

# The Effect of Benzyladenine and Indolebutyric Acid on Shooting and Rooting of Miniature Rose

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## Abstract

*In vitro* propagation is one of the essential propagation methods and growth of rose (*Rosa miniature*). In this study, we used young, healthy shoots harboring one or two axillary buds of miniature rose as explants and MS medium as a basal medium containing several concentrations (0, 0.5, 1, 2, and 4 mg/L) of 6-Benzyl adenine (BA) and Indole-3-butyric acid (IBA) as growth regulators on the shoot and root regeneration. Our results illustrated that the highest number and most extended shoots were observed on MS medium containing 1 mg/L BA. In MS medium with 0 and 0.5 mg/L BA, the main shoot just could be grown without any multiplicities. BA had a positive effect on the enhancement of shoot induction. For rooting, a maximum number of rooted shoots were obtained on MS medium supplemented with 1 mg/L IBA. Our observation showed the indispensable role of IBA during the rooting stage. In conclusion, we have established a tissue culture system by which micro propagated *Rosa miniature* was rooted *in vitro* successfully.

**Keywords:** Benzyladenine; Indolebutyric acid; Micropropagation; Miniature rose

## Introduction

Miniature roses belong to the Rosaceae family, and the genus *Rosa* is trendy because of its stunning beauty and has many commercial uses [1]. In different parts of the world, a large number of hybrids and cultivars of genus *Rosa* are widely used as garden plants, cut flowers, potted plants and for the perfume industry [2,3]. Roses propagated by vegetative methods like budding, cutting, layering, grafting and in some cases by seed [4,5] which are challenging, undesirable and time-consuming [3].

Although these conventional methods are a dominant way in rose, they don't warrant healthy and disease-free plant and also, environmental events cause the cultivar to degenerate gently [6]. They also caught by frequently cutting from mother plants subjected to infection and in addition to that increasing production costs [7]. Micropropagation through *in vitro* culture has been developed as an applicable and satisfactory method for rapid and mass propagation in several plant species and many crops' cultivars [8].

Tissue culture is assumed an asexual propagation technique since it only includes the cells from a single parent plant and generates genetically equal plants to the parent plant and to each other [9]. Cytokinins and auxins are two crucial hormones that used as plant growth regulators [10]. These hormones cause to boost the division and specialization of cells and the development of stems, leaves and roots [11,12].

Rout et al. [13] stated that the presence of cytokinin in the culture medium helped the multiplication of shoots in hybrid roses year-round. In most of the reports, varying concentrations of different auxins used for root induction [14] and prevent the cutting death [15]. Our main objective of this study was to investigate the effect of five different concentrations of two hormones and to peruse the number and length of stems and roots as well as the number of leaves. In this work, axillary buds were utilized as explant in MS medium on the shoot and root proliferation in rose miniature.

## Material and Methods

The shoots of rosa miniature were collected from the flower production and breeding area of Pakdasht, Varamin and investigated in the tissue culture laboratory of the faculty of plant biology, Damghan University. At first, the shoots were cut, and all leaves and injured branches were separated. Thereafter, they were washed with running water to remove the superficial dust followed by detergent water with constant shaking for 3min and surface sterilized by dipping into 70% ethanol for 1min and incubated in 10% sodium hypochlorite (5.25% NaOCl) solution of commercial laundry bleach containing 2 drops of Tween-20 emulsifier to aid wetting for 20 minutes. Finally, they were rinsed with sterile distilled water for 3 to 5 times.

The shoots were cut in 5-6cm length harboring 1or 2 axillary buds. Full strength MS medium [16] containing macro and microelements, salts, vitamins, 3% sucrose, 0.7% agar was used in this study. The pH of the culture was adjusted to 5.7 using NaOH or HCl before autoclaving. The medium was distributed into a culture jar (50cc per jar) and autoclaved at 121.5c at 1.5atm for 20 minutes. The shoots containing 1 or 2 buds explanted on MS medium in jars under culture room condition at  $23 \pm 2c$  under white fluorescent

light with 16 hours photoperiod. The explants were subculture on the same media every week. Shoots were grown after four weeks. In MS medium without any growth regulators, the shoots can grow 1 to 3cm in length without any multiplicities. The young, healthy shoots were excised and cultured on the experimental mediums for shoot regeneration in a laminar flow cabinet. The experimental medium for shoot regeneration consisted of MS medium supplemented with 0, 0.5, 1, 2 and 4mg/L BA. The culture medium for rooting stage containing MS medium with 0, 0.5, 1, 2 and 4mg/L IBA.

## Statistical Analysis

The number of shoots and roots were evaluated after each culture cycle was 4 weeks. Three explants were placed per culture and 25 cultures were raised for each treatment. All experiments were carried out in three replicates. Morphological data were taken after four weeks and analyzed by analyses of variance. Significant differences were determined at the ( $P < 0.05$ ) were assessed using Duncan's multiple range test.

## Results and Discussion

In the shooting experiment, the effects of different concentration of BA on shoot multiplication and elongation are presented in Table 1.

**Table 1:** Effects of BA concentrations (mg/L) on shoot regeneration, length of shoots, no of shoots/explant, no of leaves of rosa miniature. Values represent the means  $\pm$  S.E. means followed by the same different letters are not significantly different at  $p < 0.01$ .

No of Leaves	No of Shoots/Explant	Length of Shoots (cm)	BA Concentrations (mg/L)
$10 \pm 2a$	$1 \pm 0.2c$	$5 \pm 1a$	0
$9 \pm 2a$	$1 \pm 0.6c$	$5 \pm 1a$	0.5
$6 \pm 1b$	$9 \pm 2a$	$4 \pm 0.2a$	1
$6 \pm 1b$	$7 \pm 1a$	$3 \pm 0.3b$	2
$5 \pm 2b$	$4 \pm 1b$	$3 \pm 0.5b$	4



**Figure 1:** In vitro culture of rosa miniature.

- a) Growth in the main shoot without any multiplicities on MS medium with 0mg/L BA.  
 b) Highest number of regenerated shoots on MS medium with 1mg/L BA.  
 c) Lowest shoots on MS medium with 0.5mg/L BA.  
 d) Regeneration of shoots on MS medium with 4mg/L BA.

The length of shoots reduced with increasing BA concentration. There was no significant difference in shoots length per explant; However, higher levels of BA (2 or 4mg/L) were less effective in shoot elongation compared to 0mg/L. The tallest shoots were observed on MS medium without BA. In contrast, the effects of increasing BA concentration were different meaningfully on shoots number in all of the treatments. The highest number of shoots observed on MS medium containing 1 and 2mg/L BA and the lowest was on MS medium with 0.5mg/L BA. In MS medium without BA, the main stem could be grown but shoot multiplication wasn't considered (Figure 1).

Kim et al. [17] showed that cytokinin is significant plant growth regulators in invitro shoot proliferation and multiplication of roses. Although several different cytokinins have been used in rose proliferation but the best proliferation rate was obtained using BA

[18-20]. BA has been used to experiment on shoot multiplication of several rose species [21]. In this experiment, the highest number of leaves achieved on MS medium culture with 0mg/L BA. The leaves number decreased with increasing BA concentrations per explant and half of the leaves are green and the other half are yellow.

To establish root proliferation, single green and regenerated shoots were separated and transferred to MS medium enriched with different concentrations of IBA (3 explants per culture). IBA has been suggested as the best plant growth regulator to induce the rooting of rose explants [22]. The effects of different concentration of IBA on regeneration and length of root showed in Table 2. The maximum number of roots and roots length were obtained from MS medium supplemented with 1 and 2mg/L IBA, while the minimum number of roots and roots length were observed on medium with 4mg/L IBA.

**Table 2:** Effects of IBA concentrations (mg/L) on root regeneration, length of the stem, no of leaves, no of roots/explant, length of roots of rosa miniature. Values represent the means  $\pm$  S.E. means followed by the same different letters are not significantly different at  $p < 0.01$ .

Length of Roots (cm)	No Roots/Explant	No of Leaves	Length of Stem (cm)	IBA Concentrations (mg/L)
0 $\pm$ 0c	0 $\pm$ 0c	8 $\pm$ 1a	4 $\pm$ 0.6a	0
0 $\pm$ 0c	0 $\pm$ 0c	8 $\pm$ 1a	3.5 $\pm$ 0.4a	0.5
5 $\pm$ 0.7a	9 $\pm$ 3a	10 $\pm$ 2a	3 $\pm$ 0.4ab	1
3 $\pm$ 0.4a	7 $\pm$ 2a	8 $\pm$ 1a	3 $\pm$ 0.2b	2
0.5 $\pm$ 0.1b	3 $\pm$ 1b	6 $\pm$ 1b	3 $\pm$ 0.3b	4

These results agreed with Asad et al. [23] that showed MS medium with 1mg/L IBA proved best root induction in rose. Root regeneration and elongation weren't observed on MS medium with 0 and 0.5mg/L IBA (Figure 2). There are considerable differences in root number and length when using IBA as a growth regulator. Arnold et al. [24] reported a relatively similar effect of IBA on root

formation of rose *in vitro*. IBA is also the most effective and widely used for rooting plants and these results supported by Ozel et al. [25] investigation. Also, it was observed that the number of the rooted shoot and leaves reduced with increasing in IBA concentration and this reduction is noticeable on MS medium with 4mg/L IBA.



**Figure 2:** The effect of different concentrations of IBA on rooting of rosa miniature.

- a) 1mg/L IBA
- b) 2mg/L IBA
- c) 0mg/L IBA
- d) 0.5mg/L IBA
- e) 4mg/L IBA.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, this study provided an *in vitro* propagation protocol for rosa miniature. The results reveal that the maximum number of shoots was achieved in the medium containing 1mg/L BA. At the same time, optimum root regeneration occurs in MS medium supplemented with 1mg/L IBA, whereas lower or higher concentrations inhibited it. Micro-propagated plants were rooted and established *in vitro* successfully. This protocol will help for mass propagation, horticulture and aromatic or pharmaceutical industries.

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