

Studies on micropropagation of poems

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This study was conducted at Tissue Culture Laboratory, Horticulture Department, Faculty of Agriculture, Moshtohor during the period started from 1995 till 1997. This investigation was done to formulate the best suitable balanced medium for induction. Large number of healthy, homogenous, and similar to mother trees during exact time with low expenses and reducing costs of importation. Shoot-tips and one-nodal cuttings of communis pear and MJ1-106 apple rootstock were collected at different quarters of year round, washed, sterilized and cultured on different medium types, states, and strengths. Also, different anti-oxidant treatments were involved. Besides, medium state, cytokinin types, and concentrations as well as different thidiazuron concentrations were evaluated. Meanwhile, different medium strengths and GA3 concentrations were tested. Furthermore, different auxin types and concentrations, medium states and darkening treatments were studied.

IV.1. Establishment stage: The results can be summarized as follows: 1- Solidified Murashige and Skoog medium for communis pear, and Lepoivre medium for MM106 apple rootstock showed the most suitable ones for decreasing and increasing necrosis, explant development and rooting. 2- Shoot-tips surpassed one-nodal cuttings in reducing necrosis and increasing explant development and greening of both communis pear and M:MM-106 apple rootstock. 3- The best collection date for communis pear explants accomplished during the first quarter, which involved April, May and June. However, MM-106 apple rootstock explant collection was most suitable during the fourth quarter (January, February and March). 4- The accumulated phenolic compounds in both communis pear and MJ1-106 explants, which caused oxidation and finally the death of the established explants, were greatly reduced when the combination of anti-oxidant solution plus PVP was used followed by PVP alone. 5- Activated charcoal had an adverse effect during establishment stage on explant development and greening of either communis pear or MM-106 apple explants. 6- Full and one-half medium strengths of either Murashige and Skoog for communis pear or Lepoivre medium for MM-106 apple were the most effective medium strengths for enhancing shoot regeneration and greening parameters.

IV.2. Proliferation stage: 1- Semi-solid medium encouraged the highest possible proliferation and necrosis of both studied rootstocks. 2- Kinetin surpassed 6-benzylaminopurine in enhancing growth and greening. However, the reverse was true in case of proliferation and necrosis. 3- The best growth and greening were achieved by supplementation of the culture medium with 2 mg/L. 6-benzylaminopurine, while this effect was more clear in proliferation when 4 mg/L. BAP was used for both communis pear and MM-106 apple rootstocks. 4- Thidiazuron was effective in reducing necrosis and increasing growth, proliferation, and greening when added at lower concentrations i.e. 0.5 or 1.0 mg/L., while higher concentrations 2.0 or 4.0 mg/L. had a lethal effect on the cultured explants under investigation.

IV.3. Rooting stage: 1- Shoot elongation: 1- Shoots elongation of either communis pear or MM-106 apple rootstocks as well as greening and root initiation increased greatly by using full or one-half medium strengths. 2- Gibberellic acid at 4.0 mg/L. enhanced a noticeable increase in shoot elongation in both used plant types, while greening and growth showed improvement by adding either 2.0 or 4.0 mg/L. GA3 to the culture medium.

IV.3.2. Root formation: 1- Indole-3-butyric acid encouraged formation of callus and increased necrosis. However, IBA and NAA succeeded in enhancing rooting of communis pear plantlets. 2- Best rooting of communis pear was noticed when 1.0 mg/L. IBA was added to the culture medium. 3- Solid and liquid medium states induced best growth, while liquid medium promoted the best rooting of communis pear. 4- Surface or outer coverage and the combination between them

enhanced the highest root formation. However, callus increased by all darkening treatments under investigation.