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Abstract

Plant tissue culture pertains to the cultivation and proliferation of plant cells, tissues, and organs on predetermined solid or either liquid media within a controlled and aseptic environment. Micropropagation, which is conducted mainly using axillary buds, in-system cuttings, but also to a lesser extent from somatic embryos, cell clusters within suspension cultures, and bioreactors, is the means by which rapid proliferation is achieved. In contemporary times, plant tissue culture has been employed to preserve endangered plant species via cryopreservation, also referred to as long-term conservation, and short & medium term conservation, also known as sluggish growth. This Review paper examines the process of plant tissue culture that are commonly employed in biotechnological instruments for both fundamental and practical objectives, including functional gene investigations, examination of "plant developmental processes", and commercial research.

Keyword: Plant tissue culture, micro propogation, endangered plant speicies, genetic engineering.

Introduction

"Plant tissue culture" refers to the in vitro aseptic growing of cells, tissues, organs, or the complete plant under carefully regulated environmental and nutritional conditions, often with the aim of creating plant clones. The clones generated exhibit authenticity with respect to the selected genotype. The milieu fostered by the controlled conditions is conducive to the growth and dissemination of the culture. An sufficient nutrient supply, an appropriate gaseous and liquid environment, an appropriate pH medium, and an appropriate temperature are all components of these conditions. The application of "plant tissue culture" technology to the bulk production of plants is on the rise.

Plant tissue culture methods have been more important in the industrial sector in recent years, not only as a tool for research but also for disease control, plant propagation, plant improvement, and the synthesis of secondary metabolites. It is possible to multiply explants, which are little pieces of tissue, into hundreds and thousands of plants using a continuous process. A single explant can generate several thousand plants in a relatively short period of time and space, irrespective of the season or weather, if it is maintained year-round under controlled conditions. Micropropagation has demonstrated its efficacy in the cultivation and preservation of rare, imperilled, and endangered species by virtue of its "high coefficient of multiplication" and minimal initial plant quantity and space requirements. In addition, it is widely acknowledged that plant tissue culture represents the most efficacious technological methodology for augmenting crops via the production of somaclonal and gametoclonal variants. The utilisation of micropropagation technology holds tremendous promise in terms of generating superior-quality plants and isolating advantageous variants within high-yielding, well-adapted genotypes that exhibit enhanced resistance to disease and stress.

Clones possessing heritable characteristics that are unique to the parent plants are generated due to the possibility of somaclonal variability occurring in specific callus cultures. As a consequence, agriculturally valuable improved cultivars are produced. When it comes to commercial plant production, using micropropagation techniques has several advantages over traditional methods including air-layering, grafting, cutting, and seed. Rapid processes of propagation possess the capacity to produce plants that are entirely free from any form of pathogen. Coryodalis yanhusuo, an essential medicinal plant, was propagated using "somatic embryogenesis from tuber-derived callus" to produce disease-free tubers. Meristem tip cultures were derived from banana plants that exhibited no presence of the "banana bunchy top virus" or brome mosaic virus (BMV). Achieving higher yields has been accomplished by cultivating pathogen-free germplasm in vitro. In controlled settings, the production of potatoes free of viruses rose by up to 150%.(Oseni et al., 2018)

The medium for plant tissue culture comprises every essential nutrient necessary for the proper development and growth of plants. The solid medium primarily consists of vitamins, macronutrients, micronutrients, additional organic components, regulators of plant growth, carbon sources, and, in the case of solid medium, gelling agents. MS medium, alternatively referred to as Murashige & Skoog medium, is the prevailing medium employed for the vegetative in vitro propagation of a wide array of plant species. A critical determinant in plant development as well as the efficacy of "plant growth regulators" is the pH of the medium. The value is adjusted within the range of 5.4 to 5.8. In the context of cultivation, it is possible to utilise liquid as well as solid media. Considerable influences of the composition of the medium, particularly the nitrogen source and plant hormones, are evident in initial explant's reaction. Important components in determining how cells and tissues develop in culture media are plant growth regulators (PGR"s). The most commonly utilised plant growth regulators are auxins, cytokines, and gibberellins.

The hormone kind and concentration are mostly determined by the kind of plant, the organ or tissue being grown, and the goal of the study. The auxin and cytokine concentrations were the most important factors in determining the kind of culture that was formed or regenerated in plant tissue culture, two plant growth regulators that are often used. Typically, an overabundance of auxins promotes the commencement of root development, whereas an overabundance of cytokinins induces stalk regeneration. A combination of auxin and cytokinin results in the formation of callus, which is an assembly of undifferentiated cells. Supplementation of Stevia rebaudiana with 0.5 mg/l NAA resulted in the most pronounced root induction as well as proliferation. Typically, cytokinins promote cell division and start the growth of shoots, including axillary shoot proliferation. A high auxin-to-cytokinin ratio inhibits the development of roots, while a high cytokinin-to-auxin ratio promotes the growth of stalks. Maximum shoot initiation and proliferation were seen when 0.5 mg/l of BA was added to black pepper-callus-transfer medium.

1- Micro propagation

Recently, in vitro clonal propagation, also known as micropropagation, has emerged as a prominent extended commercial application of tissue culture. Plant tissue culture is an exceptionally efficient technique for asexually propagating species that exhibit asexual reproduction as a natural process. Moreover, it is utilised to tackle specific obstacles that are linked to the germination of seeds in a wide range of plant species. For example, recalcitrant species can be identified by their ability to produce viable short-seeds, which makes asexual multiplication a feasible substitute.While the utilisation of tissue culture for micropropagating nearly any plant species is possible, it is advised to restrict this process to economically viable varieties. The ornamental plant species are presently the most prevalent ones that are micropropagated for commercial purposes.

2- Organogenesis

Despite having a portion of their meristems removed, plant limbs and roots retain the functions of apical meristems. On the contrary, organogenesis enables plant cells of differentiated tissues or either organs to generate new shoots and lateral roots when the entire meristem is removed. When an explant is connected to a newly growing organ in vitro, the process is called organogenesis. Rearranging cell division in order to generate particular primordia and meristems and dedifferentiating differentiated cells are the processes involved.

3- Somatic embryogenesis

Utilising somatic embryogenesis as a biotechnological technique, economically significant cultivars are propagated. This occurrence exemplifies a type of totipotency that is detected in plant cells; it involves the

development of embryos from vegetative/ somatic cells without the need for fertilisation. Several factors, such as the culture media, the explant's origin, and the in vitro environmental circumstances, affect the efficacy or absence thereof of the somatic embryogenesis response. While somatic cells advance through the stages of embryogenesis, they construct structures that bear resemblance to zygotic embryos—albeit devoid of gamete fusion.

In the case of challenging-to-breed plant commodities or those with a weak genetic foundation, somaclonal variation may emerge as an exceptionally valuable alternative for breeders. Indirect plant regeneration occurs in two stages via embryogenesis or organogenesis.Following the induction of callus in the initial stage, somatic embryos or shoot meristems are generated from callus tissues in the second stage, culminating in the formation of an organ. Organogenesis and embryogenesis are significantly impacted by factors including light regime, temperature, humidity, genotype, carbohydrate, gelling agent, medium, phytohormones, and genotype.

Regeneration of shoot clusters is possible from shoot ends or bud stems containing a protoplast, pollen, and mature somatic tissues. Protoplasts, when cultivated in a suitable medium, are capable of generating complete plants and constructing new cell walls. Genome modification during protoplast regeneration could likely facilitate crop enhancement. The implementation of genome editing technology enables the alteration of both the sequences of genes within an organism and the configuration of their expression patterns. The field of genome editing comprises an extensive array of techniques that make use of recombinase systems that are site-specific or site-specific nuclease (SSN). Genome editing, which entails a low risk of unintended effects and is a rapid procedure, can be applied to any crop, even those with complex, difficult-to-breed genomes.

4- Genetic engineering

The use of recombinant molecular biology methods in conjunction with plant tissue culture systems has made plant genetic engineering a reality. With the use of plant genetic engineering, scientists are able to insert and integrate DNA sequences from other species into plant genomes in order to impart certain traits. After the isolation of the target gene, a construct is constructed within a suitable vector in order to facilitate genetic transformation through physical or biological means (typically microparticle bombardment or Agrobacterium tumefaciens-mediated infection). Prominent agricultural commodities, such as soybeans, maize, wheat, cotton, and rice, have been subjected to genetic modification; at present, transgenic crops exhibiting resistance to herbicides or parasites inhabit millions of hectares.

Stages of tissue culture process

1- Preparation of Nutrient medium

In double-distilled water, a solid medium that is partially encapsulated is formulated with macroelements, microelements, amino acids, vitamins, an iron source, a carbon source such as sucrose, and phytohormones. Each wide-mouth vial is filled with 25–50 ml of the hot media used to dissolve the agar. Following this, the receptacles containing the culture media are autoclaved to sterilise them.

2- Establishment of aseptic culture

Generally, the primary substance employed in the procedure is the apex of a stalk derived from a plant's growing axillary, terminal, or blossom. The commencement of "tissue culture" procedure entails the meticulous choice of maternal plants which exhibit the desired attributes. It is preferable to isolate meristematic tissue of chosen mother plant ex-plant. Following a water wash, the excision or transplant is flushed with a disinfectant solution (e.g., Savlon or Detol), after which it is again cleansed with sterile water. Following this, the plant tissue is submerged in a ten percent bleach solution for 10 minutes in order to disinfect it and eliminate the majority of bacterial and fungal organisms. The method of sterilising explants is specific to the explant species and variety.

3- Hardening of micro plants

The plantlets are fragile and unprepared to withstand field conditions due to the artificial development conditions and extremely high humidity levels within the culture vessel. After being extracted from the sterilised medium, the plants are rinsed and either subjected to intermittent mist or enveloped in clean transparent plastic for preservation. The plants are transplanted to a greenhouse and raised for an additional four to six weeks following ten to fifteen days in high humidity. Then, they are prepared for transfer to the field or net house. Plants derived from tissue culture are typically offered for sale as hardened specimens or ex-agar plants from the greenhouse.

4- Ex-agar plants

The availability of ex-agar plants for sale may be limited to branches or in vitro rooted plants, contingent upon customer-specified variables such as soil quality, location, and climatic conditions. During this phase, "tissue culture plants" gets offered for sale subsequent to a sterile water treatment in which the agar medium is removed. The purified plants are categorised into two to three groups and enclosed in sterile tissue paper-lined corrugated plastic containers, in adherence to the export guidelines set forth by the "Plant Quarantine Authority of the Government of India". The precise number of plants included in each bundle is determined by the buyer's specifications. In order to mitigate the risk of infection, specific fungicides and antibiotics are administered to the plants, depending on their final destination & customer's choice. Exporting or relocating ex-agar plants to areas with accessible hardening facilities is preferred. 72 hours following their extraction from nutrient media is the optimal time to transplant plants.

5- Hardened plants

After establishing their roots and branches completely in the flasks, the plants are subsequently transferred to net containers or protrays to acclimatise. After transferring the rooted plantlets to containers containing an appropriate substrate, they are irrigated with water. This procedure is executed on a vacant workbench. After that, the containers are moved to the greenhouse for a duration of four to six weeks. They are subjected to the same fertilisation and treatment protocols as plantlets acquired via alternative propagation methods. After the plants have acclimated completely, they are transferred to polybags. At last, the vegetation has sufficiently solidified to become suitable for direct sowing into the field. It is possible to implement hardening devices at a distance from the micropropagation unit.

Literature Review

(Gemechu, 2021) Critical to the successful in vitro propagation of specific plant species, especially woody and perennial varieties, browning constitutes a substantial barrier in plant tissue culture. A variety of in vitro approaches have been employed to address the browning problem. These include pre-soaking explants in a solution containing antioxidants, integrating antioxidants into the growing medium, conducting cultivation during the dark period, and frequently subculturing explants. A frequently utilised technique involves pre-soaking explants in solutions containing antioxidants, including polyvinylpyrrolidone (PvP) and ascorbic acid (AC). Antioxidant solutions containing 0.2–0.5g/l PvP & 15–250 mg/l ascorbic acid are often added to MS medium to control browning in a variety of plants and explants. Following these solutions, AIP, citric acid, activated charcoal, and MES are added. An additional option is to sub-cultivate and incubate explants frequently during the gloomy period. This review endeavours to investigate and furnish a comprehensive understanding of the various approaches employed to manage the browning issue in plant tissue culture. It identifies specific methods that require further optimisation in order to effectively control browning when employing explants and same or different crops.

(Sutini et al., 2020) To enhance the genetic composition of cereals, plant breeders utilise a variety of methods; the efficacy of a given strategy is contingent on the physical, physiological, and hereditary attributes of the plant. Plant tissue culture is a method utilised in the field of plant breeding to enable several procedures, including the promotion of somatic embryogenesis, the induction of polyploidy, and the cultivation of anthers and ovules following the elimination of the fertiliser barrier, as well as "development of disease-free plants". It contributes significantly to plant and agricultural enhancement through its involvement in variation generation, germplasm conservation, and the reduction of the breeding cycle through the development of homozygous progenitors in a single generation. Consequently, the purpose of this review is to evaluate the use of tissue culture to enhance forest trees, ornamental crops, agricultural crops, or plants in general for the benefit of humanity.

(Oseni et al., 2018) Plant tissue culture has been widely applied in the fields of horticulture, forestry, agriculture, and plant reproduction. Utilisations of this applied biotechnology include in vitro cloning of plants, mass propagation, eradication of pathogens, and the production of secondary metabolites. More recently, plant tissue culture has found uses in cryopreservation, both short & medium term conservation (also called slow growth), and safeguarding of endangered plant species via short and medium term conservation (often called long term conservation). The aforementioned methodologies have demonstrated greater efficacy in the preservation of plant species harbouring resistant or compliant seeds in comparison to conventional conservation techniques.

(Gaikwad et al., 2017) Tissues, cells, and organs of plants may be grown and expand under sterile conditions using plant tissue culture medium that have been previously

defined. The commercial technology is predominately based on micropropagation, in which somatic embryos, in-system cuts, axillary buds, as well as to a lesser extent, cell clusters in suspended cultures, as well as bioreactors are utilised to achieve rapid proliferation.

(Bhatia, 2015) For both basic and applied purposes, such as functional gene studies, "plant developmental processes" analysis, and commercial applications, plant tissue culture methods are the most widely used biotechnological tools. Plant micropropagation, "generation of transgenic plants that have particular industrial" in addition to agronomic traits, plant breeding and crop improvement, removal of viruses from infected tissue to produce healthy, excellent plant material, conservation and preservation of germplasm via vegetative propagated plant crops, and efforts to rescue endangered or threatened plant species are among the initiatives that are supported. A multitude of factors exert a substantial impact on the capacity of explants to regenerate, encompassing light, medium constituents, phytoharmoids, and explant variety. Recent research has presented empirical support for the notion that molecular signals play a role in the processes of embryogenesis and organogenesis in response to explant injury, induced plant cell death, and phytoharmoes interaction. Tissue and cultured cells may be transported via various routes. The pathways that result in the mass production of the true-to-type plants are those that commercial multiplication prefers. Micropropagation is typically comprised of the following phases: propagation, explant initiation, explant subculture for proliferation, discharge and rooting, and adhardening. This stage is pertinent universally to the proliferation of organisms on a large scale. Growers and markets also need special attention when delivering hardened, tiny micropropagated plants.

(Sharma & Sidhu, 2014) Plant tissue culture is the controlled as well as aseptic environment in which plant tissues, cells, and organs are cultivated and proliferated on predetermined solid or liquid media. Axillary buds, somatic embryos, microscopic stem cuttings, cell clusters within suspension cultures, and bioreactors are utilised to a lesser extent in micropropagation, which is the primary method by which dynamic proliferation is achieved. Tissue and cultured cells may be transported via various routes. Preferably utilised for commercial multiplication are the pathways that result in the mass production of true-to-type plants. Typically, micropropagation is comprised of the following phases: prepropagation, explant initiation, explant subculture for proliferation, firing and rooting, and hardening. These stages exhibit universal applicability in the context of large-scale plant multiplication. It is also important to take additional precautions while transporting tiny, hardened micropropagated plants to farmers and retailers.

(Taşkin et al., 2013) In order to determine whether method is more effective at growing virus-free plants—meristem culture or shoot tip culture—this study also aimed to examine the two methods' suitability for micropropagation using different nutritional medium and determine how well the real-time PCR test detects viruses. In this investigation, two unique garlic species and two unique nutrient media were utilised. The results of the study suggested that Medium 2 produced superior results for both A. tuncelianum and A. sativum when compared to Medium 1. Tests for "onion yellow dwarf virus" & "leek yellow stripe virus" were conducted using a real-time PCR technique to identify their presence in in vitro plants derived from roots and stem tips. No viral contamination was detected in garlic plants which underwent meristem culture propagation. The presence of the viruses OYDV as well as LYSV was detected in seedlings obtained via stem tip culture. The OYDV virus was identified in 80% of the plants examined for A. sativum and 73% of the plants examined for A. tuncelianum. The LYSV virus was identified in 67% of the analysed plants of A. tuncelianum and 87% of the examined plants of A.

Conclusion

Tissue culture constitutes a critical component of applied biotechnology. Global climate change is an additional factor to be mindful of in the future decades, when accommodation space and agricultural lands will diminish substantially in tandem with the world's population growth. The utilisation of plant tissue in the preservation of imperilled plant species contributed to the safeguarding of natural resources as well as mitigation of the impacts of natural catastrophes that may cause species extinction, biodiversity decline, and ecosystem disruption. With these in mind, we must ensure that the next generation inherits a verdant, more tranquil, and hunger-free world. There is no viable substitute for this purpose besides plant tissue culture.

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