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CHARACTERIZATION OF MORPHOLOGY, ANATOMY AND CHLOROPHYLL CONTENT OF POTATO IN VITRO AND IN VIVO.

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Abstract

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*Key words:*characterization, morphology, anatomy, chlorophyll, potatoes. Potato plants are horticultural crops of vegetables are widely used community for the nutrient content is high enough. Characterizaion of morphology and anatomy and chlorophyll content of plants grown in vitro is different from in vivo. The purpose of this study is to see characterization of morphology, anatomy and chlorophyll content of potato plants in vitro and in vivo. This research has been done on plants tissue culture laboratory of the Faculty of Agriculture and the Basic Laboratory Andalas University, Padang from July to October 2019. Research of the experiment by observing the morphology, anatomy and chlorophyll content of the potato plant. Observations were made of the morphology of the potato plant in vitro and in vivo. For anatomical observations carried out with a microscope and chlorophyll test with a spectrophotometer. The results showed that there were differences in morphology, anatomy and chlorophyll content of the potato plant in *vitro* to in vivo. Stomata on the upper surface of the leaf are fewer than the bottom of the leaf. Chlorophyll content of the potato plant in vitro less than in vivo.

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Introduction:-

Potato plants originate from South America (Peru, Chile, Bolivia, and Argentina) as well as some areas of Central America. In mainland Europe it is estimated plant was first introduced from Peru and Colombia through Spain in 1570 and in England in 1590. The spread of potatoes to Asia (India, China, and Japan), Africa, and the islands of the West Indies undertaken by people the British in the late 17th century and in these areas the potatoes planted widely in the mid 18th century [1].

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In tropical Indonesia, potatoes are generally planted in an area with a height of more than 1,000 m above sea level. Short-lived potato plants or bushes shaped high plants can reach 100 cm above the ground (*in vivo*), including crops that produce only one time after the death. Potato plants consisting of stolon, tubers, stems, leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, and roots and have the time of harvest between 90-120 days. Forms of potato tubers include round, oval and elongated oval. Bulbs eyes are shallow and deep. Potato plant stems are round or triangular wings, nodes and hollow. Leaves elliptical or oval with a sharp tip. Potato plants have primary and secondary leaflets arranged in petiole face to face. Potato flower shaped like a trumpet and appear at the ends of branches. Flower petals are green and there are five sheets [2]

Corresponding Author:- Warnita Warnita. Address:- Department of Agronomy, Faculty of Agriculture, Andalas University, Padang, Indonesia. Several varieties of potatoes were cultivated to own character, form, requirements grow, altitude, time of harvest which is not the same. The average height of potato plants of Granola variety aged 11 weeks after planting ranges from 80-95 cm with a stem thickness of 20 cm with spreading habit, a type of leaf arrangement that is slightly open with a flower size of 3.3 cm and a violet blue color [3]. Sari [4] add the potato tuber Granola varieties have yellow flesh tubers, bulbs eyes shallow and rounded tuber shape and high reducing sugar content and low dry weight percentage (16-17%).

Propagation of Granola potato varieties *in vivo* planted on medium plains (300-700 m asl) and *in vitro* potatoes (tissue culture) under conditions and treatment under two different conditions allows changes in morphological, anatomical and chlorophyll content. The process of photosynthesis associated with leaf anatomy. Leaves covered the surface of each layer of the epidermis.

Stomata are on both sides. Mesophyll tissue did not differentiate into palisade tissue and spongy tissue, but consists of parenchyma cells with chloroplasts and the space between cells in between. Stomata are pores between the epidermis flanked by 2 special epidermal cells called guard cells. Near guard cells are cells that surround called subsidiary cells. Guard cell can be opened and closed in accordance with the needs of the plant need transpiration, while subsidiary cells participate in osmotic changes related to the movement of the guard cell. Stomata present in all parts of the plant were exposed to the air, but more abundant in leaves [5].

Dicotyledonous guard cells are generally kidney-shaped, whereas monocots have a specific uniform shape and structure which when viewed from the cell surface looks narrow in the middle and enlarges at the ends. Viewed with an electron microscope, the protoplast of the two guard cells is interconnected through the enlarged wall pore. Because of this continuity, the guard cells are considered a physiological unit in which there is a balance of turgor changes. Radial orientation of cellulose microfibrils in guard cell walls can also be seen with a polarizing microscope [6].

According to Retno [7] stomata is a modification of specialized epidermal tissue into an organ that acts as the entry and exit of air and water in the leaves. Rompas [8] states that stomata are commonly found on the underside of leaves, but there are several plant species with stomata on the upper and lower surfaces of leaves.

In this study also calculated the density and stomata index and chlorophyll content in addition to morphology and anatomy in potato plants *in vivo* and *in vitro*. This study aims to look at differences in morphology, anatomy and chlorophyll content of potato plants *in vivo* and *in vitro*.

Materials and Methods:-

Location and time-

This research was conducted in the Laboratory of Plant Tissue Culture of the Faculty Agriculture and the Basic Laboratory of Andalas University, Padang. The research was conducted from July to October 2019.

Materials and tools-

The material used was a variety of Granola potato plants taken from Sukarami, Solok Regency and Laboratory of Plant Tissue Culture, Faculty of Agriculture, Andalas University, Padang. The chemicals used are MS medium, 70% alcohol, chlorox, and 80% acetone. Tools used are knives, scissors, microscopes, spectrophotometers, cameras and stationery.

Research methods-

The method was carried out by descriptive method. With this method researchers can see, explain or explain the morphological character of potato plants. Sampling was done intentionally (purpusive sampling). For each character 3 samples were determined. Data collection and observation samples were carried out directly.

Implementation-

Morphological characters observed included roots, stems, leaves and tubers which refer to the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) descriptor [9] and Tjitrosoepomo's plant morphology book [10]. Data collection and observation samples were carried out directly.

Anatomical characters observed were stomata shape, stomata index and stomata density and starch content. Observation of stomata on leaves was observed on the lower surface of the leaf and the upper surface of the leaf under a microscope, counting the number of stomata, the data were processed using the Image J application, where the stomata index was calculated by the formula: (Willmer, 1983).

Stomatal index =
$$\frac{\sum \text{ stomata}}{\sum \text{ stomata} + \sum \text{ epidermal cells } x \ 100}$$

Data on stomatal density is calculated using the formula:

The density of stomata = $\frac{number \ of \ stomata}{area \ of \ view \ (um)}$

Presentation of data in this study is in the form of tables and figures resulting from observations of the morphological and anatomical characters of potato varietis of Granola. Then analyzed with analysis techniques descriptive.

Results and Discussion:-

Morphological characterization

The morphological characters observed in this study are some morphological characters that refer to Tjitrosoepomo's morphological characters and some additional characters from the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV) descriptors. Plants that were studied were varpetas Granola potato plants with the Latin name *Solanum tuberosum* L. plant Morphology is the study of the physical form and structure of the body of the plant, derived from the Latin morphological form is an indicator of a very large role to identify plants visually, so that the diversity of plants that are very diverse can be identified and classified to facilitate the naming of species, families and kingdoms. [10]

Morphological characteristics of plants observed include root (radix), stem (caulis), leaf parts (folium) along with their shape, leaf type, leaf layout, and potato tuber origin *in vivo* and *in vitro*. There are differences in morphological characteristics of potatoes *in vivo* and *in vitro* quantitatively and qualitatively (Table 1).

Character	In vivo	In vitro
- Harvesting	110-114 hst	112 hst
- Originally propagation	Tuber	Micro cuttings
- Plant height	60-70 cm	5-10 cm
- The shape of the roots	Stables (primaria)	Fibers (adventicia)
- The stem shape	Cornered (angular)	Round (teres)
- Leaf shape	Compound leaves (Folium	Single leaf (folium simplex)
	Compositum)	
- The tip of the leaf	Tapered (acuminatus)	Rounded (rotundus)
- Leaf base	Blunt (obtusus)	Blunt (obtusus)
- Leaf edge	Bertoreh choppy (repandus)	Average (integer)
- Leaf surface	Hairy (pilosus)	Hairy (pilosus)
- Tuber shape	Oval	Oval

 Table 1:-Morphological characters potatoes in vivo and in vitro

The results showed that there were similarities and differences in morphological forms between potato plants in vitro and *in vivo*. The morphology of potato plants is influenced by the location and the environment. Potato root *in vitro* is a fibrous root because it comes from micro cuttings. According to Salisbury and Ross [11] leaves that are exposed to high light intensity during their development can affect the leaf area, ie small, thick leaves.

The stem (caulis) -

The shape of the stem based on their cross section can be divided into round (teres), angular (angularis), and flat which are usually then broadened to resemble leaves and take over the task of leaves as well. Stems can also be characterized by their surface characteristics, whether slippery (laevis), ribbed (costatus), grooved (sulcatus), winged (tool), haired (pilosus), prickly (spinous), and so on.

Potato stems of Granola varieties *in vivo* in this observation are in the form of pentagons, beams, round hairy stems (pilosus), hollow and not woody with bright green stems, while the stems of Granola varieties *in vitro* based on their cross sections are round (teres), and the nature of the hairy face (pilosus) with the upright stem (erectus) (Figure 1).



Figure 1:-Stem potato (A) in vivo and (B) in vitro

A high temperatures allows elongation of the stem so that new stems from stolons are formed that appear on the surface of the growing media. Stems below the surface of the soil called stolons hoard and store photosynthetic products in bulbs that swell at the end. Carbohydrates are transplanted as sucrose into stolons where cell division and enlargement causes tuber growth [12].

The direction of stem growth also varies, such as perpendicular (erectus), hanging (dependent, pendulus), lying (humiphus), spreading or crawling (repensing), upward inclining or inclining (ascending), nodding (nutans), climbing (climbing) scandens), and convolution (volubilis) [10]. However, potato plants generally have three growth habits, namely upright, semi-upright and spreading (Figure 2).



Figure 2:-The pattern of the potato plant growth habit (A) vertical (upright) (B) rather upright (semi-upright), and (C) spread (spreading)

The Granola variety of potato found in various places has the habit of spreading as shown in Figure 3 (C). According to Rukmana [13], plant stems are rectangular or pentagon, depending on the variety. Plant stems are nodular, hollow, and not woody, but rather hard when massaged. The diameter of small stems with height can reach 50-120 cm, spreading. Reddish green or purplish-green stems

Leaves (Folium)

Granola varieties of potato leaf is a compound leaf (folium compasitum) which has an open leaf arrangement, arranged opposite each other, alternately pinnate and hairy leaf surfaces. While the leaves of potato variety Granola *in vitro* only have a single leaf (Folium simplex) with the upper surface hairy leaves (Figure 3).



Figure 3:-Leaves compound (A) in -vivo and leaves tungal (B) in - vitro

Leaf is an organ whose growth is limited and generally symmetrical dorsiventral. Leaf flattening is related to its function in photosynthesis, because with the shape of the leaf, the area of leaf exposed to sunlight can be wider. The leaves are covered by both surfaces each by a layer of the epidermis. The outer surface of the epidermis is often coated with thick or thin cuticles. Stomata are on both sides. Mesophyll tissue does not experience differentiation into palisade tissue and spongy tissue, but consists of parenchymal cells with chloroplasts and intercellular space between them [10].

Root (radix) -

The root is part of the axis of the plant growing in the soil below the root surface first seed plants grown from root tip meristem apex in the embryo within the seed that germinated. In gymnosperms and dicots, the roots grow and grow to the primary roots with smaller branches.

Potatoes generally have a taproot and fiber roots system. Taproot can penetrate the soil to a depth of 45 cm, while the roots of fibers generally grow spread (spread) to the side and penetrate the shallow soil. Whitish-colored plant roots very small and delicate. Among these roots there will be changes in form and function into tubers (stolons) which will then become potato tubers [14].

Propagation of potatoes with tissue culture (*in vitro*) on Murashige and Skoog media [15] requires auxin zpt to stimulate lateral root formation by activating perisicle cells to divide and develop and then give rise to roots. Auxin greatly influences the initiation of cell division, cell elongation, and promotes the formation of adventitious roots [16] Therefore the roots formed in in vitro potato plants are rooted in fibers which have many adventitious roots.

Observation of potato roots *in vivo* on Granola potato varieties has different root morphology with potatoes in vitro (Figure 4.). In *in vivo* potatoes the roots are tapered (radix primaria) and in vitro potatoes have fibrous roots (radix adventicia)



Figure 4:-The roots of potato (A) In - vivo (B) In - vitro

Bulbs -

Bulbs are formed of side branches among the roots. The process of tuber formation is characterized by stopping the elongated growth of the stolon followed by enlargement so that the stolon swells. Tubers function to store food ingredients such as carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins, minerals, and water [17] Potatoes themselves are tubers

that are formed from stems called tuber caulogenum. Sunarjono [18] added that potatoes are a type of tubers which has scaly buds that can become new plants. The shape of the potato tuber varieties of Granola *in vivo* and *in vitro* are oval in shape with the smoothness of the skin being medium yellow potatoes, shallow bulb eyes and fleshy light yellow (Figure 5).



Figure 5:-(A) in -vivo and (B) in - vitro

Potato tubers -

The skin surface is getting old potato tubers stored consumption showed a shrinkage in line with the magnitude of shrinkage diameter. The change in the surface of the consumption potato tuber skin is also caused by the activity of respiration in harvested products such as on the potato tuber [19].

Characterization Anatomy –

The anatomical characteristics of plants that can be observed include the cell structure and the constituent tissue of the plant. Anatomical structure that can be used as a reference in the characterization of plants. According Handayani and Evita [20] in young dicotyledonous stems there are three regions namely the epidermis, cortex and stele. The epidermis is composed of a single layer of cells and an outer portion of the stem. The area next to the epidermis is the cortex, and on the inside of the cortex is limited by perisikel. The cortex is divided into two areas: the area kolenkim and parenchymal area. Kolenkim position below the epidermis and parenchyma on the inside kolenkim. Stele consists of perisikel, vascular bundle and pith. Vascular bundle in whorls. Each beam consists of xylem, cambium and phloem. The vascular bundles are spread, including the pith so there is no clear boundary between the cortex and the pith. Anatomy of *in vitro* potato stems is shown in Figure 6.



Figure 6:-Anatomy of *in vitro* potato stems at a magnification of 40 x 10

The roots are formed from three type of tissue including, dermal tissue, parenchymal tissue, and the vascular tissue. he cortex is composed of layers of the epidermis and parenchyma. Epidermis layer is the outer portion of the root. At the bottom of the epidermis there is a network of sclerenkim, cortical parenchyma tissue that has a lot of space between cells. Between the cortex and the vascular tissue there is a layer of cells that has a dense structure similar to the epidermis, which is called the endodermis. Vascular tissue consists of alternating xylem and phloem bundles arranged in a circle. On the outside of the cylindrical vessel is a layer of cells called perisicles [20].



Figure 7:-The anatomy of potato roots in vivo

Stomata-

Stomata are gaps in the epidermis that are bounded by two special epidermal cells, namely guard cells. Cells that surround the stomata can be shaped the same or different from other epidermal cells. Different cells that form the cell is called a subsidiary cell. Subsidiary cells play a role in osmotic changes that cause cell movement closing the set width of the gap [21]. Subsidiary cells morphologically distinct from other epidermal cells, which consists of two or more subsidiary cells that surround the guard cell, which is related function [22]

The anatomical structure observed in this study was the stomata found on the underside of the leaves and the upper surface of the potato leaves of Granola varieties *in vivo* and *in vitro*. According to Fahn [6] potatoes are anisocytic stomata because they belong to the Solanaceae family. However, there are differences in stomata density between the leaves of the Granola variety *in vivo* and *in vitro* as shown in Figure 8.



Figure 8:-Comparison of stomata in the upper and lower leaves of potato in vivo and in vitro (A) the upper leaves of potato in vivo (B) the lower of leaves in vivo (C) the upper leaves in vitro and (D) the lower of leaves in vitro

Description: a = pore stomata b = guard cells c = subsidiary cell

Stomata is a modification of specialized epidermal tissue into an organ that acts as the entry and exit of air and water in the leaves [7]. Rompas [8] states that the stomata are generally found on the undersides of leaves, but there are some species of plant stomata on the upper and lower surfaces of the leaves. Location of stomata on the leaves of dicotyledonous generally spread on epidermisnya eg on potato. This is presumably related to genetic and morphological properties in dicotyledonous plants and monocots [23].

Type of stomata in dicotyledonous based on the composition of epidermal cells adjacent to the existing neighboring cells 5 are anomocytic, anisocytic, parasitic, diacitic and actinositic. Stomata of potato including anisositik that ach guard cell is surrounded by 3 neighboring cells that are not the same size [6]. It can be seen the comparison of the density and stomata index of upper and lower *in vivo* and *in vitro* potato plants in Table 2.

Table 2 shows the average density of stomata on potato *in vivo* at the top of the leaf (epistomatik) is greater, namely 0,035 compared with the upper leaf stomatal density (epistomatik) plants in vitro is 0.031. In contrast to the underside of leaves (hipostomatik) stomatal density of potato plants in vitro is larger, ie 0.066 compared to the density of stomata of the underside of leaves (hipostomatik) potato plants *in vivo* 0.055*um*

potato leaf	repeat	Stomata density (um)		Stomata index (%)	
		In - vivo	In - vitro	In - vivo	In – vitro
The top of the leaf	1	0.048	0.031	13.86	19:17
(epistomatik)	2	0.035	0.042	08:04	-
	3	0.022	0.022	05:49	-
Average		0.035	0.031	09:13	19:17
The underside of the	1	0.066	0.088	21.97	34.37
leaves (hipostomatik)	2	0.057	0.048	-	-
	3	0.044	0.064	-	-
Average		0055	0.066	21.97	34.37

Table 2:-Comparison of density and stomatal index above and below the potato plant stomata in vivo and in vitro

Description: (-) cells epidermisnya not clear that it can not be calculated

The average index of stomata in Table 2 shows the stomata index (%) at the upper of the potato leaf (epistomatik) and lower sections thereof (hipostomatik) potato plants in *vitro* is greater than the leaves of potato plants *in vivo*. Nurhidayah *et al.* [24] reported a potato leaf stomata influenced by the environment.

Different types of stomata can occur in the same family or can also occur in the organ and the same species [25] According Djumali and Mulyaningsih [26], the process of opening and closing of stomata affect the availability of CO_2 in the leaves, while the thickening process leaves affects the amount of light-harvesting apparatus in the leaves. The greater the higher the intensity of light up to a certain level will be followed by greater stomatal opening and the greater the rate of transpiration and the results of this study found that the old leaf stomata chlorophyll content average is higher than the chlorophyll content of young leaves [27].

The starch content -

Starch is a carbohydrate which is a polysaccharide resulting from the synthesis of green plants through the process of photosynthesis and consists of amylose and amylopectin. Starch has a granular crystalline form that is insoluble in water at room temperature which has the size and shape depending on the type of plant. The process of isolating amylose and amylopectin from potato starch resulted in a significant amylose and amylopectin% 97.98% amylose from amylose-rich starch A and 98.96% amylopectin from starch B-rich amylopectin. [28]. According to Sjamisiah et al., [29] starch levels found in potatoes are around 22% -28%.

In its original form naturally starch are small granules are often called granules. The modified starch is starch treated with the aim to produce better properties to improve the properties before [30]. In Figure 8 we can see the difference in starch formed in potato plants *in vivo* more than in vitro potato plants shown by granules or small granules seen in Figures 8 A and 8 B. Maulida [31] adds the height of potato plants Medians affect starch levels and amylopectin levels.



Figure 8:-Potato Starch (A) in -vivo and (B) in - vitro

High temperatures reduce the translocation of photosynthesis to sweet potatoes and increase their translocation into leaves and stems, so that the starch content in sweet potatoes is small, but there is more sugar in the upper plants. 72% decrease in sucrose synthase enzyme activity occurs in potatoes which are sensitive to high temperatures, while

in tolerant potatoes it is only reduced by 59%, besides that the enzyme activity that plays a role in starch metabolism will be suppressed at 30 °C soil temperature conditions, resulting in inhibition the conversion of sugar into [32]. Starch in leaves and stored in the chloroplasts, the storage organs, carbohydrates stored in amiloplas formed as the result of translocation of sucrose or other carbohydrates from leaves. Starch is always in one item or several items in the plastid [33].

Content of Chlorophyll

Chlorophyll is a major component in the process of photosynthesis. The higher chlorophyll content is associated with an increase in photosynthesis and an increase in photosynthates and their utilization for plant growth processes [35]. In higher plants there are 2 kinds of chlorophyll, namely; chlorophyll a (C55H72O5N4Mg) dark green and chlorophyll b ($C_{55}H_{70}O_6N_4Mg$). Its light green. Chlorophyll-a and b are most strongly absorbing light in the red (600-700 nm) while the least green light (500-600 nm). While the blue light of the spectrum is absorbed by carotenoids. Carotenoids play a role to help absorb the light so that the solar spectrum can be put to better use. Carotenoids absorbed energy is passed on to the chlorophyll-a to be absorbed is used in the process of photosynthesis, as well as chlorophyll-b. The energy absorbed by chlorophyll b and carotenoids forwarded to chlorophyll for use in photosynthesis process of phase I (light reaction) consisting of photosystem I and II, as well as chlorophyll b.

Treatment	repeat	Chlorophyll (µg / ml)			
		а	В	Total	
In - vivo	1	1.52	0.74	2.26	
	2	1.53	0.75	2.29	
	3	1.61	0.81	2.41	
Average		1.55	0.77	2,32	
In - vitro	1	1.12	0.67	1.80	
	2	1.22	0.63	1.85	
	3	1.03	0.53	1.56	
Average		1.12	0.61	1.74	

Table 3:-Chlorophyll content of potato leaves of Granola varieties in vivo and in vitro

In Table 3 the analysis of chlorophyll a, b and total shows that the *in vivo* variety of Granola potatoes is higher than that of *in vitro* Granola potatoes, which is 2.32 μ g / ml in total chlorophyll, 1.55 μ g / ml and 0.77 μ g / ml in chlorophyll a and b. Ai and Banyo [35] state that chlorophyll is the main factor affecting photosynthesis. Photosynthesis is the process of change of inorganic compounds (CO₂ and H₂O) into organic compounds (carbohydrates) and O₂ with the aid of sunlight. Chlorophyll is the main pigment found in chlorophyll a and b are the C3 atom contained methyl group to chlorophyll a to chlorophyll b aldehydes. Therefore both have different absorption of light waves. The role of the pigment chlorophyll is in the photosystem reaction.

According to Salisbury and Ross [11] Chlorophyll a plays a direct role in light reactions, converting solar energy into chemical energy, but other pigments in thylakoid membranes can absorb light and transfer energy to chlorophyll a in light reactions. One of these accessories pigments is another form of chlorophyll, namely chlorophyll b. chlorophyll a is blue-green while chlorophyll b is yellow-green. When photons of sunlight are absorbed by chlorophyll b, energy is channeled into chlorophyll a so that it is as if chlorophyll has absorbed the photon. The formation of chlorophyll b requires O2 and NADPH2 with the help of the enzyme chlorophyll a oxygenasie (CAO).

Conclusion:-

Based on research that has been done can be concluded that:

- 1. There are differences in morphology between potato plants in vitro and in vivo
- 2. There are anatomical differences between the anatomy of the leaves and stems of potato plants in vitro and in vivo
- 3. The results showed a stomata on both upper and lower leaf surfaces
- 4. Under stomata stomata are more numerous than the top.

5. The content of chlorophyll a, b and total potato crop in vitro less tight in vivo

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