

# **Interactive effects of CO<sub>2</sub> and nitrogen supply on growth and physiological traits of millet cultivars under drought stress**

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## **Supplemental material**

Table S1. Analysis of variance for different measured traits of two millet cultivars (C<sub>1</sub>: Bastan and C<sub>2</sub>: Pishahang) under effect of two environment (Ambient "390±50 µmol mol<sup>-1</sup>" and Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> "700±50 µmol mol<sup>-1</sup>"), two irrigation regimes (Control "40% MAD", Stress "75% MAD") and two nitrogen levels (0 and 85 mgN kg<sup>-1</sup> soil).

| Sources of variance | DF | APX | CAT | POX | Chla | Chlb | Car | LPC | MSI | H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | MDA | LA | ShN | RDW | ShDW |
|---------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------------|-----|----|-----|-----|------|
| E                   | 1  | **  | **  | **  | **   | **   | **  | **  | **  | **                            | **  | ** | **  | **  | **   |
| I                   | 1  | **  | **  | **  | **   | **   | **  | **  | **  | **                            | **  | ** | **  | **  | **   |
| N                   | 1  | **  | **  | **  | **   | **   | **  | **  | **  | **                            | **  | ** | **  | **  | **   |
| C                   | 1  | **  | **  | **  | **   | **   | **  | **  | **  | **                            | **  | *  | **  | **  | **   |
| E×I                 | 1  | **  | *   | ns  | **   | **   | ns  | ns  | ns  | **                            | ns  | ** | **  | *   | ns   |
| E×N                 | 1  | ns  | ns  | ns  | **   | **   | ns  | ns  | ns  | **                            | ns  | ** | ns  | ns  | ns   |
| E×C                 | 1  | **  | **  | ns  | ns   | ns   | **  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | **  | ns | ns  | ns  | ns   |
| E×I×N               | 1  | ns  | ns  | ns  | **   | **   | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | ns  | ns | ns  | **  | ns   |
| E×I×C               | 1  | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns   | ns   | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | ns  | ns | *   | ns  | ns   |
| E×N×C               | 1  | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns   | ns   | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | ns  | ns | **  | ns  | ns   |
| E×I×N×C             | 1  | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns   | ns   | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | ns  | ns | ns  | ns  | ns   |
| I×N                 | 1  | ns  | ns  | ns  | **   | **   | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | **  | ** | ns  | ns  | **   |
| I×C                 | 1  | ns  | **  | *   | ns   | ns   | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | **  | ns | ns  | ns  | ns   |
| N×C                 | 1  | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns   | ns   | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | ns  | ns | ns  | ns  | ns   |
| I×N×C               | 1  | ns  | ns  | *   | *    | ns   | ns  | ns  | ns  | ns                            | ns  | ns | ns  | ns  | ns   |

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<sup>ns</sup> Non significant. \* Significant at the 0.05 probability level. \*\* Significant at the 0.01 probability level.

Table S2. Interaction effects of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, irrigation regimes and nitrogen levels on some of the traits studied in millet cultivars.

|        |            | Environments            |         |                          |        | LSD 5%, P value |
|--------|------------|-------------------------|---------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Traits | Irrigation | Ambient CO <sub>2</sub> |         | Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> |        |                 |
|        |            | 0                       | 85      | 0                        | 85     |                 |
| Chla   | Control    | 1.17c                   | 1.44b   | 1.49b                    | 2.12a  | 0.106, 0.01     |
|        | Stress     | 0.877d                  | 1.15c   | 1.11c                    | 1.45b  |                 |
| Chlb   | Control    | 0.566d                  | 0.642c  | 0.708b                   | 1.01a  | 0.065, 0.01     |
|        | Stress     | 0.431e                  | 0.515d  | 0.541d                   | 0.627c |                 |
| RDW    | Control    | 0.922cd                 | 1.29b   | 1.59a                    | 1.66a  | 0.175, 0.01     |
|        | Stress     | 0.847d                  | 0.932cd | 1.05c                    | 1.35b  |                 |

Chla chlorophyll a content and Chlb chlorophyll b (mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW), RDW root dry weight (g plant<sup>-1</sup>).

Environments: Ambient (390±50 µmol mol<sup>-1</sup>) and Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (700±50 µmol mol<sup>-1</sup>). Irrigation regimes: Control (40% MAD), Stress (75% MAD). Nitrogen levels: 0 and 85 (mgN kg<sup>-1</sup> soil).

Table S3. Interaction effects of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration× irrigation regimes× cultivars and, CO<sub>2</sub> concentration× nitrogen levels× cultivars on shoot nitrogen.

| Treatments      |         | Environments            |           |                          |           | LSD 5%, P value |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                 |         | Ambient CO <sub>2</sub> |           | Elevated CO <sub>2</sub> |           |                 |
|                 |         | Bastan                  | Pishahang | Bastan                   | Pishahang |                 |
| Irrigation      | Control | 37.3d                   | 35.1e     | 32.3f                    | 27.4g     | 1.48, 0.05      |
|                 | Stress  | 49.4a                   | 45.1b     | 40.5c                    | 36.7d     |                 |
| Nitrogen levels | 0       | 41.7b                   | 37.8c     | 33.4e                    | 30.8f     | 0.16, 0.01      |
|                 | 85      | 44.9a                   | 42.4b     | 34.9d                    | 33.4e     |                 |

Environments: Ambient (390±50 µmol mol<sup>-1</sup>) and Elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (700±50 µmol mol<sup>-1</sup>). Irrigation regimes: Control (40% MAD), Stress (75% MAD).

Table S4. Interaction effects of irrigation regimes, nitrogen levels and cultivars on some of the traits studied in millet cultivars.

|        |           | Irrigation |       |        |         | LSD 5%, P value |
|--------|-----------|------------|-------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| Traits | Cultivars | Control    |       | Stress |         |                 |
|        |           | 0          | 85    | 0      | 85      |                 |
| POX    | Bastan    | 5.81cd     | 4.46e | 6.53ab | 5.89cd  | 0.521, 0.05     |
|        | Pishahang | 6.33bc     | 5.68d | 7.04a  | 6.04bcd |                 |
| Chla   | Bastan    | 1.51c      | 1.87a | 1.12d  | 1.45c   | 0.106, 0.05     |
|        | Pishahang | 1.15d      | 1.68b | 0.870e | 1.15d   |                 |

POX peroxidase specific activity (units mg<sup>-1</sup> protein), Chla chlorophyll a content (mg g<sup>-1</sup>FW), Irrigation regimes: Control (40% MAD), Stress (75% MAD). Nitrogen levels: 0 and 85 (mgN kg<sup>-1</sup> soil).

Table S5. Correlation coefficients among the traits measured in millet cultivars under ambient CO<sub>2</sub> (lower triangle) and elevated CO<sub>2</sub> (upper triangle).

|                               | APX    | CAT    | POX     | Chla    | Chlb    | Car    | LPC    | MSI    | H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | MDA    | LA     | ShN    | RDW    | ShDW   |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| APX                           | 1      | 0.97** | 0.12    | -0.16   | -0.12   | 0.27   | 0.00   | 0.01   | 0.89**                        | 0.19   | -0.58  | 0.58   | -0.79  | -0.84* |
| CAT                           | 0.94** | 1      | 0.16    | -0.19   | -0.19   | 0.22   | 0.17   | -0.09  | 0.91**                        | 0.22   | -0.61  | 0.68   | -0.81* | -0.86* |
| POX                           | -0.01  | -0.18  | 1       | -0.92** | -0.93** | -0.84* | 0.38   | -0.89  | 0.19                          | 0.66   | -0.66  | 0.10   | -0.58  | -0.50  |
| Chla                          | 0.12   | 0.26   | -0.93** | 1       | 0.98**  | 0.85*  | -0.40  | 0.86*  | -0.32                         | -0.76* | 0.81*  | -0.15  | 0.57   | 0.62   |
| Chlb                          | 0.07   | 0.23   | -0.93** | 0.99**  | 1       | 0.87*  | -0.52  | 0.89** | -0.28                         | -0.70* | 0.81*  | -0.23  | 0.55   | 0.60   |
| Car                           | -0.27  | -0.09  | -0.83*  | 0.90**  | 0.91**  | 1      | -0.53  | 0.92** | 0.14                          | -0.64  | 0.46   | -0.07  | 0.29   | 0.19   |
| LPC                           | 0.12   | 0.05   | 0.28    | -0.44   | -0.55   | -0.51  | 1      | -0.68  | 0.21                          | 0.48   | -0.32  | 0.75*  | -0.40  | -0.27  |
| MSI                           | -0.23  | -0.02  | -0.81*  | 0.84*   | 0.91**  | 0.92** | -0.69  | 1      | -0.15                         | -0.78* | 0.54   | -0.33  | 0.58   | 0.39   |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 0.79*  | 0.68   | 0.56    | -0.48   | -0.53   | -0.74* | 0.41   | -0.71* | 1                             | 0.47   | -0.65  | 0.63   | -0.80* | -0.87* |
| MDA                           | -0.28  | -0.33  | 0.79*   | -0.90** | -0.87*  | -0.70* | 0.43   | -0.70* | 0.30                          | 1      | -0.48  | 0.33   | -0.68  | -0.46  |
| LA                            | -0.48  | -0.36  | -0.77*  | 0.77*   | 0.79*   | 0.91** | -0.49  | 0.86*  | -0.88**                       | -0.61  | 1      | -0.41  | 0.67   | 0.92** |
| ShN                           | 0.53   | 0.44   | 0.10    | -0.20   | -0.32   | -0.44  | 0.88** | -0.60  | 0.61                          | 0.10   | -0.49  | 1      | -0.68  | -0.58  |
| RDW                           | -0.80  | -0.67  | -0.43   | 0.30    | 0.34    | 0.59   | -0.18  | 0.50   | -0.88**                       | 0.03   | 0.72*  | -0.47  | 1      | 0.83*  |
| ShDW                          | -0.66  | -0.55  | -0.60   | 0.58    | 0.64    | 0.79*  | -0.62  | 0.79*  | -0.96**                       | -0.39  | 0.90** | -0.74* | 0.84*  | 1      |

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Table S6. Correlation coefficients among the traits measured in millet cultivars under non-application of nitrogen (lower triangle) and nitrogen application (upper triangle).

|                               | APX    | CAT    | POX     | Chla    | Chlb    | Car    | LPC     | MSI     | H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | MDA    | LA      | ShN     | RDW     | ShDW    |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| APX                           | 1      | 0.96** | 0.08    | -0.17   | -0.21   | -0.18  | 0.33    | -0.22   | 0.75*                         | -0.39  | -0.53   | 0.73*   | -0.77*  | -0.68   |
| CAT                           | 0.94** | 1      | 0.06    | -0.20   | -0.25   | -0.21  | 0.31    | -0.15   | 0.68                          | -0.35  | -0.58   | 0.68    | -0.70*  | -0.64   |
| POX                           | 0.26   | 0.15   | 1       | -0.90** | -0.92** | -0.84* | 0.79*   | -0.93** | 0.19                          | 0.58   | -0.66   | 0.60    | -0.67   | -0.59   |
| Chla                          | -0.02  | 0.09   | -0.92** | 1       | 0.99**  | 0.89** | -0.86*  | 0.89**  | -0.32                         | -0.65  | 0.83*   | -0.70*  | 0.68    | 0.71*   |
| Chlb                          | -0.07  | 0.05   | -0.93** | 0.98**  | 1       | 0.90** | -0.86*  | 0.89**  | -0.31                         | -0.56  | 0.86*   | -0.69   | 0.69    | 0.70*   |
| Car                           | -0.08  | 0.12   | -0.88** | 0.93**  | 0.94**  | 1      | -0.92** | 0.93**  | -0.40                         | -0.47  | 0.66    | -0.64   | 0.59    | 0.65    |
| LPC                           | 0.33   | 0.24   | 0.82*   | -0.87*  | -0.88** | -0.77* | 1       | -0.92** | 0.67                          | 0.53   | -0.74*  | 0.84*   | -0.73*  | -0.86*  |
| MSI                           | -0.34  | -0.18  | -0.92** | 0.93**  | 0.92**  | 0.90** | -0.93** | 1       | -0.45                         | -0.50  | 0.66    | -0.73*  | 0.72*   | 0.72*   |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 0.89** | 0.84*  | 0.52    | -0.33   | -0.37   | -0.29  | 0.67    | -0.61   | 1                             | 0.01   | -0.53   | 0.86*   | -0.70*  | -0.87*  |
| MDA                           | 0.02   | 0.00   | 0.80*   | -0.88** | -0.83*  | -0.69  | 0.88**  | -0.84*  | 0.44                          | 1      | -0.31   | 0.28    | -0.16   | -0.31   |
| LA                            | -0.54  | -0.54  | -0.77*  | 0.70*   | 0.67    | 0.52   | -0.86*  | 0.82*   | -0.83*                        | -0.83* | 1       | -0.81*  | 0.79*   | 0.84*   |
| ShN                           | 0.77*  | 0.67   | 0.73*   | -0.62   | -0.64   | -0.57  | 0.82*   | -0.83*  | 0.91**                        | 0.59   | -0.90** | 1       | -0.95** | -0.98** |
| RDW                           | -0.73  | -0.70* | -0.69   | 0.51    | 0.53    | 0.46   | -0.56   | 0.64    | -0.73*                        | -0.37  | 0.74*   | -0.86*  | 1       | 0.90**  |
| ShDW                          | -0.85* | -0.81* | -0.59   | 0.41    | 0.42    | 0.34   | -0.70*  | 0.67    | -0.98**                       | -0.53  | 0.89**  | -0.93** | 0.76*   | 1       |

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Table S7. Correlation coefficients among the traits measured in Bastan (lower triangle) and Pishahang (upper triangle).

|                               | APX     | CAT     | POX     | Chla    | Chlb    | Car     | LPC    | MSI     | H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | MDA     | LA     | ShN    | RDW     | ShDW    |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| APX                           | 1       | 0.91**  | 0.86*   | -0.91** | -0.88** | -0.90** | 0.61   | -0.95** | 0.95**                        | 0.94**  | -0.79* | 0.64   | -0.81*  | -0.94** |
| CAT                           | 0.87**  | 1       | 0.63    | -0.74*  | -0.75*  | -0.75*  | 0.82*  | -0.86*  | 0.97**                        | 0.87*   | -0.67  | 0.75*  | -0.65   | -0.89** |
| POX                           | 0.87*   | 0.94**  | 1       | -0.89** | -0.85*  | -0.75*  | 0.40   | -0.92** | 0.71*                         | 0.89**  | -0.74* | 0.57   | -0.92** | -0.83*  |
| Chla                          | -0.84*  | -0.94** | -0.96** | 1       | 0.99**  | 0.89**  | -0.48  | 0.87*   | -0.76*                        | -0.80*  | 0.95** | -0.59  | 0.86*   | 0.93**  |
| Chlb                          | -0.83*  | -0.96** | -0.96** | 0.97**  | 1       | 0.83*   | -0.53  | 0.84*   | -0.74*                        | -0.77*  | 0.97** | -0.64  | 0.86*   | 0.92**  |
| Car                           | -0.94** | -0.94** | -0.91** | 0.91**  | 0.93**  | 1       | -0.38  | 0.79*   | -0.83*                        | -0.76*  | 0.79*  | -0.42  | 0.68    | 0.86*   |
| LPC                           | 0.64    | 0.54    | 0.47    | -0.47   | -0.58   | -0.72*  | 1      | -0.69   | 0.73*                         | 0.66    | -0.45  | 0.95** | -0.53   | -0.74*  |
| MSI                           | -0.94** | -0.85*  | -0.87*  | 0.87*   | 0.87**  | 0.97**  | -0.78* | 1       | -0.90**                       | -0.98** | 0.73*  | -0.77* | 0.89**  | 0.93**  |
| H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> | 0.88**  | 0.62    | 0.77*   | -0.69   | -0.63   | -0.75*  | 0.43   | -0.83*  | 1                             | 0.93**  | -0.63  | 0.69   | -0.68   | -0.89** |
| MDA                           | 0.49    | 0.41    | 0.50    | -0.58   | -0.43   | -0.53   | 0.13   | -0.55   | 0.59                          | 1       | -0.65  | 0.70*  | -0.81*  | -0.89** |
| LA                            | -0.66   | -0.83   | -0.90** | 0.92**  | 0.95**  | 0.77*   | -0.46  | 0.74*   | -0.53                         | -0.34   | 1      | -0.55  | 0.73*   | 0.86*   |
| ShN                           | 0.73*   | 0.60    | 0.52    | -0.51   | -0.59   | -0.78*  | 0.98** | -0.83*  | 0.53                          | 0.23    | -0.42  | 1      | -0.71*  | -0.79*  |
| RDW                           | -0.88** | -0.92** | -0.92** | 0.89**  | 0.88**  | 0.95**  | -0.60  | 0.90**  | -0.74*                        | -0.49   | 0.74*  | -0.68  | 1       | 0.82*   |
| ShDW                          | -0.87** | -0.77*  | -0.90** | 0.86*   | 0.85*   | 0.86*   | -0.59  | 0.92**  | -0.90**                       | -0.49   | 0.81*  | -0.63  | 0.85*   | 1       |

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