

Production of plantlets from axillary explants of *Pitaya roja* fruit crop plant.

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ABSTRACT

The production of plants from axillary bud explants has proved to be the most generally applicable and reliable method of true to type in vitro propagation. In Vitro multiple shoots were obtained on MS Medium within BAP, NAA, L-Glutamic acid and Kinetin. High frequency plant regeneration from shoottip explants. Ugander et al (2010). Callus induction and base explants of Aloe vera R. Prasad, Venkateshwarlu M et al (2018). MS basal medium supplemented with various Auxons/Cytokinins BAP and NAA. Coconut water also had a role in triggering the formation of multiple shoots. Addition of BAP at 3.0 mg/l and NAA at 2.0 mg/l to the MS basal medium, induced regeneration from the leaf segments. With an increase in the level of BAP 1.0 - 3.0 mg/l the percentage of explants producing shoots also increased. Mandalaju Venkateshwarlu (2022 & 2023) In Vitro Regeneration from stem node explants. The number of shoots developed on the shoottip segments ranged from 1-4 to 2-3 by the addition of BAP at concentration of 1.0 mg/l or NAA at 2.0 mg/l. Among the three concentrations of coconut milk used i.e, 5, 10 and 15% of coconut milk along with 0.5 mg/l BAP proved to be ideal for multiple shoot induction. MS medium fortified with 2.0 mg/l BAP 0.5 mg/l L-2.0mg/l Kn or 3.0 mg/l L-Glutamic acid also induced shoot buds on shoottip segments. In vitro organogenesis and embryogenesis on the other hand must undergo developmental changes which usually involve the formation of callus with subsequent reorganization into plantlets.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The names of *Pitahaya* and *pitaya* derive from Mexico and *pitaya roja* in Central America and South America. The fruit may also be known as a strawberry pear. The genes *Stenocereus* while *pitahaya* are dragon fruit refers to fruit genes *Selenicereus*, both in the family Cactaceae it grows throughout tropical and sub tropical world regions. Subsequently in extending the demonstration to the orchids a novel method of clonal propagation was revealed by Moral (1965) and Sunitha et al (2000). As the nutrient content of raw pitaya carbohydrates 82.14g; Sugars, 82.14g; protein-3.57g; vitamins C, 9.2mg; calcium 107mg; sodium 39mg. Mg = milligrams, g = grams. In the present paper, a simple and reproducible procedure was devised to obtain multiple shoots from axillary bud segments on MS medium fortified with plant growth regulators. The main objective of clonal propagation is to establish plants that are uniform and predictable for selected qualities. Growth or *in vitro* propagated plants is often stronger than in those cloned *in vitro* phyto chemical analysis and biological activities in *Mimosa pudica* Venkateshwarlu et al (2011). The plants of Cucurbitaceae suffer from several diseases including the watermelon mosaic virus Wayne et al (2011) Cucumber green mottle mosaic virus Wayne et al (2011) and *Solanum nigrum* also suffers from downy and powdery mildews which seriously limits the crop production. Axillary buds from pump-kin were reported by Ugander et al (2019) & Rathore (2010).

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The axillary bud induction is one of the most efficient methods of micropropagation in plants tissues, since the emerging buds especially from meristematic organs and tissues possess a great potential for vigorous development. Yadav et al (1990): The present investigation describes a multiple shoots using axillary bud cultures as the source of direct production of multiple shoots in Dragon plant. They were cultured on MS medium containing 2.5% sucrose and 0.8% Agar- Agar and different concentrations of BAP, NAA and L-Glutamic acid shoottip segments of *Pitaya roja* were cultured and surface sterilized with 0.1% HgCl₂ for 5-7 minutes and rinsed with sterile distilled water. Cultures were incubated under 16 hrs illumination (250 lux) at 25± 2°C temperature. Each treatment consisted of 10-15 replicates. The data was recorded at the end of eighth week in vitro propagation of Zylus Sudharsan et al (2000) cloning protocol Campstrini (2006). The pH of the

medium was adjusted to 5.8 and later was autoclaved at 120 °C for 17minutes. Rajendraprasad, Venkateshwarlu M (2018) experimental mutagenesis on cicer tissue culture studies stem node explants, multiple shoots in cucumis Venkateshwarlu m (2008) and (2019). Multiple shoots initiation from axillary bud explants was observed with in 20-25 days after inoculation. Fully elongated healthy shoots were transferred on to half strength MS root induction IAA 0.5mg/l to 3.0 mg/l. After three weeks they were transplanted to poly bags containing mixture of soil+Sand+ manure in 1:1:1 ration and kept under shade house for a period of four weeks. The superiority of BAP over other Cytokinines for multiple shoot formation has been reported as it was observed in the present investigation.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The axillary bud explants of dragon fruit crop plant cultured on different hormonal combination showed varied results. The axillary buds become active within week after inoculation and new shoots become distinct by the second and third week with internodes. The results of the study have shown the initiation of shoot buds and formation of multiple shoots from axillary bud segments. Addition of NAA failed to produce many shoots, but enlarged the leaf segments. Lower levels of coconut milk (5 & 10%) induced callus formation. Leaf explants were inoculated on MS basal medium fortified with various Auxins cytokinins i.e., BAP and NAA. Coconut water also had a role in triggering the formation of multiple shoots Kanna *et al* (2005) *In Vitro* micropropagation *Solanum nigrum* Ram *et al* (2002). The mean number of shoots developed on the leaf segments ranged from 1- 4 to 2 - 3 by the addition of different concentrations of BAP and NAA the level of SAP (3.0 mg/l to 4.0 mg/l) resulted in an increase in the percentage of shoots developed with 10, 15, 20% of coconut milk also triggered the induction of multiple shoots (Plate I). Low concentration of L- Glutamic acid (0.5 - 3.0 mg/l, along with SAP (1.0 mg/l, produced significant mean number of multiple shoots that ranged from 2-3 to 5-5 in the leaf segments. Shoot multiplication was obtained from axillary bud explants cultured on MS Medium supplemented with 1.0 to 3.0 mg/l BAP. Raising the level of BAP (0.5 to 2.0 mg/l) resulted in an increase in the number of shoots from axillary bud segments of Dragon fruit plant suggested that the formation of multiple shoots at the axillary bud region of the leaf of soyabean indicated the existence of totipotency in this region which can be activated with the addition of BAP.

According to the present observations the explants were collected from field grown plants throughout the year to determine the ideal season for culture establishment explants cultures on the development of multiple shoots. The smaller (1cm) explants could initiate more multiples than the longer (2.0cm) explants. The size of the axillary bud explants was found to play an important role in initiation and elongation of shoots tried to give multiples only a single shoot developed from each node. Axillary bud explants proliferation and also recorded high percentage 70-80% of explants establishment during this period. MS medium fortified with different concentrations of Cytokinin i.e., BAP and Kn individually and also in combination with 0.5mg/l, BAP (0.5-3.0mg/l) maximum number of shoots were induced at 0.5mg/l, BAP in comparison to 0.5-3.0mg/l as a role growth regulators BAP alone Geetha and Shetty (2000), Jelaska S (1974) when BAP and Kn, L-Glutamic acid concentration was increased (above 2.0mg/l-3.0mg/l) the rate of shoot multiplication and elongation was reduced in the present investigation Balendres *et al* (2019) and Boning (2006). Huang (1980) and Jas Rani *et al* (1999) (Table-1) (Plate-I).

Table-I Production of axillary bud explants from *Pitaya roja*

Growth Regulators	Axillary bud Explants	
	% Frequency of Shoots	Mean no. of Shoots
MS + 0.5 mg/l BAP + NAA+Kn	35	Callus
MS + 1.0 mg/l BAP + NAA+Kn	30	Callus
MS + 2.0 mg/l BAP + NAA+Kn	25	Shoots (1-2)
MS + 3.0 mg/l BAP + NAA+Kn	20	Shoots (2-4)
MS + 0.5 mg/l NAA + Kn+IAA+L-Glutamic acid	30	Callus+ Small buds
MS + 1.0 mg/l NAA + Kn+IAA+L-Glutamic acid	20	Callus + Small buds
MS + 2.0 mg/l NAA + Kn+IAA+L-Glutamic acid	15	Shoots (3-5)
MS + 3.0 mg/l NAA + L-Glutamic acid	10	Shoots (3-4)
MS + 4.0 mg/l NAA + L-Glutamic acid	20	Shoots (4-6)

Plate-I:- Production of axillary bud explants from *Pitaya roja*



IV. CONCLUSION:

However the axillary bud explants proliferation was found to be more on 0.5mg/l BAP in combination with Kn and L-Glutamic acid compared to 0.5mg/l-3.0mg/l. Our result on multiple shoots using axillary bud culture shows the considerable importance for large scale propagation. Their type of clonal propagation has advantage by producing true to type plants from a single individual in a relatively short time.

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