

# Effects of N-Benzyl -9-(2-tetrahydropyranyl and Indole -3-Acetic Acid In Vitro Culture of *Bauhinia purpurea* L.

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## ABSTRACT

*Bauhinia purpurea* L. is a leguminous plant moderate sized tree with multipurpose value. It is distributed in sub-Himalayan tracts. It has been cultivated in the plain region up to the elevation of 1350 m. Mature seeds of *Bauhinia purpurea* L. were cultured on half strength Murashige and Skoog (1962) (MS) medium. Nodal explants obtained from germinated seedlings were cultured on MS medium containing 0.5  $\mu$ M BAP produced multiple shoots which were used for experimental purposes. Nodal explants obtained from cultured were subcultured on different concentrations of N-Benzyl -9-(2-tetrahydropyranyl) (BPA) and Indole-3-acetic acid (IAA). The best proliferation of nodes and shoots were observed on the MS medium supplemented with 0.5  $\mu$ M BPA and 0.1  $\mu$ M IAA. After 8 weeks of culture, the propagated plants were acclimatized and transferred to the sand box containing 1:1 soil and sand. Well rooted plants were then established in the field. All the data collected were worked out statistically with SPSS, a system of analytical procedure.

**Keywords :** Murashige and Skoog Medium, micropropagation, nodal explants, sand rooting, acclimatization.

## I. INTRODUCTION

*Bauhinia purpurea* L. is a leguminous plant of moderate sized possessing ornamental and fodder value. It is distributed in sub-Himalayan tracts. It has been cultivated in the plain region up to the elevation of 1350 m. The tree also yields gum and the ethnobotanical reports made by Manadhar (2000) showed that fruits are cooked and use also pickle. The wood is used for agricultural implements and is suitable for scanting and rafters in inferior construction work. The long flat pods are best until February or March. Pettit *et al.* (2006) have isolated new and very remarkable (dibenzan L b, floxipens) cancer cell growth inhibitors and have designated them as Bauhiniastatins 1-4. Upon evaluation of anticancer activity Bauhiniastatins 1 exhibited significant growth inhibition of P 388 cancer cell line.

Micropropagation of *Bauhinia purpurea* L. has successfully been developed by Kumar (1992) using Murashige and Skoog (1962) (MS) medium with 5.0  $\mu$ M kinetin. Similarly, *in vitro* regeneration of *Bauhinia vahlii* has been developed by Dhar and Upreti (1999) using MS medium supplemented with 2.5  $\mu$ M kinetin plus 100 mg/l adenine sulphate. Murthur and Mukunthakumar (1992) developed *in vitro* propagation protocols for two leguminous trees, *Bauhinia variegata* and *Parkinsonia aculeata* from nodal explants of mature tree using MS medium with 13.3  $\mu$ M and 8,9  $\mu$ M BAP respectively. Here, the experiments are mainly aimed for protocol development by using BPA and IAA and establishment of plants.

## II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

The seeds of *B. purpurea* L. were procured from district Aforestation Division Hattisar, Kathmandu, Nepal and were carried to the Institute of Pharmacognosy, Vienna, Austria and were preserved at 4°C refrigerator until experimental use. The healthy seeds were washed with few drops of Teepol detergent solution. They were soaked in distilled water for an hour prior to sterilization. The soaked seeds were washed with distilled water for 5 times and sterilized with 10 % sodium hypochlorite solution for 10 minutes and removed the traces of sodium hypochlorite by washing thoroughly with sterilized distilled water five times inside Laminar flow hood chamber. Finally, the seeds were again sterilized in 70 % alcohol for one minute and washed with sterilized distilled water for 5 times to remove the alcohol. The seeds were inoculated on 8% (bacteriological) agar medium containing 3 % sucrose and the pH was adjusted to 5.8 before autoclaving and then sterilized at 15 lb. / sq. inch pressure for 15 minutes in autoclave. Cultures were maintained in the culture room at 25°C ( $\pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ). Cool white fluorescent light of an intensity of approx.  $40 \mu \text{mol.m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$  was supplied through OSRAM BIOLUX tubes at a 16 hr light period. Nodal explants obtained from germinated seedlings were cultured on MS medium containing  $0.5 \mu\text{M}$  BAP produced multiple shoots which were used for experimental purposes.

The nodal explants obtained from MS medium  $0.5 \mu\text{M}$  BAP were cut into 2 cm pieces and were placed on MS medium supplemented with different concentrations i.e. 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 and 5.0 BPA each with 0.1, 0.5, 1.0, and 2.0 IAA respectively in baby food jar 200 ml capacity with 40 ml medium. In each

of the vessel 4 explants were inoculated. All the results obtained were worked out statistically with SPSS, a system of analytical procedure.

## III. RESULTS

The results were taken only after 8 weeks of culture. MS medium supplemented with BPA exhibited good initiation of nodes as well as shoots. The response of proliferations on MS medium supplemented with 0.5, 0.1, 2.0 and  $5.0 \mu\text{M}$  BPA each with  $0.1 \mu\text{M}$  IAA showed good results showing 6.25 to 6.50 node numbers and 41.80 to 54.70 shoot length and 9.05 to 12.05  $\phi$  calli were recorded. The response of proliferations on MS medium supplemented with 0.5, 0.1, 2.0 and  $5.0 \mu\text{M}$  BPA each with  $0.5 \mu\text{M}$  IAA showed moderate results showing 4.50 to 6.00 node numbers and 36.10 to 39.95 shoot length and 8.90 to 11.30  $\phi$  calli were recorded. Similarly, on MS medium supplemented with 0.5, 0.1, 2.0 and  $5.0 \mu\text{M}$  BPA each with  $1.0 \mu\text{M}$  IAA showed optimum results showing 4.10 to 6.60 node numbers and 30.80 to 51.55 shoot length and 9.00 to 11.00  $\phi$  calli were recorded. In the same way, on MS medium supplemented with 0.5, 0.1, 2.0 and  $5.0 \mu\text{M}$  BPA each with  $2.0 \mu\text{M}$  IAA showed minimum proliferations showing 3.75 to 5.40 node numbers and 28.75 to 41.45 shoot length and 9.05 to 10.00  $\phi$  calli were recorded. A best nodes multiplication and shoots elongation were observed on the medium supplemented with  $0.5 \mu\text{M}$  BPA and  $0.1 \mu\text{M}$  IAA, where 6.50 nodes and 54.70 mm shoot length were recorded and the formation of calli were few i.e. 9.35 (Q) mm (Fig. 1) as compared to control medium (Table 1).

Table-1: Effects of various concentrations of BPA and IAA in *Bauhinia purpurea* L.

Additive/s in Media ( $\mu\text{M}$ )		Number of Nodes/culture Mean $\pm$ SE	Shoot length(mm) Mean $\pm$ SE	Q Calli (mm) Mean $\pm$ SE
<b>BPA</b>	<b>IAA</b>			
0.5	0.1	6.50 $\pm$ 0.4	54.70 $\pm$ 3.7	9.35 $\pm$ 0.5
1.0		6.25 $\pm$ 0.5	48.90 $\pm$ 4.9	9.05 $\pm$ 0.2
2.0		6.35 $\pm$ 0.6	41.80 $\pm$ 4.9	9.75 $\pm$ 0.2
5.0		6.25 $\pm$ 0.4	45.95 $\pm$ 3.6	12.05 $\pm$ 0.3
0.5	0.5	5.30 $\pm$ 0.5	39.50 $\pm$ 4.8	8.90 $\pm$ 0.3
1.0		5.25 $\pm$ 0.4	39.80 $\pm$ 4.2	8.75 $\pm$ 0.3
2.0		6.00 $\pm$ 0.5	39.95 $\pm$ 4.6	10.15 $\pm$ 0.2
5.0		4.50 $\pm$ 0.3	36.10 $\pm$ 3.9	11.30 $\pm$ 0.3
0.5	1.0	4.10 $\pm$ 0.3	30.80 $\pm$ 3.5	9.00 $\pm$ 0.3
1.0		6.60 $\pm$ 0.3	51.55 $\pm$ 4.0	9.10 $\pm$ 0.3
2.0		6.10 $\pm$ 0.4	48.00 $\pm$ 3.6	9.90 $\pm$ 0.3
5.0		6.40 $\pm$ 0.5	46.85 $\pm$ 4.1	11.00 $\pm$ 0.3
0.5	2.0	5.40 $\pm$ 0.4	41.45 $\pm$ 4.0	9.05 $\pm$ 0.3
1.0		5.35 $\pm$ 0.5	39.95 $\pm$ 4.2	9.45 $\pm$ 0.3
2.0		3.75 $\pm$ 0.5	28.75 $\pm$ 4.7	10.00 $\pm$ 0.3
5.0		4.35 $\pm$ 0.5	30.50 $\pm$ 4.3	9.90 $\pm$ 0.4
Control		1.90 $\pm$ 0.3	9.30 $\pm$ 1.0	0.0 0.0



Fig. 1. Showing proliferations of shoots on MS medium with 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 & 5.0  $\mu\text{M}$  BPA each with 0.1  $\mu\text{M}$  IAA from right to left respectively.



Fig. 2. Showing 3 weeks old well rooted and acclimatized plants.

For acclimatization the eight weeks old healthy plants best grown in vitro were removed from the culture and washed thoroughly in tap water to remove traces of nutrient medium and agar. The

explants were cut with 2-3 nodes and planted on the plastic pots (diameter 6 cm) which were filled with soil (Humus-Ton substrate N8) with sand in 1:1 ratio and hardened in mist chamber. The substrate was disinfected by using Benlate and Previcure. The plants were kept at high humidity (80%) for two weeks; the humidity was reduced to (60%) and the acclimatization process continued for two weeks. The well rooted and acclimatized plants were transferred to green house for further hardening (Fig. 2).

#### IV. DISCUSSIONS

In the present work, the numbers of elongating shoots were always found higher on MS medium supplemented with 0.5  $\mu$ M BPA with 0.1  $\mu$ M IAA. The other used concentrations 1.0  $\mu$ M BPA with 1.0  $\mu$ M IAA and 2.0  $\mu$ M BPA with 1.0  $\mu$ M IAA also produced satisfactory result. Evidently, high concentrations of both BPA and IAA suppressed the node as well as shoot formation but the formation of calli was not affected. Many researchers have worked with different auxin and cytokinin using different parts of plants. Kangilal *et al.* (1999) induced the production of protocorm like bodies from stem disc of *Dendrobium moschatum* (Buch Ham) Swartz in liquid Knudson medium supplemented with 2 mg/l NAA and 3 mg/l BAP with 15 % CM. But Banergy *et al.* (1999) multiplied *Centilla asiatica* from leaf segments on MS medium supplemented with 2mg /l BAP and 0.1 mg /l IBA. Similarly, Mala (2000) micropagated Wych elm (*Umus glabra*) smooth elm (U.minor) and European white elm (U. laevis) from buds on MS medium supplemented with 0.2 mg/l BAP, 0.1 mg/l IBA and 10 mg/l glutamine. Mondol *et al.* (2002) propagated tea (*Camellia sinensis*) O. Kuntze L. from aseptic cultures of

nodal segments on half strength MS medium supplemented with 8.88  $\mu$ M BA with 0.98  $\mu$ M IBA. In the same way, Hassan *et al.* (2010) produced shoots on *Mimosa pudica* L. from nodal explants on MS supplemented with 1.5 mg/l BAP 0.5 mg/l NAA. Similarly, Majumder *et al.* (2011) observed highest number of multiple shoots (28.1) on *Scoparia dulcis* L. on MS supplemented with 1.5 mg/l BAP and 0.5 mg/l NAA. Amgali *et al.* (2016) produced higher shoot multiplication on *Citrus reticulata* on MS medium with 0.5 mg/l BAP and 0.2 mg/l IAA using *in vitro* seedling stem as explants.

#### V. CONCLUSION

So, the present experiment shows that the protocol develops from the nodal explants using different combination of BPA i.e 0.5  $\mu$ M with IAA i.e 0.1  $\mu$ M are good for propagation of *Bauhinia purpurea*.

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