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Effect of plant growth regulators on *in vitro* regeneration from mature wheat (*Triticum aestivum* L.) embryo explants

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The experiment was carried in the laboratory of plant tissue cultures, of the Institute on Plant Genetic Resources, Agriculture University of Tirana during 2016. An efficient method was developed for multiple shoot regeneration of wheat from mature embryos without callus formation, for a short period of time (2.5 months). Direct shoot regeneration is important since fewer somaclonal variations are likely to arise in indirect regeneration method. The effect of explants, cut shoot embryonic meristem and shoot embryonic meristem with scutellum and various combinations of plant growth regulators in MS media on direct shoot regeneration of wheat was investigated. Among different combination of 2,4-D, IBA, NAA and BAP tested, embryo explants cultured in MS medium supplemented with 2 mg/L BAP, 0.6 mg/L 2,4-D resulted in the most efficient direct shoot regeneration and produces a max of 2.5 shoot per explants and 3.4 cm shoot length. Plantlets were successfully transferred to rooting medium. The greatest mean numbers of roots were obtained on MS media supplemented with 0.5 mg/L NAA, and the best mean value of root length (8.2cm) at 0.5 mg/L IBA. In this paper by simply manipulating the concentrations of BAP, 2,4-D, IBA and NAA in the culture medium, is described a method rapidly obtaining whole plants without the subculture of wheat using embryo explants.

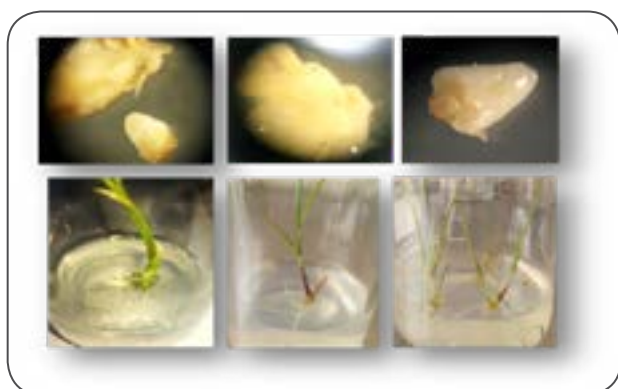


Figure 1: Embryo and meristem explants excised from mature seeds. Wheat multiple shoot regeneration in MS medium supplemented with 2 mg/L BAP, 0.6 mg/L 2,4-D.



Figure 2: Wheat plants grown normally after transferred in the soil.

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