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Rooting Response of Kiwi Cuttings by Using Different Concentration of Iba under Green House Condition



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Abstract

Kiwifruit is the most popular fruit crop now days. It is a perishable crop which has an exceeding demand due to its taste, flavor and dietary value. In the world total harvested area was 98656 (00ha) and total yield 143170 (000ton) in 2012. Present study was conducted the period of 6th June to 6th September 2016. The study was comprised of four treatment i.e.; T1 1000ppm, T2 2000ppm, T3 3000ppm, and T4 4000ppm. The result obtained for number of days, Survival percentage, number of shoots, number of roots and roots length. These all parameter was found to be higher for T3 treatment followed by other three. Hence it can be concluded that kiwifruit initiate best cutting growth, sprouting % etc. take less time on T3 Treatment (3000ppm) and its value is highly Significant compared to other three treatment. Therefore further study should be carried to find out desired or undesired properties would be expected when mixed with other media.

Keywords: Growth performance; Hardwood cuttings; Indole-3-butyric acid; Kiwi; Rooting

Introduction

Kiwi (syn. *A. delicious*) is a commercial crop in New Zealand and other countries such as Chile, China and Italy [1]. Kiwi (*Actinidia chinensis*) also known as Chinese goose berry, monkey peach or sheep peach is a rich source of Vitamin C having higher contents than citrus and is delicious in nature. It is a large, vigorous, woody deciduous vine and can reach over 10 meters in length. It starts bearing in 3rd year while commercial bearing starts up to 5th year. The genus contains more than 50 species distributed in the temperate and subtropical regions of the Asian continent. All member of the genus *Actinidia* are functionally delicious, with pistillate and staminate flowers occurring on the separate plants [1].

Kiwi plants need a full sun light, and they should also be protected from wind. Areas prone to frost (frost pockets) should be avoided. A site with a slight slope to the north is preferred, to help prevent spring frost injury and to protect plants from southwest winds in summer. Deep, well-drained sandy loam soils with added organic matter are ideal. The soil pH's of 5.0 to 6.5 are best. Raised beds (6 to 10 inches high) may help with soil drainage problems as good soil drainage is essential. Because kiwifruit are susceptible to heat injury, some artificial shading may be necessary. The soil should be deeply cultivated the year before planting as this will greatly help with weed control.

Irrigation water should be available. A site with easy access for honeybees is very desirable.

Kiwifruit is characterized by high amount of vitamin C with *A. delicious* containing 140mg 100-1g of pulp. Minerals are also high, especially potassium and magnesium as well as copper, zinc and manganese. Fruit is consumed fresh within 1-6 months after harvest. However, kiwifruit is also used in food industry, such as jams, juices and syrups [2].

It is currently accepted that the consumption of kiwifruit has a preventive effect against certain cancers and cardiovascular diseases. Many different cancers, especially cancers of the digestive system (mainly stomach cancer), lung, and liver, have been treated with kiwifruit prescriptions due to its cytotoxic and antioxidant activities. Therefore, the beneficial effects of fruits and vegetables may be related to the antioxidant properties. It is currently accepted that the consumption of kiwifruit has a preventive effect against certain cancers and cardiovascular diseases. Many different cancers, especially cancers of the digestive system (mainly stomach cancer), lung, and liver, have been treated with kiwifruit prescriptions due to its cytotoxic and antioxidant activities. Therefore, the beneficial effects of fruits and vegetables may be related to the antioxidant properties.

The kiwifruit may be propagated by various methods such as grafting seedlings, stem cuttings, root cuttings and tissue culture. The production of kiwifruit more quickly and cheaply would be of considerable commercial value, and growing cuttings on their own roots could achieve this purpose by eliminating the need for rootstocks as well as for budding and grafting. Previous researches have shown that kiwifruit cuttings are characterized by a variable rooting ability [3]. Kiwi fruit is propagated by cuttings with different treatments, among which the application for plant growth regulators (PGRs) is one of the most common practices [4].

The greatest success was achieved in plants such as kiwi fruits, figs and apples through IBA treatment, which is necessary for hardwood and softwood cuttings [5].

Kiwi fruit can be propagated from seed or hard wood cutting but seedling are not recommended because of its dioeciously nature as the sex is unknown until flowers are produced. Rana et al. [3] treated Kiwi cuttings with 500ppm IBA in spring season and found 57% rooting response. Abdel-Hussain and Salman 1988 concluded that wounding plus IBA treatment at 4000ppm gave the highest rooting percentage and greatest number of roots, root length and individual root weight of cuttings. Daud et al. 1989 reported that dipping the cutting in 2000, 3000 and 4000ppm IBA increased the number of roots. The effect increased with increasing IBA concentration. Kiwi cuttings are hard to root, therefore, the present study was initiated to study the effect of different concentrations of IBA on the performance of kiwi fruit cuttings [6-13].

Objectives

- To plan and coordinate the floriculture research activities at National level and establish liaison with international research institutions.
- Germplasm screening of flowers for development of new potato varieties.
- Standardization of production technologies for different ecological zones of the country.
- Strength certified flower seed production.
- To improve the income of resource poor farmers in flowers based farming system.

Material and Methods

The present experiment was conducted in the green house of Directorate of Fruit Department of Horticultural Research and development, NARC Islamabad, during June-July (2016). Cuttings of Kiwi were collected from HRI department. The study was conducted to evaluate the effect of different concentration of Indole Butyric Acid (IBA) (1000ppm, 2000ppm, 3000ppm and 4000ppm) to check the rooting percentage of peach cuttings. The agro-climate of Islamabad region falls under semi-arid zone

and comprises of sub-tropical climate. Plants were planted in pots under green house and cover with the polythene bags to maintain the humidity. Planting of cuttings were done during Aug-2016. IBA concentration applied according to the following ratios.

Control: T0 No IBA concentration was applied.

T1 1000ppm

T2 2000ppm

T3 3000ppm

T4 4000ppm

Geographical location

The experiment was carried out at the experiment field of Directorate of fruit, Department of Horticultural Research and development (DHR&D), NARC Islamabad during June-July 2016. The experimental site is located at longitude 73.08° east and latitude 33.42° north on the global scale. Elevation of site was 683 MSL (Mean Sea Level). The annual rainfall in this area is about 1000 mm.

Experimental Material

- Cultivar (Hayward)
- Pruning scissor
- Growth Regulators
- Pots
- Sand

Polythene Bags

Treatments

The experiment will be designed to study the rooting response of Kiwi cutting under green house condition using IBA 1000ppm, 2000ppm, 3000ppm and 4000ppm.

Cultivar Hayward

Growth Regulator IBA 1000ppm, 2000ppm, 3000ppm and 4000ppm.

Data to be Recorded

The data will be recorded on the following parameters.

- Rooting percentage.
- No. of roots per cutting.
- Average root length per cutting.
- Survival percentage.

Experimental Procedure

Cutting pots was covered with polythene bags to keep the humidity inside the green house. The percentage of rooted

cuttings, Number of roots per cutting and average root length per cutting will be recorded 45 days after planting.

Data to be Recorded

The data were recorded on the following parameters.

- Sprouting percentage
- Number of leaves per cutting
- Shoot percentage
- Root length
- Number of roots per cutting.

Chemical are Used

Use of electronic weight balance: Weighting of IBA was done by using Electronic Weight balance. IBA was prepared from Chalk powder. IBA was applied to Cuttings of Kiwi at different concentrations (1000 ppm, 2000 ppm, 3000 ppm and 4000 ppm).

Survival Percentage

It was observed that maximum survival percentage was recorded for IBA 3000ppm (81.34) and the minimum survival percentage was observed in control treatment 19.00.

Number of shoots/cuttings

It was observed that maximum number of shoots recorded for IBA 3000ppm (7.00) and the minimum number of shoots was observed in control treatment 1.00.

Number of Roots/ Cuttings

It was observed that maximum number of roots recorded for IBA 3000(70.01) and the minimum number of roots was observed in control treatment 13.05.

Root length

It was observed that maximum root length recorded for IBA 3000 (19.11) and the minimum root length was observed in control treatment 4.51 (Figure 1 & 2).



Figure 1.



Figure 2.

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