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GENETIC SYSTEMS IN *ARTEMISIA* L. I: *ARTEMISIA TOURNEFORTIANA*, A SPECIES WITH HIGH SEXUAL REPRODUCTIVE EFFICIENCY

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Abstract: Present communication encompasses detailed studies on genetic system of *Artemisia tournefortiana* Reichb., (F. Asteraceae) sprawling at Rumtse, Khardong and Kharu areas of Ladakh region of Jammu & Kashmir, India . Species has high sexual reproductive efficiency and exhibits a stable genetic system with diploid chromosome constitution and high pollen stainability resulting in good seed set averaging 60.61±1.55 on open pollination. Plants of the species studied by us are based on x=9 and invariabily exhibit 2n=18 as their chromosome number. Somatic analysis reveals presence of 16M and 2 SM chromosomes.

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