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Potential of Shoots from "Katak" For Shoot Apical Meristem Culture on Amorphophallus Konjac

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Opinion

Amorphophallus konjac is an herbaceous evergreen perennial plant with edible corms that contain two important reserve polysaccharides, starch and glucomannan [1]. It has many industries derived from polysaccharides of A. konjac. Therefore, we have to prepare the plantation of A. konjac by means of shoot apical meristem culture.

"Katak" (bulbil) of A. konjac is brown nodule that growing on the leaf of A. konjac so we can call it bulbil of leaf [2]. Figure 1 shows "katak" (bulbil) of A. konjac after detaching of leaf. With BAP (Benzyl Amino Purine) and TDZ (Thidiazuron), the "katak" will produce hundreds of multiple shoots which can be used for mass clonal propagation. The concentration of BAP is 50 mg/l and TDZ is 2 mg/l. The mix of BAP and TDZ solution was dropped on the surface of apical shoot. Figure 2 shows the "katak" forming many shoots. They look healthy and can be used to produce mass clonal propagation of the A. konjac.

In my opinion, shoots from "katak" can be used for explants of shoot apical meristem of A. konjac.



Figure 1: Shows "katak" (bulbil) of A. konjac after detaching of leaf



Figure 2: Shows the "katak" forming many shoots.

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