

Table S1. The mean separation for the nitrogen fixation variables that were evaluated for the improved pigeonpea genotype (PP5-3021) which was used in the study.

Inoculum	Shoot dry weight (g)	Root dry weight (g)	Nodule number	Nodule dry weight (g)	Shoot fresh weight (g)	Root fresh weight (g)	Nodule fresh weight (g)
8b2p1	0.5130 ^{a-e}	0.2310 ^{bc}	8.000 ^{d-h}	0.07233 ^{b-e}	1.9783 ^{abc}	2.3760 ^{a-e}	0.2820 ^{b-e}
8a2p3	0.7770 ^a	0.24940 ^{ab}	10.443 ^{cd}	0.09187 ^{abc}	2.3697 ^{abc}	1.6163 ^{a-e}	0.2961 ^{a-d}
32b2p5	0.68867 ^{ab}	0.2275 ^{bc}	12.667 ^{cde}	0.07327 ^{bcd}	2.9287 ^a	1.7283 ^{c-f}	0.3560 ^{a-e}
32b1p5	0.6806 ^{ab}	0.22900 ^{ab}	15.000 ^{bc}	0.09540 ^{abc}	2.8923 ^a	1.4330 ^{a-f}	0.5117 ^a
6bp3	0.7380 ^a	0.1984 ^{bc}	14.000 ^{bcd}	0.12307 ^{ab}	2.9307 ^{ab}	1.5877 ^{c-f}	0.5537 ^{abc}
7a2p3	0.5878 ^{a-d}	0.4985 ^a	8.667 ^{d-h}	0.07757 ^{a-d}	2.4747 ^{abc}	3.2723 ^a	0.5740 ^{ab}
30bp3	0.4700 ^{a-e}	0.1843 ^{bc}	5.500 ^{d-h}	0.03325 ^{d-g}	2.0015 ^{abc}	2.3480 ^{a-e}	0.1895 ^{b-e}
30a2p3	0.5563 ^{cde}	0.1383 ^{a-d}	8.495 ^{cde}	0.04634 ^{c-h}	2.1155 ^{a-e}	1.3305 ^{a-f}	0.2780 ^{a-d}
11a2p3	0.5447 ^{a-e}	0.1610 ^{bc}	12.333 ^{c-f}	0.08963 ^{abc}	2.4947 ^{abc}	1.6457 ^{c-f}	0.4047 ^{a-e}
10ap3	0.5240 ^{a-e}	0.2693 ^{bc}	27.500 ^a	0.12837 ^a	2.3043 ^{abc}	2.1943 ^{a-e}	0.3693 ^{a-e}
39a3p3	0.5358 ^{a-e}	0.5299 ^a	12.667 ^{cde}	0.05940 ^{c-f}	2.3120 ^{abc}	3.1007 ^{ab}	0.2980 ^{b-e}
16a2p1	0.6173 ^{abc}	0.1396 ^{bc}	21.000 ^{abc}	0.08833 ^{abc}	2.2437 ^{abc}	2.5070 ^{a-d}	0.5053 ^{abc}
15ap1	0.2411 ^{cde}	0.0997 ^c	10.667 ^{e-h}	0.05615 ^{c-f}	2.1753 ^{abc}	1.7273 ^{c-f}	0.3685 ^{a-e}
18ap3	0.4668 ^{a-e}	0.1179 ^c	11.667 ^{c-g}	0.07157 ^{b-e}	1.8997 ^{abc}	1.6457 ^{c-f}	0.4320 ^{a-d}
35ap3	0.3010 ^{b-e}	0.1885 ^{bc}	0.667 ^{gh}	0.000 ^g	0.8857 ^{bc}	1.3377 ^{def}	0.0240 ^{de}
35bp1	0.4165 ^{d-l}	0.05640 ^d	0.000 ^g	0.000 ^g	1.4025 ^{c-j}	1.4915 ^{a-e}	0.000 ^d
37ap4	0.4450 ^{a-e}	0.2117 ^{bc}	20.667 ^{abc}	0.05117 ^{c-g}	2.0627 ^{abc}	2.3490 ^{a-e}	0.3550 ^{a-e}
5b2p1	0.4745 ^{a-e}	0.2650 ^{bc}	7.667 ^{d-h}	0.07103 ^{c-f}	1.9877 ^{abc}	1.5640 ^{c-f}	0.5065 ^{abc}
27b2p5	0.6201 ^{abc}	0.2748 ^{bc}	12.000 ^{e-g}	0.04745 ^{c-g}	2.5383 ^{ab}	2.1347 ^{a-e}	0.3967 ^{a-e}
31ap4	0.2531 ^{cde}	0.1657 ^{bc}	7.000 ^{d-h}	0.03847 ^{c-g}	1.4223 ^{abc}	1.7090 ^{c-f}	0.2370 ^{b-e}
31b2p3	0.3515 ^{f-m}	0.0581 ^d	6.511 ^{d-g}	0.03030 ^{d-h}	1.4310 ^{c-j}	0.4255 ^f	0.1656 ^{bcd}
31b1p3	0.3515 ^{f-m}	0.0581 ^d	6.511 ^{d-g}	0.03130 ^{d-h}	1.4310 ^{c-j}	0.4155 ^f	0.1646 ^{bcd}
31b1p5	0.3515 ^{f-m}	0.0566 ^d	6.500 ^{d-g}	0.03020 ^{d-h}	1.4300 ^{c-j}	0.4145 ^f	0.1650 ^{bcd}
38a1p5	0.2485 ^{cde}	0.1589 ^{bc}	4.3333 ^{d-h}	0.02813 ^{d-g}	1.2697 ^{abc}	1.7063 ^{c-f}	0.1440 ^{cde}
33ap4	0.2485 ^{cde}	0.5557 ^a	25.333 ^{ab}	0.1163 ^{ab}	2.3087 ^{abc}	2.6283 ^{abc}	0.7350 ^a
17ap1	0.4505 ^{a-e}	0.0968 ^c	14.333 ^{bcd}	0.0725 ^{b-e}	2.2600 ^{abc}	0.9157 ^f	0.3847 ^{a-e}
17a1p3	0.5468 ^{a-e}	0.23445 ^a	7.000 ^{d-g}	0.03280 ^{d-h}	1.2485 ^{d-j}	1.8090 ^{a-d}	0.5203 ^a
14a1p5	0.2978 ^{g-m}	0.2131 ^{bc}	0.000 ^h	0.000 ^g	1.0163 ^{bc}	1.7623 ^{c-f}	0.000 ^e
13b1p4	0.2353 ^{cde}	0.2031 ^{bc}	0.000 ^h	0.000 ^g	1.0207 ^{bc}	2.0517 ^{b-f}	0.000 ^e
13bp3	0.2303 ^{cde}	0.1019 ^c	0.000 ^h	0.000 ^g	0.8237 ^c	1.6470 ^{c-f}	0.000 ^e
23ap5	0.1888 ^e	0.0991 ^c	1.000 ^{fgh}	0.00057 ^g	1.0390 ^{bc}	1.3593 ^{def}	0.000 ^e
19bp5	0.2015 ^{de}	0.3488 ^{ab}	1.333 ^{e-h}	0.01993 ^{efg}	1.6837 ^{abc}	2.9890 ^{ab}	0.000 ^e
36ap5	0.4158 ^{a-e}	0.1204 ^c	2.000 ^{e-h}	0.00803 ^{fg}	0.9807 ^{bc}	1.3867 ^{def}	0.1360 ^{cde}
34a2p5	0.2323 ^{cde}	0.0912 ^c	0.667 ^{gh}	0.00023 ^g	0.9680 ^{bc}	1.1963 ^{ef}	0.0807 ^{de}
22ap1	0.1815 ^e	0.1341 ^{bc}	0.000 ^h	0.000 ^g	1.4983 ^{abc}	1.5553 ^{c-f}	0.0113 ^{de}
29a1p2	0.2082 ^{lm}	0.1392 ^{bc}	3.333 ^{d-h}	0.04403 ^{c-g}	1.9977 ^{abc}	1.5560 ^{c-f}	0.000 ^e
29a2p2	0.432 ^{abcde}	0.07070 ^d	3.500 ^{d-g}	0.01910 ^{e-h}	0.4190 ^j	1.2025 ^{a-f}	0.000 ^e
26bp3	0.1892 ^m	0.2134 ^{bc}	3.500 ^{d-g}	0.01910 ^{e-h}	0.4181 ^j	2.1593 ^{a-e}	0.2450 ^{b-e}
Control	0.2713 ^{cde}	0.2130 ^{bc}	0.000 ^h	0.000 ^g	1.0037 ^{bc}	1.3415 ^{b-f}	0.0187 ^d
LSD_{0.05}	0.3937	0.2226	11.333	0.0529	1.6745	1.2066	0.4218
Pr>F	0.1236	0.0011	<.0001	<.0001	0.2629	0.0237	0.0164

In each column, mean values followed by different letters are significantly different ($P \leq 0.05$) (Least Significance Difference test).

Table S2. The mean separation for the nitrogen fixation variables that were evaluated for the indigenous pigeonpea genotype (PP1-3018) which was used in the study.

Inoculum	Shoot dry weight (g)	Root dry weight (g)	Nodule number	Nodule dry weight (g)	Shoot fresh weight (g)	Root fresh weight (g)	Nodule fresh weight (g)
8b2p1	0.7670 ^a	0.22940 ^{ab}	10.333 ^{cd}	0.09087 ^{abc}	2.3687 ^{abc}	1.6063 ^{a-e}	0.2950 ^{a-d}
8a2p3	0.7770 ^a	0.2494 ^{ab}	10.443 ^{cd}	0.09187 ^{abc}	2.3697 ^{abc}	1.6163 ^{a-e}	0.2961 ^{a-d}
32b2p5	0.6806 ^{ab}	0.22900 ^{ab}	15.000 ^{bc}	0.09540 ^{abc}	2.8923 ^a	1.4330 ^{a-f}	0.5117 ^a
32b1p5	0.6806 ^{ab}	0.22900 ^{ab}	15.000 ^{bc}	0.09540 ^{abc}	2.8923 ^a	1.4330 ^{a-f}	0.5117 ^a
6bp3	0.6307 ^{abc}	0.21387 ^{abc}	7.333 ^{def}	0.08237 ^{a-d}	2.5490 ^{ab}	1.5027 ^{a-e}	0.2830 ^{a-d}
7a2p3	0.6254 ^{abcd}	0.23220 ^a	8.333 ^{cde}	0.07753 ^{a-e}	2.4183 ^{abc}	1.6850 ^{a-e}	0.1887 ^{bcd}
30bp3	0.5663 ^{cde}	0.3195 ^{a-d}	8.500 ^{cde}	0.04665 ^{c-h}	2.1075 ^{a-e}	1.3105 ^{a-f}	0.2680 ^{a-d}
30a2p3	0.5563 ^{cde}	0.1383 ^{a-d}	8.495 ^{cde}	0.04634 ^{c-h}	2.1155 ^{a-e}	1.3305 ^{a-f}	0.2780 ^{a-d}
11a2p3	0.5510 ^{cdef}	0.09107 ^d	17.667 ^b	0.10400 ^{ab}	1.9783 ^{a-f}	0.8410 ^{edf}	0.4513 ^{ab}
10ap3	0.5211 ^{c-g}	0.22773 ^{ab}	32.000 ^a	0.10727 ^a	1.9243 ^{a-h}	1.6497 ^{a-e}	0.3910 ^{abc}
39a3p3	0.4886 ^{c-h}	0.09647 ^d	5.000 ^{d-g}	0.01463 ^{fgh}	2.0470 ^{a-e}	1.2653 ^{a-f}	0.4350 ^{ab}
16a2p1	0.4758 ^{c-i}	0.1442 ^{a-d}	18.000 ^b	0.09077 ^{abc}	2.1473 ^{a-d}	0.9883 ^{c-f}	0.3543 ^{abc}
15ap1	0.4444 ^{c-j}	0.07817 ^d	8.000 ^{c-f}	0.03347 ^{d-h}	1.8143 ^{b-h}	0.7327 ^{ef}	0.2560 ^{a-d}
18ap3	0.4239 ^{c-k}	0.1233 ^{a-d}	8.667 ^{cde}	0.05250 ^{b-h}	1.7447 ^{b-i}	1.1390 ^{b-f}	0.3393 ^{abc}
35ap3	0.4165 ^{d-l}	0.05640 ^d	0.000 ^g	0.0000 ^h	1.4025 ^{c-j}	1.4915 ^{a-e}	0.0000 ^d
35bp1	0.4165 ^{d-l}	0.05640 ^d	0.000 ^g	0.0000 ^h	1.4025 ^{c-j}	1.4915 ^{a-e}	0.0000 ^d
37ap4	0.4031 ^{f-l}	0.15367 ^{a-d}	6.667 ^{d-g}	0.05720 ^{a-g}	2.0887 ^{a-e}	1.9747 ^{abc}	0.2973 ^{a-d}
5b2p1	0.3880 ^{e-m}	0.14660 ^{a-d}	7.000 ^{d-g}	0.06680 ^{a-f}	1.7437 ^{b-i}	1.3140 ^{a-f}	0.3530 ^{abc}
27b2p5	0.3747 ^{e-m}	0.08515 ^d	2.500 ^{efg}	0.03690 ^{d-h}	1.4565 ^{c-j}	0.9155 ^{def}	0.3080 ^{a-d}
31b1p5	0.3515 ^{f-m}	0.05655 ^d	6.500 ^{d-g}	0.03020 ^{d-h}	1.4300 ^{c-j}	0.4145 ^f	0.1650 ^{bcd}
31b2p3	0.3515 ^{f-m}	0.05805 ^d	6.511 ^{d-g}	0.03030 ^{d-h}	1.4310 ^{c-j}	0.4155 ^f	0.1656 ^{bcd}
31b1p3	0.3515 ^{f-m}	0.05805 ^d	6.511 ^{d-g}	0.03130 ^{d-h}	1.4310 ^{c-j}	0.4155 ^f	0.1646 ^{bcd}
31ap4	0.3415 ^{f-m}	0.05455 ^d	6.440 ^{d-g}	0.03110 ^{d-h}	1.4280 ^{c-j}	0.4145 ^f	0.1650 ^{bcd}
38a1p5	0.3485 ^{f-m}	0.11200 ^{cd}	1.000 ^{fg}	0.02520 ^{e-h}	1.4553 ^{c-j}	1.4523 ^{a-e}	0.1440 ^{bcd}
33ap4	0.3302 ^{g-m}	0.07413 ^d	21.333 ^b	0.04350 ^{c-h}	1.9600 ^{a-g}	0.7870 ^{efg}	0.1440 ^{bcd}
17ap1	0.2978 ^{g-m}	0.23445 ^a	7.000 ^{d-g}	0.03280 ^{d-h}	1.2485 ^{d-j}	1.8090 ^{a-d}	0.5203 ^a
17a1p3	0.2978 ^{g-m}	0.23445 ^a	7.000 ^{d-g}	0.03280 ^{d-h}	1.2485 ^{d-j}	1.8090 ^{a-d}	0.5203 ^a
14a1p5	0.2902 ^{h-m}	0.20913 ^{abc}	2.667 ^{efg}	0.00457 ^{gh}	1.5613 ^{b-i}	2.1780 ^a	0.3020 ^{a-d}
13b1p4	0.2848 ^{h-m}	0.07753 ^d	3.333 ^{d-g}	0.02867 ^{e-h}	1.1137 ^{d-j}	1.2360 ^{a-f}	0.0193 ^d
13bp3	0.2838 ^{h-m}	0.07740 ^d	3.343 ^{d-g}	0.02887 ^{e-h}	1.1147 ^{d-j}	1.2460 ^{a-f}	0.0195 ^d
23ap5	0.2828 ^{h-m}	0.12770 ^{b-e}	0.000 ^{fg}	0.0000 ^h	0.9555 ^{f-j}	1.5305 ^{a-d}	0.1237 ^{cd}
19bp5	0.2745 ^{i-m}	0.13140 ^{a-d}	0.000 ^{fg}	0.0000 ^h	0.8880 ^{hij}	2.0355 ^a	0.000 ^d
36ap5	0.2655 ^{i-m}	0.077447 ^d	0.000 ^{fg}	0.0000 ^h	1.0853 ^{e-j}	0.8710 ^{edf}	0.000 ^d
34a2p5	0.2411 ^{j-m}	0.12150 ^{bcd}	0.000 ^{fg}	0.0000 ^h	0.9290 ^{g-j}	1.4620 ^{a-e}	0.000 ^d
22ap1	0.2182 ^{k-m}	0.09625 ^d	0.000 ^{fg}	0.0000 ^h	0.9190 ^{g-j}	1.3635 ^{a-f}	0.000 ^d
29ap1	0.2082 ^{lm}	0.05578 ^d	1.000 ^{fg}	0.00150 ^h	0.7573 ^{ij}	1.3267 ^{a-f}	0.000 ^d
29a1p2	0.2180 ^{lm}	0.05588 ^d	1.000 ^{fg}	0.00151 ^h	0.7575 ^{ij}	1.3267 ^{a-f}	0.000 ^d
29a2p2	0.2082 ^{lm}	0.05586 ^d	1.010 ^{fg}	0.00153 ^h	0.7575 ^{ij}	1.3272 ^{a-f}	0.000 ^d
26bp3	0.1892 ^m	0.07070 ^d	3.500 ^{d-g}	0.01910 ^{e-h}	0.4190 ^j	1.2025 ^{a-f}	0.0187 ^d
Control	0.2519 ^{j-m}	0.10660 ^{cd}	0.000 ^{fg}	0.0000 ^h	1.0817 ^{e-j}	1.3530 ^{a-f}	0.1485 ^{bcd}
LSD _{0.05}	0.2108	0.1097	7.2205	0.0533	1.0448	1.0221	0.3089
Pr>F	≤0.0001	0.002	0.0001	0.0001	0.0009	0.2137	0.0016

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