

## MORPHOLOGICAL CHARACTERIZATION OF SESAME (*SESAMUM INDICUM* L.) GENOTYPES USING DUS DESCRIPTORS

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**Abstract:** The aim of present investigation is to characterize 30 sesame genotypes (25 advanced breeding lines and 5 released varieties) based on DUS characteristics of Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV & FRA). The field experiment was conducted at Agricultural Research Station, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District of Andhra Pradesh and twenty DUS descriptors were recorded in the genotypes. The study revealed the presence of significant variation for days to 50% flowering, plant height, branching, stem hairiness, leaf lobes, capsule hairiness, capsule length (cm), days to maturity, seed coat colour, 1000 seed weight (gm) and oil content (%) indicating variations due to genetic makeup of the lines and these descriptors can be utilized in genotype identification, characterization and maintenance.

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