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Recent Advances of Plant Tissue Culture in Pharmaceuticals And Opportunities

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ABSTRACT

India features a very rich plant biodiversity, many of which are medicinally useful. The rich resource is disappearing at an alarming rate as results of over- exploitation. Rapid agricultural development, increase, urbanization and therefore the indiscriminate collection of medicinal plants from the wild is resulted in an over-exploitation of natural resources. The traditional means of propagation takes an extended time for multiplication and also clonal non uniform. Plant *in vitro* regeneration may be a biotechnological tool that gives an incredible potential solution for the propagation of endangered and superior genotypes of medicinal plants which might be released to their natural habitat or cultivated on an outsized scale for the pharmaceutical product of interest. After the last four years of intensive research programmes in our laboratory, we are ready to micropropagate a number of the endangered and valuable medicinal plants species of this region. Plant tissue culture refers to growing and multiplication of cells, tissues and organs of plants on defined solid or liquid media under aseptic and controlled environment. The commercial technology is based on micro propagation, during which rapid proliferation is achieved from in system cuttings, axillary buds, and to a limited extent from somatic embryos, cell clumps in suspension cultures and bioreactors.

Key words: Endangered, *in vitro*, Medicinal plants, Plant tissue culture, Protocols.

INTRODUCTION

Tissue culture is that the *in vitro* aseptic culture of cells, tissues, organs or whole plant under controlled nutritional and environmental conditions¹ often to supply the clones of plants. The resultant clones are true-to sort of the chosen genotype. The controlled conditions provide the culture an environment conducive for his or her growth and multiplication. These conditions include proper supply of nutrients, pH medium, adequate temperature and proper gaseous and liquid environment.

Plant tissue culture technology is being widely used for giant scale plant multiplication. Aside from their use as a tool of research, plant part culture techniques have in recent years, become of major industrial importance within the area of plant propagation, disease elimination, plant improvement and production of secondary metabolites. Small pieces of tissue (named explants) are often wont to produce hundreds and metabolites. Small pieces of tissue (named explants) are often wont to produce hundreds and thousands of plants during a continuous process. One

explants are often multiplied into several thousand plants in relatively short period of time and space under controlled conditions, regardless of the season and weather on a year round basis². Endangered, threatened and rare species have successfully been grown and conserved by micropropagation due to high coefficient of multiplication and little demands on number of initial plants and space.

In addition, plant part culture is taken into account to be the foremost efficient technology for crop improvement by the assembly of somaclonal and gametoclonal variants. The micropropagation technology features a vast potential to supply plants of superior quality, isolation of useful variants in well-adapted high yielding genotypes with better disease resistance and stress tolerance capacities³. Certain sort of callus cultures produce to clones that have inheritable characteristics different from those of parent plants thanks to the likelihood of occurrence of somaclonal variability⁴, which results in the event of commercially important improved varieties. Commercial production of plants through micropropagation techniques has several advantages over the normal methods of propagation through seed, cutting, grafting and air-layering etc. its rapid propagation

processes which will cause the assembly of plants virus free⁵.

Corydalis yanhusuo, a crucial medicinal plant was propagated by somatic embryogenesis from tuber-derived callus to supply disease free tubers⁶. Meristem tip culture of banana plants devoid from banana bunchy top virus (BBTV) and brome mosaic virus (BMV) were produced⁷. Higher yields are obtained by culturing pathogen free germplasm in vitro. Increase in surrender to 150% of virus-free potatoes was obtained in controlled conditions⁸. The most objective of scripting this is to explain the tissue culture techniques, various developments, present and future trends and its application in various fields.

plant part culture could also be defined as in vitro (in glass vessels, in laboratory) culture of an explants (cell tissue, organ or any plant structure wont to initiate in vitro culture e.g. shoot tip, leaf, petiole etc.) to get entire plant. The resultant plants are clone sort of the chosen genotype. In commercial purpose, tissue culture is primarily used for plant propagation and is usually mentioned as micropropagation. Aseptic conditions (sterile; free from microorganisms), controlled environment (uniform temperature, humidity, light duration etc.), a selected medium (which provides nutrient for plant growth and typically contains one or more plant growth regulators) maintained in tissue culture. The acceptable composition of organic and inorganic nutrients in medium largely determines the success of the culture. The culture media used for the in vitro cultivation of the plant cells are composed of three basic components i) Essential elements supplied as a posh mixture of salts. ii) An organic supplements providing vitamins and amino acids. Usually sucrose supplied as fixed carbon source. Tissue culture techniques are used for production of disease-free plants, genetic manipulation, plant improvement, producing high yield crop, mass multiplication of desired plant and basic research purpose.

Basics of plant part Culture

- G. Haberlandt, a German botanist, in 1902 cultured fully differentiated plant cells isolated from different plants. This was the very initiative for the start of plant cell and tissue culture. Further contributions were made by the cell theory which admitted that a cell is capable of showing totipotency.
- The first plant from a mature plant cell was regenerated by Braun in 1959. Foundation of economic plant part culture was laid in 1960 with the invention for 1,000,000 fold multiplication of *Cymbidium* (an orchid) which was accomplished by G.M. Morel. Then after the event of a reliable artificial medium by Murashige & Skoog, 1962, that plant part culture really 'took off' at commercial level.
- In India, the work on tissue culture was initiated by P. Maheshwari (Delhi University) after discovery of haploid production of plants by in-vitro culturing.
- Shri S.C. Maheshwari and Sipra Guha made an interesting contribution within the development of plant part culture in India.

- G. Haberlandt was the primary one that developed the concept of in-vitro culture of plant cells and is aptly considered the daddy of tissue culture.

In plant cell culture, plant tissues and organs are grown in vitro on artificial media, under aseptic and controlled environment. The technique depends mainly on the concept of totipotentiality of plant cells⁹ which refers to the power of one cell to precise the complete genome by cellular division. Alongside the totipotent potential of plant cell, the capacity of cells to change their metabolism, growth and development is additionally equally important and crucial to regenerate the whole plant¹. Plant part medium contains all the nutrients required for the traditional growth and development of plants. it's mainly composed of macronutrients, micronutrients, vitamins, other organic components, plant growth regulators, carbon source and a few gelling agents just in case of solid medium¹⁰. Murashige and Skoog medium (MS medium) is most extensively used for the solid medium¹⁰. Murashige and Skoog medium (MS medium) is most extensively used for the vegetative propagation of the many plant species in vitro. The pH of the media is additionally important that affects both the expansion of plants and activity of plant growth regulators. It's adjusted to the worth between 5.4 - 5.8. Both the solid and liquid medium are often used for culturing. The composition of the medium, particularly the plant hormones and therefore the nitrogen source has profound effects on the response of the initial explants.

Plant growth regulators (PGR's) play an important role in determining the event pathway of plant cells and tissues in medium. The auxins, cytokinins and gibberellins are most ordinarily used plant growth regulators. The sort and therefore the concentration of hormones used depend mainly on the species of the plant, the tissue or organ cultured and therefore the objective of the experiment¹¹. Auxins and cytokinins are most generally used plant growth regulators in plant part culture and their amount determined the sort of culture established or regenerated. The high concentration of auxins generally favors root formation, whereas the high concentration of cytokinins promotes shoot regeneration. A balance of both auxin and cytokinin results in the event of mass of undifferentiated cells referred to as callus.

Maximum root induction and proliferation was found in *Stevia rebaudiana*, when the medium is supplemented with 0.5 mg/l NAA¹². Cytokinins generally promote cellular division and induce shoot formation and axillary shoot proliferation. High cytokinin to auxin ratio promotes shoot proliferation while high auxin to cytokinins ratio leads to root formation¹³. Shoot initiation and proliferation was found maximum, when the callus of black pepper was shifted to medium supplemented with BA at the concentration of 0.5 mg/l¹⁴. Gibberellins are used for enhanced growth and to market cell elongation. Maximum shoot length was observed in *Phalaenopsis* orchids when cultured in medium containing 0.5mg/l GA3 (unpublished).

Principles of plant part Culture

The basic concept of the plant part culture is to supply a better number of plants that are genetically almost like a parent plant. For this purpose "explants" (small dissected a

part of plant) is employed for tissue culture to develop it into an entire plant. This system is effective because almost most of the plants cell are totipotent (having ability to get into whole plant) as each cell possesses the genetic information and cellular machinery necessary to get the entire organism. So on, basic principles of plant part culture rely on these facts that:

- 1) **Cell plasticity:** Plants, thanks to its longer lifetime and sessile nature, have developed a greater ability to adapt and overcome the acute conditions (environmental and biotic). This empowers the plant development and their growth. When the plant cells and tissues are cultured in vitro, most of them are generally exhibit a really high degree of plasticity, which allows one sort of organ or tissue to be initiated from another type. Like this manner, the entire plant is often subsequently regenerated.
- 2) **Totipotency:** Totipotency forms the idea of successful plant part culture. The idea of Totipotency states that every cell has the power to regenerate into an entire plant. Each vegetative cell has an equivalent genotype (DNA sequence) as that of a zygote, and hence, also has the potential of expressing all the properties of an organism. Single cells, plant cells without cell walls (protoplasts), pieces of leaves, stems or roots can often be wont to generate a replacement plant on culture media given the specified nutrients and plant hormones. Since, handling one cell is practically difficult, therefore, usually a tissue or an organ form the plant is employed to initiate the tissue culture work and hence plant part Culture is Usually also called as Plant Cell, Tissue and Organ Culture. The controlled conditions provide the culture an optimum environment condition for his or her growth and multiplication. These conditions include The right supply of nutrients, Ph medium, adequate temperature, and proper gaseous and liquid environment.

Significance of plant part culture

- Plant tissue culture technology is being widely used for giant scale production of specific plant type.
- Apart from their use as a tool of research, plant part culture techniques have in recent years, become of major industrial importance within the area of plant propagation, disease elimination, plant improvement and production of secondary metabolites.
- Small pieces of tissue (named explants) are often wont to produce hundreds and thousands of plants during a continuous process. One explants are often multiplied into several thousand plants within the relatively short period of time and space under controlled conditions, regardless of the season and weather on a year-round basis.
- Endangered, threatened and rare species have successfully been grown and conserved by micropropagation due to high coefficient of multiplication and little demands on the amount of initial plants and space.

- In addition, plant part culture is taken into account to be the foremost efficient technology for crop improvement by the assembly of somaclonal and gametoclonal variants.
- The micropropagation technology features a vast potential to supply plants of superior quality, isolation of useful variants in well-adapted high yielding genotypes with better disease resistance and stress tolerance capacities Along with, plant part culture has become of great interest to the molecular biologists, plant breeders and even to the industrialists, because it helps in improving the plants of economic importance. Additionally to all or any this, the tissue culture contributes immensely for understanding the patterns and responsible factors of growth, metabolism, morphogenesis and differentiation of plants.

Tissue culture is in vitro cultivation of plant cell or tissue under aseptic and controlled environment conditions, in liquid or on semisolid well- defined nutrient medium for the assembly of primary and secondary metabolite or to regenerate plant. The entire process requires a well equipped culture laboratory and nutrient medium. This process involves various steps, viz preparation of nutrient medium containing inorganic and organic salts, supplemented with vitamins, plant somatotropin and amino acids also as sterilization of explants, glassware and other accessories inoculation and incubation.

Advantages –

- 1) Availability of staple
- 2) Fluctuation in supplies and quality
- 3) Legal right
- 4) Political reasons
- 5) Easy purification of the compound
- 6) Modification in chemical structure
- 7) Disease-free and desired propagule
- 8) Crop improvement
- 9) Biosynthetic pathway
- 10) Immobilization of cells

Availability of raw material- Some plants are difficult to cultivate and also are not available in abundance. In such case, the biochemical/bioproducts from these plants can't be obtained economically in sufficient quantity. So tissue culture is taken into account a far better source for normal and uniform supply of staple, manageable under regulated and reproducible conditions within the medicinal plants industry for the assembly of phytopharmaceuticals.

Fluctuation in supplies and quality- the assembly of crude drugs is subject to variation in quality thanks to changes in climate, crop diseases and seasons. The tactic of collection, drying and storing also influence the standard of crude drug. of these problems are often overcome by tissue culture techniques.

Patent rights- present plants or their metabolites can't be patented intrinsically. Only a completely unique method of isolation is often patented. For R and D purpose, the industry has got to spend tons of cash and time to launch a replacement natural product but can't have legal right. Hence, industries prefer tissue culture for production of biochemical compounds. By this method, it is possible to get a continuing supply and new methods are often developed

for isolation and improvement of yield, which may be patented.

Political reasons-if a natural drug is successfully marketed during a particular country of its origin, the govt may prohibit its export to up-value its own exports by supplying its phytochemical product, e.g. snake wood and dioscorea spp. from India. Similarly the assembly of opium within the world is governed by intrinsically by political consideration, in such case, if work goes on an equivalent drug; it'll be either hindered or stopped. Here also, plant part culture is that the solution.

Easy purification of the compound- The natural products from plant part culture could also be easily purified due to the absence of serious amounts of pigments and other unwanted impurities. With the advancement of recent technology in plant part culture, it's also possible to biosynthesize those chemical compounds which are difficult or impossible to synthesize.

Modification in chemical structure- some specific compound are often achieved more easily in cultured plant cells instead of by chemical synthesis or by microorganism.

Disease-free and desired propagule- plant part culture is advantageous over conventional method of propagation in large scale production of disease free and desired propagules in limited space and also the germplasm might be stored and maintained with none damage during transportation for subsequent plantation.

Crop improvement-Plant tissue culture is advantageous over the traditional cultivation techniques in crop improvement by somatic hybridization or by production of hybrids.

Biosynthetic pathway- Tissue culture is often used for tracing the biosynthetic-pathways of secondary metabolites using labeled precursor within the medium.

Immobilization of cells- Tissue culture also can be used for plants preservation by immobilization of cell further facilitating transportation and biotransformation.

History of plant part Culture

The German Botanist Guttlieb Haberlandt first proposed the importance of plant part and cell culture in isolation, in 1902. He's considered the daddy of plant part culture. He used tissue of *Lamium Purpureum* and water hyacinth, the epidermis of *Ornithoalium* and epidermal hairs of *Pulmonaria Mollissima*. He grew them on a specific salt solution with sucrose and observed obvious growth within the cells. The cells remained alive for up to 1 month. They grew in size, changed shape; thickening of cell walls occurred and starch appeared within the chloroplasts, which initially lacked it. However, none of the cells divided. The failure was that he was handling highly differentiated cells and therefore the present day growth hormones, necessary for inducing division in mature cells, weren't available to him. Hanning (1940) had initiated a replacement line of investigation, which later developed into a crucial applied area of in-vitro techniques. Hanning excised nearly mature embryos of some plants like radish and successfully grew them to maturity on mineral salts and sugar solution. Van Overbeck (1941) and associates demonstrated for the primary time the stimulatory effect of coconut milk, which was almost like embryo sac fluid, on embryo development

and callus formation in *Datura*. This proved a turning point within the field of embryo culture, for it enabled the culture of young embryos which did not grow on a mix of mineral salts, vitamins, amino acids and sugar. Subsequent detailed work by Raghavan and Torrey (1963), Norstog (1965) et al. led to the event of Synthetic media for the culture of younger embryos. Laibach (1925, 1929) demonstrated the sensible application of embryo culture within the field of plant breeding. He isolated embryos from nonviable seeds of a specific plant and reared them to maturity on a nutrient medium. In 1922, working independently Robbins (USA) and Kotte (Germany) reported some success with growing isolated root tips. White made the primary successful report of continuously growing tomato root tips in 1934. During 1939 - 1950 extensive work on root culture was undertaken by Street to know the role of vitamins implant growth and shoot-root relationship. Gautheret (1934), White (1939) and Nobecourt successfully cultured cells of *Salix*, *Nicotiana-Hybrid* and carrot on synthetic media. They, for the primary time, demonstrated that growth regulators and vitamins if added to media enhanced the expansion forming mass of cells called callus. Skoog (1944), Tsui (1951), and Miller (1955) demonstrated the induction of divisions in isolated, mature and differentiated cells by using synthetic also as natural compounds. Muir (1953) developed a way of growing single cells into liquid medium just in case of *Tenetes Erecta* and common tobacco. Vasil and Hildebrandt (1965) raised whole plants ranging from single cells of tobacco. Skoog and Miller (1957) showed that changing the relative concentrations of the substances within the medium could regulate the organ differentiation. The primary reports of some embryo formation from Carrot tissue appeared in 1958-59 by Reinert (Germany) and Steward (USA). Ball (1946) successfully raised whole plants of *Lupinus* and *Tropaeolum* by culturing shoot tips. Morel and Martin (1952), for the primary time, recovered virus-free *Dahlia* plants from infected individuals by culturing their shoots. Murashige (USA) used this system to multiply plants in sizable amount for several species starting from ferns to foliage, flower and fruit plants. Guha and Maheshwari (1966) demonstrated the likelihood of raising large numbers of plantlets from pollen grains of *Datura*. In 1972 Carlson et al. produced the primary somatic hybrid between two plants by fusing their protoplasts.

Basic Requirement for plant part Culture

For tissue culture technique a tissue culture laboratory should have the subsequent general basic facilities:

1. Equipment and apparatus
2. Washing and storage facilities
3. Media preparation room
4. Sterilization room
5. Aseptic chamber for culture
6. Culture rooms or incubators fully equipped with temperature, light and humidity control devices
7. Observation or recording area well equipped with computer for processing. Culture vessels and glassware-many various quite vessels could also be used for wing cultures. Callus culture is often grown successfully in large test tubes (25×150mm) or wide mouth conical flasks. additionally to the culture vessels, glassware like graduated pipettes, measuring cylinders, beaker, filters, funnel, and

petri dishes also are required for creating preparations. All the glasswares should be of pyrex or corning.

Equipment- scissors, scalpels and forceps for explants preparation from excised plant parts and for his or her transfer.

- a spirit burner or gas micro burner for flame sterilization of instruments
- an autoclave to sterilize the media • hot air oven for the sterilization of glassware,
- a pH meter for adjusting the pH of the medium
- a shaker to take care of cell suspension culture
- a balance to weigh various nutrients for the preparation of the medium incubating chamber or laminar air flow with uv light fitting for aseptic transfer of explants to the medium and for subculturing
- a BOD incubator for maintaining constant temperature to facilitate the culture of callus and its subsequent maintenance

Washing and storage facilities

First and foremost requirement of the tissue culture laboratory is provision for water supply and disposal of the waste water and space for distillation unit for the availability of distilled and double water and de-ionized water. Acid and alkali resistant sink or wash basin for apparatus/equipment washing and therefore the working table should even be acid and alkali resistant. Sufficient space is required for putting hot air oven, washer, pipette washers and therefore the plastic bucket or steel tray for soaking or drainage of the detergent bath or extra water. For the storage of dried glassware separate dust proof cupboards or cabinet should be provided. it's mandatory to take care of cleanliness within the area of washing, drying and storage.

Media preparation room

Media preparation room should have sufficient space to accommodate chemicals, lab ware, culture vessels and equipments required for weighing and mixing, hot plate, pH meter, water baths, Bunsen burners with gas supply, microwave, autoclave or domestic autoclave, refrigerator and freezer for storage of prepared media and stock solutions.

Sterilization room

For the sterilization of culture media, an honest quality ISI marks autoclave is required and for little amount domestic pressure cookers, also can serve the aim. For the sterilization of glassware and metallic equipments hot air oven with adjustable tray is required.

Aseptic chamber for culture

For the transfer of culture into sterilized media, contaminant free environment is mandatory. the only sort of transfer area requires a standard sort of small wooden hood, having a glass or plastic door either sliding or hinged fitted with uv tube. This aseptic are often conveniently placed during a quiet corner of the laboratory. Modern laboratory have

laminar air flow cabinet having vertical or horizontal airflow, arrange over the working surface to form it free from dust particle/micro contaminants.

Incubation room or incubator

Environmental factors affect the expansion and differentiation of cultured tissues. A typical incubation chamber or area should have both light and temperature controlled devices managed for twenty-four h period. AC or room heaters are required to take care of the temperature at $25\pm 20^{\circ}\text{C}$. Light should be adjusted within the terms of photo period duration. Humidity should be within the range of 20-90%. Shelves should be designed in such how in order that the culture vessels are often placed within the shelf or trays in such a ways in which there shouldn't be any hindrance within the light, temperature and humidity maintenance. A label should be stick on the each tray and rack to make sure identity and for maintaining the info of experiment. Label should having the complete detail about date of inoculation, name of explants, medium and the other special information. lately BOD incubators with all the requisite condition maintenance are available within the market. They occupy less space and manageable with small generator or automatic inverter within the case of electricity failure to take care of the required light and temperature conditions.

BOD incubators required to take care of the culture conditions should have the subsequent characteristics:

- Temperature range, $2-40^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Temperature control $\pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$
- Automatic digital temperature recorder
- 24-h temperature and lightweight programming
- Adjustable fluorescent lighting up to 10,000lux
- ratio range 20-98%
- ratio control $\pm 3\%$
- Uniform forced air circulation
- Shaker
- Capacity up to 0.7m³ of 0.5m² shelf space

Data collection and recording the observation- the expansion and maintenance of the tissue culture within the incubator should be observed and recorded at regular intervals. All the observations should be wiped out aseptic environment, i.e. within the laminar airflow. Separate dust free space should be marked for microscopic work. All the recorded data should be fed into the pc.

General procedures for plant part culture –

- Sterilization of glassware tools/vessels
- Preparation and sterilization of explants
- Production of callus from explants
- Proliferation of cultured callus
- Sub culturing of callus
- Suspension culture

Sterilization of glassware tools/vessels- All the glassware should be of Pyrex or corning. All the glassware should be kept overnight dipped in sodium dichromate-sulphuric acid solution. Next morning, glassware should be washed with fresh running water, followed by water and placed in inverted position in plastic bucket or trays to get rid of the additional water. For drying the glassware, it's

placed in hot air oven at heat about 120°C for ½- 1 h. within the case of plastic lab ware, washing should be administered with a light nonabrasive detergent followed by washing under water or the plastic ware after general washing with dilute bicarbonate of soda and water followed by drainage of additional water, rinsed with an organic solvent like alcohol, acetone and chloroform. Washed and dried glassware or plastic ware should be stored in dust proof cupboards. to stop reinfection following sterilization, empty containers are wrapped with aluminum foil. chrome steel, metal tools (knives, scalpels, forceps, etc) also are wrapped with aluminum foil and pads of cotton are stuffed into the opening of the pipettes, which are either also wrapped in aluminium or placed in an aluminium or chrome steel box. the amount of sterilization usually ranges between 1 and 4 hour.

Preparation of Explants- Explants are often defined as some of plant body, which has been taken from the plant to determine a culture. Explants are often obtained from plants, which are grown in controlled environmental conditions. Such plants are going to be usually free from pathogens and are homozygous in nature. Explants could also be taken from any a part of the plant like root, stem, leaf or meristematic tissue like cambium, floral parts like anthers, stamens etc.

Different types of surface sterilizing agent are-

Name of chemical	Concentration%	Exposure(min)
Bromine water	1-2	2-10
Benzalkonium chloride	0.01-0.1	5-20
Sodium hypochlorite	0.5-51	5-30
Calcium hypochlorite	9-10	5-30
Mercuric chloride	1-2	2-10
Hydrogen peroxide	3-10	5-15
Silver nitrate	1-2	5-20

Procedure to be followed for respective explants is as follows:

Seeds-

- Dip the seeds into absolute ethyl alcohol for 10s and rinse with purified water.
- Expose seeds for 20-30 min to 10% w/v aqueous hypochlorite or for five min during a 1% solution of bromine water.
- Wash the treated seeds with sterile water followed by germination on damp sterile paper.

Fruits-

- Rinse the fruit with ethyl alcohol. • Submerge into 2% (w/v) solution hypochlorite for 10min.
- Washing repeated with sterile water and take away seeds of interior tissue.

Stem-

- Clean the explants with running water followed by rinsing with pure alcohol.
- Submerge into 2% (w/v) solution hypochlorite for 15-30 min.
- Wash 3 times with sterile water.

Age of the explants is additionally a crucial think about callus production. Young tissues are more suitable than mature tissues. an appropriate portion from the plant is removed with the assistance of sharp knife, and therefore the dried and mature portion are separated from young tissue. When seeds and grains are used for explants preparation, they're directly sterilized and put in nutrient medium. After germination, the obtained seedlings are to be used for explants preparation.

Surface sterilization of explants- For the surface sterilization of the explants, acid, mercuric chloride (0.11%), calcium hypochlorite (1-2%) and alcohol (70%) are used. Usually the tissue is immersed within the solution of sterilizing agent for 10 s to fifteen min, and that they are washed with water. Repeat the treatment with hypochlorite for 20 min, and therefore the tissue is finally washed with sterile water to get rid of hypochlorite. Such tissue is employed for inoculation. The explants are sterilized by exposing to aqueous sterilized solution of various concentration. within the case of leaf or green fresh stem the explants needs pretreatment with wetter (70-90% ethyl alcohol, Tween20), 5-20 drops in 100 ml of purified water or another mild detergent to be added directly into the sterilization solution to scale back the water repulsion (due to waxy secretion)

Leaves- Clean the leaf explants with purified water to form it free from dirt and rub the surface with absolute ethyl alcohol. Dip the explants in 0.1%(w/v) mercury chloride solution, wash with sterile water to form it free from chloride then dry the in 0.1%(w/v) mercury chloride solution, wash with sterile water to form it free from chloride then dry the surface with sterile tissue.

Production of callus from explants- The sterilized explants is transferred aseptically onto defined medium contained in flasks. The flasks are transferred to BOD incubator for maintenance of culture. The temperature is adjusted to 25±20°C. Some amount of sunshine is important for callus (undifferentiated amorphous cell mass) production. Usually sufficient amount of callus is produced within 3-8 days of incubation.

Proliferation of callus- If callus is well developed, it should be dig small pieces and transferred to a different fresh medium containing an altered composition of hormone, which supports growth. The medium used for production of more amount of callus is named proliferation medium.

Sub culturing of callus- After sufficient growth of callus, it should be periodically transferred to fresh medium to take care of the viability of cells. This sub culturing is going to be done at an interval of 4-6 weeks. Suspension

culture- Suspension culture contains a consistent suspension of separate cells in liquid medium. For the preparation of suspension culture, callus is transferred to liquid medium, which is agitated continuously to stay the cells separate. Agitation is often achieved by rotary shaker system attached within the incubator at a rate of 50-150 rpm. After the assembly of sufficient number of cells subculturing are often done.

Tissue culture in agriculture

As an emerging technology, the plant part culture features a great impact on both agriculture and industry, through providing plants needed to satisfy the ever increasing world demand. it's made significant contributions to the advancement of agricultural sciences in recent times and today they constitute an important tool in modern agriculture⁵. Biotechnology has been introduced into agricultural practice at a rate without precedent. Tissue culture allows the assembly and propagation of genetically homogeneous, disease-free material³⁷. Cell and tissue in vitro culture may be a useful gizmo for the induction of somaclonal variation³⁸. Genetic variability induced by tissue culture might be used as a source of variability to get new stable genotypes. Interventions of biotechnological approaches for in vitro regeneration, mass micropropagation techniques and gene transfer studies in tree species are encouraging. In vitro cultures of mature and/or immature zygotic embryos are applied to recover plants obtained from inter-generic crosses that don't produce fertile seeds³⁹. gene-splicing can make possible variety of improved crop varieties with high yield potential and resistance against pests. Genetic transformation technology relies on the technical aspects of plant part culture and biology for:

- Production of improved crop varieties
- Production of disease-free plants (virus)
- Genetic transformation
- Production of secondary Metabolites
- Production of sorts tolerant to salinity, drought and warmth stresses

Germplasm conservation

In vitro cell and organ culture offers an alternate source for the conservation of endangered genotypes⁴⁰. Germplasm conservation worldwide is increasingly becoming an important activity thanks to the high rate of disappearance of plant species and therefore the increased need for safeguarding the floristic patrimony of the countries⁴¹. Tissue culture protocols are often used for preservation of vegetative tissues when the targets for conservation are clones rather than seeds, to stay the genetic background of a crop and to avoid the loss of the conserved patrimony thanks to natural disasters, whether biotic or a biotic stress⁴². The plant species which don't produce seeds (sterile plants) or which have 'recalcitrant' seeds that can't be stored for long period of your time can successfully be preserved via in vitro techniques for the upkeep of gene banks.

Cryopreservation plays an important role within the long-term in vitro conservation of essential biological material and genetic resources. It involves the storage of in vitro cells or tissues in nitrogen that leads to cryo-injury on the exposure of tissues to physical and chemical stresses.

Successful cryopreservation is usually ascertained by cell and tissue survival and therefore the ability to re-grow or regenerate into complete plants or form new colonies⁴³. it's desirable to assess the genetic integrity of recovered germplasm to work out whether it's 'true-to-type' following cryopreservation⁴⁴. The fidelity of recovered plants are often assessed at phenotypic, histological, cytological, biochemical and molecular levels, although, there are advantages and limitations of the varied approaches won't to assess genetic stability⁴⁵. Cryobionomics may be a new approach to review genetic stability within the cryopreserved plant materials⁴⁶. The embryonic tissues are often cryopreserved for future use or for germplasm conservation⁴⁷.

Embryo culture

Embryo culture may be a sort of plant part culture that's wont to grow embryos from seeds and ovules during a nutrient medium. In embryo culture, the plant develops directly from the embryo or indirectly through the formation of callus then subsequent formation of shoots and roots. The technique has been developed to interrupt seed dormancy, test the vitality of seeds, production of rare species and haploid plants^{59, 119}. it's an efficient technique that's employed to shorten the breeding cycle of plants by growing excised embryos and leads to the reduction of long dormancy period of seeds. Intra-varietal hybrids of an economically important energy plant "Jatropha" are produced successfully with the precise objective of mass multiplication⁶². Somatic embryogenesis and plant regeneration has been administered in embryo cultures of Jucara Palm for rapid cloning and improvement of selected individuals⁶⁰. additionally, conservation of species also can be attained by practicing embryo culture technique. Recently a successful protocol has been developed for the in vitro propagation of Khaya grandifoliola by excising embryos from mature seeds⁶¹. The plant features a high value for timber wood and for medicinal purposes also. this system has a crucial application in forestry by offering a mean of propagation of elite individuals where the choice and improvement of natural population is difficult.

Genetic transformation

Genetic transformation is that the most up-to-date aspect of plant cell and tissue culture that gives the mean of transfer of genes with desirable trait into host plants and recovery of transgenic plants⁶³. The technique features a great potential of genetic improvement of varied crop plants by integrating in plant biotechnology and breeding programmes. it's a promising role for the introduction of agronomically important traits like increased yield, better quality and enhanced resistance to pests and diseases⁶⁴. Genetic transformation in plants are often achieved by either vector-mediated (indirect gene transfer) or vector less (direct gene transfer) method⁶⁵. Among vector dependant gene transfer methods, Agrobacterium-mediated genetic transformation is most generally used for the expression of foreign genes in plant cells. Successful introduction of agronomic traits in plants was achieved by using root explants for the genetic transformation⁶⁶.

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Protoplast fusion

Somatic hybridization is a crucial tool of plant breeding and crop improvement by the assembly of inter specific and intergeneric hybrids. The technique involves the fusion of protoplasts of two different genomes followed by the choice of desired somatic hybrid cells and regeneration of hybrid plants⁴⁸. Protoplast fusion provides an efficient mean of gene transfer with desired trait from one species to a different and has an increasing impact on crop improvement³. Somatic hybrids were produced by fusion of protoplasts from rice and common reed using electrofusion treatment for salt tolerance⁴⁹. In vitro fusion of protoplast opens how of developing unique hybrid plants by overcoming the barriers of sexual incompatibility. The technique has been applicable in horticultural industry to make new hybrids with increased fruit yield and better resistance to diseases. Successful viable hybrid plants were obtained when protoplasts from citrus were fused with other related citrinae species⁵⁰. The potential of somatic hybridization in important crop plants is best illustrated by the assembly of intergeneric hybrid plants among the members of Brassicaceae⁵¹. To resolve the matter of loss of chromosomes and decreased regeneration capacity, successful protocol has been established for the assembly of somatic hybrid plants by using two sorts of wheat protoplast as recipient and protoplast of *Haynaldia villosa* as a fusion donor. it's extensively utilized as a crucial gene source for wheat improvement⁵².

Haploid production

The tissue culture techniques enable to supply homozygous plants in relatively short period of time through the protoplast, anther and microspore cultures rather than conventional breeding⁵³. Haploids are sterile plants having single set of chromosomes which are converted into homozygous diploids by spontaneous or induced chromosome doubling. The doubling of chromosomes

restores the fertility of plants leading to production of double haploids with potential to become pure breeding new cultivars⁵⁴. The term androgenesis refers to the assembly of haploid plants from young pollen cells without undergoing fertilization. Sudherson et al.⁵⁵ reported haploid plant production of sturt's Sturt pea by using pollengrains as primary explants. The haploidy technology has now become an integral a part of plant breeding programs by speeding up the assembly of inbred lines⁵⁶ and overcoming the constraints of seed dormancy and embryo nonviability⁵⁷. The technique features a remarkable use in genetic transformation by the assembly of haploid plants with induced resistance to varied biotic and abiotic stresses. Introduction of genes with desired trait at haploid state followed by chromosome doubling led to the assembly of double haploids inbred wheat and drought tolerant plants were attained successfully⁵⁸.

Current and future status of plant tissue culture

The past decades of plant cell biotechnology has evolved as a replacement era within the field of biotechnology that specializes in the assembly of an outsized number of secondary plant products. During the last half of the last century the event of gene-splicing and molecular biology techniques allowed the looks of improved and new agricultural products which have occupied an increasing demand within the productive systems of several countries worldwide^{31, 32, 33, 34}. Nevertheless, these would be impossible without the event of tissue culture techniques, which provided the tools for the introduction of genetic information into plant cells³⁵. Nowadays, one among the most promising methods of manufacturing proteins and other medicinal substances, such as antibodies and vaccines, is that the use of transgenic plants³⁶. Transgenic plants represent uneconomical alternative to fermentation-based production systems. Plant-made vaccines or antibodies (plantibodies) are especially striking, as plants are freed from human diseases, thus reducing screening costs for viruses and bacteria toxins. the amount of farmers who have incorporated transgenic plants into their production systems in 2008 was 13.3 million, in comparison to 11 million in 2007³⁴.

Techniques of plant tissue culture

Micropropagation

Micropropagation starts with the choice of plant tissues (explants) from a healthy, vigorous mother plant¹⁵. Any a part of the plant (leaf, apical meristem, bud and root) can be used as explants. the entire process are often summarized into the subsequent stages as shown in

Stage 0: Preparation of donor plant-Any plant part is often introduced in vitro. to reinforce

the probability of success, the mother plant should be ex vitro cultivated under optimal conditions to minimize contamination within the in vitro culture¹⁶.

Stage I: Initiation stage-In this stage an explants is surface sterilized and transferred into nutrient medium. Generally, the combined application of bactericide and fungicide products is usually recommended. The selection of products depends on the sort of explants to be introduced. The surface

sterilization of explants in chemical solutions is a crucial step to get rid of contaminants with minimal damage to plant cells¹⁷. the foremost commonly used disinfectants are sodiumhypochlorite^{18, 19}, hypochlorite²⁰, ethanol²¹ and mercury chloride (HgCl₂)¹⁷. The cultures are incubated in growth chamber either under light or dark conditions according to the tactic of propagation.

Stage II: Multiplication stage-The aim of this phase is to extend the amount of propagules²². the amount of propagules is multiplied by repeated subcultures until the specified (or planned) number of plants is attained.

Stage III: Rooting stage

The rooting stage may occur simultaneously within the same culture media used for multiplication of the explants. However, in some cases it's necessary to vary media, including nutritional modification and phytohormone composition to induce rooting and the development of strong root growth.

Stage IV: Acclimatization Stage-At this stage, the in vitro plants are weaned and hardened. Hardening is completed gradually from high to low humidity and from low candlepower to high candlepower. The plants are then transferred to an appropriate substrate (sand, peat, compost etc.) and gradually hardened under greenhouse.

Somatic embryogenesis and organogenesis

Somatic embryogenesis: is an in vitro method of plant regeneration widely used as an important biotechnological tool for sustained clonal propagation²³. it's a process by which somatic cells or tissues become differentiated embryos. These somatic embryos can become whole plants without undergoing the method of sexual fertilization as done by zygotic embryos. The somatic embryogenesis are often initiated directly from the explants or indirectly by the establishment of mass of unorganized cells named callus. Plant regeneration via somatic embryogenesis occurs by the induction of embryogenic cultures from zygotic seed, leaf or stem segment and further multiplication of embryos. Mature embryos are then cultured for germination and plantlet development, and finally transferred to soil Somatic embryogenesis has been reported in many plants including trees and ornamental plants of various families. The phenomenon has been observed in some cactus species²⁴. There are various factors that affect the induction and development of somatic embryos in cultured cells. A highly efficient protocol has been reported for somatic embryogenesis on grapevine²⁵ that showed higher plant regeneration sufficiently when the tissues were cultured in liquid medium. Plant growth regulators play an important role within the regeneration and proliferation of somatic embryos. Highest efficiency of embryonic callus was induced by culturing nodal stem segments of rose hybrids on medium supplemented with various PGR's alone or together²⁶. This embryonic callus showed high germination rate of somatic embryos when grown on abscisic acid (ABA) alone. Somatic embryogenesis isn't only a process of regenerating the plants formass

propagation but also considered a valuable tool for genetic manipulation. The process also can be wont to develop the plants that are immune to various kinds ofstresses²⁷ and to introduce the genes by genetic transformation²⁸. A successful protocol has been developed for regeneration of

cotton cultivars with resistance to Fusarium and Verticillium wilts²⁹.

Organogenesis: refers to the assembly of plant organs i.e. roots, shoots and leaves that may arise directly from the meristem or indirectly from the undifferentiated cell masses (callus).Plant regeneration via organogenesis involves the callus production and differentiation of adventitious meristems into organs by altering the concentration of plant growth hormones in nutrient medium. Skoog and Muller³⁰ were the primary who demonstrated that prime ratio of cytokinin to auxin stimulated the formation of shoots in tobacco callus while high aux into cytokinin ratio induced root regeneration.

Tissue culture in pharmaceuticals

Plant cell and tissue cultures hold great promise for controlled production of myriad of useful secondary metabolites⁷². Plant cell cultures combine the merits of whole-plant systems with those of microbial and animal cell cultures for the assembly of valuable therapeutic secondary metabolites⁷³. within the look for alternatives to production of medicinal compounds from plants, biotechnological approaches, specifically plant tissue cultures, are found to possess potential as a supplement to traditional agriculture in the industrial production of bioactive plant metabolites⁷⁴. Exploration of the biosynthetic capabilities of varied cell cultures has been administered by a gaggle of plant scientists and microbiologists in several countries during the last decade⁷⁵.

Cell suspension culture: Cell suspension culture systems are used now days for large-scale culturing of plant cells from which secondary metabolites might be extracted. A suspension culture is developed by transferring the relatively friable portion of the callus into liquid medium and is maintained under suitable conditions of aeration, agitation, light, temperature and other physical parameters⁷⁶. Cell cultures cannot only yield defined standard phytochemicals in large volumes but also eliminate the presence of interfering compounds that occur within the field-grown plants⁷⁷. The advantage of this method is that it can ultimately provide endless, reliable source of natural product⁷⁸. the main advantage of the cell cultures includes synthesis of bioactive secondary metabolites, running in controlled environment, independently from climate and soilconditions⁷⁹.A number of various sorts of bioreactors is used for mass cultivation of plant cells. the primary commercial application of huge scale cultivation of plant cells was administered in stirred tank reactors of 200 liter and 750 liter capacities to produce shikonin by cell culture of *Lithospermum erythrorhizon*⁸⁰. Cell of *Catharanthusroseus*, *Dioscorea deltoidea*, *Digitalis lanata*, *Panax notoginseng*, *Taxus wallichiana* and *Podophyllum hexandrum* are cultured in various bioreactors for the assembly of secondary plant products. A number of medicinally important alkaloids, anticancer drugs, recombinant proteins and food additives are produced in various cultures of plant cell and tissues. Advances in the area of cell cultures for the assembly of medicinal compounds has made possible the production of a good sort of pharmaceuticals like alkaloids, terpenoids, steroids, saponins, phenolics, flavanoids and amino acids^{72, 81}. a

number of these are now available commercially within the marketplace for example shikonin and paclitaxel (Taxol). so far 20 different recombinant proteins are produced in plant cell culture, including antibodies, enzymes, edible vaccines, growth factors and cytokines⁷³. Advances in scale up approaches and immobilization techniques contribute to a

substantial increase in the number of applications of plant cell cultures for the assembly of compounds with a high added value.

Some of the secondary plant products obtained from cell suspension culture of various plants are given in Table 1.

Table 1. List of some secondary plant product produced in suspension culture

Secondary metabolite	Plant name	Reference
Vasine	<i>Adhatoda vasica</i>	[82]
Artemisinin	<i>Artemisia annua</i>	[83]
Azadirachtin	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>	[84]
Cathin	<i>Brucea javanica</i>	[85]
Capsiacin	<i>Capsicum annum</i>	[86]
Sennosides	<i>Cassia senna</i>	[87]
Ajmalicine	<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	[88]
Secologanin		[89]
Indole alkaloids		[90]
Vincristine		[91]
Stilbenes	<i>Cayratia trifoliata</i>	[92]
Berberin	<i>Cosciniium fenestratum</i>	[93]
Sterols	<i>Hyssopus officinalis</i>	[94]
Shikonin	<i>Lithospermum erythrorhizon</i>	[95]
Ginseng saponin	<i>Panax notoginseng</i>	[96]
Podophyllotoxin	<i>Podophyllum hexandrum</i>	[97]
Taxane Paclitaxel	<i>Taxus chinensis</i>	[98]

Hairy root cultures

The crown gall system supported inoculation with *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* has become popular within the last 20 years as a way of manufacturing secondary metabolites synthesized in plant roots⁹⁹. Organized cultures, and particularly root cultures, can make a big contribution within the production of secondary metabolites. Most of the research efforts that use differentiated cultures rather than cell suspension cultures have focused on transformed (hairy) roots. *Agrobacterium rhizogenes* causes crown gall disease in plants. The neoplastic (cancerous) roots produced by *A. rhizogenes* infection are characterized by high rate of

growth, genetic stability and growth in hormone free media¹⁰⁰. High stability¹⁰¹ and productivity = features allow the exploitation of hairy roots as valuable biotechnological tool for the assembly of plant secondary metabolites¹⁰². These genetically transformed root cultures can produce levels of secondary metabolites like that of intact plants¹⁰³. crown gall technology has been strongly improved by increased knowledge of molecular mechanisms underlying their development. Optimizing the composition of nutrients for crown gall cultures is critical to realize a high production of secondary metabolites. Some of the secondary plant products obtained from hairy root culture of various plants are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. List of some secondary plant product produced in Hairy root culture

Secondary metabolite	Plant name	Reference
Rosmarinic acid	<i>Agastache rugosa</i>	[104]
Deoursin	<i>Angelica gigas</i>	[105]
Resveratrol	<i>Arachys hypogaea</i>	[106]
Tropane	<i>Brugmansia candida</i>	[107]
Asiaticoside	<i>Centella asiatica</i>	[108]
Rutin	<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i>	[104]
Glucoside	<i>Gentiana macrophylla</i>	[109]
Glycyrrhizin	<i>Glycyrrhiza glabra</i>	[110]
Shikonin	<i>Lithospermum erythrorhizon</i>	[111]
Glycoside	<i>Panax ginseng</i>	[112]
Plumbagin	<i>Plumbago zeylanica</i>	[113]
Anthraquinone	<i>Rubia akane</i>	[114]
Silymarin	<i>Silybium marianum</i>	[115]
Flavonolignan	<i>Silybium mariyanm</i>	[116]
Vincamine	<i>Vinca major</i>	[117]
Withanoloid A	<i>Withania somnifera</i>	[118]

Micropropagation of Phalaenopsis “The Moth Orchids”

Orchids are usually grown for the sweetness, exoticism and fragrance of their flowers. they're cultivated since the days of Confucius (ca. 551 - 479 BC). Some orchids are commercialized not for his or her beauty, except for uses in food industry. they're also used medicinally as a treatment for diarrhea and as an aphrodisiac. The vegetative propagation of phalaenopsis is difficult and time consuming. additionally, the specified characteristics of seedlings and uniformity aren't attained. In vitro propagation studies of phalaenopsis “the moth orchids” had the target to develop a protocol for plant regeneration from callus. Thus in vitro culture techniques are adopted for quick propagation of commercially important orchid species. Regeneration from callus gives how to rectify the matter of explants shortage. The callus of phalaenopsis previously obtained from the mature orchid plant was used as explants source. The callus was maintained on MS medium added with 3.0 % sucrose, 0.8 % agar, and different concentrations of BAP and a couple of, 4-D. Callus were sub-cultured after every 30 days for proliferation. Maximum callus proliferation was obtained when the medium was supplemented with 0.5 mg/l BA. Fresh green and non friable callus was obtained. For shoot regeneration and elongation, the callus was transferred to MS medium supplemented with BAP and GA3 at different concentrations. Maximum shoot elongation was obtained in medium supplemented with 1.0 mg/l GA3. The regenerated shoots showed excess root development when transferred to medium added with 2.0 mg/l IBA. Further research work will specialize in different potting medium compositions best fitted to acclimatization of regenerated plants. As a high value crop, the production of orchids will provide an honest opportunity of selling locally as an honest source of income.

Tissue culture of Tobacco (*Nicotiana tabacum* L.)

Tobacco is a crucial crop of Pakistan which covers an outsized area under cultivation. Being a crop grown everywhere the planet, it's an honest value. Fresh leaves of the plants are processed to get an agricultural product that's commercially available in dried, cured and natural forms. Clonal propagation of 4 important low nicotine content hybrid sorts of tobacco i.e. PGH-01, PGH-02, PGH-04 and PGH-09 was administered with the special objective of commercialization of tissue cultured plants to the farmers and industry. The mother plants were provided by Pakistan Tobacco Board (PTB). Leaves and meristems were used as explants for the provided by Pakistan Tobacco Board (PTB). Leaves and meristems were used as explants for the initiation of callus culture. Callus induction and proliferation was administered on MS medium supplemented with different concentrations of two, 4-D. Excellent growth of callus was obtained at medium containing 1.0 mg/l 2,4-D. Callus was transferred to next medium for shoot regeneration. Efficient numbers of shoots were obtained when culture was shifted to MS medium supplemented with 0.5 mg/l BAP. For root induction different concentrations of IBA and NAA were tested and therefore the result was found best on an equivalent medium supplemented with 2.0 mg/l IBA.

In vitro propagation of Honey Plant (*Stevia rebaudiana* Bertoni)

The *in vitro* clonal propagation of *Stevia rebaudiana* was conducted by inoculating seeds on MS medium [10] and placing under photoperiod of 16 hrs light and eight hrs dark in growth room. The seedlings with four nodes are divided into 0.5 cm pieces of nodal segments and used as explants. For shoot multiplication, the nodal explants were inoculated on MS medium supplemented with 3.0% sucrose and 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0 and 4.0 mg/l of BAP and Kn (Kinetin) alone or in combinations with 0.25 and 0.5 mg/l of IAA. MS medium containing 2.0 mg/l BAP showed the simplest response to multiple shoot formation, while the very best shoot length (3.73 ± 0.14 cm) per micro shoot was observed on MS medium containing 2.0 Kn and 0.25 mg/l IAA after 15 days of inoculation as shown in Figure 5 a, b, c. Excised micro shoots were cultured on MS medium supplemented with 0.25, 0.5, 1.0 and 1.5 mg/l of NAA and IBA separately for the basis induction. The optimal rooting (81%) was observed on MS medium containing 0.5 mg/l NAA with II Chronicles sucrose within fortnight of culture transfer. The rooted plantlets were acclimatized successfully and transferred to greenhouse under low light intensity. This protocol for in vitro clonal propagation of *Stevia rebaudiana* has been optimized for the local environment, as a consequence it'll be helpful to determine and cultivate *Stevia rebaudiana* for commercial scale production in various environmental conditions in Pakistan.

Multiplication and regeneration of Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L.) from nodal explants

Solanum tuberosum L. (potato) is that the most vital vegetable crop that occupies major area under cultivation in Pakistan. The crop is high yielding, has high nutritive value and gives maximum returns. Tissue culture is used as a way for rapid multiplication of potato plants free from diseases. The research was administered with the objective of mass multiplication of true-to type three potato varieties i.e. Desiree, Diamant and Cardinal. The material for this research was provided by Four Brothers AgriServices Pakistan. the corporate is functioning for introduction of high yielding vegetable & crop varieties in Pakistan. The disease free potato tubers were washed both with detergent and water to remove impurities and allowed to sprouting. Five days old sprouts were used as explants for direct proliferation. The explants were surface sterilized in detergent for 10 minutes, later with 0.1 % mercury chloride solution for five minutes followed by 3 times washing with sterilized-distilled water. The sprouts were aseptically dig 10 mm sections containing one node and inoculated in medium. The Espinosa medium plus vitamin B5 supplemented with different concentrations of BAP and GA3 alone and in combinations was utilized. Highest shoot length of shoots was observed in presence of 0.5 mg/l BAP and 0.4 mg/l GA3 with the power to supply maximum plantlets per explants. For root induction the same medium was used with different concentrations of NAA and IBA. NAA at 2.0 mg/l induced the very best root development. The rooted plantlets were successfully acclimatized and delivered to the corporate for cultivation.

Tissue culture of physic nut (*Jatropha curcas* L.)

The research studies on Tissue Culture of *Jatropha* (physic nut) had the objectives to develop protocol for mass

propagation of elite trees selected on the bases of upper seed production and oil content. The experimental plant of *Jatropha curcas* was grown in the laboratory under controlled conditions for in vitro studies. Leaf and apical meristem explants isolated from 7 days old seedling of *Jatropha curcas*, were used to induce callus. Murashige & Skoog (1962) medium supplemented with different growth regulator formulations including 2, 4-D and IBA was used. Excellent growth of callus on leaf explants was obtained in medium supplemented with 1.0 mg/L 2, 4-D. Callus produced from leaf explants altogether IBA concentrations grew faster during 7 to 30 days of culture and then stabilized at a slow rate of growth. While 1.0 mg/L 2, 4-D was proved to be best in inducing callus on an oversized scale briefly period of your time. Callus was soft, friable and white in color. Apical meristem was used as explants for direct shoot regeneration. Rooting from meristem was effectively achieved on MS supplemented with 1.5, 2.0 and 2.5 mg/l IBA. Root induction with 2.0 mg/l IBA was best and therefore the roots also developed secondary roots. In near future somatic embryogenesis and shoot regeneration from callus is going to be tested in MS medium supplemented with various concentrations of BA. The regenerated plant will be acclimatized and released for field planting under various climatic and soil conditions for further studies.

CONCLUSION

Plant tissue culture represents the foremost promising areas of application at the present time and giving an outlook for the longer term. The areas range from micropropagation of ornamental and forest trees, production of pharmaceutically interesting compounds, and plant breeding for improved nutritional value of staple crop plants, including trees to cryopreservation of valuable germplasm. All biotechnological approaches like gene-splicing, haploid induction, or somaclonal variation to enhance traits strongly depend upon an efficient in-vitro plant regeneration system. The rapid production of top quality, disease free and uniform planting stock is only possible through micropropagation. New opportunities have been created for producers, farmers and nursery owners for top quality planting materials of fruits, ornamentals, forest tree species and vegetables. Plant production is often administered throughout the year regardless of season and weather. However micropropagation technology is dear as compared to standard methods of propagation by means of seed, cuttings and grafting etc. Therefore it's essential to adopt measures to scale back cost of production. Low cost production of plants requires cost effective practices and optimal use of kit to reduce the cost of plant production. It is often achieved by improving the process efficiency and

better utilization of resources. Bioreactor based plant propagation can increase the speed of multiplication and growth of cultures and reduce space, energy and labor requirements when commencing commercial propagation. However, the utilization of bioreactors needs special care and handling to avoid contamination of culture which may lead to heavy economic losses. The value of production can also be reduced by selecting several plants that provide the choice for round the year production and permit cost flow and optimal use of kit and resources. It's also essential to possess sufficient mother culture and reduce the amount of subculture to avoid variation and plan the assembly of plants consistent with the demand. Quality control is additionally very essential to assure top quality plant production and to obtain confidence of the consumers. The choice of explants source, disease free material, authenticity of variety and elimination of somaclonal variants are a number of the foremost critical parameters for ensuring the standard of the plants. The in vitro culture features a unique role in sustainable and competitive agriculture and forestry and has been successfully applied in plant breeding for rapid introduction of improved plants. Plant part culture has become an integral part of plant breeding. It also can be used for the assembly of plants as a source of edible vaccines. There are many useful plant derived substances which may be produced in tissue cultures. Since last 20 years there are considerable efforts made within the use of plant cell cultures in bioproduction, bioconversion or biotransformation and biosynthetic studies. The potential commercial production of pharmaceuticals by cell culture techniques depends upon detailed investigations into the biosynthetic sequence. There's great potential of cell culture to be used within the production of valuable secondary products. Plant part culture is an noble approach to get these substances in large scale. Plant cell culture has made great advances. Perhaps the foremost significant role that plant cell culture has got to play within the future is going to be in its association with transgenic plants. The ability to accelerate the traditional multiplication rate is often of great benefit to several countries where a disease or some climatic disaster wipes out crops. The loss of genetic resources is a common story when germplasm is held in field gene banks. Slow growth in vitro storage and cryopreservation are being proposed as solutions to the issues inherent in field gene banks. If possible, they will be used with field gene banks, thus providing a secure duplicate collection. They're the means by which future generations are going to be ready to have access to genetic resources for easy conventional breeding programmes, or for the more complex genetic transformation work. As such, it's an excellent role to play in agricultural development and productivity.

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