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HALO BLIGHT, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* AND
ANTHRACNOSE, *Colletotrichum lidemuthianum*
IN COMMON BEAN *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. 4

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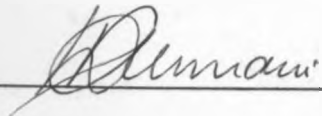
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ABSTRACT

Five popular bean cultivars susceptible to bean common mosaic virus, halo blight *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* were crossed in a diallel with two other cultivars resistant to these pathogens. Progenies were evaluated at the National Horticultural Research Centre - Thika and the University of Nairobi - Kabete. Lines combining resistance to two or more of the diseases were selected. Mode of inheritance of resistance to BCMV in cultivar L226-10 (52) and that of resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123 were studied.

Out of 1800 pollinations of the diallel crossing to seven bean cultivars, 1400 were successful, giving an overall 78.3% of successful crosses with each pod containing 3-7 seeds. L226-10 (52) was rated resistant to BCMV isolate 510 both in the green house and in the field. The F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-288 x GLP-24, GLP-24 x GLP-2, GLP-24 x M535, GLP-x.92 x M535, M535 x GLP-2, M535 x GLP-2, M535 x GLP-288, M535 x GLP-24 and M535 x GLP-x.92 were highly tolerant to the virus isolate both in the green house and in the field. NB-123 was rated resistant to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* both in the green house and in the field. The F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies with NB-123 and M535 as one of the parents were resistant to the pathogen both in the green house and in the field. NB-123 was rated resistant to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* both in the green house

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and in the field. The F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies with M535 and NB-123 as one of the parents had a high degree of resistance to the pathogen both in the green house and in the field.

Segregation of the F_2 progenies for resistance to BCMV of the crosses GLP-2 x L226-10 (52), GLP-x.92 x L226-10 (52) and their reciprocals did not differ from the expected ratio 3:1 (resistant:susceptible). Segregation of the F_3 progenies for resistance to BCMV of the same crosses and their reciprocals also did not differ from the expected ratio 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating). It was therefore concluded that resistance to BCMV in L226-10 (52) is governed by a single dominant gene.

The segregation of the F_2 progenies for resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* of the crosses GLP-2 x NB-123, GLP- x.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals differed from the expected ratio 3:1 (resistant:susceptible). Segregation of the F_3 progenies for resistant to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* of the same crosses and their reciprocals differed from the expected ratio 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating). It was therefore concluded that resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* in NB-123 is not governed by a single dominant gene.

The segregation of the F_2 progenies for resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* of the crosses GLP-2 x NB-123, GLP-x.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals did not differ from the expected ratio 3:1 (resistant:susceptible). Segregation of the F_3 progenies for resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* for the

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When compared with the control, plants inoculated with BCMV, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* showed 0 to 84% reduction in branching, podding, seeding abilities, 100 seed weight and dry matter weight.

On the basis of high yield, disease resistance and tolerance, good adaptability and seed acceptability, the F₂ and F₃ progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x GLP-x.92, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-24 x GLP-x.92, M535 x GLP-2 and M535 x GLP-24 were selected for further improvement.

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INTRODUCTION

Common bean, *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. is an important food crop in Kenya. They are staple food for the majority of the population serving as a major source of relatively cheap protein. The crop is cultivated in monocultures or mixtures with other crops such as maize, cotton and bananas. Beans are widely grown by small scale farmers in the country. Together with other pulses, beans are the second important group of crops in Kenya after maize (Mukunya and Keya, 1975). The total area devoted to legume production is about 480,000 hectares annually. Of this area, about 320,000 hectares are under beans alone. Although beans are grown in almost all provinces in Kenya, the leading producers are: Eastern 40.6%, Central 32.2% and Nyanza 12.4% (Eijnatten, 1975).

The common bean is exposed to a large number of varied constraints. Diseases and pests among these factors contribute to the large gap between actual and potential yields. Yield of beans in Kenya is about 500 kg ha⁻¹ but a potential of 1500 kg ha⁻¹ has been suggested (Mukunya and Keya, 1975). In the United States, monoculture yields of nearly 1400 kg ha⁻¹ have been reported (Schwartz and Galvez, 1980).

The major diseases affecting beans in Kenya include: bean common mosaic virus, halo blight, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*; common blight, *Xanthomonas phaseoli*; anthracnose, *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*; angular leaf spot, *Isariopsis griseola* and rust, *Uromyces phaseoli*. The major insect pests include: Bean fly, *Ophiomyia phaseoli*;

bollworm, *Heliothis armigera*; aphids, *Aphis fabae* and other storage bruchids, *Canthoscelides absentus* (Omunyin, 1984).

The importance of a plant pathogen or pest is determined by the economic loss causes. The magnitude of this loss depends on the frequency of the pathogens occurrence and the severity of the damage caused during the crop life-cycle (Shwartz and Galvez, 1980).

In Kenya, bean common mosaic virus was reported to reduce the bean height, pod number, seed weight and weight of whole plant dry matter by 55.3%, 55.9%, 63.0% and 7.2% respectively in the three commonly cultivated varieties i.e. 'Rose Coco', 'Mwezi oja', and 'Canadian Wonder' (Omunyin, 1984).

Studies conducted by Mukunya and Keya (1978) showed that plots planted with seeds infected with anthracnose were more diseased and correspondingly had more losses than those planted with hand sorted clean seeds.

Halo blight has been reported to cause yield losses ranging between 23-40% in experimental fields (Saettler and Potter, 1970). In Kenya the average loss due to the disease amounts to 42% (Mukunya and Keya, 1975).

The objectives of this study were:-

- (1) To hybridize some popular bean cultivars susceptible to bean common mosaic virus, anthracnose, *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* and halo blight, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* with local or exotic lines resistant to these diseases.
- (2) Select lines with combined resistance to two or more of these diseases.
- (3) Determine the nature of inheritance of resistance to the above three diseases.
- (4) Assess the effect of these diseases on agronomic performance of parental material and their progenies.

LITERATURE REVIEW

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2.1 Classification and biological description of *Phaseolus vulgaris* L.

Taxonomically, the common bean belongs to the genus *Phaseolus* and species *vulgaris* assigned by Linnaeus in 1753. It belongs to the tribe *Phaseoleae* sub-family *Papilionoideae*, family *Leguminosae*, order *Rosales*. According to Purseglove (1968), the genus *Phaseolus* L. has about 150 species of annuals and perennials throughout the warm regions of both hemispheres. Some species have tuberous roots. The standard is reflexed; wings same length or longer than standard; keel spirally coiled, which is the distinctive mark of the genus; stamens 10, diadelphous with free vexillary stamens of equal length, anthers are uniform, style is filiform, twisted, bearded on inner curve.

The most important and widely cultivated species of *Phaseolus* are *Phaseolus vulgaris* and *lunatus*. *P. aureus* and *P. mungo* are important pulse crops in India. *P. aconitifolius*, *P. acutifolius*, *P. angularis* and *P. calcaratus* are pulse crops of minor importance. *Phaseolus coccineus* is an important summer vegetable in Europe, but can only be grown at higher altitudes in the tropics. A number of species are grown as green manure and cover crops and also for fodder. These include *Phaseolus aconitifolius*, *Phaseolus aureus*, *Phaseolus calcaratus*, *Phaseolus metcalfei* and *Phaseolus mungo*.

Phaseolus vulgaris L. ($2n = 22$, $X = n = 11$) is the best known and mostly cultivated species of *Phaseolus*. They are grown for their immature edible pods and for

the dry ripe seeds and to a lesser extent for green shelled beans. The leaves are used as a pot-herb in some parts of the tropics. In Latin America and parts of tropical Africa they furnish a large part of the protein food of the inhabitants, being grown mainly for the dried pulse. They are little grown in India where the people prefer their own, better known pulses. In Europe, the United States and other temperate countries, they are grown mainly for the green immature pods which are eaten as a vegetable and are also canned and frozen. The whole dried beans are also cooked with tomato sauce and canned and are usually known as baked beans. The straw is used for forage (Purseglove, 1968).

In *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. the flowers are hermaphrodite and the pollination is 98% autogamous (Roemer and Rudolf, 1962). The flower biology is illustrated in Figure 1.

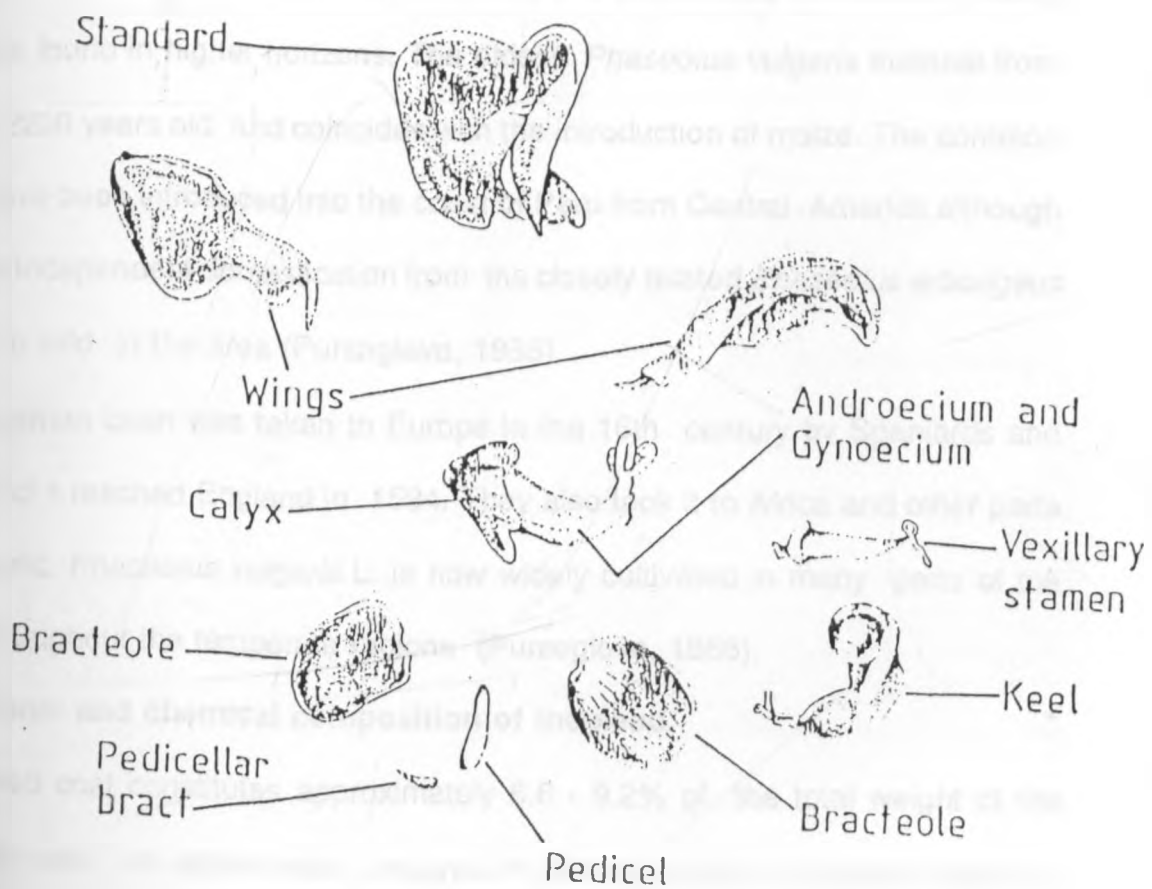


Figure 1: Parts of the bean *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. flower. (Daniel Deboreck, A.I.GX; Rigoberto Hidalgo, H.; M.S. CIAT; 1986).

2.2 Origin and distribution of *Phaseolus vulgaris* L.,

Phaseolus vulgaris L. is of New world origin. The earliest remains of the common bean that are clearly domesticated is an uncharred pod valve with a carbon¹⁴ date 4975 B.C. \pm 200 from the Cox Catlan cave in the Tehuacan valley in Mexico and is contemporary with maize. The evidence for domestication is the breadth of the pod and the absence of the well developed parchment layer and dehiscence mechanism, being similar to those found in higher horizons. The oldest *Phaseolus vulgaris* material from Peru is about 2200 years old and coincides with the introduction of maize. The common bean could have been introduced into the coast of Peru from Central America although it may have an independent domestication from the closely related *Phaseolus arborigenus* which occurs in wild in the area (Purseglove, 1968).

The common bean was taken to Europe in the 16th century by Spaniards and Portuguese and it reached England in 1594. They also took it to Africa and other parts of the old world. *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. is now widely cultivated in many parts of the tropics and throughout the temperate regions (Purseglove, 1968).

Nutritional and chemical composition of the seed.

The seed coat constitutes approximately 6.6 - 9.2% of the total weight of the common bean seed. An approximate analysis of the dry matter of common bean is: moisture 11.0%, protein 22.0%, carbohydrates 57.8%, fibre 4%, ash 3.6% , calcium 137 mg/100 g, iron 6.7 mg/100 g, vitamin A 30 μ m/100 g, thiamin 0.54 mg/100g, riboflavin 0.3 mg/100 g, niacin 2.1 mg/100 g and ascorbic acid 3.0 mg/100 g (Kay, 1979).

2.4 Bean common mosaic virus.

Common mosaic of bean was first recognized by Iwanoski in Russia as early as 1899, and by Chinton in Connecticut, U.S.A. in 1908. Symptoms of mosaic have been observed in young seedlings of bean from 22 different countries. The disease has been reported in 42 of the 51 states of the U.S.A.

Bean common mosaic virus has been widely regarded as one of the most ubiquitous and generally destructive virus-induced disease of beans. Plants from infected areas comprise the primary inoculum source from which common bean mosaic virus is transmitted by aphids to other plants. Moderate and severe bean mosaic cause 50% and 75% reduction in the number of pods per plant respectively and 53% and 68% reduction in seed yield (Hamton, 1975). The estimated yield losses obtained from bean pathogens and insect pests under experimental conditions are shown in appendix 6 (FAO, 1979).

In Kenya, bean common mosaic virus was reported to reduce the bean height, pod number, seed weight and weight of whole plant dry matter by 55.3%, 55.9%, 63% and 75% respectively in the three commonly cultivated varieties i.e 'Rose Coco', 'Mwezi' and 'Canadian Wonder' (Omunyin, 1984). There has been a rapidly growing awareness of the impact of resistant bean cultivars as a tool for effective control of BCMV. Plant resistance to the virus has been available since resistance was discovered in cultivar Robust (Schwartz and Galvez, 1980). The resistance to robust was conferred by a single recessive gene which originated from pea bean (Ali, 1950). Known strains of BCMV in Kenya and East Africa in general include E.A.-BCMV (Kulkarni, 1972), the

r-BCMV (Gathuru, 1975) and K-BCMV (Buruchara, 1979). In addition to these strains, various isolates of BCMV have been reported to occur in Kenya (Mukunya and Karue, 1979).

The particles of BCMV are long rod like structures measuring 750 nm in length similar to other viruses of the potato virus Y group.

The bean common mosaic virus is inactivated by alcohol at strength between 25 to 50%. The thermal inactivation point is between 56° and 58°C for 10 minutes exposures. The dilution end point is about 1:1000 and the longevity in vitro lies between 14 and 32 hours at room temperature (Omunyin, 1984).

4.1 Mode of transmission of bean common mosaic virus.

Bean common mosaic virus could be transmitted through seed, aphid and mechanical injury. Seed transmission of bean common mosaic virus and New York virus (NY 15) through either pollen or ovules of infected plants was obtained in high percentage by crossing diseased and healthy plants (Medina and Grogan, 1961). The F₁ progeny resulting from pollination of resistant plants with infected pollen from susceptible plants contained a large number of infected plants when resistance was recessive, and no infected plants when resistance was dominant. A portion of seed of some resistant varieties transmitted the virus when fertilized with pollen from infected plants but less transmission occurred when infected susceptible females received pollen from the same resistant varieties. Low percentage of seed transmission of the virus resulted if infection occurred after blooming period and plants infected during early vegetative growth

duced more infected seed than plants infected at later stages. Therefore, any effect of the environment on the percentage of seed transmission probably would be expressed only if applied prior to the flowering stage (Medina and Grogan, 1961).

Crowly (1955) studied the effect of temperature on the percentage of seed transmission of bean common mosaic virus and reported that no seed transmission occurred when the temperature was maintained below 68°F before the flowering period (Medina and Grogan, 1961).

Settler and Wilkinson (1966) reported that the aphid species, *Myzus persicae* made two kinds of probing behaviours during the transmission of common bean mosaic virus and therefore grouped the two probing behaviours into single probe aphids (SPA) and multiple-probe aphids (MPA). The single probe aphids were those that made only one initial probe within a given access period. The multiple probe aphids were those that made several terminations within the same given access period. The major difference in transmission between single-probe aphids and multiple-probe aphids occurred when the duration of terminal probes was between 11 and 20 seconds. Their investigations showed that 30 of 37 (81%) MPA making terminal probes of 11 to 20 seconds transmitted BCMV, whereas only 79 of 167 (47%) SPA making probes of 11 to 20 seconds transmitted the virus. No appreciable difference in the rate of transmission was noted, however, between MPA making terminal probes of 21 to 100 seconds and SPA making similar probes: 10 of 22 MPA (46%) transmitted BCMV compared to 49 of 100 SPA (49%). Nor was any appreciable

difference noted between MPA and SPA probing for 6 to 10 seconds: 3 of 11 MPA (27%) transmitted BCMV compared to 11 of 38 SPA (29%).

It would appear from the above information that the terminal probe is the one that largely determines virus transmission but that the probability of transmission by a probe of a given duration is influenced by whether or not the aphid has probed previously. The data also indicated that an aphid that acquires BCMV during a short probe can lose it by making a long subsequent probe on the virus source. Conversely, it appeared that an insect making, one or more 'feeding probes' on the virus source still become a good transmitter by making a 'transmission' probe just before being transferred to a test plant.

According to Ali (1950), bean common mosaic virus was transmitted from an infected susceptible variety of *Phaseolus vulgaris* L. (Stringless Green Refugee) to varieties of the same species (Stringless Green Refugee x M.5 No.5 Refugee, Stringless Green Refugee x Idaho Refugee and Stringless Green Refugee x Robust) through rub-inoculation technique which is a form of mechanical transmission. This situation implies that common bean mosaic virus can also be transmitted through weeding tools from infected plants to uninfected ones.

2.4.2 Genetics of resistance to bean common mosaic virus.

Resistance to bean common mosaic virus could be classified into two categories:-

Dominant resistance, present in the cultivars derived from Corbett

Refugee.

Recessive resistance, present in the varieties Robust and Michelite also from the U.S.A. and which probably originated from pea bean (Ali, 1950).

A number of recessive genes have been reported as conferring resistance to BCMV. One recessive gene $bc-\mu$ is strain non-specific and is complimentary to a series of strain specific genes, some of which occupy different loci. Thus $bc-1$ and $bc-1^2$ are allelic, as are $bc-2$ and $bc-2^2$ while only one allele $bc-3$ has been found at a third locus. $bc-2$ is on gene 'a' found originally in the cultivar Robust (Drijfhout, 1978).

There are corresponding pathogenicity (P) factors for each of the four strain-specific resistance genes $bc-1$, $bc-1^2$, $bc-2$ and $bc-2^2$. For a fifth resistance gene $bc-3$, a corresponding pathogenicity gene has not yet been found. NL4 strain of BCMV has the pathogenicity genes P1, P1² and P2² and in conjuncture with $bc-\mu$. Only $bc-2$ and $bc-3$ confer resistance to NL4. Resistance to the strain NL3 can be achieved only by plant homologous for $bc-\mu$, $bc-2^2$ or $bc-\mu$, $bc-3$. The pathogenicity genes P2 and P2² may be allelic (Drijfhout, 1978).

The cultivar L226-10 (52) which was developed and released co-operatively by ARS-USDA and the Agricultural Experiment station of Michigan State University and the University of Puerto Rico may have one or more of the above resistance genes to BCMV since it has high resistance to this disease (Kimani et al, 1990).

15 Halo blight, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*.

Halo blight has been reported to cause yield losses ranging between 23-40% in experimental fields (Saettler and Potter, 1970). In Kenya the average loss due to the

disease amounts to 42% (Mukunya and Keya, 1975).

Patel and Walker (1965) distinguished race 1 and race 2 of the pathogen. Young trifoliolate leaves of the dry bean cultivar Red Mexican U.1.3. developed lesions with race 1 at temperatures between 21 and 24°C, occasionally reaching 34°C and water soaked lesions with race 2. They observed the same difference in reaction with the other dry bean cultivars - 'Red Mexican', 'Great Northern' and 'Pinto'. Also on this basis Epton and Deverall (1965), Guthrie and Fenwick (1967) in the U.S.A., Rudolf (1967) in Germany and Wallen (1968) in Canada identified race 1 and race 2.

Schroth, et. al., (1971) concluded that there is an infinite number of races within *Pseudomonas P.- glycinea-P-* non group. Moreover they stated that neither *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* race 1 nor race 2 is homozygous with regard to virulence when tested on a number of bean cultivars. The distinction of race 1 and race 2, however, does not exclude a quantitative variation in host reaction between strains of each race.

Johnson (1969) described 'halo-less' halo blight of French bean in Queensland. Greasy spots in the leaves of susceptible cultivars soon became necrotic. Often leaf malformation resulted from bacterial infection in particular due to necrosis along leaf margins. After inoculation of ten day seedlings near the stem, leaves exhibited premature withering but no chlorosis. Hubbeling (1961) also reported a strain that did not produce toxins which induce chlorosis in the leaves. This isolate was defined as a wild strain of race 1.

5.1 Mode of transmission of *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*.

Halo blight is caused by a seedborne bacterium *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* (Hill, et. al., 1972). Field experiments conducted at Kabete in Faculty of Agriculture, Field Station in 1976 and 1977 and in small scale farmers' fields in Murang'a District in 1979 showed an average crop loss amounting to 42% due to using infected seed. *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* can also be transmitted through contact by workers while weeding and spraying the crops (Mukunya and Keya, 1978).

5.2 Genetics of resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*.

Patel and Walker (1966) studied the inheritance of tolerance to race 0 and race 1 of *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*. They found out that the local necrotic reaction of 'Red Mexican U.1.3' to race 1 was governed by the dominant gene Ppr, while tolerance to race 2 of 'P.1 250414' was based on one recessive gene 'ppt'. Hill, et. al., (1972) found three different genes, each separately controlling the expression of the halo blight reaction in inoculated pods and leaves, and the systemic chlorosis reaction of leaves with respect to race 1. These genes were dominant and also in respect to race 2 when a low concentration of bacteria in the inoculum was used. However, in F₁ hybrids of cultivars tolerant to race 1 and 2 (Great Northern Nebraska 1, selection 27 and P.1. 150414 with the susceptible cultivar 'Gallatio 50') Some susceptible plants occurred when inoculation with a high concentration of bacteria of race 2, was done.

5.6 Bean anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

Anthracnose caused by, *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* is one of the most

that encourages inoculum production and dissemination (Boyd, 1942; Mukunya and Keya, 1975). The pathogen is seed borne and hence remains in the seed from one season to another (Mukunya and Keya, 1978; Chaves, 1980) and the majority of farmers in East Africa use their own seed from previous seasons (Leakey and Simbwa-Bunnya, 1972; Schonherr and Mbugua, 1976). Diseased seeds are planted in nutrient deficient soils with poor cultural practices thus aggravating the problem (Mutitu and Musyimi, 1980). Losses of nearly 100% occur in areas of high humidity when diseased seeds are planted (Chaves, 1980).

Studies conducted by Mukunya and Keya (1978) showed that plots planted with diseased seeds had more disease and correspondingly more losses than those planted with hand sorted clear seeds. Intercropping of beans with maize has been found to reduce disease levels (Rheenen, et al. 1981). Fungicides have been used to control the disease, but resistant varieties are viewed as the cheapest and most practical (Yerkes, 1958; Kinyua, 1976/77a).

Mwangi (1986) tested 41 Kenyan beans lines for resistance to bean anthracnose through inoculation in the greenhouse with one isolate of 'alpha' two of 'beta', two of 'gamma', two of 'lambda', and two of 'epsilon'. He found that the NB 123, a small seeded black bean of indeterminate growth habit, originally collected from Kirinyaga District, was immune to all the nine isolates and could be a potential source of resistance to anthracnose.

Many physiological races of *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* are known from *Phaseolus* bean grown in various parts of the world. Since Barruol (1911, 1918) distinguished the races 'alpha' and 'beta', Greek letters were used for differentiation of races. Burkholder (1923) described race 'gamma', Andrus and Wade (1942) race 'delta' and Blondet (1962) defined race 'epsilon'. The identification of races was based on reactions of some American bean cultivars used as differential hosts.

Hubbeling (1974) isolated a deviating mutant 'alpha' race, which was later called 'lambda'. Resistance to 'lambda' included resistance to the races 'alpha', 'beta', 'gamma', 'delta' and 'epsilon' (Kruger, et. al., 1976).

2.6.1. Mode of transmission of *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

Bean anthracnose caused by *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* is seedborne and is a major disease of beans in East Africa (Leakey, 1972). Field experiments conducted at Kabete in Faculty of Agriculture Field Station in 1976 and 1977 and in small scale farms in Murang'a District in 1979 showed an average crop loss amounting to 42% due to using infected seed. *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* can also be transmitted through contact by workers while weeding and spraying the crops (Mukunya, and Keya, 1978).

2.6.2 Genetics of resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*

Mastenbroek (1960) found one dominant 'Are' gene in the black seeded dry-shell bean Cornell 49-242 which included resistance to all the races: 'alpha', 'beta', 'gamma', 'delta' and 'epsilon'. Hoffmann et al (1974, 1975) described a new race 'Ebnet' which broke down the resistance derived from the 'Are' gene. During the past years, the

monogenic dominant resistance of 'Cornell 49-242' and other cultivars carrying the same 'Are' gene had been considered of a 'uniform' or 'horizontal' type because this gene was active against many races of the fungus. However, the break-down of this gene by the 'Kappa' race of *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* raises a surmise that this gene only gave a 'vertical', race specific resistance (Kruger, et. al., 1976).

NB-123 is a black and small seeded bean indigenous in Kenya and has proved resistant to all common races of bean anthracnose (Mwangi, 1986) and other common diseases of beans like halo blight and rust in Kenya (Mukunya and Keya, 1978). The cultivar 535 (M9) is also a possible source of resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* (Kimani, personal communication). The above two varieties could therefore serve as good parental materials in breeding for resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

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3.1 The plant material

Seven bean cultivars; GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-24, GLP-x.92, M535, L226-10(52) and NB-123 were used in this study. GLP-2, GLP-24 and GLP-x.92 are from an extensive testing programme (Grain Legume Project) of dry bean cultivars at the National Horticultural Research station, Thika. They have been released to the farmers after extensive testing and have proved very acceptable (Van Rheenen et al., 1984).

GLP-288 was also developed by the Grain Legume Project of Horticultural Research station (NHRS) at Thika but has not been released to the farmers due to the lack of data to support its distinctiveness, uniformity, stability, superiority in yield and disease resistance (Van Rheenen et al., 1984).

M535 is one of the advanced generation (M_9) lines derived from radiation treated bean cultivar Canadian Wonder. Earlier generations have been evaluated for resistance to common bean diseases like anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*, angular leaf spots *Isariopsis griseola* Sacc. and rust *Uromyces appendiculatus* in Kenya and upto 11% increase in grain yield in M5 and M6 generations has been reported (Kimani, 1988).

L226-10(52) is a white and small seeded cultivar which is one of the two breeding lines of navy beans *Phaseolus vulgaris* L.. It was developed and released co-operatively by ARS-USDA and the Agricultural Experiment station of Michigan State University and the University of Puerto Rico. It has an upright architecture and combines high level of

disease resistance to rust, bean common mosaic virus, and several root rot diseases and a high yield potential. It is resistant to angular leaf spot, *Isariopsis griseola* Sacc. and bean rust *Uromyces phaseoli* under field conditions at Kabete (Buruchara, 1987; personal communication).

NB-123 is a small-seeded black bean indigenous in Kenya and is resistant to all common races of bean anthracnose (Mwangi, 1986), halo blight and rust in Kenya (Mukunya and Keya, 1978). Due to its small size and black colour, it is not acceptable to consumers and hence can not be released as such.

Table 1 indicates the growth habits, days to 50% flowering, grain yield (kg ha^{-1}), 100 seed weight and the average number of seeds per pod of the seven cultivars used in this study.

The seeds, flowers and growth habits of the seven cultivars are shown in plates, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Figures 2, 3, 4 and 5 show the growth habits types I, II, III and IV respectively as described by CIAT bean researchers Daniel Debouck and Rigoberto Hidalgo (1986).

The F_1 progenies were derived from a complete diallel cross with all the seven bean cultivars. The 28 F_2 and F_3 progenies used in this study were selected from among the 42 F_1 progenies with the best general and specific combining abilities in respect to some agronomic traits tested by Tumwesigye (1988).

Table 1: Some characteristics of the seven bean cultivars.

| Characteristics | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|--------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Cultivars | 'type' | Growth habit | Days to 50% flowering | Days to 50% maturity | Grain yield (kg ha ⁻¹) | 100-seed Weight (g) | Seeds/pod |
| GLP 2 | I | | 49 | 91 | 1828 | 52 | 5 |
| GLP-288 | I | | 47 | 96 | 1201 | 43 | 4 |
| GLP-24 | II | | 52 | 100 | 1662 | 34 | 5 |
| GLP-x-92 | III | | 48 | 92 | 1472 | 39 | 4 |
| MS35 | II | | 54 | 98 | 1732 | 49 | 6 |
| L226-10(52) | I | | 56 | 104 | 1907 | 18 | 7 |
| NB-123 | IV | | 52 | 97 | 1722 | 20 | 6 |

Source: (Tumwesigye, 1988)



1: Flowers and seeds of the seven parental bean cultivars: 1 = M535;
LP.X.92; 3 = GLP-2; 4 = GLP-288; 5 = L226-10(52); 6 = GLP-24;
3-123.



Plate 2: A GLP-2 plant showing type I growth habit. Plants with this type of growth habit have the following characteristics.

1. The main stem and lateral branches end in well developed inflorescences. When an inflorescence is formed, the growth of the main stem generally ceases.
2. Flowering lasts for only a short time and the pod mature almost simultaneously.



Plate 3: A GLP-288 plant showing type I growth habit. It has growth characteristics similar to those of GLP-2 shown on plate 2.



Plate 4: A GLP-24 plant showing type II growth habit. Plants with this type of growth habit have the following characteristics:-

1. The number of nodes on the main stem is greater than in type I plants.
2. The plant continues growing vegetatively even during flowering thus developing longer main stems and branches than type I plants.
3. It has more side branches than type I plants which are generally short with respect to the main stem.



Plate 5: A GLP-X.92 plant showing type III growth habit.

Plants with this type of growth habit have the following characteristics:-

1. The number of nodes on the main stem and branches are greater than those of type I and II.
2. The main stem is longer than those of type I and II plants.



Plate 6: A M535 plant showing type II growth habit.
It has growth characteristics similar to those of GLP-24 shown on plate 4.



Plate 7: A L226-10(52) plant showing type I growth habit. It has growth characteristics similar to those of GLP-2 shown in plate 2.



Plate 8: A NB-123 plant showing type IV growth habit.

Plants with this type of growth habit have the following characteristics:-

1. The main stem can attain a height of over 2 m. meters with support.
2. Has poorly developed branching due to the strong apical dominance.
3. The flowering period is much longer than that of growth habit I, II and III.

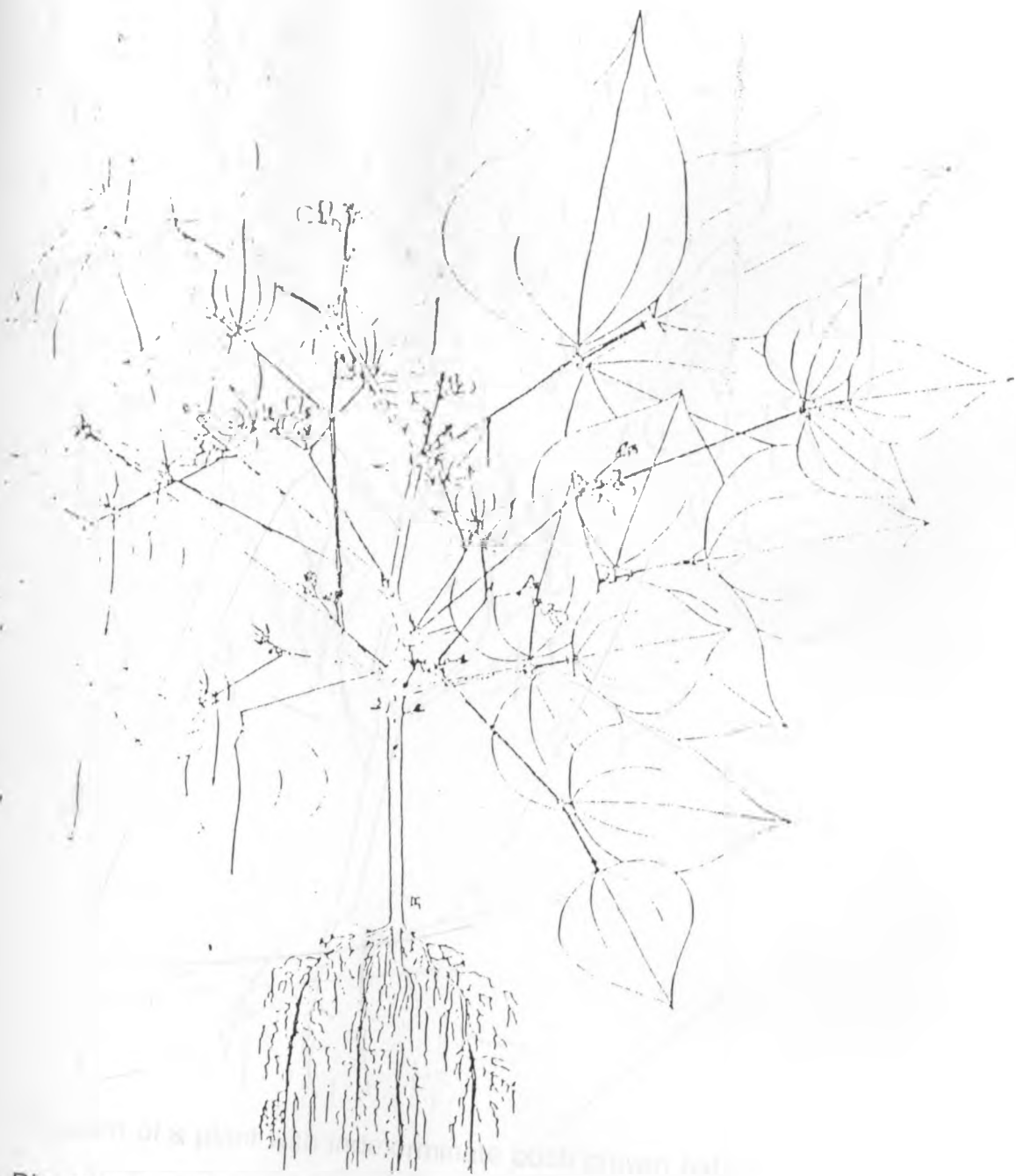


Figure 2: Diagram of a plant with determinate bush growth habit (Type I) Daniel Debouck, A.I. GX: Rigoberto Hidalgo, H., M.S. CIAT, 1986).



Figure 3: Diagram of a plant with indeterminate bush growth habit

(Typell) (Daniel Debouck, A.I., GX; Rigoberto Hidalgo, H.M.S.; CIAT, 1986).



Figure 4: Diagram of a plant with indeterminate prostrate growth habit (Type III)

(Daniel Debouck, A.I., GX; Rigoberto Hidalgo, H. M.S., CIAT, 1986).

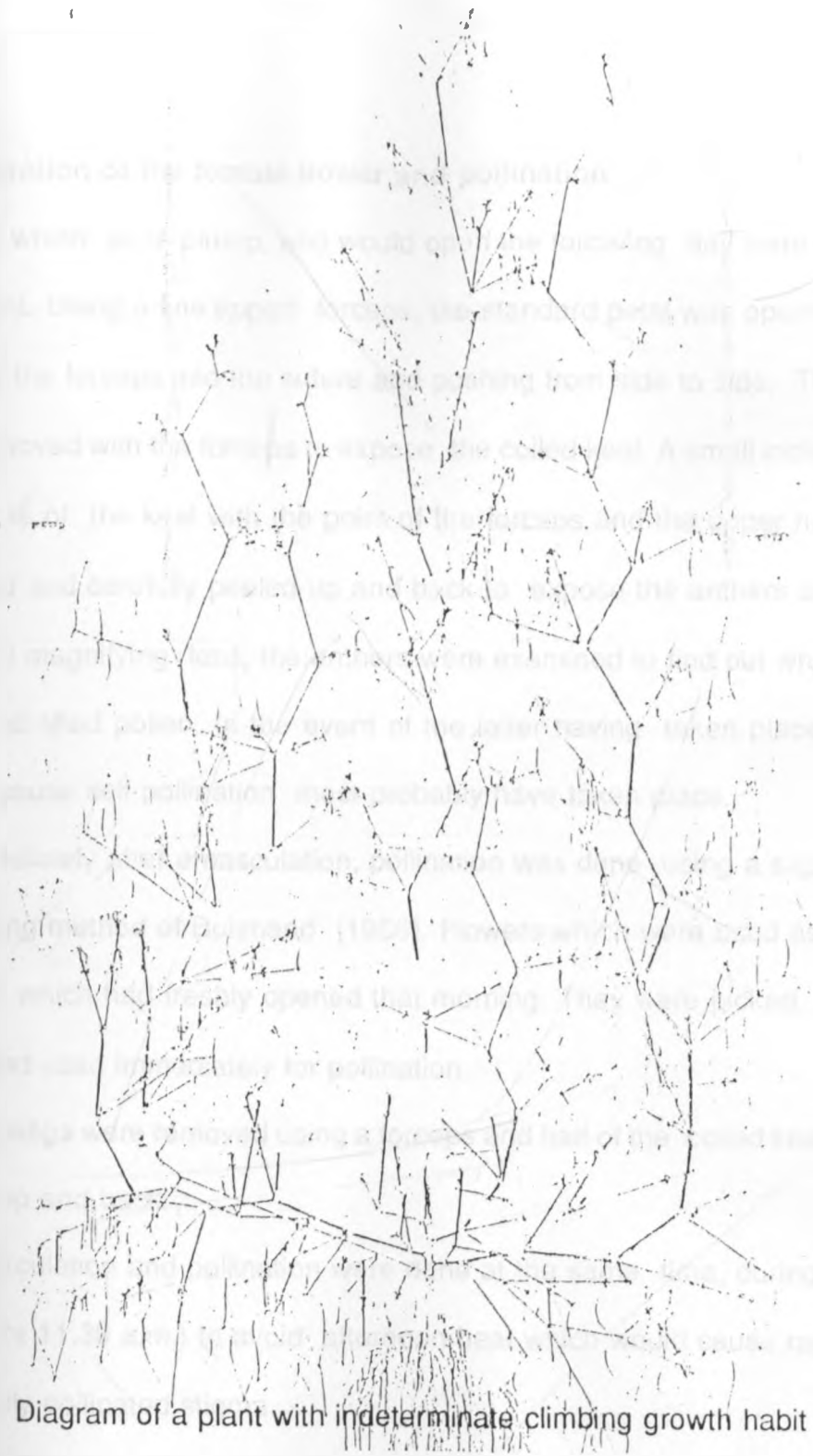


Figure 5: Diagram of a plant with indeterminate climbing growth habit
(Type IV) (Daniel Debouck, A.I., GX; Rigoberto IV. Hidalgo H. M.S.
CIAT,1986).

3.2 Preparation of the female flower and pollination.

Buds which were plump, and would open the following day were chosen as the female parent. Using a fine tipped forceps, the standard petal was opened by inserting the point of the forceps into the suture and pushing from side to side. The wings were carefully removed with the forceps to expose the coiled keel. A small incision was made near the base of the keel with the point of the forceps and the upper half of the keel was grasped and carefully peeled up and back to expose the anthers and the stigma. Using a x 10 magnifying lens, the anthers were examined to find out whether they had dehisced and shed pollen. In the event of the latter having taken place, the bud was rejected because self pollination most probably have taken place.

Immediately after emasculation, pollination was done using a slight modification of the hooking method of Buishand (1956). Flowers which were used as pollen source were those which had freshly opened that morning. They were picked, placed on the petri-dish and used immediately for pollination.

The wings were removed using a forceps and half of the coiled keel was removed by peeling up and back.

Emasculation and pollination were done at the same time, during early morning hours (before 11.30 a.m.) to avoid afternoon heat which would cause rapid desiccation of the freshly pollinated stigma.

All subsequent flowers and selfed pods were removed regularly to avoid competition between crossed and selfed pods. Crossing was done in all possible

combinations to obtain a complete set of 42 F_1 s. At least five crosses were made per plant.

After pollination, a tag labelled with the pedigree of the cross was tied loosely on the flower stalk. At maturity, the pods were harvested, together with their identification tags into separate bags. They were further sun-dried and hand threshed. The dry seeds were kept in separate envelopes which were stapled and labelled. Plate 9 shows part of the crossing procedure.

3.3 Soil preparation and plant management in the greenhouse.

Crossing was carried out under greenhouse conditions at the field station, Faculty of Agriculture, Kabete for a period of four months (October-January, 1988/89). Plastic pots of 8" diameter were filled with unsterilized soil mixture made from top forest soil, sand and farmyard manure in the ratio of 2:1:1 by volume, respectively. Diammonium phosphate (18% N, 21-23% P) fertilizer was added at the rate of 20 g per debe (20 litre bins) of soil mixture (Okiror, 1981). One week before planting, the greenhouse was thoroughly washed with pressurized water and fumigated with Dithane M 45 (50 g in 20 litres of water) and Rogor L 40 (50 litres of water) to kill any floating fungal spores, mites and whiteflies, respectively. Seeds were dressed with Aldrin (40% WP) at the rate of 10 g/kg seed before planting for protection against beanfly. Three seeds were planted per pot and later thinned to two plants per pot. Watering was regularly done to avoid moisture stress which is detrimental to bean growth. Water splashing on the plants and benches during watering was avoided to reduce spread of the pathogens.



Plate 9: Crossing procedure with the seven bean cultivars

Spraying of the plants with a mixture of Rogor L 40 and Dithane M 45 30 cc in 20 l water and 30 g in 20 l water respectively at 2-week intervals kept mite population low. All the plants were staked for support owing to the greenhouse conditions which enhanced viny growth even for non-climbers. In addition, the greenhouse floor was thoroughly wetted to keep humidity high throughout the crossing period. High relative humidity reduces the desiccation of flowers after emasculation and is conducive to good seed set.

3.4 Experimental design.

In the greenhouse at the Faculty of Agriculture, Field Station, Kabete and in the field both at Kabete and at the National Horticultural Research Centre-Thika, the parental material F_2 and F_3 were arranged in a split plot design with four replications in March 1989. The disease treatments were in the main plots while the cultivars and the crosses were in the sub-plots. In the greenhouse, there were two plants per pot. In the field, the parental material was planted in 10m² plots while the F_2 and F_3 were planted on 8 m² plots.

Due to the limiting amount of F_1 seeds (averaging 130 seeds/cross) the F_1 s were planted on double rows of 3 m per cross both at Kabete and Thika.

The spacing of the parental material, F_1 , F_2 and F_3 in the field was 50 cm between the rows and 10 cm within rows. DAP fertilizer was applied at the rate of 10 g per plant.

3.5 Pathogen preparation, inoculation and disease assessment.

3.5.1 Bean Common Mosaic Virus.

A virus isolate 510 was obtained from the National Horticultural Research Centre (NHRC) Thika. The virus is very virulent because it has reduced the shoot dry weight of the varieties; 'Rose Coco', 'Mwezi Moja' and Canadian Wonder by 25.31, 25.33 and 30.34% respectively (Ornunyin, 1984). Inoculum was prepared by macerating 22 day old diseased plants in 0.01 M potassium-phosphate buffer pH 7.3 at the ratio of 1:1 (tissue-buffer) and the crude extract diluted with distilled water at the ratio 1:10 (crude extract: water) (Buruchara, 1979; Morales, 1979)

Mechanical inoculations were performed on 10 day-old plants. Plants to be inoculated were dusted with 500 or 600 mesh corundum powder and rubbed with the fore finger after dipping it into the inoculum. All the plants used for testing were raised in the greenhouse at the field station of Faculty of Agriculture, Kabete, where greenhouse temperatures were maintained at $25 \pm 5\%$. The temperatures were regulated in extreme cases using the mist system installed inside the greenhouse. The inoculation with bean common mosaic virus is illustrated in plate 10.

In the visual disease assessment of bean common mosaic, a 1 to 5 disease assessment scale was not used but instead, the symbols (R) and (S) standing for 'Resistant' and 'Susceptible' respectively were used. This was in accordance with Rijnhout's (1978), system of BCMV disease evaluation. The term tolerance was used in describing the situation whereby the plants expressed the disease

symptoms but the symptoms did not have a significant effect on the quantitative trait of the host plants (Van der plank, 1968).

In order to determine the effect of bean common mosaic virus on the parental material, F_2 and F_3 in the greenhouse, data on number of primary branches per plant, number of pods per plant, number of seeds per plant, the 100 seed weight and weight of dry matter per plant was recorded on 4 randomly selected plants for both inoculated and control plants. In order to determine the mode of inheritance of resistance to BCMV in the cultivar L226-10 (52), the ratios between the resistant and susceptible plants in the F_1 and F_2 progenies of the crosses:- L226-10(52) x GLP-2, L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 and their reciprocal was investigated.



Plate 10: Rub-inoculation with bean common mosaic virus.

3.5.2 *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*

Inoculum suspensions were prepared in distilled water from 48 hr old cultures grown on yeast dextrose calcium carbonate agar (YDCA) medium; (Yeast extract (Difco), 10 g, dextrose (Difco), 20 g, CaCO₃ 3.5 g; bacto - agar (Difco), 20 g distilled water, 100 ml.). The suspensions were then adjusted turbidimetrically using a spectronic 20 spectrophotometer (Bausen and Lomb Co.) at 600 nm to a concentration of about 5×10^7 colony forming units (CFU) per ml of water.

The primary and the first tri-foliolate leaves of 12 day old plants were inoculated using the watersoaking method as described by Schuster (1953). The abaxial surface of the leaf was sprayed with the bacterial suspension using a De Vilbiss No. 15 atomizer attached to a compressed airline at 15 p.s.i. (1.05 kg of force/cm²) until water soaking appeared. Distilled water was also infiltrated on some plants used as controls. Inoculated plants were kept in the cooler part of the greenhouse where temperatures averaged 22°C. The inoculation procedure is illustrated in plate 11.

A five class disease severity assessment scale was used to score the degree of infection with *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*. This was done ten days from inoculation.

The scale was follows:-

1. = Healthy (no symptoms)- 0% of leaf area covered with lesions.
2. = A few isolated small lesions; < 2% of the leaf area covered with lesions.
3. = Many small lesions; 3-10% of the leaf area covered with lesions.



Plate 11: Inoculation of 10 day old bean plants with *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* using the watersoaking method.



Plate 12: Symptoms of halo blight *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* as expressed on the primary leaves of a thirteen day old GLP-2 plant.

3.5.3 *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

Infected leaves and stems were thoroughly washed in sterile water and dried between two sterile filter papers. The parts with lesions were cut with a scalpel blade into pieces and immersed into 10% bleach (sodium hypochlorite) for 5-10 minutes. They were then gently pressed between sterile filter papers to drain off excess bleach and transferred into potato dextrose agar (PDA) plates in sterile water and small pieces cut from infected parts and treated like leaves and stems.

In order to have pure cultures of the isolates and to ensure uniformity for each isolate used for inoculation, single spores were used to propagate stocks for inoculation. After sporulation, spores were scraped off with a microscope slide and placed in a beaker with sterile water. Serial dilutions were then made from the initial suspension. To establish the appropriate dilution, samples were observed under a compound microscope and the one showing one to two spores in X 100 objective was selected.

One ml of the selected dilution was poured into plain PDA plate and spread evenly, excess water was drained off by tilting the plate. Using a dissecting microscope, a small rectangular piece of the medium with a spore was cut off using a hair size end of a glass rod. The spore mounted on the piece of medium was then transferred into a bean pod enriched nutrient agar plate and incubated at 20°C for 5-7 days. When the colony was established, sporulating small pieces were cut and each placed in fresh plate of PDA and nutrient agar enriched with green bean pod extract.

From the plates, spores were wetted with 0.2 ml phosphate buffer (0.01 M) at pH 7.2. Using a microscope slide, the spores were dislodged from the media and placed into 250 ml beakers containing 200 ml of sterile water. The suspension that was filtered through cheese cloth was adjusted to a concentration of 1.0×10^6 spores per ml using a hemocytometer. These suspensions were translucent when poured into universal bottles ready for inoculation.

Plate 13 shows a culture of *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* grown on PDA and nutrient agar enriched with green bean pod extract medium.

The seedlings were considered ready for inoculation 12 days after germination when the primary leaves spread. The beans were sprayed outside the greenhouse so as to prevent the spread of the pathogen throughout the greenhouse. The beans were then covered with moistured polythene plastic bags and transferred into the greenhouse. A household atomizer (Bayer East Africa Ltd. household products) was used for inoculation. Control plants were sprayed with sterile water and covered. All test plants remained covered for 48 hours after inoculation in the greenhouse where temperatures rarely exceeded 25°C.

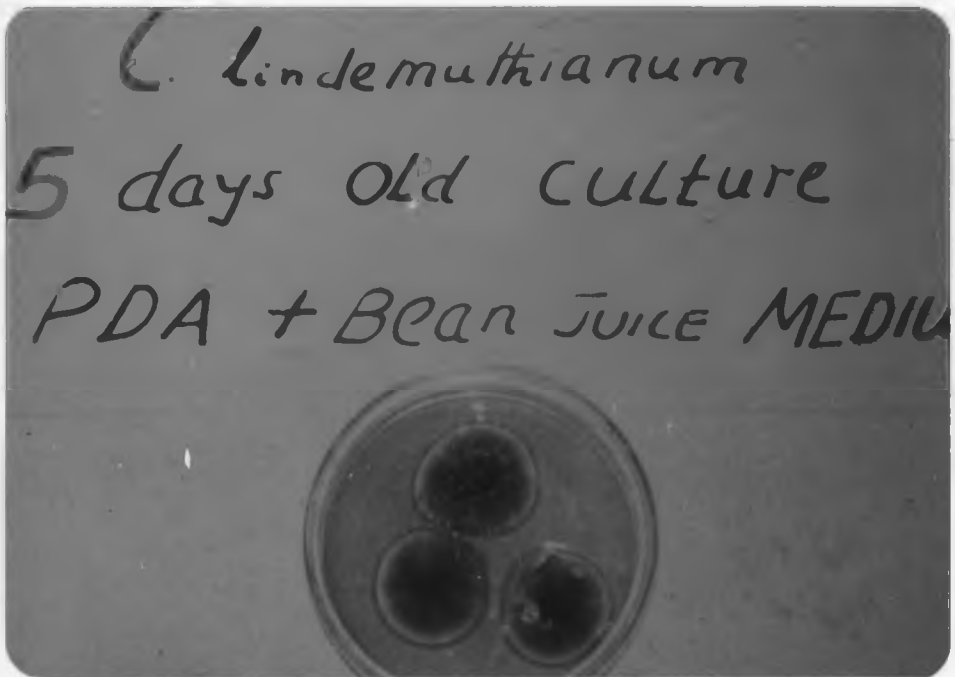


Plate 13: A culture of *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* grown on PDA and nutrient agar enriched with green pod extract medium.

The inoculation procedure and the covering method are shown in plates 14 and 15, respectively.

A five class disease severity assessment scale, described in section 3.5.2 was used to score the degree of infection with *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*. This was done ten days after inoculation.

Plate 16 shows the five class severity assessment scale in respect to anthracnose. In order to determine the effect of *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* on the parental material, F_2 and F_3 in the greenhouse, the data were recorded on number of primary branches per plant, number of pods per plant, number of seeds per plant, 100 seed weight and the weight of dry matter per plant for both inoculated and control plants.

In order to determine the mode of inheritance for resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in the cultivar NB-123, the number of resistant and susceptible plants in the F_1 and F_2 progenies of the crosses NB-123XGLP-2, NB-123 x GLP-X.92 and their reciprocals were counted. Plants with disease ratings 1 and 2 were considered resistant while those with ratings 3, 4 and 5 were considered susceptible.



Plate 14: Inoculation of 15 day old plants with *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.



Plate 15: The covering of beans inoculated with *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

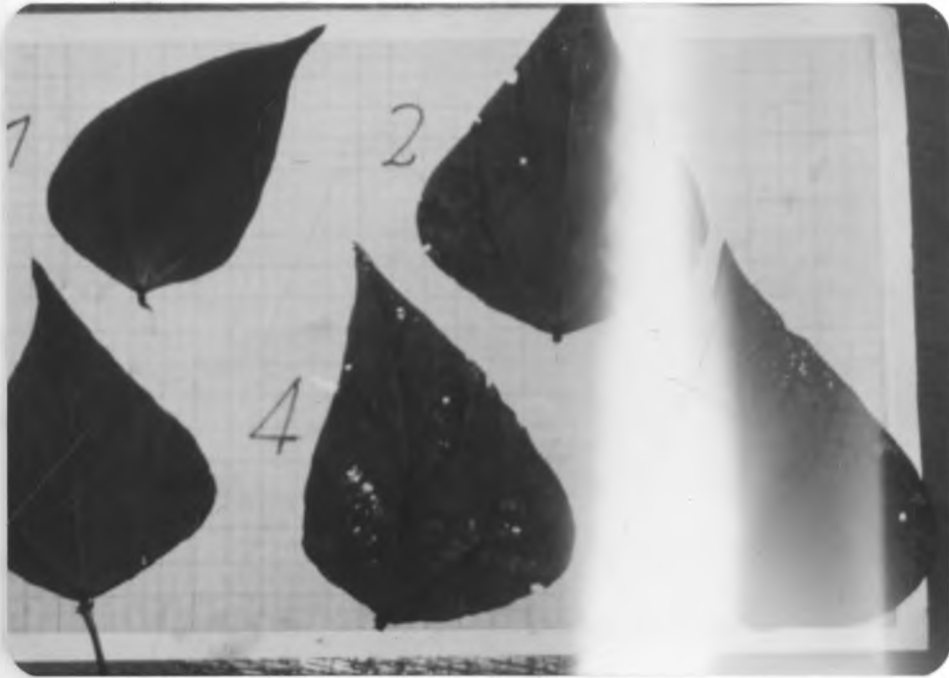


Fig. 16: Mid-points of the five classes used in the assessment of severity of anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* based on the percentage of the leaf area covered with lesions.

1 = 0%, 2 = < 2%, 3 = 3-10%; 4=11-25% 5 = > 26%.

3.6 Statistical analysis.

A chi-square test for a fixed ratio hypothesis was used to predict whether the observed ratios (resistant: susceptible) were consistent with the theoretical expected ratios (Steel and Torrie, 1960).

In all cases, the formula employed was as follows:-

$$\text{Chi-square} = \sum (O-E)^2/E$$

Where: O = Observed numbers

E = Expected numbers

The calculated chi-square value was then compared to the tabulated chi-square values based on the chi-square distribution with k-1 degrees of freedom where k is the number of pairs of comparisons.

Data on agronomic traits; number of primary branches per plant, number of pods per plant, number of seeds per plant, 100 seed weight and weight of dry stem and roots of the parental bean material, F₂ and F₃ was subjected to the analysis of variance.

The model used was;-

$$X_{ijk} = \mu + \beta_i + \alpha_j + \beta_k + (\alpha\beta)_{jk} + E_{ijk}$$

Where; X_{ijk} = Observation in the ith block on the jth pathogen and the kth cultivar.

μ = mean

β_i = effect of the ith block

α_j = effect of the jth disease treatment

γ_i = Interaction effect of the blocks and the disease treatment

β_k = Effect of the k^{th} genotype

$\alpha\beta_{jk}$ = Interaction effect of the j^{th} disease treatment and the k^{th} genotype

E_{ijk} = Error term (the random effect associated with the i^{th} block on the j^{th} disease treatment and the k^{th} genotype).

RESULTS

1.1 Diallel Crossing.

A total of 1800 pollination were made out of the complete diallel with the seven parental bean cultivars. Of these, 1400 were successful, giving an overall 78.3% of successful crosses. The crosses GLP-2 x GLP-X.92, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-288 x GLP-2, GLP-24 x GLP-2, GLP-24x NB-123, GLP- X.92 x GLP-2, GLP-X.92 x GLP-24, M535 x GLP-2, M535 x GLP-288, M535 x GLP-X.92, NB-123 x GLP-2, NB-123 x GLP-288, NB-123 x GLP-24, NB-123 x GLP.X.92, NB-123 x M535, NB-123 x L226-10(52) and L226-10(52) x NB-123 had the higher success rates among the 42 crosses performed (Appendix 4).

1.2 Disease development in the greenhouse and in the field.

1.2.1 Bean Common Mosaic Virus

Table 2 shows the reaction of the parental material, F_1 , F_2 and F_3 to bean common mosaic virus in the greenhouse and in the field. The GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-X.92 and NB-123 were very susceptible to the virus isolate 510 both in the greenhouse at Kabete and in the field at Kabete and Thika. GLP-24 and M535 were tolerant to the virus isolate in the greenhouse and in the field at both locations. L226-10(52) showed a high degree of resistance to the virus isolate both in the greenhouse and in the field. Some F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies with L226-10(52) as one of the parents showed a high degree of resistance to the virus in the greenhouse and in the field. Most of the F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses; GLP-288 x GLP-X.92,

Table 2: Reactions of parents, F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies to BCMV isolate 510 in the greenhouse and in the field.

| Cross* | Disease reaction | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | F ₁ | | F ₂ | | | F ₃ | | |
| | Field | | Green house | Field | | Green house | Field | |
| | Kabete | Thika | Kabete | Kabete | Thika | Kabete | Kabete | Thika |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | T | T | T | T | T | S | T | T |
| GLP-2 x M535 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | R | R | R | 364R;131S | 350R;140S | T | 420R;220S | 320R;220S |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | T | T | T | S | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | T | T | T | T | T | S | T | T |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | S | S | S | S | S | S | S | S |
| GLP-288 x M535 | T | T | T | T | T | S | T | T |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | T | T | T | T | T | S | T | T |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | T | T | T | T | T | S | S | T |
| GLP-24 x M535 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-X.92x GLP-2 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-X.92x GLP-288 | T | T | T | T | T | S | T | T |
| GLP-X.92x M535 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| GLP-X.92x GLP-24 | S | T | T | S | T | T | S | T |
| GLP-X.92x L226-10(52) | R | T | T | 370R;128S | 360R;135S | R | 410R;185S | 290R;210S |
| GLP-X.92x NB-123 | S | T | T | S | T | S | S | T |
| M535 x GLP-2 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| M535 x GLP-288 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | S |
| M535 x GLP-24 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| M535 x GLP-24 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | T | T | T | T | T | T | T | T |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | R | R | R | 372R;120S | 280R;122S | R | 395R;180S | 210R;150S |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | R | R | T | 378R;128S | 365R;120S | T | 420R;145S | 310R;145S |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | S | T | S | S | T | S | S | T |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | S | T | S | S | T | s | S | T |

Description of notations:

Reaction of parents: R - Resistant
 T - Tolerant
 S - Susceptible
 R = Segregating
 S* = Non Segregating

GLP-X.92 x GLP-24, GLP-X.92 x NB-123, NB-123 x GLP-2 and NB-123 x GLP-X.92 were very susceptible to the virus isolate. Most of the F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies of the crosses; GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-288 x GLP-24, GLP-24 x GLP-2, GLP-24 x M535, GLP-X.92 x M535, M535 x GLP-2, M535 x GLP-288, M535 x GLP-24 and M535 x GLP-X.92 showed a high degree of tolerance to virus isolate 510 both in the greenhouse and in the field.

4.2.2 Halo blight, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*.

Table 3 shows the mean disease ratings of the parental material, F₁, F₂ and F₃ to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* in the greenhouse and in the field. The cultivars GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-24, GLP-X.92, M535 and L226-10(52) showed a high degree of tolerance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* both in the greenhouse and in the field. NB-123 showed a high degree of resistance to the pathogen both in the greenhouse and in the field. All F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies with NB-123 and M535 as one of the parents showed a high degree of resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* both in the greenhouse and in the field. All other F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies showed a high degree of tolerance to the pathogen both in the greenhouse and in the field.

4.2.3 Anthracnose, *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*

Table 4 shows the mean disease ratings of the parental material, F₁, F₂ and F₃ due to infection by *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in the greenhouse and in the field. GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-X.92, M535 and L226-10(52) showed a high degree of tolerance to the pathogen under both conditions. GLP-24 was relatively more susceptible to the

Table 3: Reactions of parents, F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies to halo blight (*Pseudomonas phaseolicola*) in the greenhouse and in the field.

Mean disease ratings

| Cross* | F1 | | F2 | | | F3 | | |
|--------------------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|
| | Field | | Green house | Field | | Green house | Field | |
| | Kabete | Thika | Kabete | Kabete | Thika | Kabete | Kabete | Thika |
| | | | | | | | | |
| -2 x GLP-288 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 2.3 |
| -2 x GLP-24 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| -2 x GLP-X.92 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 3.0 |
| -2 x M535 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.8 |
| -2 x L226-10(52) | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| -2 x NB-123 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.2 | 2.8 |
| -288 x GLP-2 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.5 |
| -288 x GLP-24 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| -288 x GLP-X.92 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 |
| -288 x M535 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| -24 x GLP-2 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 2.2 |
| -24 x GLP-288 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 2.4 |
| -24 x GLP-X.92 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 1.7 |
| -24 x M535 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| X.92x GLP-2 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| X.92x GLP-288 | 2.1 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.8 |
| X.92x M535 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| X.92x GLP-24 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.0 |
| X.92 x L226-10(52) | 2.1 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.7 |
| X.92 x NB-123 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 | 1.5 |
| x GLP-2 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.7 |
| x GLP-288 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 1.5 |
| x GLP-24 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| x GLP-X.92 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.3 |
| 10(52) x GLP-2 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| 10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 1.5 |
| 3 x GLP-X.92 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| 3 x GLP-X.92 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.5 |

disease ratings of the parents: GLP-2 = 2.3; GLP-288, =2.7; GLP-24 = 2.4;
 GLP-X.92, =2.3; M535 =2.1; L226-10(52),
 = 2.0; NB-123, =1.

Table 4: Reactions of parents, F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies to anthracnose (*Colletotrichum linderothianum*) in the greenhouse and in the field.

| Cross | Mean disease ratings | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|-------|
| | F1 | | F2 | | | F3 | | |
| | Field | | Green house | Field | | Green house | Field | |
| | Kabete | Thika | Kabete | Kabete | Thika | Kabete | Kabete | Thika |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 1.8 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 2.5 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 1.6 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.4 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.0 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 2.1 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 2.2 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.6 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 1.7 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.2 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.8 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 1.1 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.5 |
| GLP-X.92x GLP-2 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.8 | 1.8 | 2.3 |
| GLP-X.92x GLP-288 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 2.0 |
| GLP-X.92x M535 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| GLP-X.92x GLP-24 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| GLP-X.92x L226-10(52) | 1.5 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| GLP-X.92x NB-123 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.8 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 1.4 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.4 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.7 | 1.4 | 1.5 |

Mean disease ratings of the parents: GLP-2, = 2.5; GLP-288, = 2.3; GLP-24, = 3.0

GLP-X.92, = 2.2; M535, = 2.0; L226-10(52), = 2.0

NB-123 = 1

pathogen under the two conditions. NB-123 showed a high degree of resistance to the pathogen under both conditions. Most of the F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies involving M535 and NB-123 as one of the parents showed a high degree of resistance to the pathogen under both conditions. All other F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies showed a high degree of tolerance to the pathogen under both conditions.

4.3 Inheritance of resistance to bean common mosaic virus.

All the L226-10(52) plants showed a high degree of resistance to isolate 510 of BCMV. All the F_1 progeny of crosses involving L226-10(52) as one of the parents also showed a high degree of resistance to the pathogen. Table 5 shows the segregation ratios of the F_2 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x L226-10(52), GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) and their reciprocals. The segregation of the F_2 progenies of the above crosses did not differ from the expected ratio of 3:1 (resistant:susceptible). Segregation of the F_3 progenies for resistance to the above pathogen of the same crosses and their reciprocals was 1.90:1, 2.19:1, 2.21 and 2.09:1 respectively as shown in table 6 and therefore did not differ from the expected ratio of 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating). The data indicated that resistance to BCMV in L226-10(52) is governed by a single dominant gene.

4.4 Inheritance of resistance to halo blight *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* in NB-123.

All the NB-123 plants showed a high degree of resistance (rating=1) to halo blight *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* forty days after inoculation. All the F_1 crosses involving

Table 5: Segregation ratios for resistance to BCMV in F₂ populations of *Phaseolus vulgaris*.

| Cross | Observed | | Expected ratio | | Ratio | X ² | Probability |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------|----------------|-------------|
| | Resistant No. of plants | Susceptible plants | Resistant: (R) | Susceptible: (S) | | | |
| P-2xL226-10(52) | 495 | 364 | 3:1 | 2.78:1 | 0.56NS | 0.05 | |
| Z26-10(52) x P-2. | 492 | 372 | 3:1 | 3.10:1 | 0.09NS | 0.05 | |
| P-X.92x Z26-10(52) | 498 | 370 | 3:1 | 2.89:1 | 0.13NS | 0.05 | |
| Z26-10(52) BLP-X.92 | 496 | 378 | 3:1 | 2.95:1 | 0.07NS | 0.05 | |

Description of notations:

R - Resistant

S - Susceptible

NS - Not significant

Table 6: Segregation ratios for resistance to BCMV in F₂ populations of *Phaseolus vulgaris* (L.)

| Crosses | <u>Observed</u> | | <u>Expected ratio</u> | | X ² | Prob. |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | Total No. of lines | Seg. lines | Non-seg. lines | Seg.:non-seg. (calc) | | |
| GLP-2XL226-10(52) | 640 | 420 | 220 | 2:1 | 1.90:1.00 | 0.30N 0.05 |
| 226-10(52)XGLP-2 | 57 | 395 | 180 | 2:1 | 2.19:1.00 | 0.93NS 0.05 |
| GLP-x.92XL226-10(52) | 595 | 410 | 18 | 2:1 | 2.21:1.00 | 0.92NS 0.05 |
| 226-10(52)XGLP-x.92 | 458 | 310 | 148 | 2:1 | 2.09:1.00 | 0.20NS 0.05 |

Description of Notations:

seg.= Segregating; non-seg.= Non-segregating; X² = Chi-square;

NS= Not Significant; calc. = calculated; Prob. = probability

Table 7: Segregation ratios for resistance to halo blight *Pseudozonas phaseolicola* in F₂ populations of *Phaseolus vulgaris*.

| Cross | Total No. of plants | Observed | | Expected ratio | | χ ² | Probability |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Resistant plants | Susceptible plants | Resistant: (R) | Susceptible (S) | | |
| GLP-2xNB-123 | 304 | 283 | 21 | 3:1 | 13.5:1 | 53.1** | 0.05 |
| NB-123xGLP-2 | 345 | 340 | 5 | 3:1 | 68:1 | 105.86** | 0.05 |
| GLP-X.92xNB-123 | 305 | 290 | 15 | 3:1 | 19.3:1 | 65.6** | 0.05 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 319 | 310 | 9 | 3:1 | 34.4:1 | 83.68** | 0.05 |

Description of notations:- R - Resistant (disease ratings 1 and 2)

S - Susceptible (disease ratings 3, 4 and 5)

** - Significant at the 1% level.

Segregation ratios for resistance to halo blight *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* in F_2 populations of *Phaseolus vulgaris*.

| | Observed | | Expected ratio | | χ^2 | Probability | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------|
| | Seg. | Non-seg. | seg.:non-seg. | seg. :non-seg. | | | |
| Total No. of plants | lines | lines | | | | | |
| 123 | 430 | 220 | 210 | 2:1 | 1.05:1 | 46.55** | 0.05 |
| BP-2 | 390 | 350 | 40 | 2:1 | 8.75:1 | 93.36** | 0.05 |
| 123-370 | 320 | 50 | | 2:1 | 6.40:1 | 65.36** | 0.05 |
| BP-x.92 | 410 | 384 | 26 | 2:1 | 14.77:1 | 134.42** | 0.05 |

Key of notations:

- seg.= Segregating; non-seg.= Non-segregating; χ^2 = Chi-square;
- calc. = calculated;
- ** - Significant at the 1% level

NB-123 as one of the parents were rated resistant to the pathogen. Table 7 shows the segregation ratios of the F_2 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x NB-123 and GLP-X.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals. The F_2 populations segregated significantly different from the expected ratio of 3:1 (resistant:susceptible). Segregation of the F_3 progenies for resistance to the above pathogen of the same crosses and their reciprocals was 1.05:1, 75:1, 6.40:1 and 14.77:1 respectively as shown in table 8 and therefore segregated significantly different from the expected ratio of 2:1 (Segregating:non-segregating). The data therefore did not agree with the null hypothesis of NB-123 carrying a single dominant gene for resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*.

5 Inheritance of resistance to anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123.

All the NB-123 plants showed a high degree of resistance to anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*. All the F_1 crosses with NB-123 as one of the parents also showed a high degree of resistance to the pathogen (Table 4). Table 9 show the segregation ratios of the F_2 progenies of the crosses: GLP- 2xNB-123, GLP-X.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals. The F_2 population of the above crosses did not segregate significantly different from the expected ratio of 3:1 (segregating:non-segregating). The data indicated that resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123 is governed by a single dominant gene. Segregation of the F_3 progenies for resistance to the above pathogen of the same crosses and their reciprocals was 2.19:1, 2.27:1, 1.85:1 and

NB-123 as one of the parents were rated resistant to the pathogen. Table 7 shows the segregation ratios of the F_2 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x NB-123 and GLP-X.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals. The F_2 populations segregated significantly different from the expected ratio of 3:1 (resistant:susceptible). Segregation of the F_3 progenies for resistance to the above pathogen of the same crosses and their reciprocals was 1.05:1, 75:1, 6.40:1 and 14.77:1 respectively as shown in table 8 and therefore segregated significantly different from the expected ratio of 2:1 (Segregating:non-segregating). The data therefore did not agree with the null hypothesis of NB-123 carrying a single dominant gene for resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola*.

5 Inheritance of resistance to anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123.

All the NB-123 plants showed a high degree of resistance to anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*. All the F_1 crosses with NB-123 as one of the parents also showed a high degree of resistance to the pathogen (Table 4). Table 9 show the segregation ratios of the F_2 progenies of the crosses: GLP- 2xNB-123, GLP-X.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals. The F_2 population of the above crosses did not segregate significantly different from the expected ratio of 3:1 (segregating:non-segregating). The data indicated that resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123 is governed by a single dominant gene. Segregation of the F_3 progenies for resistance to the above pathogen of the same crosses and their reciprocals was 2.19:1, 2.27:1, 1.85:1 and

Table 9: Segregation ratios for resistance to anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in F₂ populations of *Phaseolus vulgaris*.

| Cross | Total No. of plants | Observed | | Expected ratio | | χ^2 | Probability |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------|
| | | Resistant plants | Susceptible plants | Resistant plants(R) | Susceptible plant(s) | | |
| P-2xNB-123 | 380 | 280 | 100 | 3:1 | 2.8:1 | 0.35 NS | 0.05 |
| P-123xGLP-2 | 420 | 310 | 110 | 3:1 | 2.8:1 | 0.32 NS | 0.05 |
| P-X.92xNB-123 | 440 | 323 | 118 | 3:1 | 2.7:1 | 0.77 NS | 0.05 |
| P-123xGLP-X.92 | 400 | 308 | 92 | 3:1 | 3.3:1 | 0.85 NS | 0.05 |

Description of notations:

R - Resistant (disease ratings 1 and 2)

S - Susceptible (disease ratings 3, 4 and 5).

NS - Not significant.

101 Segregation ratios for resistance to anthracnose *Colletotrichum Lindemuthianus* in F₂ populations of *Phaseolus vulgaris*.

| | <u>Observed</u> | <u>Expected ratio</u> | | | | | |
|--------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|-------|
| | <u>Observed</u> | <u>Expected ratio</u> | | | | | |
| es | Total No. of lines | Seg. lines | Non-seg. lines | seg.:non-seg. | seg.:non-seg. (calc) | X ² | Prob. |
| P-123 | 450 | 309 | 141 | 2:1 | 2.19:1 | 0.81NS | 0.05 |
| P-2 | 490 | 340 | 150 | 2:1 | 2.27:1 | 1.62NS | 0.05 |
| MB-123 | 520 | 338 | 182 | 2:1 | 1.82:1 | 0.94NS | 0.05 |
| P-x.92 | 480 | 310 | 170 | 2:1 | 1.82:1 | 0.94NS | 0.05 |

Description of Notations:

seg.= Segregating; non-seg.= Non-segregating; X² = Chi-square;
 NS= Not Significant; calc. = calculated; Prob. = probability

1 82:1 respectively as shown in table 10 and therefore did not differ from the expected
ratio of 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating). The data therefore indicated that resistance
to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123 is governed by a single dominant gene.

4.6 Effects of pathogens on agronomic traits

4.6.1 Number of primary branches per plant.

The effects of inoculation with BCMV, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* on the number of primary branches of the parental material are given in Table 11. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the branching ability of the cultivars by 5, 15.8 and 0% respectively. The three pathogens did not show a significant difference on the effect of the branching ability of the seven cultivars. The branching ability of the seven cultivars was also not significantly different.

The effects of inoculation with the above three pathogens on the number of primary branches of the F₂ progenies are shown in Table 12. Compared with the control, BCMV, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* reduced the branching ability of the progenies by 28, 20 and 24%, respectively. Differences amongst the pathogen were highly significant. However the effects of the genotypes were not significant. Interaction between inoculations and genotypes were highly significant.

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the number of primary branches of the F₃ progenies are shown in Table 13. Compared with the control, the pathogen reduced the branching ability of the progenies by 35.8, 28.3 and 28.3%

11: Number of primary branches per plant of the seven bean cultivars inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

Number of primary branches

Non-inoculated
(Control)

Inoculated

Cultivar

BCMV

Pseudomonas phaseolicola

Colletotrichum lindemuthianum

| Cultivar | Non-inoculated (Control) | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
|------------|--------------------------|------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| P-2 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.9 |
| P-288 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.0 | 4.3 |
| P-24 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| P-X.92 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 4.3 |
| 335 | 4.0 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| 226-10(52) | 3.8 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 |
| 0-123 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| beans | 3.8 | 3.6 | 3.2 | 3.8 |

0.05 = 1.0

= 9.7

Table 12: Number of primary branches per plant of the F_2 progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | Number of primary branches | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated control | Inoculated | | |
| | | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| LP-2 x GLP-288 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 3.3 |
| LP-2 x GLP-24 | 5.3 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 2.8 |
| LP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 4.3 | 3.3 | 3.8 | 4.8 |
| LP-2 x M535 | 5.0 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 |
| LP-2 x L226-10(52) | 4.5 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 3.0 |
| LP-2 x NB-123 | 4.0 | 2.5 | 4.3 | 4.6 |
| LP-288 x GLP-2 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| LP-288 x GLP-24 | 3.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.8 |
| LP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| LP-288 x M535 | 4.3 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 2.3 |
| LP-24 x GLP-2 | 4.8 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 4.3 |
| LP-24 x GLP-288 | 4.8 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 4.3 |
| LP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 4.5 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| LP-24 x M535 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 3.8 | 3.5 |
| LP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 4.0 | 2.3 |
| LP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| LP-X.92 x M535 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 3.6 |
| LP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 4.0 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 3.8 |
| LP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 3.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| LP-X.92 x NB-123 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 4.5 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.3 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 4.3 | 3.3 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.5 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 3.3 | 3.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 4.8 | 3.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.5 |
| Means | 4.5 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 |

SD_{0.05} = 2.9
CV% = 7.6

Table 13: Number of primary branches per plant of the F₃ progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | Number of primary branches | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (Control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 5.3 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 4.3 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 5.5 | 2.8 | 4.3 | 4.0 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 4.0 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 4.8 | 3.5 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 5.0 | 3.5 | 4.5 | 3.8 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 4.0 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 5.8 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 5.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 5.3 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 3.3 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 4.8 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 5.0 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 4.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 4.8 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 4.5 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 5.0 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 4.8 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 4.5 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 2.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 6.0 | 3.0 | 4.0 | 3.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x M535 | 5.3 | 3.5 | 4.0 | 3.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 4.5 | 3.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 5.3 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 3.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 6.0 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 3.5 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 2.5 | 4.0 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 2.8 | 3.5 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 2.5 | 3.8 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.5 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 5.0 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 3.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 6.3 | 2.0 | 4.3 | 4.3 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 6.0 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 4.3 |
| Mean | 5.3 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.8 |

SD_{0.05} = 1.1

CV% = 3.8

respectively. The effects of pathogens were highly significant. However genotypic effects and the interaction were not significant. The coefficient of variation for the pathogens was 3.8% (Appendix 3).

4.6.2 Number of pods per plant

The effects of inoculation with BCMV, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* on the number of pods of the parental material are given in Table 14. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the podding ability of the cultivars by 74.6, 33.8 and 33.8%, respectively. L226-10(52) was the least susceptible to BCMV with an average pod reduction of 13.4%. GLP-2 and GLP-288 were the most susceptible to BCMV with a reduction in podding ability of 74.5% for both cultivars. The effects of the pathogens, cultivars and the interaction were highly significant. The coefficient of variation for the pathogens was 4.6% (Appendix 1).

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the number of pods of the F_2 progenies are shown in Table 15. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the podding ability of the progenies by 77.2, 31.7 and 0% respectively. The effects of the pathogens, progenies and the interaction were highly significant.

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the number of pods of the F_3 progenies are shown in Table 16. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the podding ability of the progenies by 82.6%, 54.9 and 52.0% respectively. The effects of the pathogens, progenies and the interaction were highly significant.

Table 14: Number of pods per plant of the seven bean cultivars inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cultivars | Number of pods | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (Control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| P-2 | 11.0 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| P-288 | 11.0 | 2.8 | 7.5 | 4.8 |
| P-24 | 13.5 | 5.3 | 8.0 | 8.5 |
| P-X.92 | 10.5 | 1.5 | 7.0 | 5.8 |
| 35 | 15.0 | 3.8 | 10.5 | 10.5 |
| 26-10(52) | 10.8 | 6.8 | 8.5 | 11.3 |
| -123 | 19.3 | 2.0 | 13.5 | 14.0 |
| ans | 13.0 | 3.3 | 8.6 | 8.6 |

$D_{0.05} = 3.4$

$\% = 4.6$

Table 15: Number of pods per plant of the F₂ progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | Number of pods | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Non-inoculated (control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 13.3 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 5.5 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 12.3 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 12.5 | 2.8 | 6.8 | 5.0 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 12.5 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 7.0 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 12.3 | 3.8 | 5.5 | 7.8 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 12.3 | 2.5 | 5.8 | 6.3 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 12.0 | 2.5 | 8.0 | 5.8 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 12.8 | 3.5 | 7.5 | 5.3 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 14.5 | 3.3 | 8.3 | 6.3 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 13.0 | 3.5 | 8.3 | 6.5 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 14.8 | 3.8 | 9.5 | 8.5 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 15.5 | 4.0 | 9.8 | 9.3 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 15.5 | 2.0 | 9.5 | 7.8 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 15.6 | 3.8 | 10.0 | 9.8 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 11.8 | 2.0 | 7.5 | 7.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 12.3 | 2.0 | 8.5 | 8.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x 535 | 12.5 | 2.5 | 8.5 | 9.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 13.3 | 2.3 | 9.0 | 10.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 13.3 | 2.3 | 9.8 | 10.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 14.0 | 2.3 | 8.0 | 10.8 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 16.8 | 2.3 | 10.5 | 11.5 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 14.3 | 3.8 | 12.3 | 11.3 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 17.3 | 2.5 | 12.0 | 12.8 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 16.8 | 3.0 | 13.3 | 13.5 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 14.3 | 7.0 | 10.8 | 14.3 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 11.0 | 6.8 | 11.8 | 11.0 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 21.0 | 5.0 | 14.5 | 21.0 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 21.0 | 5.8 | 9.3 | 21.0 |
| Means | 14.5 | 3.3 | 9.9 | 9.6 |

LSD_{0.05} = 2.9

CV% = 3.9

Table 16: Number of pods per plant of the F₃ progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | Number of pods | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 14.0 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 6.0 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 11.8 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 6.0 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 13.8 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 6.3 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 12.0 | 3.5 | 6.3 | 6.8 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 12.5 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 7.0 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 16.5 | 3.3 | 6.5 | 7.0 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 13.3 | 2.5 | 8.0 | 5.8 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 13.8 | 3.0 | 7.3 | 5.5 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 14.0 | 3.0 | 9.0 | 7.5 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 13.5 | 3.5 | 8.0 | 7.0 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 13.8 | 3.5 | 9.8 | 9.3 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 15.3 | 3.3 | 11.0 | 9.5 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 16.3 | 3.3 | 10.3 | 10.5 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 16.0 | 3.5 | 10.3 | 9.8 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 12.0 | 2.3 | 8.0 | 9.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 12.3 | 2.3 | 8.5 | 7.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x M535 | 11.0 | 2.8 | 10.0 | 10.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 13.8 | 2.0 | 9.8 | 10.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 16.0 | 2.5 | 9.5 | 10.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 16.5 | 3.0 | 9.8 | 10.5 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 16.0 | 3.3 | 10.5 | 11.5 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 17.3 | 3.0 | 10.3 | 12.5 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 17.0 | 3.0 | 11.3 | 14.0 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 17.0 | 3.3 | 12.8 | 12.5 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 14.3 | 8.8 | 9.3 | 13.8 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 13.3 | 8.0 | 12.5 | 14.8 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 20.8 | 4.5 | 14.0 | 15.0 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 20.0 | 2.8 | 12.3 | 16.0 |
| Means | 20.2 | 3.5 | 9.1 | 9.7 |

LSD 0.05 = 1.7

CV% = 1.9

4.6.3 Number of seeds per plant.

The effects of inoculation with BCMV, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* on the number of seeds of the parental material are given in Table 17. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the seed bearing ability of the cultivars by 81.9, 54.1 and 51.0% respectively. The effects of the pathogens, cultivars and the interaction were highly significant.

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the number of seeds of the F_2 progenies are shown in Table 18. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the seeding ability of the progenies by 84.9, 54.0 and 53.2% respectively. The effects of the pathogens, progenies and interaction were highly significant.

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the number of seeds of the F_3 progenies are shown in Table 19. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the seeding ability of the progenies by 84.2, 54.1 and 45.0% respectively. The effects of the pathogens, progenies and interaction were highly significant.

Table 17: Number of seeds per plant of the seven bean cultivars inoculated with bean common mosaic virus *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cultivars | Number of seeds | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | ECMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 | 43.3 | 6.0 | 15.0 | 16.0 |
| GLP-288 | 45.8 | 7.3 | 21.0 | 20.0 |
| GLP-24 | 60.5 | 15.5 | 22.5 | 23.3 |
| GLP-x.92 | 44.5 | 3.3 | 21.6 | 22.8 |
| M535 | 77.0 | 10.8 | 37.0 | 40.8 |
| L226-10(52) | 60.0 | 27.0 | 28.0 | 32.8 |
| NB-123 | 83.5 | 5.3 | 45.5 | 47.8 |
| Means | 59.2 | 10.7 | 27.2 | 29.0 |

LSD 0.05 = 1.9

CV% = 3.1

Table 1B: Number of seeds per plant of F_2 progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | Number of seeds | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (Control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 49.3 | 4.8 | 12.8 | 14.8 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 48.8 | 10.0 | 11.5 | 16.5 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 47.0 | 8.3 | 10.0 | 17.5 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 49.8 | 8.0 | 12.0 | 19.0 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 42.3 | 8.3 | 14.0 | 25.5 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 62.0 | 5.8 | 13.3 | 16.3 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 51.3 | 6.8 | 20.3 | 18.3 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 53.5 | 9.8 | 18.5 | 11.5 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 57.8 | 5.0 | 20.3 | 18.3 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 48.0 | 8.5 | 24.8 | 18.8 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 68.5 | 11.0 | 26.5 | 23.3 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 71.3 | 8.0 | 27.8 | 25.3 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 60.0 | 4.8 | 30.8 | 27.5 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 59.5 | 9.5 | 32.5 | 29.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 50.0 | 5.0 | 18.5 | 23.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 45.8 | 4.3 | 18.8 | 20.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x M535 | 47.5 | 5.5 | 23.0 | 23.8 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 52.5 | 6.0 | 21.8 | 27.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 35.8 | 5.8 | 24.5 | 26.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 45.8 | 5.8 | 21.8 | 29.3 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 84.5 | 8.0 | 39.5 | 35.0 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 75.5 | 9.0 | 52.0 | 28.5 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 70.5 | 5.5 | 46.0 | 42.3 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 70.8 | 7.8 | 47.3 | 34.8 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 56.8 | 26.5 | 32.8 | 44.0 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 56.3 | 25.0 | 32.3 | 42.3 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 79.0 | 10.3 | 48.0 | 56.0 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 89.3 | 11.3 | 50.0 | 47.8 |
| Means | 58.2 | 8.8 | 26.8 | 27.2 |

LSD = 0.05 = 11.8

CV% = 6.8

Table 19: Number of seeds per plant of the F₃ Progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | Number of seeds | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (Control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 63.0 | 8.3 | 17.0 | 18.3 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 47.3 | 8.8 | 13.3 | 17.0 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 50.8 | 8.3 | 16.8 | 18.5 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 52.8 | 15.0 | 17.0 | 18.5 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 65.5 | 10.3 | 18.3 | 19.0 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 46.5 | 7.8 | 21.5 | 21.5 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 61.0 | 8.5 | 17.8 | 18.0 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 63.5 | 6.8 | 27.3 | 30.0 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 63.5 | 7.9 | 23.5 | 26.3 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 81.5 | 12.0 | 31.8 | 25.3 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 67.3 | 7.3 | 35.8 | 29.3 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 56.5 | 5.0 | 35.5 | 28.3 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 72.0 | 8.5 | 35.0 | 34.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 45.3 | 4.8 | 19.8 | 33.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 46.3 | 5.8 | 28.0 | 26.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x M535 | 47.0 | 8.0 | 25.3 | 35.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 51.3 | 6.8 | 24.3 | 37.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 60.5 | 10.0 | 23.5 | 34.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 57.8 | 5.8 | 29.8 | 36.0 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 72.25 | 7.8 | 41.3 | 37.5 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 86.8 | 5.0 | 38.3 | 52.8 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 80.75 | 7.0 | 28.5 | 55.8 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 80.5 | 7.3 | 47.8 | 61.0 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 60.8 | 28.8 | 27.3 | 42.0 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 56.8 | 30.0 | 37.5 | 36.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 47.8 | 8.8 | 49.5 | 56.3 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 94.0 | 12.0 | 33.8 | 59.5 |
| Means | 60.6 | 9.6 | 27.8 | 33.3 |

LSD_{0.05} = 11.4

CV% = 3.1

4.6.4 100-seed weight

The effects of inoculation with BCMV, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* on the 100-seed weight of the parental material are given in Table 20. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the 100-seed weight of the cultivars by 58.1, 10.4 and 18.9% respectively. The effects of the pathogens, cultivars and interaction were highly significant. The coefficient of variation for the pathogens was 2.2% (Appendix 1).

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the 100-seed weight of the F_2 progenies is shown in Table 21. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the 100-seed weight of the progenies by 59.1, 17.9 and 20.8%, respectively. The effects of the pathogens, progenies and interaction were highly significant. The coefficient of variation for the pathogens was 26.9% (Appendix 2).

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the 100-seed weight of the F_3 progenies are shown in Table 22. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the 100-seed weight of the progenies by 59.1, 17.1 and 21.7%, respectively. The effects of the pathogens, progenies and interaction were highly significant. The coefficient of variation for the pathogens was 25.1% (Appendix 3).

Table 20: 100-seed weight (g) of the seven bean cultivars inoculated with bean common mosaic virus *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cultivars | 100 seed weight (g) | | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | ECMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| LP-2 | 68.2 | 34.9 | 59.4 | 50.7 |
| LP-288 | 58.1 | 20.4 | 53.0 | 38.4 |
| LP-24 | 62.4 | 19.6 | 58.6 | 48.9 |
| LP-X.92 | 57.1 | 18.5 | 46.4 | 44.7 |
| 535 | 66.8 | 24.2 | 60.2 | 61.8 |
| 226-10 (52) | 24.2 | 21.7 | 21.1 | 21.2 |
| B-123 | 31.9 | 15.4 | 31.9 | 33.1 |
| Means | 52.7 | 22.1 | 47.2 | 42.7 |

SD_{0.05} = 1.2

V% = 2.2

Table 21: 100-seed weight (g) of the F₂ progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | 100-seed weight (gm) | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (Control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | ECMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 68.4 | 31.0 | 51.9 | 68.4 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 67.7 | 23.7 | 54.7 | 67.7 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 63.8 | 23.8 | 44.8 | 63.8 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 67.7 | 22.1 | 56.2 | 67.7 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 32.4 | 24.6 | 26.9 | 32.4 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 42.9 | 20.2 | 34.8 | 42.9 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 64.4 | 19.4 | 51.2 | 64.4 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 61.6 | 26.8 | 51.2 | 61.6 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 62.3 | 23.0 | 45.5 | 62.3 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 67.8 | 19.7 | 56.3 | 67.8 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 68.0 | 23.6 | 56.4 | 68.0 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 57.6 | 29.2 | 52.1 | 57.6 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 61.6 | 20.7 | 45.9 | 61.6 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 70.2 | 24.8 | 57.9 | 70.2 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 63.8 | 24.7 | 46.7 | 63.8 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 58.4 | 17.4 | 59.5 | 58.4 |
| GLP-X.92 x M535 | 62.1 | 20.7 | 53.7 | 62.1 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 62.2 | 21.7 | 54.8 | 62.2 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 30.9 | 21.8 | 26.9 | 30.9 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 35.5 | 16.5 | 36.8 | 35.5 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 66.5 | 28.0 | 60.7 | 66.5 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 62.1 | 21.7 | 53.6 | 62.1 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 68.8 | 21.7 | 47.3 | 68.8 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 63.1 | 21.9 | 50.4 | 63.1 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 29.7 | 26.9 | 24.0 | 29.7 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 32.9 | 20.7 | 31.6 | 32.9 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 35.5 | 21.2 | 30.8 | 35.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 39.9 | 23.4 | 28.6 | 39.9 |
| Means | 55.8 | 22.8 | 45.8 | 44.2 |

LSD_{0.05} = 1.2

CV% = 26.9

Table 22: 100-seed weight (gms) of the F₂ populations inoculated with Bean Common Mosaic Virus (BCMV), *Phaenomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum Lindemuthianum*.

| Crosses | 100-seed weight (gms) | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated (control) | BCMV | <i>P. phaseolicola</i> | <i>C. lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2XGLP-288 | 68.5 | 30.7 | 51.3 | 46.6 |
| GLP-2XGLP-24 | 67.9 | 27.7 | 55.6 | 51.5 |
| GLP-2XGLP-x.92 | 62.1 | 24.3 | 46.4 | 47.2 |
| GLP-2XM535 | 71.8 | 21.7 | 57.6 | 61.6 |
| GLP-2XL226-10(52) | 31.0 | 24.6 | 27.8 | 21.2 |
| GLP-2XNB-123 | 41.6 | 20.7 | 37.2 | 31.7 |
| GLP-288XGLP-2 | 63.9 | 20.1 | 51.1 | 45.4 |
| GLP-288XGLP-24 | 62.7 | 24.9 | 52.3 | 48.9 |
| GLP-288XGLP-x.92 | 61.4 | 22.9 | 47.2 | 42.5 |
| GLP-288XM535 | 68.3 | 20.4 | 24.8 | 52.6 |
| GLP-24XGLP-2 | 68.2 | 24.0 | 59.2 | 47.2 |
| GLP-24XGLP-288 | 60.2 | 30.1 | 52.1 | 41.8 |
| GLP-24XGLP-x.92 | 61.1 | 20.9 | 47.1 | 45.9 |
| GLP-24XM535 | 70.5 | 24.8 | 57.2 | 52.9 |
| GLP-x.92XGLP-2 | 62.7 | 25.3 | 47.1 | 46.0 |
| GLP-x.92XGLP-288 | 60.0 | 18.0 | 49.9 | 43.9 |
| GLP-x.92XM535 | 61.7 | 20.3 | 53.7 | 46.1 |
| GLP-x.92XGLP-24 | 64.7 | 20.6 | 54.8 | 54.8 |
| GLP-x.92XL226-10(52) | 31.6 | 22.4 | 27.9 | 24.5 |
| GLP-x.92XNB-123 | 38.8 | 18.1 | 37.4 | 33.0 |
| M535XGLP-2 | 67.6 | 28.2 | 61.1 | 54.9 |
| M535XGLP-288 | 63.3 | 21.5 | 53.7 | 44.4 |
| M535XGLP-24 | 69.1 | 20.3 | 46.5 | 52.8 |
| M535XGLP-x.92 | 63.3 | 22.3 | 50.4 | 54.1 |
| L226-10(52)XGLP-2 | 29.3 | 24.8 | 24.5 | 32.9 |
| L226-10(52)XGLP-x.92 | 31.9 | 21.2 | 31.1 | 31.3 |
| NB-123XGLP-2 | 34.9 | 21.7 | 31.4 | 37.3 |
| NB-123XGLP-x.92 | 30.0 | 20.8 | 31.8 | 32.6 |
| Means | 56.0 | 22.9 | 46.4 | 43.7 |

LSD_{0.05} = 1.2

CV (%) = 4.7

6.5 Weight of dry matter.

The effects of BCMV, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum demuthianum* on the weight of dry matter of the parental material are given in Table 23. Compared with the control the three pathogens reduced the weight of dry matter of the cultivars by 44.9, 32.7 and 22.4%, respectively. The effects of the pathogens, cultivars and interaction were highly significant. The coefficient of variation for the pathogens was 3.4% (Appendix 1).

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the weight of dry matter of the F_2 progenies are given in Table 24. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the weight of dry matter of the progenies by 59.4, 26.9 and 35.5% respectively. The effects of the pathogens, progenies and interaction were highly significant. The coefficient of variation for the pathogens was 2.0% (Appendix 2).

The effects of inoculation with the three pathogens on the weight of dry matter of the F_3 progenies are given in Table 25. Compared with the control, the three pathogens reduced the weight of dry matter of the progenies by 63.0, 29.3 and 33.7% respectively. The effects of the pathogens, progenies and interaction were highly significant. The coefficient of variation for the pathogens was 6.4% (Appendix 3).

Table 23: Weight of dry matter (g) per plant of the seven bean cultivars inoculated with bean common mosaic virus *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum*.

| Cultivars | Weight of dry matter (g) | | | |
|------------|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Non-inoculated (control) | Inoculated | | |
| | | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| LP-2 | 5.1 | 2.5 | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| LP-288 | 4.9 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 3.3 |
| LP-24 | 5.4 | 2.1 | 4.3 | 4.4 |
| LP-X.92 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.3 |
| 535 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 4.1 | 4.9 |
| 226-10(52) | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| B-123 | 4.0 | 2.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 |
| Means | 4.9 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.8 |

LSD 0.05 = 0.5

CV% = 3.4

Table 24: Weight of dry matter (g) per plant of the F₂ progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | Weight of dry matter (gms) | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated | Inoculated | | |
| | (Control) | ECMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 8.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 5.5 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 6.8 | 2.9 | 6.4 | 4.2 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 6.8 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 8.4 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 4.9 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 8.1 | 4.2 | 5.0 | 5.9 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 9.4 | 3.4 | 8.6 | 8.4 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 8.9 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 6.6 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 9.8 | 2.3 | 7.7 | 7.7 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 8.9 | 2.1 | 6.9 | 5.2 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 9.6 | 4.1 | 7.9 | 5.0 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 10.7 | 3.1 | 6.5 | 5.1 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 11.3 | 3.4 | 7.1 | 6.1 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 9.4 | 3.1 | 4.2 | 4.4 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 9.1 | 4.9 | 10.2 | 6.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 10.4 | 3.9 | 5.0 | 5.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 9.8 | 2.9 | 4.5 | 6.1 |
| GLP-X.92 x M535 | 11.4 | 2.5 | 5.3 | 7.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 9.6 | 1.6 | 7.2 | 5.7 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 8.1 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.1 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 7.8 | 1.2 | 4.2 | 7.2 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 8.8 | 2.8 | 7.9 | 7.9 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 8.9 | 4.4 | 9.8 | 7.7 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 10.7 | 2.6 | 8.0 | 5.1 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 9.9 | 6.0 | 7.7 | 4.9 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 9.7 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 5.2 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 9.7 | 2.0 | 5.9 | 8.3 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 7.9 | 1.8 | 5.2 | 5.2 |
| Means | 9.3 | 3.6 | 6.8 | 6.0 |

LSD 0.05 = 0.8

CV% = 2.0

Table 25: Weight of dry matter (g) per plant of the F₃ progeny inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum*.

| Cross | Weight of dry matter (g) | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Non-inoculated | Inoculated | | |
| | (Control) | BCMV | <i>Pseudomonas phaseolicola</i> | <i>Colletotrichum lindemuthianum</i> |
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 8.6 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 5.6 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 6.6 | 3.2 | 6.9 | 4.1 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 6.9 | 3.1 | 5.8 | 5.5 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 8.4 | 4.3 | 6.8 | 4.9 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 8.3 | 4.3 | 5.3 | 6.1 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 9.7 | 3.5 | 8.5 | 8.6 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 9.3 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 6.8 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 9.8 | 2.6 | 8.8 | 7.7 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 9.4 | 2.4 | 7.1 | 5.4 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 9.7 | 4.2 | 8.1 | 5.4 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 10.8 | 3.1 | 6.6 | 5.6 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 9.7 | 3.9 | 7.9 | 6.1 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 9.5 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 4.4 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 10.4 | 4.9 | 9.5 | 6.3 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 9.6 | 4.0 | 5.8 | 5.6 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 9.9 | 3.1 | 4.8 | 6.2 |
| GLP-X.92 x M535 | 10.0 | 2.8 | 5.6 | 6.2 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 10.4 | 1.7 | 7.7 | 6.2 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 8.9 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 4.7 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 7.9 | 1.9 | 4.7 | 7.0 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 9.3 | 2.9 | 8.2 | 6.4 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 9.3 | 4.9 | 9.9 | 7.6 |
| 535 x GLP-24 | 10.6 | 3.6 | 8.2 | 6.4 |
| 535 x GLP-X.92 | 10.8 | 2.9 | 8.4 | 5.4 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 9.9 | 6.0 | 8.2 | 5.3 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 9.9 | 5.9 | 6.7 | 5.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 8.9 | 2.0 | 6.1 | 4.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 8.8 | 2.4 | 4.5 | 5.8 |
| Means | 9.2 | 3.4 | 6.5 | 6.1 |

LSD 0.05 = 0.6

CV% = 6.4

4.7. Performance of the parental bean material, F₁, F₂ and F₃ in the field.

Table 26 shows the yield of the parental bean material in the field at Kabete and Thika. The cultivars NB-123, M535, GLP-24 and GLP-2 had the higher yields at both locations. The F₁ progenies of the crosses, GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x GLP-X.92, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-2 x NB-123, GLP-288 x M535, M535 x GLP-24 and GLP-24 x GLP-288 had higher yields at both locations. The F₂ progenies of the crosses, GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-288 x GLP-2, GLP-288 x M535, GLP-24 x GLP-2, GLP-24 x GLP-288, GLP-24 x M535 and M535 x GLP-X.92 were the higher yielders at Kabete. At Thika, the F₂ progenies of the crosses, GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-288 x GLP-2, GLP-24 x GLP-288, GLP-24 x M535, GLP-X.92 x GLP-2, M535 x GLP-24 and M535 x GLP-X.92 had the higher yields. At both Kabete and Thika, the F₃ progenies of the crosses, GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x GLP-X.92, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-24 x GLP-X.92, M535 x GLP-2 and M535 x GLP-24 were the higher yielders. On the basis of general disease resistance and tolerance, yield, general adaptability and seed acceptability, F₃ progenies of the above six crosses were selected for further improvement. The reaction of the parental bean material, F₁, F₂ and F₃ to common blight *Xanthomonas phaseoli*, angular leaf spots, *Isariopsis griseola* and rust, *Uromyces phaseoli* is shown in Appendices 7 and 8.

Table 26: Yields (kg ha^{-1}) of the seven bean cultivars at Kabete and Thika.

| Cultivar | Yield (kg ha^{-1}) | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------|--------|
| | Kabete | Thika | Mean |
| GLP-2 | 1493 | 1320 | 1406.5 |
| GLP-288 | 821 | 900 | 860.5 |
| GLP-24 | 1629 | 1560 | 1594.5 |
| GLP-X.92 | 1261 | 1160 | 1210.5 |
| M535 | 1795 | 1730 | 1762.5 |
| L226-10(52) | 1301 | 1407 | 1354 |
| NB-123 | 2343 | 2030 | 2186.5 |

Table 27: Yields of the F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies at Kabete and Thika

| Cross | Yield (kg/ha ⁻¹) | | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | F ₁ | | F ₂ | | F ₃ | |
| | Kabete | Thika | Kabete | Thika | Kabete | Thika |
| GLP-2 × GLP-288 | 2095 | 1630 | 1537 | 1450 | 1650 | 1590 |
| GLP-2 × GLP-24 | 2380 | 2292 | 2035 | 1950 | 2370 | 2240 |
| GLP-2 × GLP-X.92 | 2590 | 2395 | 1226 | 1350 | 2546 | 2450 |
| GLP-2 × M535 | 2605 | 2670 | 2075 | 2130 | 2540 | 2630 |
| GLP-2 × L226-10(52) | 2190 | 2110 | 1045 | 1005 | 2178 | 2000 |
| GLP-2 × NB-123 | 2290 | 2350 | 1674 | 1510 | 2252 | 2310 |
| GLP-288 × GLP-2 | 2185 | 2195 | 2140 | 2050 | 1671 | 1550 |
| GLP-288 × GLP-24 | 1805 | 1710 | 1759 | 1639 | 1003 | 1100 |
| GLP-288 × GLP-X.92 | 1710 | 1650 | 1637 | 1530 | 1647 | 1490 |
| GLP-288 × M535 | 2250 | 2250 | 2028 | 1835 | 2124 | 2210 |
| GLP-24 × GLP-2 | 2350 | 2205 | 2465 | 2195 | 1428 | 1395 |
| GLP-24 × GLP-288 | 2305 | 2265 | 2295 | 2205 | 1609 | 1590 |
| GLP-24 × GLP-X.92 | 2285 | 2215 | 1484 | 1400 | 2260 | 2195 |
| GLP-24 × M535 | 2395 | 2020 | 2067 | 2170 | 1445 | 1350 |
| GLP-X.92 × GLP-2 | 2150 | 2120 | 2149 | 2040 | 1511 | 1414 |
| GLP-X.92 × GLP-288 | 2395 | 2325 | 1302 | 1210 | 2491 | 2320 |
| GLP-X.92 × M535 | 2250 | 2225 | 1719 | 1650 | 1959 | 2010 |
| GLP-X.92 × GLP-24 | 2010 | 2155 | 1579 | 1600 | 1959 | 2005 |
| GLP-X.92 × L226-10(52) | 1985 | 1950 | 1870 | 1790 | 1735 | 1630 |
| GLP-X.92 × NB-123 | 2190 | 2050 | 1566 | 1450 | 2016 | 1980 |
| M535 × GLP-2 | 1950 | 1805 | 1804 | 1785 | 1850 | 1730 |
| M535 × GLP-288 | 1805 | 1565 | 1064 | 1105 | 1556 | 1405 |
| M535 × GLP-24 | 2330 | 2310 | 1672 | 2120 | 2234 | 2195 |
| M535 × GLP-X.92 | 2265 | 2205 | 2126 | 2070 | 1612 | 1950 |
| L226-10(52) × GLP-2 | 1190 | 2190 | 1060 | 1105 | 1150 | 1020 |
| L226-10(52) × GLP-X.92 | 1895 | 2020 | 1714 | 1850 | 1523 | 1390 |
| NB-123 × GLP-2 | 2235 | 2150 | 1917 | 1805 | 1965 | 1720 |
| NB-123 × GLP-X.92 | 2010 | 1405 | 1746 | 1340 | 1156 | 1090 |

5.1 Disease development in the greenhouse and in the field.

The cultivars GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-X.92 and NB-123 showed a high degree of susceptibility to BCMV isolate 510. This is an indication that the virus isolate was very virulent and the cultivars lacked genes for resistance. On the other hand the cultivars GLP-24 and M535 showed a high degree of tolerance to the BCMV isolate. This shows that these cultivars possibly carry a number of minor genes for resistance to the virus. Such minor genes allow the expression of the disease symptoms in the host plant but minimize the effects of the disease symptoms on the quantitative traits of the host plant (Van der Plank, 1968). The high degree of resistance to the BCMV isolate 510 by the cultivar L226-10(52) expressed in the form of a hypersensitive reaction is an indication of the presence of a dominant gene for resistance. According to Ali (1950) such resistance is due to the presence of the dominant 'I' gene derived from the cultivar Corbett Refugee which was originally identified in the U.S.A. All the F₁ and some F₂ and F₃ progenies with L226-10(52) as one of the parents showed a high degree of resistance to the BCMV isolate. This was an indication that the dominant 'I' gene for resistance to BCMV was passed on from L226-10(52) to the F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies. The high degree of tolerance to the virus isolate showed by the F₂ and F₃ progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-288, GLP-24, GLP-24 x GLP-2, GLP-24 x M535, GLP-X.92 x M535, M535 x GLP-2, M535 x GLP-288, M535 x GLP-24 and M535 x

GLP-X.92 suggests that the progenies possess some minor genes for resistance to the virus isolate.

The high degree of resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* expressed by NB-123 both in the field and in the greenhouse was an indication of the presence of horizontal non-race specific genes for resistance to the pathogen. The high degree of tolerance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* expressed by the cultivars GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-24, GLP-X.92, M535 and L226-10(52) shows that these cultivars possess some minor genes for resistance to the virus. The F₁, F₂ and F₃ progenies with M535 and NB-123 as one of the parents showed a high degree tolerance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* both in the greenhouse and in the field. This is an indication that genes for resistance were passed from the above cultivars to their progenies.

NB-123 showed a high degree of resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* both in the greenhouse and in the field. The cultivar also showed a hypersensitive reaction to the pathogen in form of systemic necrosis in the greenhouse. This was an indication that the cultivar possesses a major gene for resistance to the pathogen. The cultivars GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-X.92, M535 and L226-10(52) showed a high degree of tolerance to the pathogen in the greenhouse and the field. This shows that the above cultivars possess some minor genes for resistance to the pathogen. The fact that GLP-24 was relatively more susceptible to *C. lindemuthianum* than the other cultivars suggests that it carries low resistance genes to the pathogen.

5.2 Inheritance of Resistance to Bean Common Mosaic Virus in L226-10(52).

The high degree of resistance to BCMV shown by L226-10(52) could be due to the presence of a dominant resistant gene. The fact that all F_1 crosses involving L226-10(52) showed a high degree of resistance to the pathogen was an indication that the resistance was governed by a dominant gene. The segregation of the F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x L226-10(52), GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) and their reciprocals did not differ from the expected ratio 3:1 (resistant:susceptible) and 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating) respectively and therefore further confirmed that resistance to BCMV in L226-10(52) is governed by a single dominant gene.

5.3 Inheritance of resistance to halo blight *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* in NB-123.

All the NB-123 plants showed a high degree of resistance to halo blight *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* but there was no hypersensitive reaction in form of system necrosis observed. There is therefore a high chance that the resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* in NB-123 is determined by minor genes. All the F_1 crosses involving NB-123 as one of the parents were rated resistant to the pathogen but the average disease ratings were lower than that of NB-123. This could have been due to the less effect of the minor genes in heterozygous state to the pathogen. The segregation of the F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x NB-123, GLP-x.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals differed from the expected ratios of 3:1 (resistant:susceptible) and 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating) respectively and therefore

Further suggested that resistance to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* in NB-123 is not governed by a single dominant gene.

4 Inheritance of Resistance of Anthracnose *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123.

All the NB-123 plants showed a high degree of resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* with most plants showing a hypersensitive reaction in form of systemic necrosis. This kind of reaction suggests the presence of one or more major genes for resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123. The fact that the F_2 and F_3 populations of the crosses GLP-2 x NB-123, GLP-X.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals did not segregate significantly different from the expected ratios of 3:1 (resistant:susceptible) and 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating) respectively was therefore a further indication that resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123 is governed by a major dominant gene. This gene could be the 'Are' gene described by Mastenbroek (1960).

5.5 Effects of pathogens on agronomic traits.

Compared with the control, BCMV, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* reduced the branching ability of the parental bean material by 5.0, 15.8 and 0% respectively. It was also established that the three pathogens did not significantly affect the branching ability of the cultivars. This small reduction in branching ability indicates that the pathogens had little effect on the formation of the branches but instead reduced the growth vigour of the branches formed.

The three pathogens reduced the branching ability of the F_2 progenies by 28.0, 20.0 and 14.0%, respectively. The branching ability of the F_3 progenies was reduced by the three pathogens by 35.8, 28.3 and 28.3%, respectively.

The three pathogens reduced podding ability of the parental cultivars by 74.6, 33.8 and 33.8% respectively. They also reduced the podding ability of F_2 progenies by 77.2, 31.7 and 0%, respectively. Podding ability of the F_3 was reduced by 82.6, 54.9 and 52.0%, respectively. In both the cultivars, F_2 and F_3 , BCMV caused the highest reduction in podding ability. According to Medina and Grogan (1961), BCMV inhibits the germination of pollen grains of virus infected plants whereby the normal functioning of micro and megaspores is interfered with. The three pathogens reduced the number of seeds of the parental bean material by 81.9, 54.1 and 51.0%, respectively. The number of seeds of the F_2 progenies was reduced by 84.9, 54.0 and 53.2%, respectively. That of the F_3 progenies was reduced by 84.2, 54.1 and 45.0%, respectively. The high reduction in seeding ability of BCMV in both the parental material, F_2 and F_3 was an indication that the virus isolate was very virulent and may have interfered with the normal seed formation as indicated above by Medina and Grogan (1961).

The three pathogens reduced the 100-seed weight (gms) of the parental cultivars by 58.1, 10.4 and 18.9% respectively. That of the F_2 progenies was reduced by the three pathogens by 59.1, 17.9 and 20.8%, respectively. The three pathogen reduced the 100-seed weight of the F_3 progenies by 59.1, 17.1 and 21.7%, respectively. The above figures indicate that BCMV caused the highest reduction in 100-seed weight (g) of the

parental material, F_2 and F_3 progenies. This was a further indication that BCMV interferes most with the physiological activities of the bean plant as compared to the other two pathogens.

The three pathogens reduced the dry matter weight (g) of the parental bean material by 44.9, 32.7 and 22.7% respectively. The three pathogens also reduced the dry matter weight (g) of the F_2 progenies by 59.4, 26.9 and 35.5% respectively. The three pathogens reduced the dry matter weight (g) of the F_3 progenies by 63.0, 29.3 and 33.7% respectively. The above figures is a further confirmation that BCMV was the most destructive among the three pathogens.

5.6 Performance of the Parental Bean Material (P), F_1 , F_2 and F_3 in the field.

The cultivars NB-123, M535, GLP-24 and GLP-2 had the highest yields at both Kabete and Thika. This indicated that the cultivars had a potential for yield and were adapted to both locations. The F_1 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x GLP-X.92, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-2 x NB-123, GLP-288 x M535, M535 x GLP-24 and GLP-24 x GLP-288 had the highest yields at both locations. This suggests a good compatibility of the crosses, high degree of heterosis and good adaptation of the progenies to both locations. The F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses; GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x GLP-X.92, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-24 x GLP-X.92, M535 x GLP-2 and M535 x GLP-24 were selected for further improvement on the basis of high yield, disease tolerance, general adaptability and seed acceptability.

CONCLUSIONS

Out of 1800 pollination of a diallel cross involving seven bean cultivars, 1400 were successful, giving an overall success rate of 78.3% with each pod containing 3-7 seeds. L226-10(52) was rated resistant to the virus isolate 510 both in the greenhouse and in the field. GLP-24 and M535 were tolerant to the virus isolate both in the greenhouse and in the field. GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-X.92 and NB-123 were very susceptible to the virus isolate both in the greenhouse and in the field. The F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses GLP-288 x GLP-X.92, GLP-X.92 x GLP-24, GLP-X.92 x NB-123, NB-123 x GLP-2 and NB-123 x GLP-X.92 were very susceptible to the virus isolate. The F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-288 x GLP-24, GLP-24 x GLP-2, GLP-24 x M535, GLP-X.92 x M535, M535 x GLP-2, M535 x GLP-288, M535 x GLP-24 and M535 x GLP-X.92 were highly tolerant to the virus isolate both in the greenhouse and in the field. NB-123 was rated resistant to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* both in the greenhouse and in the field. The cultivars GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-24, GLP-X.92, M535 and L226-10(52) were tolerant to *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* in the greenhouse and in the field. The F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies with NB-123 and M535 as one of the parents were resistant to the pathogen both in the greenhouse and in the field. NB-123 was rated resistant to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* both in the greenhouse and in the field. The cultivars GLP-2, GLP-288, GLP-X.92, M535 and L226-10(52) were tolerant to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in the greenhouse and in the field. The F_1 , F_2 and F_3 progenies with M535 and NB-123 as one of the parents had

a high degree of resistance to the pathogen both in the greenhouse and in the field.

The segregation of the F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x L226-10(52), GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) and their reciprocals did not differ from the expected ratios 3:1 (resistant:susceptible) and 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating) respectively and therefore indicated that resistance to BCMV in L226-10(52) is governed by a single dominant gene. The segregation of the F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses; GLP-2 x NB-123, GLP-X.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals differed from the expected ratio 3:1 (resistant:susceptible) and 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating) respectively showing that resistance to halo blight *P. phaseolicola* is not governed by a single dominant gene. The segregation of the F_2 and F_3 populations for resistance to *C. lindemuthianum* in the crosses GLP-2 x NB-123, GLP-X.92 x NB-123 and their reciprocals did not segregate significantly different from the expected ratios 3:1 (resistant:susceptible) and 2:1 (segregating:non-segregating) respectively indicating that resistance to *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in NB-123 is governed by a single dominant gene.

When compared with the control BCMV caused the highest reduction in branching, podding, seeding abilities, 100-seed weight and dry matter weight (gms) of the parental bean material, F_2 and F_3 progenies among the three pathogens. This was an indication that the virus isolate was very virulent since it had also reduced the height, pod number, seed weight and dry matter weight (g) of the cultivar 'Canadian Wonder', 'Rose Coco' and 'Mwezi Moja' by an average of 55.3, 55.9, 63.0 and 27.2% respectively (Omunyin, 1984). *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* did not bring

about such a great reduction of the above mentioned parameters which was an indication that the pathogenic strains were not very virulent and the bean materials tested so carried adequate genes for resistance.

On the basis of high yield, disease resistance and tolerance, good adaptability and good acceptability, the F_2 and F_3 progenies of the crosses GLP-2 x GLP-24, GLP-2 x GLP-X.92, GLP-2 x M535, GLP-24 x GLP-X.92, M535 x GLP-2 and M535 x GLP-24 were selected for further improvement.

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Appendix 1: Mean squares for plant traits of bean cultivars inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in the greenhouse at Kabete.

| Source | df | Mean squares | | | | |
|--------------|-----|------------------------|------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | | Primary branches/plant | Fods/plant | Seeds/plant | 100-seed weight | Weight dry matter |
| Block | 3 | 0.6 | 2.8NS | 26.6* | 10.4NS | 0.1 |
| Inoculations | 3 | 1.8NS | 437.4** | 11429.2** | 4992.2** | 22.9** |
| Error (a) | 9 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 6.7 | 5.6 | 0.1 |
| Cultivars | 6 | 0.8NS | 59.1** | 1576.7** | 2324.6** | 1.8** |
| Inoculations | | | | | | |
| Cultivars | 18 | 0.4NS | 13.4** | 245.2** | 227.3** | 0.9** |
| Error (b) | 72 | 0.5 | 5.6 | 12.9 | 3.7 | 0.1 |
| Total | 111 | | | | | |
| CVa (%) | | 9.7 | 4.6 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 3.4 |
| CVb (%) | | 19.6 | 27.9 | 11.4 | 4.7 | 8.7 |

Description of notations:

- df - degrees of freedom
- CV - coefficient of variation
- NS - Not significant
- ** - Significant at 1% level
- * - Significant at 5% level.

Figure 2: Mean squares for plant traits of F₂ progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in the greenhouse at Kabete.

| | df | Mean square | | | | |
|--------------|------|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| | | Primary branches/ plant | Pods/ plant | Seeds/ plant | 100 seed weight | Weight of dry matter |
| | 3 | 0.6NS | 8.7NS | 138.3NS | 13.1NS | 2.8* |
| inoculations | 3 | 41.7** | 2341.9** | 46980.4** | 21551.9** | 624.1** |
| error (a) | 9 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 120.4 | 3606.8 | 0.7 |
| replicates | 27 | 2.9NS | 33.9** | 1227.9** | 1119.8** | 11.5** |
| inoculations | | | | | | |
| replicates | 81 | 1.15NS | 8.1 | 237.6** | 208.3** | 7.3** |
| error (b) | 324 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 72.6 | 1.5 | 0.4 |
| | 44.7 | | | | | |
| | | 7.6 | 3.9 | 6.8 | 26.9 | 2.0 |
| | | 57.3 | 22.9 | 28.1 | 2.9 | 9.0 |

Explanation of notations:

df - degrees of freedom

CV - coefficient of variation

NS - not significant

** - significant at 1% level

* - significant at 5% level.

Appendix 3: Mean squares for plant traits of F₃ progenies inoculated with bean common mosaic virus, *Pseudomonas phaseolicola* and *Colletotrichum lindemuthianum* in the greenhouse at Kalote.

| Source | df | Mean squares | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | Primary branches/ plant | Pods/ plant | Seeds/ plant | 100-seed weight | weight dry wt |
| Block | 3 | 1.6NS | 8.5** | 18.9NS | 3.4NS | 0.1 |
| Inoculations | 3 | 84.9** | 2280.4** | 49147.8** | 21479.6** | 616.4 |
| Error (a) | 9 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 30.1 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| Crosses | 27 | 2.1NS | 28.2** | 865.7** | 1513.9** | 10.2 |
| Inoculations x crosses | 81 | 2.4NS | 11.5** | 332.7** | 103.9** | 5.4 |
| Error (b) | 324 | 0.6 | 1.4 | 68.2 | 1.2 | 0.2 |
| Total | 447 | | | | | |
| CVa % | | 3.8 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 4.7 | 1.2 |
| CVb % | | | 19.3 | 12.9 | 25.1 | 6.4 |

Description of notations:

df - degrees of freedom

CV - coefficient of variation

NS - not significant

** - significant at 1% level

* - significant at 5% level.

Appendix 4: Success rate of the diallel crossing

| SS | No. of crosses | No. of successful crosses | No. of seeds per cross | Success rate (%) |
|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| GLP-2 x GLP-288 | 42 | 30 | 150 | 71.4 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-24 | 40 | 28 | 112 | 70.0 |
| GLP-2 x GLP-X.92 | 39 | 33 | 132 | 84.0 |
| GLP-2 x M535 | 38 | 35 | 175 | 92.0 |
| GLP-2 x NB-123 | 45 | 28 | 112 | 62.0 |
| GLP-2 x L226-10(52) | 46 | 27 | 108 | 58.0 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-2 | 35 | 32 | 128 | 91.4 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-24 | 50 | 34 | 102 | 68.0 |
| GLP-288 x GLP-X.92 | 48 | 34 | 136 | 70.8 |
| GLP-288 x M535 | 41 | 30 | 120 | 73.3 |
| GLP-288 x NB-123 | 42 | 34 | 102 | 80.9 |
| GLP-288 x L226-10(52) | 45 | 29 | 116 | 64.4 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-2 | 38 | 34 | 170 | 89.5 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-288 | 48 | 34 | 136 | 70.8 |
| GLP-24 x GLP-X.92 | 47 | 29 | 145 | 61.7 |
| GLP-24 x M535 | 46 | 34 | 170 | 73.9 |
| GLP-24 x NB-123 | 38 | 34 | 136 | 89.5 |
| GLP-24 x L226-10(52) | 40 | 32 | 160 | 80.0 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-2 | 40 | 35 | 105 | 87.5 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-24 | 43 | 36 | 144 | 83.7 |
| GLP-X.92 x GLP-288 | 38 | 30 | 90 | 78.9 |
| GLP-X.92 x M535 | 42 | 34 | 106 | 80.9 |
| GLP-X.92 x NB-123 | 47 | 30 | 90 | 63.8 |
| GLP-X.92 x L226-10(52) | 48 | 29 | 87 | 60.4 |
| M535 x GLP-2 | 41 | 35 | 175 | 85.4 |
| M535 x GLP-288 | 42 | 35 | 175 | 83.3 |
| M535 x GLP-24 | 43 | 34 | 136 | 79.1 |
| M535 x GLP-X.92 | 38 | 33 | 165 | 86.8 |
| M53 x NB-123 | 90 | 30 | 120 | 76.9 |
| M535 x L226-10(52) | 35 | 28 | 140 | 80.0 |
| NB-123 x GLP-2 | 36 | 34 | 136 | 94.4 |
| NB-123 x GLP-288 | 40 | 33 | 132 | 82.5 |
| NB-123 x GLP-24 | 41 | 34 | 102 | 82.9 |
| NB-123 x GLP-X.92 | 46 | 38 | 190 | 82.6 |
| NB-123 x 535(M9) | 45 | 40 | 160 | 88.8 |
| NB-123 x L226-10(52) | 47 | 41 | 164 | 87.2 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-2 | 48 | 36 | 180 | 75.0 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-288 | 50 | 37 | 185 | 74.0 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-24 | 51 | 38 | 152 | 74.5 |
| L226-10(52) x GLP-X.92 | 48 | 35 | 140 | 72.9 |
| L226-10(52) x M535 | 42 | 36 | 144 | 85.9 |
| L226-10(52) x NB-123 | 42 | 38 | 190 | 90.5 |

Appendix 5: Dry bean acreage, yield and production in the world during 1978.

| Continent | Area harvested 1000 ha | Yield kg/ha | Production 1000 MT |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Asia | 2131 | 603 | 1285 |
| America | 2767 | 794 | 2198 |
| Africa | 5271 | 519 | 5736 |
| Europe | 13640 | 526 | 7176 |
| Oceania | 10 | 797 | 8 |
| World | 52 | 1865 | 94 |
| | 1501 | 467 | 701 |

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Appendix 6: Estimated bean yield losses attributed to plant pathogens

| Plant disease | Estimated yield loss % | Reference Area |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Bean common mosaic virus | 53-68 | USA |
| | 16-95 | Latin America |
| Bean golden mosaic virus | 48-85 | Brazil |
| Common bacterial blight | 10-38 | USA |
| | 18-45 | Colombia |
| Rust | 38-50 | Brazil |
| | 40-80 | Colombia, USA |
| Angular leaf spot | 50 | USA |
| | 40-60 | Colombia |

Source: FAO Production yearbook (1979).

Appendix 7: Reaction of the parents to common blight, (*Xanthomonas phaseoli*) angular leaf spots, *Isariopsis griseola* and rust, *Uromyces phaseoli* in the field at Kabete.

| Cultivar | Pathogen | | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|------|
| | Common blight | Angular leaf-spot | Rust |
| GLP-22 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| GLP-288 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| GLP-24 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| GLP-x.92 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| M535 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| L226-10 (52) | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| NB-123 | 2 | 2 | 1 |

Appendix B: Reaction of the F₁, F₂, and F₃ progenies to common blight, *Xanthomonas phaseoli* angular leaf spots, *Isariopsis griseola* and rust, *Uromyces phaseoli* in the field at Kabete.

| | Common blight | | | Angular leafspot | | | Rust | | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | F ₁ | F ₂ | F ₃ | F ₁ | F ₂ | F ₃ | F ₁ | F ₂ | F ₃ |
| 2xGLP-288 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 2xGLP-24 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2xGLP-x.92 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 |
| 2xM535 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| 2xL226-10 (52) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2xND-123 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 268xGLP-2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 268xGLP-24 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 268xGLP-x.92 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 268xM535 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 24xGLP-2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 24xGLP-x.92 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 24xM535 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| x.92xGLP-2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| x.92xM535 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| x.92xGLP-24 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| x.92xL226- | | | | | | | | | |
| (52) | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| x.92xND-123 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| GLP-2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| GLP-288 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| GLP-24 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| GLP-x.92 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| -10 (52) xGLP-2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| -10 (52) x | | | | | | | | | |
| GLP-x.92 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| 23xGLP-2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 23xGLP-x.92 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 |