Influencing regeneration potential in *Dianthus caryophyllus* L. (carnation) by manipulation of culture medium

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Growth and morphogenesis of plant tissues under *in vitro* conditions are largely influenced by the composition of the culture media. Therefore, in this study, effects of copper sulphate in regeneration medium of *Dianthus caryophyllus* were examined. Nodal segments were cultured on MS medium supplemented with BAP (0.5 mg l-1) + NAA (0.5 mg l-1) and different levels of CuSO₄ (0, 0.1*, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10 µM). The levels of CuSO₄ in the induction as well as proliferation medium highly influenced the shoot regeneration. Highest number of shoot buds per explant was obtained when the concentration of CuSO₄ was increased two times the normal MS level. The effect of various antioxidant enzyme activities (catalase, SOD and peroxidase) was studied on different levels of copper sulphate. It was found that the enzyme activities increased with the increasing levels of copper sulphate and also increased with increased morphogenic competence of the *in vitro* cultures. The enzyme activities showed a decline where the number of shoot buds was less. Therefore, this confirms a relationship between the organogenesis and stress levels in the *in vitro* cultures.

Figure 1: Study of effect of CuSO₄ concentration of different enzyme activities.
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