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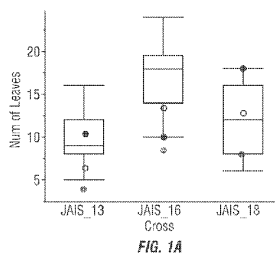


FIG. 1A

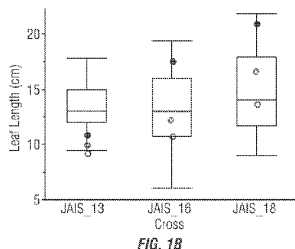


FIG. 1B

(57) **Abstract:** According to the invention, there is provided novel Lettuce cultivars Vindara 13, 16, and/or 18 which produce superior plant (canopy) diameter (cm), plant height (cm), number of leaves, and overall leaf area (cm<sup>2</sup>) plants including novel SNPs associated with those traits. This invention thus relates to the seeds of Lettuce cultivars of the invention, to the plants of Lettuce cultivars of the invention, to plant parts of Lettuce cultivars of the invention, to methods for producing a Lettuce cultivar by crossing one or more of the Lettuce cultivars of the invention with another Lettuce cultivar, and to methods for producing a Lettuce cultivars containing in its genetic material one or more backcross conversion traits, or genetic markers associated with superior plant (canopy) diameter (cm), plant height (cm), number of leaves, and overall leaf area (cm<sup>2</sup>) or transgenes and to the Lettuce cultivars, plants and plant parts produced by those methods.

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