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THIDIAZURON - INDUCED HIGH FREQUENCY SHOOT REGENERATION FROM LEAF AND NODE DERIVED CALLUS OF *PUERARIA TUBEROSA* DC, WILLD, A MEDICINALLY IMPORTANT WOODY CLIMBER.

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Abstract

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Key words:-

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An efficient protocol is developed for the induction of shoot regeneration from leaf and node derived callus of *Pueraria tuberosa* on MS medium supplemented with TDZ (Thidiazuron) (2.0mg/l) and IAA (1.0mg/l) after two of subsequent subcultures. This is the first report of its kind in this plant of *Pueraria tuberosa*. It is belongs to member of Paplionaceae family. The obtained shoots were elongated after four weeks on the same medium and induced roots by transferring the cultures on half strength MS medium supplemented with 3.0 mg/l IBA after four weeks of inoculation. These plantlets were allowed for hardening and acclimatization for field transfer.

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Introduction:-

Pueraria tuberosa is commonly known as Indian kudzu. *Pueraria tuberosa* is widely spread over China, Japan, India and Pakistan. Kudzu is adapted to a wide range of soil types are acidic, rocky mountainous and fertile lowland soils (Whyte *e al.*, 1953; Skerman, 1977; Duke, 1981). It is an important medicinal plant in traditional system of medicine in Ayurveda. It has been used to effect on vascular smooth muscle tissue cardiovascular risk factor and cerebrovascular fibrinolysis (Kashyap *et al.*, 2005). It is used for neurological and psychiatric disorder and lung diseases (Kusano and Ferrani, 2008), kidney failure and cancer stage I and II (Bingham *et al.*, 1998). *Pueraria tuberosa* tubers are used as anti-rheumatic, diuretic and immune booster (Khare, 2007 and Puri, 2003). The vegetative mode of propagation by using root tubers of *Pueraria tuberosa* is a major hurdle for its development. As it has been used for various ailments it becomes vulnerable. Till to date there is no proper protocol for the regeneration of plantlets for use. For, this we have developed a protocol for the high frequency regeneration of plantlets from leaf and node derived callus of *Pueraria tuberosa* by using TDZ and IAA in MS medium with repeated subcultures.

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Materials And Methods:-

Explant sterilization: Young leaves and nodal explants of *Pueraria tuberosa* were collected from the 2 years old plant from research field of Botany Department. These explants were washed under running tap water for 10-15 minutes and surface sterilized with 0.1% Hgcl₂ for 5-6 minutes, rinsed 3-4 times with sterilized distilled water. After sterilization leaf and node explants were cut into small pieces and inoculated on MS medium supplemented with

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different concentrations and combinations of auxins and cytokinins and casein hydrolysate. The P^{H} of the medium was adjusted to 5.8 before the addition of agar agar and culture medium was autoclaved at $121^{\circ}C$ with 15 Lbs pressure for 20 minutes. After inoculation all culture tubes were incubated at $25\pm2^{\circ}C$, 16 hrs light/8 hrs dark of photoperiod with illumination of 1500-3500 lux fluorescent tube lights.

Resuls:-

Callus induction: leaf and node explants of *Pueraria tuberosa* were cultured on MS medium fortified with 2, 4-D, NAA and IAA alone and incombination with BAP. Different types of calli were produced from leaf and node explants after two subcultures each with four weeks. Green compact callus was induced on MS medium fortified with 2.5 mg/l IAA + 2.0 mg/l BAP and 2.0 mg/l NAA + 2.0 mg/l BAP. This callus was utilized for further regeneration studies.

In Vitro Shoot Regeneration:-

Effect of BAP, Kn, TDZ incombination with IAA:-

Green compact callus of leaf and node derived callus of *P. tuberosa* was cultured on MS medium supplemented with 2.5 mg/l BAP + 1.0 mg/l IAA for the induction of shoots. Few small sized shoot buds were developed after four weeks of culture from leaf and node derived callus. These buds were developed into shoots after two weeks of culture on the same medium after one passage (Table-1, Fig-1a). The mean number of shoots were higher from leaf derived callus. Higher mean number of shoots (4.42 ± 0.34) were achieved from node derived callus on MS medium fortified with 2.0 mg/l Kn + 1.0 mg/l IAA of *P. tuberosa* (Fig-1).

The most effective (5.12 ± 0.23) in vitro shoot bud regeneration was achieved from leaf derived callus on MS medium fortified with 2.0 mg/l TDZ +1.0 mg/l IAA after two passages. The higher and lower concentration of TDZ did not promote in the proliferation of shoot buds in *Pueraria tuberosa* (Table-1, Fig-1b).

Effect of BAP, NAA, IAA incombination with Casein hydrolysate:-

When the callus was inoculated on MS medium supplemented with 1.5 mg/l BAP + 200 mg/l Casein Hydrolysate (CH), the callus proliferated into shoot buds without leaching of phenolic compounds after two subcultures (Table-2, Fig-2). By using the concentration of BAP was increased from 1.5mg/l to 2.0mg/l, the mean number of shoots were increased both from leaf and node derived callus cultures (Fig-1c). The further enhancement in the mean number of shoots was achieved on MS medium supplemented with 2.0 mg/l NAA and 200mg/l CH. MS medium fortified with IAA (2.0mg/l) with 200mg/l CH also promoted shoot buds induction in both the cases after six weeks of culture with lower frequency. MS medium fortified with (2.0 mg/l) NAA and (200mg/l) CH also promoted shoot buds induction from both leaf and node derived callus after six weeks of cultures. Among the all combinations and concentrations the most effective shoot bud regeneration was achieved in MS medium supplemented with TDZ incombination with IAA from leaf derived callus and NAA in combination with CH from node derived callus of *Pueraria tuberosa*.

Effect of various auxins on rooting:-

In vitro shoot cultures were used for induction of rooting. The *in vitro* root initiation was observed after 20-30 days of inoculation of rooting medium. We have tested different concentrations and combinations of auxins, the highest mean number of roots (4.05 ± 0.18) was observed on $\frac{1}{2}$ strength MS medium fortified with 3.0 mg/l IBA in *Pueraria tuberosa* (Fig-1d). After rooting, plantlets were transferred for hardening and acclimatization.

Hardening and Acclimatization:-

The *in vitro* rooted plants with fully expanded leaves and well developed roots were removed from culture tubes, without damaging root system and rinsed with sterile distilled water to remove adhering nutrient agar-agar medium and then transferred into the polycups with compost vermin and autoclaved soil in the ratio of 1:3. The polycups were covered with polybags to maintain high humidity and kept in culture chamber. They were gradually exposed from artificial environmental conditions to natural acclimatization (Fig-1e & 1f).

Discussions:-

The higher number of (4.35 ± 0.23) was proliferated from leaf derived callus on MS medium fortified with 2.5 mg/l BAP + 1.0 mg/l IAA, after four weeks of culture. Similar results were observed on MS medium fortified with BAP in combination with IAA from petiole explant of *Phaseolus* (Mamun *et al.*, 2004). Veltcheva and Svetleva, 2005,

were reported from cotyledon derived callus on MS with different concentration of BAP with IAA (*Albizia lebbeck*). Priyanka *et al*, were observed highest mean number of shoots from leaf derived callus cultures on MS medium fortified with different concentrations of BAP in combination with Kn (*Psorolia corylifolia*). We have observed the moderate shoot proliferation on MS medium fortified with TDZ with IAA in *Pueraria tuberosa*. Higher mean number of shoot buds (5.12 ± 0.24) were proliferated on MS medium supplemented with 2.0 mg/l TDZ + 1.0 mg/l IAA from leaf derived callus of *Pueraria tuberosa*. Similarly maximum mean number of shoots with isoflavonoids production was reported on MS with TDZ with IBA from *Pueraria tuberosa* (Udomusk *et al.*, 2009). Mohamed *et al* (2006) were reported that the effective regeneration on MS medium supplemented with BAP with TDZ induced highest mean number of shoot formation in *Phaseolus angularis*. Tzitzikas *et al* (2004) were also observed to stimulate bud regeneration and shoot multiplication on MS medium supplemented with TDZ with BAP or any other growth hormones of *Pisum sativum*. Alone TDZ also proliferated shoot elongation from *Psoralea corylifolia* (Shinde *et al.*, 2009).

In our investigation shoot buds were also proliferated from leaf and node callus of *Pueraria tuberosa* on MS medium supplemented with BAP with CH without leaching phenolic compound were in the medium. Vasanth *et al.*, (2006), were observed most effective *in vitro* shoot regeneration on MS medium supplemented with BA (1.5 Mm) +NAA (1.0 mM) + PVP (25 Mm) from cotyledon and embryonal axes of *Arachis hypogaea*. Different concentrations of NAA incombination with CH, moderate number of shoot buds observed from leaf and node derived callus of *Pueraria tuberosa*. Vasanth *et al.*, (2006), were reported that the individual concentrations of BA, NAA, PVP, L-Glutamine enhanced maximum mean number of shoot multiplication of *Arachis hypogaea*. Similarly, the effective regeneration was observed on IAA with various amino acid in *Arachis hypogaea*. After regeneration of plantlets they were transferred into ½ strength MS rooting medium for rooting. Highest roots were observed on MS medium with 3.0 mg/l IBA alone after two weeks of culture. Similar results were observed on ½ strength MS with 2.0-3.0 mg/l IBA from Chick pea (Udomusk *et al.*, 2009). Priyanka *et al.*, (2013) was also reported 2.5 µM IBA was best result in *Psorolea corylifolia*.

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MS with growth regulator				In vitro shoot bud regeneration			
concentration(mg/l)				Leaf derived callus		Node derived callus	
				No of shoots	Shoot length(cm)	No of shoots	Shoot length (cm)
BAP	Kn	TDZ	IAA	(Mean±S.E)	(Mean±S.E)	(Mean±S.E)	(Mean±S.E)
0.5			1.0				
1.0			1.0				
1.5			1.0	1.25±0.36	0.45±0.30		
2.0			1.0	2.01±0.34	0.66±0.41	1.34±0.32	0.44±0.22
2.5			1.0	4.35±0.23	1.22±0.28	4.05±0.37	0.95±0.33
3.0			1.0	2.40±0.31	1.45±0.34	2.05±0.38	0.40±0.36
	0.5		1.0				
	1.0		1.0				
	1.5		1.0			2.35±0.31	0.52±0.31
	2.0		1.0	1.84 ± 0.24	0.66±0.27	4.42±0.34	1.12±0.37
	2.5		1.0	2.02±0.33	1.04±0.33	1.52±0.26	1.24±0.43
	3.0		1.0	1.25±0.39	0.32 ± 0.42		
		0.5	1.0				
		1.0	1.0	2.06±0.24	0.45±0.18		
		1.5	1.0	2.20±0.28	0.84±0.22		
		2.0	1.0	5.12±0.23	1.08±0.32		
		2.5	1.0	3.26±0.32	0.66±0.27	3.15±0.29	0.22±0.27
		3.0	1.0			1.01±0.32	0.23±0.35

Table-1:- In vitro	shoot regeneration	via indirect	organogenesis	from lea	f and node	derived ca	allus cultured	d on MS
with BAP, Kn and	I TDZ in combinatio	n with IAA	in Pueraria tub	perosa.				

*Data was collected after six weeks

MS with growth regulator				In vitro shoot bud regeneration				
concentration(mg/l)				Leaf derived cal	llus	Node derived callus		
				No of shoots	Shoot length(cm)	No of shoots	Shoot length(cm)	
BAP	NAA	IAA	Casine	(Mean±S.E)	(Mean±S.E)	(Mean±S.E)	(Mean±S.E)	
0.5			200					
1.0			200					
1.5			200	1.25±0.36	0.45±0.30			
2.0			200	1.31±0.34	0.66±0.41	1.24±0.32	0.34±0.24	
2.5			200	2.15±0.20	0.22±0.32	2.25±0.21	1.05 ± 0.30	
3.0			200	1.40±0.31	1.25±0.34	1.05 ± 0.36	1.12±0.34	
	0.5		200					
	1.0		200					
	1.5		200	2.20±0.28	0.84±0.22			
	2.0		200	3.10±0.23	0.40±0.32	3.42±0.34	1.02±0.33	
	2.5		200	1.26±0.32	0.66±0.27	1.12±0.26	0.24±0.38	
	3.0		200					
		0.5	200					
		1.0	200					
		1.5	200					
		2.0	200	2.52±0.30	0.34±0.26	3.05±0.29	0.42 ± 0.27	
		2.5	200	1.25±0.24	0.32±0.42	0.15±0.32	0.23±0.35	
		3.0	200					

Table-2:- *In vitro* shoot regeneration via indirect organogenesis from leaf and node derived callus cultured on MS with BAP, NAA and IAA in combination with CH in *Pueraria tuberosa*.

*Data was collected after six weeks









Fig 3:- In vitro shoot bud regeneration from callus, rooting, hardening and acclimatization of Pueraria tuberosa



- a. Induction of callus from nodal explant cultured on MS medium supplemented with 2.0 mg/l NAA+2.0 mg/l BAP
- b. *In vitro* shoot bud regeneration from leaf derived callus cultured on MS medium supplemented with 2.0 mg/l TDZ +1.0 mg/l IAA
- c. *In vitro* shoot bud regeneration from node derived callus cultured on MS medium supplemented with 2.0 mg/l NAA+200 mg/l CH
- d. In vitro rooting from regenerated plantlets cultured on MS medium supplemented with 5.0 mg/l IBA
- e. Hardening of plantlets in polythin cup with soil (1:3) vermicompost
- f. Acclimatization of plantlets in soil and vermicompost mixture.

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