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TEST OF INTERACTION BETWEEN GENETIC MARKERS THAT AFFECT FITNESS IN *ASPERGILLUS NIGER*

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of wild-type strain N402 (which produces black-colored We isolated 186 of all 256 possible multiple-marker strains

the isolation of haploid segregants from the dinloid mvce-

lium, which forms black spores due to complementation.

Fitness Assay

Strain N890 carries eight marker mutations, one on each of

TABLE 1. Numbers of expected and isolated multiple-marker

TABLE 2. The isolated number of strains with a specific marker

hypothesis (Crow 1970; Kondrashov 1982; Charlesworth interactions, but rather of interactions of both type, syner-

1990) that deleterious mutations interact synergistically, epistatic and antagonistic, occurring simultaneously and (partly)

have produced empirical support for the existence of *svn-* 1996. The effect of sex and deleterious mutations on fitness in