

Comparison of Individual Randomisation and Plot Design For Assessing Genetic and Environmental Variation in *Nicotiana rustica*

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ABSTRACT : This study aimed to investigate the effects of individual plant and plot randomizations on the expression of genetic variability for five characters among the generations of a selfing series which have been derived from a cross between V_2 and V_{12} pure breeding varieties of *Nicotiana rustica*. A hierarchical analysis of variance performed on the generations of the selfing series for each of the five characters (Plant height in fourth week of growing= H_4 , Plant height in sixth week of growing = H_6 , Plant height in seventh week of growing= H_7 , Length of the longest leaf= LL , Width of the widest leaf = LW) detected the absence of any maternal and paternal effects and the presence of genetic differences between families of F_3 and F_∞ (purely inbred) generations in both designs. The means of the F_1 generation fell within the parental range for H_4 , H_6 and H_7 , suggesting absence of heterosis while it fell outside of the parental range for LL and LW suggesting presence of heterosis and non-additive effects. C and D scaling tests suggested the absence of non-allelic interactions for almost all the characters. Bartlett's test showed the presence of genotype x micro environmental interactions for almost all the characters. Heritability estimates varied between traits but not between designs. The weighted least squares method was used to estimate parameters from both the first and second-degree statistics. In most cases, simple m, [d], [h] and D, E and Ep (plot effects) models explained the variation adequately. Variance ratio tests showed that within plot variances were significantly smaller than the comparable within family variances of individual randomization for most trials. When tested by model fitting, E and Ep adequately explained the within family variances of F_∞ (fully inbred) generation. In general the genetic components of variation were not found to be differing critically between the two designs.

Key Words: *N. rustica*, plot and individual randomization, first and second degree statistics

Tömbekilik Tütünde Genetik ve Çevresel Varyasyonun İncelenmesinde Tek Bitki ve Parsel Randomizasyonun Karşılaştırılması

ÖZET : Bu çalışmada V_2 ve V_{12} isimli tömbekilik tütünden türetilen kendileme generasyonlarında 5 değişik karakterin ortaya çıkması üzerine tek bitki ve parsel randomizasyonunun etkilerinin araştırılması amaçlanmıştır. H_4 , H_6 , H_7 , LL ve LW karakterleri için kendileme generasyonlarında yapılan hiyerarşik varyans analizleri sonunda anaya ve babaya bağlı etkilerin olmadığı, F_3 ve F_∞ generasyonlarında aileler arası genetik farklılıkların bulunduğu anlaşılmıştır. F_1 ortalama değerleri H_4 , H_6 , ve H_7 için ana ve babaya ait değerlerin arasında bulunurken LL ve LW için ise ana ve baba değerleri dışında değerler vererek heterosisin varlığına işaret etmiştir. C ve D skala testleri bütün karakterler için allelik olmayan interaksyonların olmadığını göstermiştir. Bartlett's testi ise tüm karakterler için genotip x çevre interaksyonlarının varlığını tespit etmiştir. Dar anlamda kalıtım dereceleri tahminleri tüm karakterler için farklı tespit edilmiş ancak randomizasyona bağlı bir değişim olmamıştır. Ağırlıklı en küçük kareler yöntemi her karakter için 1. ve 2. derece istatistiklerin tahmininde kullanılmış, basit eklemeli- dominans model (m, [d], [h]) ortalama komponentlerini yeterince açıklamıştır. D, E ve Ep den oluşan model de varyans komponentlerini yeterince açıklamıştır. En uygun model tespitinde E ve Ep, F_∞ generasyonunda aile içi varyansı yeterince açıklamışlardır. Genel olarak genetik varyans komponentleri her iki randomizasyon modelinde de değişmemiştir.

Anahtar kelimeler: Tömbekilik tütün, tek bitki ve parsel randomizasyonu, 1. ve 2. Derece istatistikler

INTRODUCTION

Several researchers have discussed genetic variance in populations of predominantly inbreeding species. Hillel, et al., (1971) developed the expectations for variances and covariance's of genetic parameters. No assumption has been made in their study concerning the rate of inbreeding and the gene frequencies in the population. Technically, the simplicity of the selfing series scheme allows larger experimental size than any other breeding scheme. But it was also pointed out that this scheme was less sensitive for detecting and estimating the genetic parameters, especially the dominance variance than some other schemes such as

diallel and test cross series. Estimates of the heritable and non-heritable variations can be obtained from the means and variances of families generations that have been produced by selfing (Mather and Jinks, 1982). The contribution of the heritable source of variation are determined solely by gene and genotype frequencies and those of the non heritable sources by the experimental design and in particular the unit of randomization (Jinks, 1979)

This study aimed at investigating the effects of individual plant and plot randomizations on the expression of genetic variability among the generations

of a selfing series that have been derived from a cross between a pair of pure breeding varieties of *N. rustica*.

The statistics, obtained from the two design will be compared using t-test, F-test or Bartlett's test; as required and components of the heritable and non-heritable variations will be estimated.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Experimental Procedures

P₁, P₂, F₁, F₂, F₃ and F_∞ generations derived from highly inbred V₂ and V₁₂ parents of *N. rustica* were raised in two blocks. Individual plant randomization in block 1 and plots of 5 plants in block 2 were tested.

In both randomizations, name of generations, number of families, family size, number of plot/family and total number of plants were given in Table 1.

The experiment was carried out in the main experimental field of the school of Biological Sciences of University of Birmingham, UK in 1991. Seeds were sown in a peat pots, initially. The pots with seeds were kept covered with thin later of muslin. After thinning, they were taken in to cold frame and hardened. After hardening, experiments were transplanted to the field. Plants were planted at 25 cm. distance within rows and rows kept 50 cm. apart. All other experimental procedures were followed as required. Plant heights 4, 6 and 7 weeks after transplanting, leaf length and width were scored.

Analysis Procedures

A hierarchical analysis of variance was performed on the various generations to detect the presence or absence of genetic and environmental variations.

The scaling tests of Mather (1949) with $C = 4 \bar{F}_2 - 2 \bar{F}_1 - \bar{P}_1 - \bar{P}_2$ and $D = 4 \bar{F}_3 - 2 \bar{F}_2 - \bar{P}_1 - \bar{P}_2$ were performed to detect the presence of non-allelic interactions on generation means. In the absence of back cross families A and B scaling tests were not used.

A joint scaling test attributed to Cavalli (1952) as well as Mather and Jink (1971) was also conducted to test adequacy of 3 parameters model.

Generation means for each character were further investigated by the method of Mather and Jinks, (1982) to fit a 6-parameter model.

The statistics used in model fitting were given in Table 2.

Bartlett's test was performed to test for presence of micro environmental interactions.

Presence of micro environmental interactions was detected through Bartlett's test., there fore F₃ and F_∞ generations with homogenous within family variances items were taken into account for estimates of variance components (D, H, E). In model fitting by weighted least squares of Hayman (1960 a). Second degree statistics, used in model fitting were given in Table 3.

Table 1. Name of Generations, Number of Families, Family Size, Number of Plot/ Family and Total Number of Plants

Generations	Number of Family (I.R and P.R)*	Family size (I.R)	Number of Plot/Fam. (P.R)	Family size (P.R)	Total Number of Plants (I.R and P.R)
P ₁	1	20	4	5	20
P ₂	1	20	4	5	20
F ₁	1	20	4	5	20
RF ₁	1	20	4	5	20
F ₂	2	40	8	5	40
RF ₂	2	40	8	5	40
F ₃	10	10	2	5	100
RF ₃	10	10	2	5	100
F _∞	10	10	2	5	100
RF _∞	10	10	2	5	100

I. R: Individual Randomization, P. R: Plot Randomization

Table 2. The First Degree Statistics, used in Model Fitting

Generations	Parameters				
	m	[d]	[h]	[i]	[l]
P ₁	1	1	0	1	0
P ₂	1	-1	0	1	0
F ₁	1	0	1	0	1
F ₂	1	0	½	0	¼
F ₃	1	0	¼	0	1/16
F _∞	1	0	0	1	0

Table 3. Second Degree Statistics, Used in Model Fitting

Individual Randomization					Plot Randomization					
Gen.Means Square	DF	D	H	E	Gen.Means Square	DF	D	H	E	Ep
F ₃					Bet. Fam	18	5.25	0.75	1	5
Bet. Fam	18	5.25	0.75	1	Bet Plot	20	0.125	0.0625	1	5
Within Ind	180	0.25	0.125	1	Bet Ind.	160	0.125	0.0625	1	0
F _∞					Bet. Fam	18	10	0	1	5
Bet. Fam	18	10	0	1	Bet Plot	20	0	0	1	5
Within Ind	180	0	0	1	Bet Ind.	160	0	0	1	0

The heritability estimates were calculated as described below;

Ind. Randomizations

$$h_{2n} = \frac{1}{2}D / (\frac{1}{2}D + \frac{1}{4}H + E) = VA / VF_2$$

Plot Randomization

$$h_{2n} = \frac{1}{2}D / (\frac{1}{2}D + \frac{1}{4}H + E_w + E_p) = \frac{VA}{VF_2 + E_p}$$

Where;

h_{2n} : narrow heritability

D: Additive comp of variation

H: Dominance comp of variation

E: Environmental comp of variation

E_w : Environmental variance within plots

E_p : Environmental variance due to plots

Comparisons of the first degree and second-degree statistics, obtained from two different randomizations were tested employing t-test and variance ratio test.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Preliminary Analysis of Variance

The results of analysis of variance performed on each character for individual and plot randomization were given in Table 4 a and b respectively.

There was no significant difference between reciprocals in all generations except for a few case-for

all characters. This meant the absence of any maternal or paternal effects.

Between families/within reciprocals item for F₃ and F_∞ generations were found to be significant for all characters.

The results indicated that there were genuine genetic differences between families.

For H₆ and H₇, means of F₁ generations fell out of parental range suggesting the presence of some dominance effects. Means of the F₁ generations for the rest of the characters fell within parental range indicating absence of dominance effects.

There was no significant difference between reciprocals suggesting the absence of any maternal effects for all characters in all generations.

Between fam./within reciprocals item for F₃ and F_∞ generations turned out to be significant indicating the presence of genuine genetic differences among families for all characters.

Between plot/between family/within reciprocals items turned out to be either significant or in significant for all characters and generations indicating presence of some environmental effects to the plots.

For LL and LW, means of F₁ generation fell out of parental range indicating presence of some dominance effects.

Table 4 a. Mean Squares From The Analysis of Variance of Selfing Series for 5 Characters of V₂ x V₁₂ Cross of *N. rustica*, Individual Randomization

Source	df	H ₄	H ₆	H ₇	LL	LW
F₁						
Bet reciprocals	1	0.015	0.254	8.750	26.020	16.004
within ind.	37	4.889	4.889	149.050	4.090	11.323
F₂						
Bet reciprocals	3	6.415	288.285*	593.229**	24.747	13.74
within ind.	76	4.032	89.9	202.935	10.342	10.719
F₃						
Bet reciprocals	1	5.445	39.205	386.420	186.245	14.045
Bet fam./within rec	18	24.74**	563.117**	1130.76**	74.866**	94.646**
Within ind./b.fam/w. rec.	180	4.162	91.396	178.016	7.969	10.427
F_∞						
Bet reciprocals	1	0.605	30.504	1180.98	419.465	347.737
Bet fam./within rec.	18	53.50**	956.954**	1432.129**	217.549**	246.815**
within ind./b.fam/w. rec.	180	3.73	59.817	88.64	7.620	8.44

C and D Scaling Test

Results of C scaling test except for one character (LL) turned out to be non-significant indicating absence

of any epistatic effects on generation means. D scaling test confirmed above results giving non-significant “t” values for all characteristics (Table 5 a and b).

Table 4 b Mean Squares From The Analysis of Variance of Selfing Series for 5 Characters of V₂ x V₁₂ Cross of *N. rustica* .Plot Randomization

Source	df	H ₄	H ₆	H ₇	LL	LW
P₁						
Bet Plots	3	1.383	17.93	4.932	1.40	0.85
Within ind.	16	0.675	5.825	11.125	1.85	1.4
P₂						
Bet Plots	3	8.80*	115.065**	188.069*	0.315	9.25
Within ind.	16	1.80	16.72	42.10	3.375	4.175
F₁						
Bet reciprocals	1	0.90	11.023	19.50	2.023	0.023
Bet Plots/within rec.	6	1.25	31.157	146.747**	15.75*	28.080**
Within ind./b. plot /w. rec.	32	2.00	37.43	85.25	5.4	7.95
F₂						
Bet reciprocals	3	0.653	115.709	460.6	19.14	2.591
Bet Plots/within rec.	12	6.98*	186.07**	490.33**	27.18	39.590
Within ind./ b plot /w. rec.	63	2.29	68.781	158.95	17.48	22.189
F₃						
Bet reciprocals	1	41.60	1416.344	3956.356	149.534	1416.35**
Bet fam./within rec.	18	10.819*	627.53**	1715.59**	71.812**	92.44**
Bet P./bet fam/w.re	20	4.43**	101.03**	205.658*	7.363	6.9
Within ind./b. fam/w. rec.	159	2.264	54.00	124.303	8.88	10.02
F_∞						
Bet reciprocals	1	8.160	9.0	298.005	272.25	308.755
Bet fam./within rec.	18	39.308**	1060.220**	2230.49**	198.78**	211.178**
Bet P./ bet fam/w.re	20	3.625**	60.618**	80.479	8.64	12.646
Within ind./B. Fam/W. rec.	156	1.74	33.294	75.85	5.56	8.156

Table 5a. C and D Scaling Tests: Individual Randomization

$$C: 4 \bar{F}_2 - 2 \bar{F}_1 - \bar{P}_1 - \bar{P}_2 \quad VC: 16V \bar{F}_2 + 4V \bar{F}_1 + V \bar{P}_1 + V \bar{P}_2$$

$$D: 4 \bar{F}_3 - 2 \bar{F}_2 - \bar{P}_1 - \bar{P}_2 \quad VD: 16V \bar{F}_3 + 4V \bar{F}_2 + V \bar{P}_1 + V \bar{P}_2$$

$$t_{1(76)} = C/\sqrt{VC} \quad t_{2(147)} = D/\sqrt{VD}$$

CHARACTERS	C	D	VC	VD	t ₁	t ₂
H ₄	-1.89	1.366	9.201	2.725	ns	ns
H ₆	-8.872	5.46	36.125	59.293	ns	ns
H ₇	-13.658	4.65	67.800	112.96	ns	ns
LL	-3.60	-2.74	3.160	7.096	2.030*	ns
LW	0.898	2.74	4.017	8.793	ns	ns

Table 2b C and D Scaling Tests: Plot Randomization

CHARACTERS	C	D	VC	VD	t ₁	t ₂
H ₄	0.210	0.372	2.216	1.696	ns	ns
H ₆	1.686	-4.598	48.292	66.260	ns	ns
H ₇	-5.588	-9.536	116.580	166.060	ns	ns
LL	-6.628	-4.542	5.66	6.988	2.786**	ns
LW	-2.800	-0.040	8.005	8.99	ns	ns

Estimates of Parameters from Generation Means

The components of generation means were estimated by weighted least squares method. Data used in that analysis is given in Table 6. Results of the two randomizations are given in Table 7.

The objective of the model fitting was to obtain simplest model to adequately describe the generation means for a particular character and determine the

importance and magnitude of the various genetic components.

Results indicated that simple additive-dominance model (m , $[d]$, $[h]$) except for one case (LL for plot ran.) was found to be adequate with a non-significant χ^2 value for all characteristics. Results confirmed the absence of any epistatic effect in both randomizations.

Table 6. Data, Used for Weighted Least Squares Method for Either Randomisation.

Individual Randomization				Plot Randomization		
H ₄	n	\bar{X}	W= 1/V \bar{X}	n	\bar{X}	W= 1/V \bar{X}
Generations						
P ₁	20	3.50	18.818	20	3.050	25.412
P ₂	20	8.20	2.008	20	6.200	2.272
F ₁	39	6.769	8.191	40	5.700	12.277
F ₂	80	5.837	19.450	79	5.215	11.318
F ₃	200	6.185	8.074	199	5.013	18.393
F _∞	200	6.365	3.738	196	5.020	4.986
H ₆						
Generations						
P ₁	20	22.50	0.615	20	18.500	2.583
P ₂	20	53.000	0.122	20	43.400	0.173
F ₁	39	47.026	0.476	40	39.725	0.890
F ₂	80	39.425	0.889	79	35.759	0.424
F ₃	200	39.205	0.355	198	32.205	0.315
F _∞	200	35.615	0.208	196	28.445	0.184
H ₇						
Generations						
P ₁	20	42.5	0.451	20	34.60	1.971
P ₂	20	90.45	0.097	20	80.100	0.475
F ₁	39	84.487	0.268	40	76.000	0.272
F ₂	80	72.063	0.394	79	65.278	0.161
F ₃	200	70.430	0.174	198	58.930	0.115
F _∞	200	62.72	0.139	196	52.630	0.087
LL						
Generations						
P ₁	20	26.95	7.176	20	27.100	11.242
P ₂	20	28.95	2.331	20	30.450	6.915
F ₁	39	33.154	9.535	40	33.375	2.539
F ₂	80	29.65	7.346	79	29.418	4.148
F ₃	200	28.115	2.671	199	27.961	2.757
F _∞	200	27.078	0.914	196	27.420	0.986
LW						
Generations						
P ₁	20	21.10	4.051	20	21.450	15.232
P ₂	20	23.85	2.283	20	27.150	4.019
F ₁	39	31.026	3.407	40	31.025	1.484
F ₂	80	26.975	7.383	79	26.962	3.276
F ₃	200	25.415	2.113	199	25.622	2.141
F _∞	200	22.938	0.806	196	23.408	0.928

Table 7. The Estimates of Components of Mean of Generations Plot and Individual Randomization

PARAMETERS	m	[d]	[h]	[i]	df	χ^2 (chi sg)
H ₄						
Ind. Rand.						
Value	6.100	2.550	0.593 ns		4	5.783 ns
Std. Error	0.140	0.250	0.445 ns			
Plot Rand.						
Value	4.770	1.690	0.920		3	0.490 ns
Std. Error	0.200	0.250	0.370			
t test	4.64***	2.432**	0.556 ns			
H ₆						
Ind. Rand.						
Value	35.53	13.270	10.440		3	2.709 ns
Std. Error	1.090	1.030	1.870			
Plot Rand.						
Value	30.450	12.010	9.360		3	0.980 ns
Std. Error	0.950	1.030	1.490			
t test	3.62**	0.74 ns	0.45 ns			
H ₇						
Ind. Rand.						
Value	67.79	22.940	18.42		3	3.610 ns
Std. Error	1.270	1.560	2.36			
Plot Rand.						
Value	59.90	22.48	18.540		3	2.900 ns
Std. Error	0.760	0.79	1.980			
t test	5.33***	0.26 ns				
LL						
Ind. Rand.						
Value	27.270	0.650	5.66	2.815 ns	3	6.452 ns
Std. Error	0.220	0.348	0.390	1.581 ns		
Plot Rand.						
Value	25.930	1.650	7.33	2.760	2	1.980 ns
Std. Error	0.710	0.240	1.130	0.750		
t test	1.80 ns	2.40**	1.39 ns	1.950		
LW						
Ind. Rand.						
Value	22.69	1.43	8.46		3	1.178 ns
Std. Error	0.33	0.4	0.64			
Plot Rand.						
Value	24.17	2.77	6.34		3	1.630 ns
Std. Error	0.25	0.27	0.75			
t test	3.57***	2.77**	2.15*			

ns: non-significant *: p≤0.05 significant **: p≤0.01 significant ***: p≤0.001

Analysis of Second Degree Statistics

Bartlett’s Test

Bartlett’s test was used to detect heterogeneity among the variance of the non-segregating generations.

Results, obtained from significant χ^2 values indicated the presence of micro environmental variations for H₄, H₆, H₇ and LL characteristics.

Whereas variances of non-segregating generations of LW were found to be homogenous in individual randomization.

These tests showed significant chi-squared values for H₆, H₇ and LW while those for H₄ and LL turned out to be non-significant in plot randomization.

χ^2 values of Bartlett’s test for either of two randomization were given in Table 5.

Estimates of Components of Variance

The weighted least squares analysis were performed and the results were presented in Table 9.

(i) Individual Randomization;

For the H₄, H₆, LL and LW, a model, containing D and E components was adequate. For H₇, the full D, H and E model was found to be adequate with a non-significant χ^2 value.

(ii) Individual Randomization;

For H₄ and H₆, the model with D, E and Ep parameters was adequate suggesting the presence of plot variation in addition to additive and environmental

Table 8. χ^2 Values of Bartlett’s Test for Either of Two Randomization

CHARACTER	df	χ^2 (Ind. Ran.)	χ^2 (Plot Ran.)
(P ₁ , P ₂ , F ₁) H ₄	2	19.264***	5.40 ns
H ₆	2	11.267***	14.779***
H ₇	2	10.226***	16.510***
LL	2	6.6**	5.42 ns
LW	2	3.940 ns	12.670***

variation. For H₇ LL and LW, the model, containing D and E parameters was found to be adequate.

Heritability

In individual randomization, in most cases, estimates of H were non significant, therefore variance of F₂ was taken into account for heritability calculations in the plot randomizations.

Ep was also considered (if significant in model fitting).

$$\begin{aligned}
 h^2n \text{ for } H_4 \text{ (Ind. Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/VF_2 &= 0.475 \\
 h^2n \text{ for } H_4 \text{ (Plot Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/(VF_2 + Ep) &= 0.338 \\
 h^2n \text{ for } H_6 \text{ (Ind. Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/VF_2 &= 0.517 \\
 h^2n \text{ for } H_6 \text{ (Plot Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/(VF_2 + Ep) &= 0.500 \\
 h^2n \text{ for } H_7 \text{ (Ind. Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/VF_2 &= 0.31 \\
 h^2n \text{ for } H_7 \text{ (Plot Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/VF_2 &= 0.512 \\
 h^2n \text{ for LL (Ind. Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/VF_2 &= 0.443 \\
 h^2n \text{ for LL (Plot Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/VF_2 &= 0.375 \\
 h^2n \text{ for LW (Ind. Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/VF_2 &= 0.661 \\
 h^2n \text{ for LW (Plot Rand.)} &= \frac{1}{2} D/VF_2 &= 0.297
 \end{aligned}$$

Table 9. The Estimates of Components of Variance in Both Design.

PARAMETERS	D	H	E	Ep	df	χ ² (Chi.Sq)
H ₄ Ind. Rand. Value Std. Error Plot Rand. Value Std. Error t test	3.910 1.014 2.482 0.631 ns		3.49 0.303 1.706 0.165 5.170***	0.388 0.177	2 3	1.377 2.529
H ₆ Ind. Rand. Value Std. Error Plot Rand. Value Std. Error t test	100.766 21.465 95.588 18.969 ns		61.898 5.399 32.491 3.397 4.61**	6.900 3.467	2 3	0.489 0.512
H ₇ Ind. Rand. Value Std. Error Plot Rand. Value Std. Error t test	134.442 41.369 226.908 44.387 ns	446.347 182.275	88.634 8.804 75.034 7.598 ns		1 4	0.000 2.270
LL Ind. Rand. Value Std. Error Plot Rand. Value Std. Error t test	9.450 2.901 18.315 2.711		6.673 0.656 5.634 0.542 ns		2 4	6.806 4.693
LW Ind. Rand. Value Std. Error Plot Rand. Value Std. Error t test	14.342 3.527 12.086 2.492 ns		7.817 0.749 7.488 0.780 ns		2 4	3.065 6.983

Comparison of the First and Second Degree Statistics, Obtained From Either of Two Randomization.

Within family variances of both designs were compared by variance ratio tests. Highly significant variance ratio values agreed that E component of plot randomization was splitted in to E and Ep for H₄, H₆ and H₇ but not LL and LW.

Estimates of the components of generation means obtained from either of design were compared by “t”

test. m and [h] differed significantly for all characters. [d] differed significantly for H₄, LL and LW only.

The estimates of D and E obtained from two designs were also compared by t test. None of D values differed significantly. Estimates of E differed significantly for H₄ and H₆ only.

Differences between E values were further investigated by model fitting to determine of E of ind. rand. was indeed sum of E and Ep in F_∞ generation. It was found that E and Ep were both significant for H₄ and

H_6 . It was concluded that E and E_p components of plot rand. did not add up to the E of individual randomization.

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