b. Vegetative Compatibility

Vegetative and Sexual Compatibility in *Endothia parasitica*

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Sexual incompatibility is homogenic. So far 108 strains have been crossed with two mating type testers and only one locus with two alleles has been found. Occasional evidence for homo thallism is seen. The mating type distribution so far examined has yielded the following:

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The mating type gene does not function as a vegetative incompatibility gene as it does in *Neurospora crassa*. Vegetative incompatibility is heterogenic, and so far 77 vegetative compatibility groups have been found. Tentative genotypes, based on a system of seven loci with two alleles, have been assigned for six of the vegetative compatibility groups.