

Assessment of genetic fidelity of micropropagated Banana plants through molecular marker

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Banana is one of the main plants of horticultural interest, which are multiplied by micropropagation, compared with the conventional planting methods. Bananas are now obtained from interspecific hybridization between two wild diploid species, *M. accuminata* and *M. balbisiana* which contributed the A and B genomes, respectively. My study aimed to assess the genetic fidelity of micropropagated banana (Robusta=AAA, Saba=ABB and Malbhog=AAB) using RAPD markers. Shoot tips of suckers were introduced and multiplied *in vitro* in different media. DNA was isolated from these micropropagated banana plants and analyzed by Random amplified polymorphic DNA (RAPD) using a 10-mer oligonucleotide sequence as compared to the parent plants.

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