

Plant Science 2018: *In-vitro* conservation of heterozygous plants: A case study of date palm- Shawky A Bekheet-National Research Center

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With heterozygous plants, vegetative (asexual) propagation is usually used for commercial production/propagation of true to type genotypes. Moreover, special approaches include maintenance in field gene banks and the storage in cold stores of dormant vegetative forms is required for conservation of such germplasm. However, these methods have limitations regarding efficiency, costs and long-term maintenance. Since date palm is a dioecious and heterozygous fruit tree, and for commercial purposes most often vegetative propagated through offshoots, it is difficult to store or handle its germplasm by conventional means. Biotechnology techniques offer an alternative method for conservation of such plant material. In this respect, we set up protocols for preservation of date palm tissue cultures for short term (3-6 months) by addition of osmotic agents to culture medium and for mid-term (9-12 months) by reducing incubation temperature to 5°C. Moreover, cryopreservation has been recognized for in vitro long-term storage of date palm cultures. Undifferentiated tissue and somatic embryos were cryopreserved by freezing methods. A number of steps have been followed for cryopreservation, which includes: pre-culture in media with verification compounds [22% (w/v) glycerol, 15% (w/v) ethylene glycol, 15% (w/v) propylene glycol and 7% (w/v) dimethyl sulfoxide], treatment with cooling, storage at -196°C thawing and recovery. Furthermore, a successful system for preservation of date palm germplasm via artificial seeds was realized. Somatic embryos (at late cotyledon stage) proliferated in vitro from shoot tip cultures were encased in sodium alginate (3%) capsules and stored for 12 months and then regenerated to plantlets.

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germplasm assortment, protection and quick clonal duplication. In vitro capacity strategies have been created for conservation of date palm germplasm what's more, can be utilized efficiently for worldwide trade of germplasm in view of their evident preferences over in vivo material. Safeguarding of plant cells, meristems and physical incipient organisms has become a significant apparatus for long haul stockpiling of germplasm using least space and low support. Short-and mid-term stockpiling is accomplished by controlling ecological development conditions and supplement media composition. Long haul stockpiling has been accounted for in vitro cryopreservation of date palm societies. Exemplification of plant material in alginate dots has been recommended as of late as a potential methods for date palm germplasm trade. Information about germplasm decent variety and hereditary connections are exceptionally significant instruments in plant protection methodologies. In such manner, various atomic science techniques are right now accessible for examination of hereditary assorted variety in date palm genotypes. This part examines the general issues and various parts of plant biotechnology utilized for the board and preservation of date palm cultivars.

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In vitro innovation offers a likely answer for the preservation of date palm germplasm. Slow development actuated by low temperature permits stockpiling from a while as long as hardly any years. Something else, cryopreservation is reasonable for long haul in vitro preservation, at somewhere in the range of -79 and -196 °C. This section portrays a convention for cold stockpiling at 5 °C and cryopreservation of date palm tissue societies. For cold stockpiling, 70% of shoot buds stay solid in the wake of putting away for a year at 5 °C, and callus societies remain completely reasonable following a year of capacity. For cryopreservation of embryogenic societies utilizing drying out via air, obviously, 20 min air drying is the best for cryopreservation. Among various kinds of sugars utilized as osmotic operators in pre-culture medium, 1 M sucrose is the best for the endurance of cryopreserved societies. Be that as it may, introduction of embryogenic societies to vitrification answer for 60 min at 0 °C gives the most elevated level of endurance and change to plantlets.