

RESPONSE OF AUXINS ON BANANA GENOTYPE TO MICROPROGATION

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ABSTRACT

The present study investigate the response of different concentrations of Auxins on virus free plant regeneration. The culture meristem turned brown firstly in colour in 4-5 days then after 30-35 days grew into a green globular hard coat mass. The treatment containing 0.2 mg/l IBA + 0.5 mg/l IAA showed the best rooting medium, with values around 8.10 roots each explant on 14th days of inoculation. Medium supplemented with 0.2 mg/l IBA affected the second highest induced rooting in 62% of explants and 6.32 roots/explants were noted on 19th days of incubation. Furthermore, MS+1.5mg/l IBA prompted rooting but the percentage response was reduced 58% having initiation was increased 20th days. Reduced concentration of 0.5mg/l IBA + 0.5mg/l IAA had also no promoting influence. Higher concentration of 1.5mg/l IBA + 0.2mg/l NAA, revealed reduced rate of response, similarly IBA at its different concentration revealed no better response with NAA at 0.2 or 0.5mg/l. plants were shifted to pots having mixture of Soil and vermicompost in 2:1 ratio showed cent percent survival.

INTRODUCTION

The banana (*Musa spp.*) is a monocotyledonous herbaceous plant belonging to the section *Eusuma* under the family *Musaceae* (Purseglove, 1976) are one of the world's most important subsistence crops. It is originated in Malaysia through a complex hybridization process (Novak, 1992). It is the most important source of tropical fruits in the world as it is a staple food as well (Rahman *et al.*, 2013). Banana is of great nutritional value, rare combination of energy value, tissue-building elements, protein, vitamins and minerals. Good source of vitamin C helps to rebuild the immune system also increases the absorption of iron and increases the formation of blood, these two health benefits of bananas make it ideally suited for those with anemia or blood related problems. Furthermore, bananas do not contain even trace amounts of fat, cholesterol, or sodium which makes it a healthy food option even for restrictive diet plans (Sampath *et al.*, 2012). Propagation of banana through suckers is seriously limited due to low multiplication rate, clonal degradation and the perils of spreading disastrous diseases. Nevertheless, planting materials of this cultivar is not easily available; therefore, its plantation is not so popular. In vitro culture is one of the great advantage for mass propagation of various vegetative propagated crops with advance in technology and science micropropagation has become a popular to the same. Micropropagation is preferred over conventional method of propagation owing to its faster multiplication rate, uniformity in planting materials and production of disease-free materials. Although conventional method of vegetative propagation has commercial acceptability, to ensure an extremely rapid

rate of multiplication, tissue culture technique has definite and indispensable advantage over the conventional method. This approach for banana plantlets is an excellent alternative to provide large number of planting materials to the farmers with gives growers advantages. The apical meristem or shoot-tip culture is very efficient for rapid clonal propagation (Nandi *et al.*, 1998). Keeping in view these considerations, investigation was undertaken to study and analyze the response of auxins on banana genotype to micropropagation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Preparation of media

MS (Murashige and Skoog, 1962) media supplemented with different and various combinations of plant growth regulators were used. Inositol and sucrose were added freshly. Plant growth regulators from stock solutions were added as per prerequisite. The pH of the solution was adjusted to 5.8 using 1N NaOH or 1N HCl. Final volume of the solution was adjusted and agar (0.8 %) was dissolved to make the media.

Culture conditions

The inoculated culture materials were kept in culture room maintained at $25 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ and 60-70 % RH under 12 hours light and dark cycle for checking any kind of contamination, if observed it removed and prepare again.

Collection and isolation of shoot-tips from suckers of genotype- Two week old suckers of Grandnain were taken from Botanical garden, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, C. P. College of Agriculture, Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sknagar-385506, Gujarat.

These suckers were transported and excised at Biotechnology Laboratory of Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding. These explants were surface sterilized for 5 minutes with 50% commercial bleach (Clorox 5.75% NaOCl) to which few drops of Tween-20 were added. After complete washing with sterile water, explants were trimmed to final size of 3-5mm in the laminar flow.

Induction of explants

These explants were cultured MS media fortified different with combination and without combination of IBA, IAA and NAA. After two weeks when growth started, explants were shifted to multiplication medium. Multiplication medium consisted MS salts and vitamins enriched. Sub culturing was done after every two weeks and black tissues were removed prior to sub culturing.

Hardening of plantlets

After removing the medium under water, plants were shifted to pots having mixture of soil and vermicompost in 2:1 ratio. These pots were covered with polythene bags to maintain the humidity. These plants were acclimatized in green house for eight weeks.

Statistical analysis

Observations were made on alternate days and rooting percentages, numbers of roots per explants were calculated in different culture media. Fifteen plantlets were inoculated in each concentration and data were obtained from the three replication experiments. Data recorded for different parameters were subjected to completely randomized design (CRD) Panse and Sukhatme (2000).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Good and well condition raised plantlets for root proliferation and development was cultured in MS medium supplemented with different concentrations combination and without combination of IAA, IBA and NAA. (Table no.1) The present finding of root proliferation in hormonal combinations confirms the findings of Babylatha *et al.* (1997) who achieved 100 % rooting in MS media supplemented with various combinations of IBA, NAA and IAA. Ahsan *et al.* (1998) reported that the

best response was achieved in hormone free MS media for table banana while Bekheet and Saker (1999) reported the superiority of NAA over IAA and IBA in the in vitro rooting of banana plantlets. Lalrisanga *et al.* (2013) reported that the highest number of roots and 100% survival was found when MS supplement with growth regulator. All the media tested root proliferation within 14-15 days from the day of inoculation. The shortest days to root proliferation is 14 days and longest days to root proliferation is 27 days in MS media with growth regulator. The treatment containing 0.2 mg/l IBA + 0.5 mg/l IAA showed the best rooting medium, (Table no. 1) with values around 8.10 roots each explant on 14th days of inoculation in 87% of the plantlets (Fig. 4). Medium supplemented with 0.2 mg/l IBA affected the second highest induced rooting in 62% of explants and 6.32 roots/explants were noted on 19th days of incubation of all the media tested (Fig 3). MS media alone with growth regulators gave the lowest number of roots with an average of only 2.11 roots per plantlet. MS media alone with growth regulators 0.5 mg/l IAA and 0.2, 0.5 mg/l NAA gave the lowest number of roots with an average of only 1.30 and 1.74, 0.96 roots per plantlet. Table 1 also shows that an increase in IBA, IAA or NAA concentration decreased the number of roots per explant. The higher root induction in the said media is probably due to the requirement of auxin in very low concentrations as earlier studies have shown in micropropagation of different cultivars of banana has been carried out by different workers: Ahmed *et al.*, 2014; Hussein, N. 2012; Kumar, *et al.*, 2012; Ali, *et al.*, 2011; Gallez *et al.*, 2004; Gubbuk, 2001; Browning, *et al.*, 1987; Based on the above result in may be concluded that among the IBA is the best and if it is supplemented with IAA then more auspicious results were accomplished.

Hardening

The fully developed plantlets were in-vitro hardened for 28 days in MS media, then transferred to potting media under Green House conditions. A survival of 98-100% plantlets was observed in all the treatments. Some of the findings of earlier workers indicated a survival percentage ranging from 80-100 when banana rooted plantlets were transferred to ex vitro hardening media under Green House or Shade House conditions (Molla *et al.*, 2004 and Acharjee *et al.*, 2004). The

Table 1: Initiation of root in tissue culture raised plantlets

Growth Regulator	Days taken for root proliferation			% Responses	Number of root proliferation
	NAA	IBA	IAA		
-	0.2	-	19	62	6.32
-	0.5	-	20	58	3.40
-	-	0.2	22	48	2.70
-	-	0.5	27	35	1.30
0.2	-	-	22	33	1.74
0.5	-	-	27	26	0.96
-	0.2	0.2	19	49	6.10
-	0.5	0.2	22	44	3.10
-	0.2	0.5	14	87	8.10
-	0.5	0.5	17	65	5.10
0.2	0.5	-	18	66	3.46
0.5	0.5	-	17	64	3.30
0.5	0.2	-	25	47	2.10
0.2	1.5	-	18	62	4.40



Figure 1: Explants of Banana



Figure 2: Multiple shoot and culture for Rooting



Figure 3: shoot showing initiation of roots



Figure 4: Shoots showing multiple roots

highest average increase in height was found in the potting media containing soil and vermicompost (2:1).

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