

Micropropagation of *Helianthemum lippii* L.var sessifolium

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Abstract

The important of this plant coming from the symbiotic relation between this plant and truffles which is very important food. In an attempt to propagate this plant *in vitro* this research was conducted. The seeds were culture on MS basic medium, the seedling parts were isolated and cultured with MS medium supplemented with 0.5 mg/l NAA and 2 mg/l BA. The shoots were rooted on basic medium and later the plantlets acclimatized on pots.

Keywords: micro-propagation, symbiotic relationship, *Helianthemum lippii* L.var sessifolium

1. Introduction

Helianthemum lippii L.var sessifolium (*H. lippii*) is a perpetual little brush, which found on sandy soils and sandy limestone gypsum low-lying in North African (Escudero, Martínez, De la Cruz, Oñora, & Maestre, 2007; Gonçalves, Fernandes, Pérez-García, González-Benito, & Romano, 2009; Raynaud, 1987). It is conveyed in the bioclimatic semi-dry (Belghith, 2003; Gonçalves et al., 2009) where it is appropriate to extreme climatic conditions in Southern Tunisia, this plant is also found in Iraqi desert where it is collected. It shows a critical biological, temperate and peaceful intrigue and assumes a significant part of a battle against desertification and the adjustment of powerless locales (Déz, Manjón, & Martin, 2002). In addition, it has a restorative intrigue in light of the fact that the powder or the pack of the ethereal part is utilized to treat a coetaneous injury. This plant is known to be typically related to forsake truffles. *H. lippii* is the host plant for a few types of desert truffles, which have enthusiasm for sustenance, restorative and financial purposes, advancement of the provincial and neighbourhood populaces, (Mandeel & Al-Laith, 2007; Plenchette & Duponnois, 2005; SLAMA, FORTAS, NEFFATI, KHABAR, & BOUDABOUS, 2006), and specifically *Terfezia boudieri* Chatin and *Tirmania Nivea* (Desf) (SLAMA et al., 2006). The nearness of *H. lippii* is in a persistent relapse. This plant is profoundly influenced by the adjustment in their floristic creation under the impact of overgrazing, arrive clearing and expanded peaceful

care (Aïdoud, Le Floc'h, & Le Houérou, 2006). *H. lippii* ends up jeopardized, the uncommon and endemic verdure of the western bowl of the Mediterranean Sea (Escudero et al., 2007). Every one of these qualities energizes us to attempt the *in vitro* engendering. *In vitro* culture is by all accounts an extremely intriguing contrasting option to safeguard *H. lippii* against the scourge of elimination under the impact of overgrazing, arrive clearing and expanded peaceful care... In this investigation, we endeavour to proliferate *H. lippii* by utilizing *in vitro* strategy.

2. Materials and Methods

Sterilization of Seeds: The seeds were collected from plants cultivated in a dessert of Iraq. The seeds were surface sterilized by 3% for 8 min commercial bleach solution, followed by rinsing in sterile distilled water three times for 5-10min until used.

Culture medium preparation

Murashige and Skoog medium (MS) was prepared according to the manufacturer company, (Murashige T, (1962)) all additives were added then the pH was adjusted by 0.1N NaOH or 0.1N HCl to 5.8 then, sterilized by autoclaving (121 °C, 15 minutes). The prepared media distributed into sterile vials.

Seeds Culture: the sterile seeds were the culture on MS medium for about 15-20 days. The shoots, leaves, and roots were cut and used.

Shoot and root Culture: The shoots, leaves and roots isolated from seedlings were cultured on MS medium supplemented by 0.5 mg/l NAA and 2mg/l BAP

Callus culture: Same MS medium was used except the plant growth regulators were change as follow 2mg/l for NAA and BAP

Rooting: All shoots between 1-3 cm long were transferred under a sterile condition to MS medium supplemented with different concentrations 1,2,3 mg/l of IBA.

Acclimatization

Plantlets with developed roots were transferred to plastic pots (150g) containing a mixture of peat and perlite. Potted plantlets were placed in a growth chamber set at 80% relative humidity, 25 ± 2 °C, with a 16 h photoperiod, for two months, then transferred to a greenhouse under natural daylight conditions at 25 °C temperature. (Amina & Mohamed, 2014). These plantlets are growing well without any phenotypic aberrations.

3. Results

In the first experiment, 80% per cent of the seeds were germinated. This experiment indicates that the viability of the seeds was high. The stems, leaves, and roots were isolated and used in the second experiment.

In the second experiment, the parts mentioned above were cultured on MS medium supplemented with concentrations of BAP (0.5, 1, 1.5, 2 mg/l) as a cytokinin. It seems from figure 1 that callus induction in this plant needs higher concentrations of BAP while for

multiplication the shoots and leaves need no BAP. This result may explain that the segments which isolated may result incompatible with any information available for other plants (Thorpe et al., 2008). However, in kinetin (Another cytokinin) with the same concentrations, the responses were *vice versa*. The higher concentrations have fewer responses in shoot length, leaves and even a callus. (Figure 2) (Thorpe et al., 2008).

In the third experiment the BAP plus NAA were added and Kin plus NAA. But there was no growth in all samples in culture. Apart from some growth in lower concentrations (figure 3). Nevertheless, the callus production was more in high concentrations (figure 4). (Thorpe et al., 2008).

All shoots "between" 1-3 cm were transferred to pots with soil, acclimatized and rooted by increasing the humidity of the pots by polyethene bags. After about 2-3 weeks the bags were removed and humidity decreased gradually. (Amina & Mohamed, 2014).

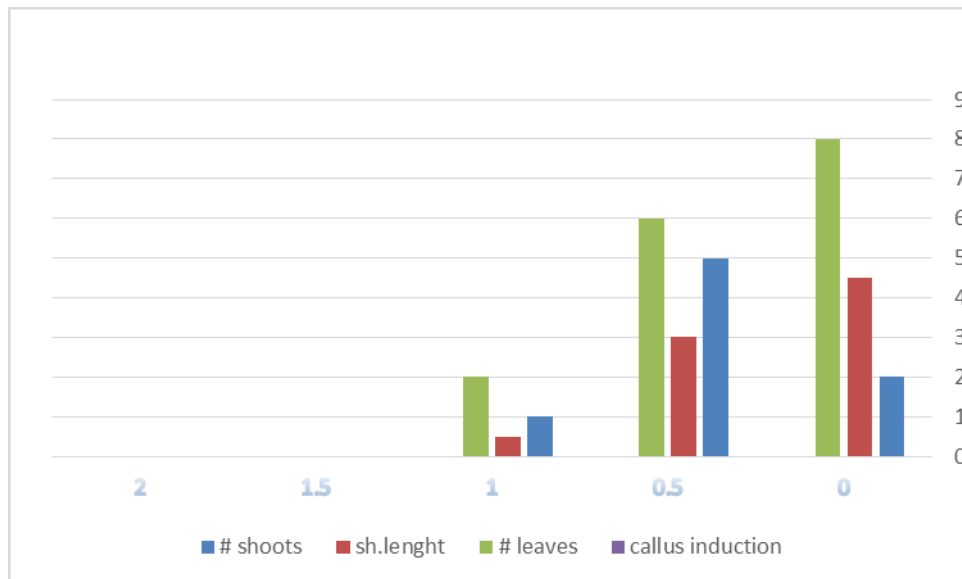


Figure 1. Shoot, leaves, and callus production on MS with different concentrations of BAP (x axes)

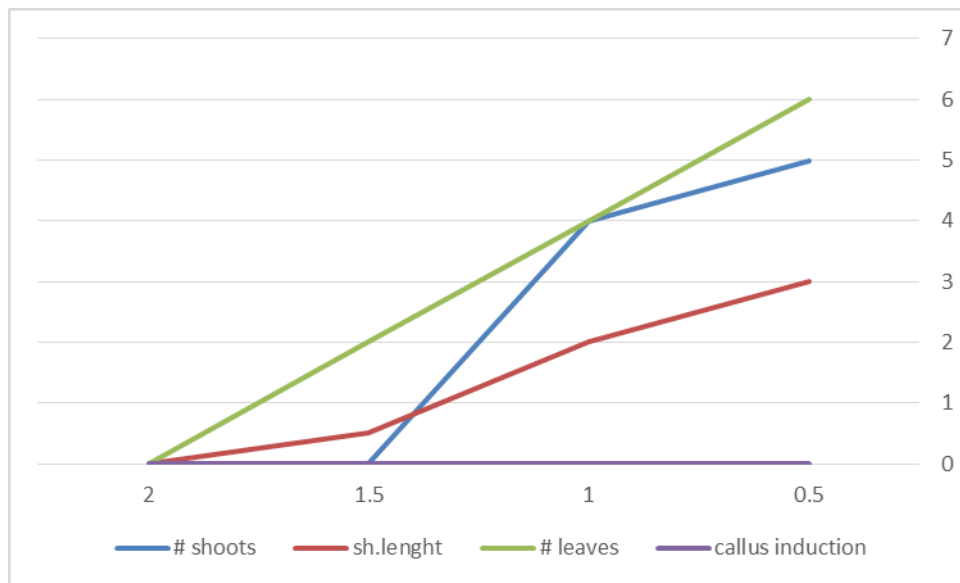


Figure 2. Shoot, leaves, and callus production on MS with different concentrations of Kinetin (x axes)

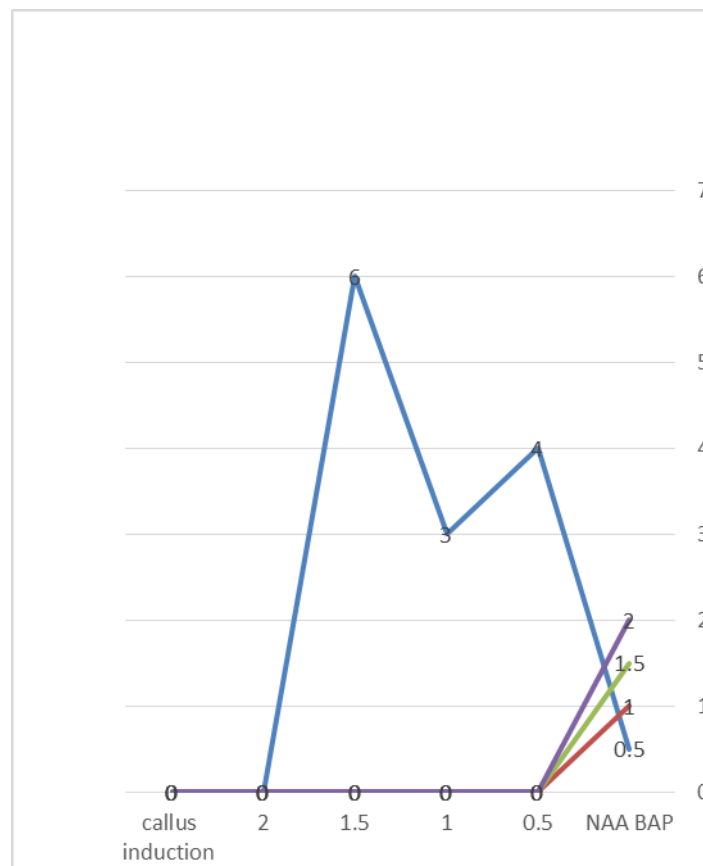


Figure 3. Callus induction with MS medium plus different concentrations of NAA, BAP

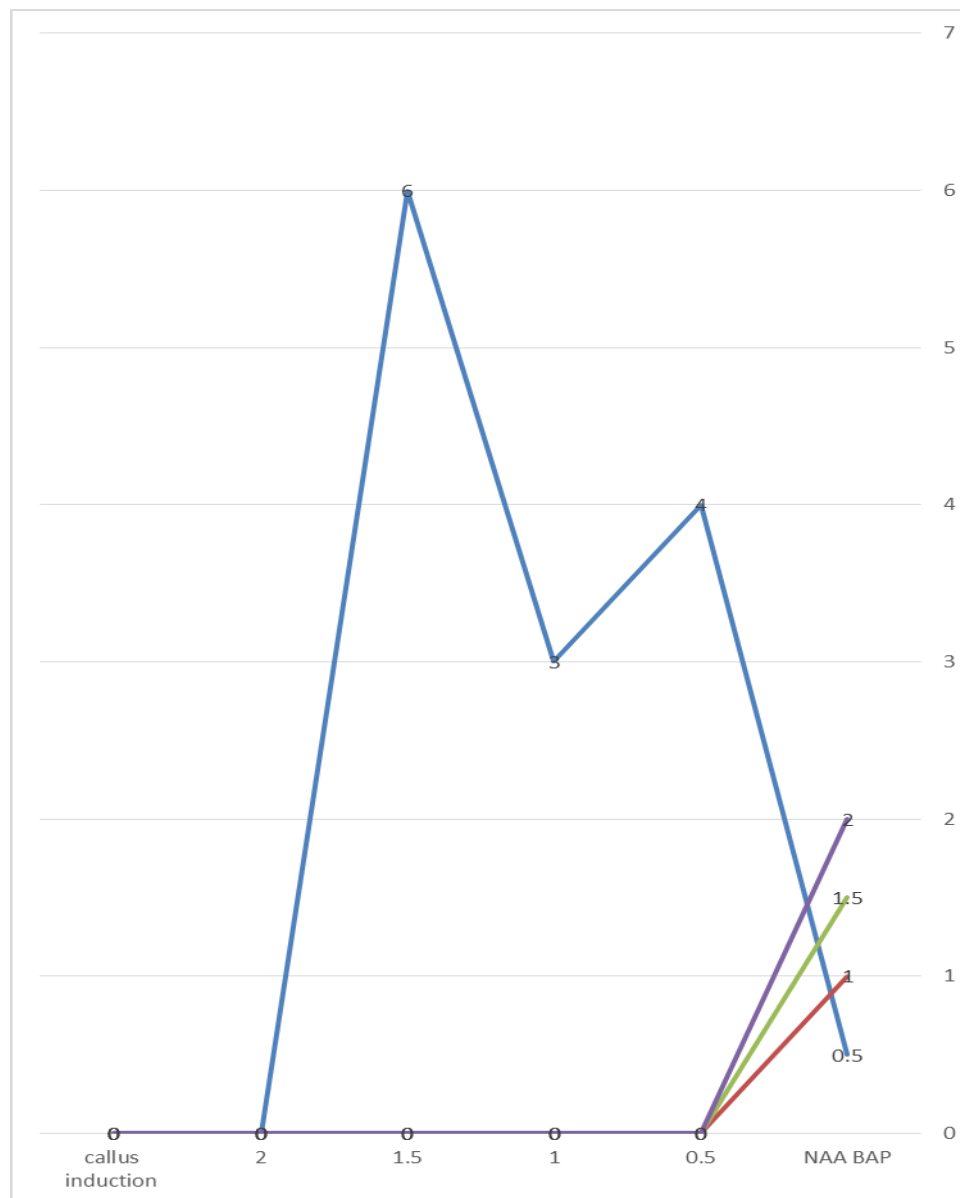


Figure 4. Callus induction with MS medium plus different concentrations of NAA, BAP

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