

# Combining Ability Estimates for Yield and Fibre Quality Traits in Line X Tester Crosses of Cotton

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## ABSTRACT

Combining ability analysis using line × tester design was conducted during *kharif* 2009-10 on 54 hybrids produced by crossing 9 lines and 6 testers. The perusal of results on estimates of *gca* effects RCR 2 among lines while, RCRC 4 and RCRC 5 among testers were detected as good general combiners. It was found that all the characters studied were controlled predominantly by non-additive gene action. Out of 54 crosses, seven crosses exhibited significant positive *sca* effects and among them RCR 5 X RCRC 5, RCR 2 X RCRC 4 and RCR 136 X RCRC 5 were found to be better based on their *per se* performance and positive *sca* effects for seed cotton yield per plant.

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