row-column designs allowing a
192 denser coverage of the layout by the checks and more replications of the test lines (Sarker and Singh, 2015)

193 The uses Biogeomancer for identifying the distribution of faba bean germplasm based on the obtained
194 results, with different reaction to the two major diseases, namely *Ascochyta* blight and chocolate spot. It indicated
195 focal areas where faba bean germplasm with low severity for both diseases was originated. The two maps
196 indicated that the main area for sources for resistance to chocolate spot was the Fertile Crescent coinciding with
197 center of origin of this crop (Cubero, 1973) with wide distribution along the routes of faba bean migration to the
198 secondary centers of diversity and new world.

199 The first sources for resistance to chocolate spot (ILB 438 and ILB 938) were from Columbia, outside the
200 center of origin (Hanounik, 1982; Robertson 1984; Khalil *et al.*, 1984). Additional accessions with resistance to
201 chocolate spot were identified by Hanounik and Roberston (1988) and originated from Ecuador. Rhaeim et al.
202 (2002) identified four landraces resistant to chocolate spot originated from Tunisia and considered the BPL710
203 originated from Ecuadorian collection as susceptible to chocolate spot in Tunisia. Villegas-Fernandez et al. (2009)
204 evaluated selected 46 lines issued from landraces collected in Spain and showed also that improved sources for
205 resistance from ICARDA International Nurseries showed low severity and these were direct selection from
206 landraces collected from Ecuador and Ethiopia. Our results indicated diverse geographical distribution of the
207 resistant sources from Latin America, Columbia Ecuador and Peru. Four countries around the Mediterranean
208 basin: Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey and Lebanon. Sources for resistance were also found in Bangladesh, China,
209 Ethiopia and Iran.

210 Sources for resistance to *Ascochyta* blight were reported in different countries by different researchers.
211 Tymchenco (1964) reported four cultivars with resistance to *Ascochyta* blight in Moscow region. Resistance was
212 also found in England by Bond and Pope (1980) and Lockwood et al. (1985) and in the gene bank collection at
213 ICARDA (Hanounik and Roberston 1989, Rashid et al., 1991 and Bayaa et al. 2004) and by NARS partners
214 (Kharrat *et al.* 2006; Ondrej and Hunady, 2007). Our results indicate diverse sources of resistance to *Ascochyta*
215 blight which includes germplasm collected from the Fertile Crescent. The genetic basis of resistance in the

216 identified donors was not yet studied although there is information about the genetic basis of the resistance. It was
217 reported as both polygenic (Román *et al.*, 2003) and major gene inheritance (Rashid *et al.* 1991, Kohpina *et al.*
218 2000). Therefore, studies of genetic basis of major donors for resistance need to be conducted to generate
219 information useful for the implementation of appropriate breeding scheme. Several sources of resistance against
220 rust have been reported in faba (Tymchenco 1964). Several resistant lines have been identified from ICARDA
221 genetic resources (Maalouf *et al.*, 2013). Our study showed that newly identified sources for rust collected from
222 different origins.

223 Most of disease resistant program focuses on single sources of resistance but two or more foliar disease
224 caused high yield losses in many countries. The first combined disease resistant lines were reported (ILB938 and
225 ILB 438) from accessions collected in Columbia and were resistant to chocolate spot and rust (Khalil *et al.* 1984)
226 and later, Villeagas Fernandez *et al.* (2011) reported many lines for chocolate spot and rust resistance. Our results
227 allowed us to identify germplasm with combined resistances to the three major diseases from accessions collected
228 and kept at ICARDA gene bank to narrow yield gaps in many countries when used in their high yielding cultivars.

229 The breeding efforts are relatively slow due the nature of the mechanism of resistance for these major
230 diseases. To accelerate breeding cycles, there is a need to use the emerging biotechnological tools such as marker
231 assisted selection which remain not applicable besides the significant achievements on QTLs studies associated
232 with *Ascochyta* blight, rust and chocolate spot resistance (Torres *et al.*, 2010) and the development of consensus
233 maps in faba bean (Webb *et al.*, 2015; Satovic *et al.*, 2013). Hopefully, knowledge generated in the model legumes
234 *Medicago truncatula* and *L. japonicus* will help to overcome these gaps and speed the process (Dita *et al.*, 2006;
235 Rispaïl *et al.*, 2010). Gene expression, including large-scale approaches and functional analyses performed in the
236 models will help to understand plant/pathogen interactions. Although relevant progress is made in tissue culture,
237 genetic transformation of faba bean can be used to introgression sources for resistance in the faba bean cultivars
238 (Hanafy *et al.*, 2013)

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Table 1: Number of faba bean accessions evaluated for three foliar diseases, Lattakia, 2004/05 -2011/2012 cropping season

| Cropping seasons | Breeding lines | Germplasm accessions |
|---|----------------|----------------------|
| Ascochyta blight and chocolate spot | | |
| 2004/2005 | 53 | 196 |
| 2005/2006 | 3 | 247 |
| 2006/2007 | 9 | 243 |
| 2007/2008 | 69 | 191 |
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| Ascochyta blight, chocolate spot and rust | | |
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| 2008/2009 | 100 | 150 |
| 2009/2010 | 101 | 149 |
| 2010/2011 | 9 | 241 |
| 2011/2012 | 0 | 250 |

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359 **Table 2:** Efficiency of field screening for the three foliar diseases using repeated resistant and susceptible checks

| Year | Ascochyta blight nursery | | | Chocolate spot nursery | | | Rust nursery | | |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| | N | Prob (S \geq 6) | Prob (R \leq 3) | N | Prob(S \geq 6) | Prob (R \leq 3) | N | Prob (S \geq 6) | Prob(R \leq 3) |
| 2005 | 80 | 0.98 | 0.53 | 80 | 0.69 | 1.00 | | | |
| 2006 | 82 | 0.96 | 1.00 | 82 | 0.94 | 1.00 | | | |
| 2007 | 82 | 0.98 | 1.00 | 82 | 0.48 | 1.00 | | | |
| 2008 | 82 | 0.84 | 1.00 | 82 | 0.11 | 1.00 | | | |
| 2009 | 82 | 0.96 | 0.52 | 82 | 0.65 | 1.00 | 41 | 0.95 | 0.05 |
| 2010 | 42 | 0.81 | 0.80 | 82 | 0.77 | 0.92 | 42 | 0.57 | 0.02 |
| 2011 | 41 | 1.00 | 0.70 | 41 | 0.32 | 1.00 | 41 | 1 | 0.78 |
| 2012 | 41 | 0.29 | 0.63 | 41 | 0.17 | 0.85 | | | |

360 N= Number of repeats of the susceptible/resistant checks in each screening nursery from 2005 to 2012. Prob

361 =Prob (S) = Susceptible check; Prob (R)= Resistant check

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363 Table 3: Origin of selected single resistant line and combined two diseases

| Selection | Origin | IG | Pedigree | Traits | Cropping seasons |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| Sel . 2006 latt.(ILB 3555) | SYR | 72433 | OT-74-1 | AB | 2007-2010 |
| Sel . 2000 latt.12327 | ESP | 102181 | ILB 265 | AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel .1997 latt.98264-1 | ESP | 105831 | ILB2549 | AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel .1997 latt.98302-2 | ESP | 105860 | ILB 2558 | AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 97 latt.98305-6 | MAR | 105863 | ILB 2559 | AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 2009 latt.(BPL 4104) | MAR | 105863 | ILB 2559 | AB | 2007-2010 |
| Sel . 2006 latt.(BPL 4164) | MAR | 106583 | ILB2559 | AB | 2007-2010 |
| Sel .1999 latt.11135-2 | TUR | 102068 | ILB 187 | CS | 2007-2010 |
| Sel . 2008 latt. 202-1 | ECU | 102468 | ILB 437 | CS | 2009-2011 |
| Sel . 2008 latt. 212-1 | CAN | 102639 | ILB 611 | CS + RT | 2009-2011 |
| Sel . 2008 latt. 212-4 | CAN | 102639 | ILB 611 | CS + RT | 2009-2011 |
| Sel . 2008 latt. 767 | COL | 106583 | ILB 3161 | CS + RT | 2009-2011 |
| Sel . 99 latt.11350 | DZA | 11562 | ILB 0368 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 2001 latt.219 | CAN | 11761 | 2N 15 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 99 latt.10247-1 | SWD | 11946 | S.V. 0720 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 99 latt.11289 | DZA | 12111 | ILB 0917 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 2000 latt.12449 | TUN | 12116 | Malti | CS + AB | 2005-2008 |
| Sel . 2006 latt.(ILB 2583) | MAR | 13777 | F 329 | CS + AB | 2007-2010 |
| Sel . 2006 latt.(ILB 2921) | TUR | 14115 | LH 209 | CS + AB | 2007-2010 |
| Sel . 2000 latt.12672 | ESP | 102180 | ILB 264 | CS + AB | 2006-2008 |
| Sel . 2000 latt.12094-1 | ESP | 102182 | ILB 266 | CS + AB | 2007-2010 |
| Sel . 2000 latt.12094 -2 | ESP | 102182 | ILB 266 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 2009 latt. (BPL 471) | LBN | 102230 | ILB 287 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 99 latt.10418 | COL | 102938 | ILB 937 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 97 latt.97382 | ESP | 105761 | ILB 2526 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 2004 latt. 47-2 | ESP | 105762 | ILB 2526 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 99 latt.10460 | ESP | 105831 | ILB2549 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 97 latt.98265-5 | ESP | 105832 | ILB2549 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 2004 latt. 69-1 | TUR | 105847 | ILB 2554 | CS + AB | 2007-2010 |
| Sel . 99 latt.10135-1 | MAR | 105862 | ILB 2559 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 99 latt.10135-2 | MAR | 105862 | ILB 2559 | CS + AB | 2005-2007 |

364 IG: Genbank identification; CA: Canada, COL: Columbia, DZA: Algeria, ECU Ecuador, ESP Spain, LBN
365 Lebanon, MAR Marroco, SWD Sweeden, SYR: Syria; TUN Tunisia., TUR Turkey. AB: Ascochyta blight, CS:
366 chocolate spot, RT: Rust
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368 Table 4: Origin of combined resistant lines for three foliar diseases: Ascochyta blight, chocolate spot and
 369 rust evaluated for three consecutive seasons (2010 - 2012)

| Selection | IG | Pedigree | Origin |
|------------------------|--------|----------|--------|
| Sel 2009lat.554 | 101763 | ILB 3 | JOR |
| Sel 2009lat.513-2 | 102449 | ILB 418 | GER |
| Sel 2009lat.307-4 | 104286 | ILB 1700 | UNK |
| Se l2009lat.307-5 | 104286 | ILB 1700 | UNK |
| Se l2009lat.373-3 | 104310 | ILB 1713 | UNK |
| Sel 2009 latt. 750-1 | 104545 | ILB 1816 | LBN |
| Sel 2009lat.750-1 | 104545 | ILB 1816 | LBN |
| Sel 2009lat.750-2 | 104545 | ILB 1816 | LBN |
| Sel 2009 latt. 750-2 | 104545 | ILB 1816 | LBN |
| Sel 2009 latt. 73 | 104545 | ILB 1816 | LBN |
| Sel 2009lat.438-1-1 | 105247 | ILB 2417 | ESP |
| Sel 2009lat.438-1-2 | 105247 | ILB 2417 | ESP |
| Sel 2009lat.444-1 | 105251 | ILB 2417 | ESP |
| Sel 2009lat.444-2 | 105251 | ILB 2417 | ESP |
| Sel 2008 latt.49-1 | 105303 | ILB 2432 | ESP |
| Sel 2008 latt.49-2 | 105303 | ILB 2432 | ESP |
| Sel 2009lat.519-2 | 105473 | ILB 2480 | ESP |
| Sel 2009lat.684-2 | 105499 | ILB 2487 | ESP |
| Sel 2009lat.620-1-1 | 105612 | ILB 2777 | CHN |
| Sel 2009lat.620-1-2 | 105612 | ILB 2777 | CHN |
| Sel 2009lat.443-1-1 | 105643 | ILB 2781 | CHN |
| Sel 2009lat.443-1-2 | 105643 | ILB 2781 | CHN |
| Sel 2009lat.443-1-3 | 105643 | ILB 2781 | CHN |
| Sel 2009lat.524-1-1 | 105696 | ILB 2779 | CHN |
| Sel 2009lat.524-1-2 | 105696 | ILB 2779 | CHN |
| Sel 2009lat.524-1-3 | 105696 | ILB 2779 | CHN |
| Sel 2009lat.737 | 105974 | ILB 2606 | MAR |
| Sel 2009lat.737-2 | 105974 | ILB 2606 | MAR |
| Sel 2008 latt.368-1 | 106668 | ILB 3227 | ITA |
| Sel . 2008 latt. 368-2 | 106668 | ILB 3227 | ITA |

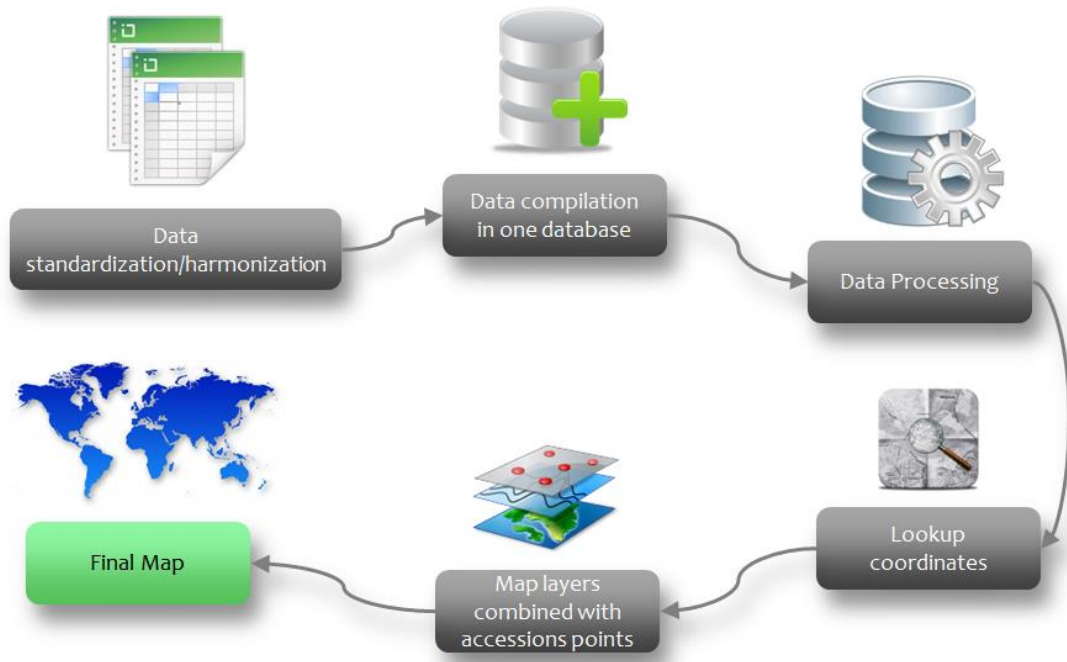
370 IG: Genbank identification; CHN: CHINA, ESP Spain, GER: Germany; ITA: Italy, JOR: JORDAN; LBN
 371 Lebanon, MAR Marzocco, UNK: Unknown

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Table 5: Elite lines from faba bean breeding combining resistance to major diseases and having good agronomical traits.

| Line | Selection Name | Pedigree | Target diseases | Seasons |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Sel .1997 latt.98134-1 | B8833 | 74TA63 X 78S49694 | Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel .1997 latt.98129-1 | B8838 | L82009 | Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel .1997 latt.98129-3 | B8838 | L82009 | Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 99 latt.11230-1 | L 83 117 | L 83 117 | Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel .1997 latt.98170-2 | S95003 | S95003 | Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Acc 0735-1 | Acc 0735-1 | ILB466 | Botrytis+ Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 97 latt.98133-1 | L 82 003 | 74TA63 X 78S49694 | Botrytis+ Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 97 latt.98154-3 | L 82 003 | 74TA63 X 78S49694 | Botrytis + Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 97 latt.98114-1 | L 82 004 | L.L.L x 78S49694 | Botrytis + Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 97 latt.98114-2 | L 82 004 | L.L.L x 78S49694 | Botrytis + Ascochyta | 2005-2007 |
| Sel . 2009 latt. 10268-3 | L 83 129 | L 83 129 | Botrytis + Ascochyta. + Rust | 2010-2012 |

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377 Fig. 1: Method used for the creation of maps to locate sources for of resistance to ascochyta blight and chocolate

378 spot in faba bean

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381 **Fig. 2** : Distribution of the origin of different faba bean accessions with different reaction to chocolate spot.
382 Highly resistant to Resistance denotes $P(1 \leq R \leq 3)$, moderately resistant $P(4 \leq S \leq 6)$, susceptible to high susceptible
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Fig.3: Distribution of different faba bean accessions with different reaction to Ascochyta blight. Highly resistant to Resistance denotes $P(1 \leq R \leq 3)$, moderately resistant $P(4 \leq S \leq 6)$, susceptible to high susceptible $P(7 \leq S \leq 9)$