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LIST OF SYMBOLS

%	Percent
mg/L	Milligram per litre
DMV	Dasheen Mosaic Virus
pv.	Pathovars
BAP	benzylaminopurine
g	Grams
ml	Milligram
°C	Degree Celsius
μM	Micromolar
2-iP	2-isopentenlyadenine
BA	N ⁶ -benzyladenine
NAA	α-naphthaleneacetic acid.

ABSTRACT

Various problems arising from traditional propagation method of ornamental plants and its growing potential has prompted this study. Procedures for the establishment, growth and micropropagation of *Homalomena sp.* tissue culture were determined. Surface-sterilised shoot tips of the plant were established on a basal medium consisting of MS medium and 1 mg/L benzylaminopurine (BAP). The best cytokinin for growth of *Homalomena sp.* was determined using MS medium supplemented with Kinetin, BAP, Zeatin and 2-iP at various concentrations, 1 mg/L, 3 mg/L and 5 mg/L. Stem cuttings (cross section and longitudinal) were cultured in solid and liquid MS media supplemented with different concentration of 2-iP (4.5 mg/L, 5.0 mg/L and 5.5 mg/L). Plantlets cultured in medium supplemented with 5 mg/L 2-iP exhibited the highest increase in fresh weight. Maximum shoot regeneration was obtained from solid cultures supplemented with 4.5 mg/L 2-iP after 21 days.

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ABSTRAK

Pelbagai masalah yang timbul dalam penghasilan tumbuhan hiasan secara tradisional dan perkembangannya adalah sebab-sebab uji kaji ini dijalankan. Prosedur untuk pertumbuhan dan mikro-propagasi *Homalomena sp.* telah ditentukan. Bahagian pucuk yang steril dikultur dalam media MS yang ditambah dengan 1 mg/L benzylaminopurine (BAP). Penentuan sitokinin yang paling baik dijalankan dengan mengkultur *Homalomena sp.* dalam media MS yang ditambah dengan Kinetin, BAP, Zeatin dan 2-iP mengikut kepekatan yang berlainan, iaitu 1 mg/L, 3 mg/L dan 5 mg/L. Keratan batang (secara mendatar dan memanjang) telah dikultur dalam media MS (pejal dan cecair) yang ditambah dengan 2-iP (4.5 mg/L, 5.0 mg/L and 5.5 mg/L). Pertumbuhan yang paling baik didapati apabila media MS mengandungi 5 mg/L 2-iP. Penghasilan pucuk maksimum pula ditunjukkan dalam eksplan yang dikultur dalam media agar MS yang ditambah dengan 4.5 mg/L 2-iP selepas 21 hari.