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ABSTRACT

Cavendish Banana is known as one of the most important food crops for the society throughout the world as it provides various functions and needs especially for the food security. Micro propagation is the best alternative way to produce multiple number of planting materials. The main objective of this study was to investigate the effects of using different cytokinin (6-benzylaminopurine and Kinetin) as plant growth regulators with different concentrations to induce shoot productions on sucker of Cavendish Banana. The explants were cultured on Murashige and Skoog (MS) medium supplemented with five levels of cytokinins concentration (1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0 and 5.0mg/L) and 0.0mg/L as a control; each of it was cultured with five replicates. After 30 days of observations, the highest number of shoots and the length of the longest shoots were observed in MS media with 1.0mg/L concentration of BAP which was higher compared to Kinetin.

ABSTRAK

Pisang Cavendish dikenali sebagai salah satu tanaman buah yang menjadi kepentingan bagi masyarakat di dunia kerana ia membekalkan pelbagai fungsi dan keperluan terutamanya di dalam aspek keselamatan makanan . Mikro organism adalah cara alternatif yang terbaik untuk menghasilkan pelbagai jenis bahan penanaman. Tujuan utama kajian ini adalah untuk mengetahui keberkesanan Sitokinin (6-benzylaminopurine dan Kinetin) dengan kepekatan yang berbeza untuk mendorong produksi pucuk pada sulur Pisang Cavendish. Sampel pisang yang diambil dibiakkan dalam media Murashige dan Skoog (MS) dengan tahap kepekatan sitokinin yang berbeza (1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0 dan 5.0mg / L) dan 0.0mg / L sebagai kawalan; masing-masing dibiakkan dengan lima replika. Selepas 30 hari pemerhatian, bilangan pucuk yang paling tinggi dan panjangnya telah direkodkan. Selepas 30 hari pemerhatian, sample pisang yang dibiakkan di dalam media MS dengan kepekatan 1.0mg / L BAP adalah dicatatkan yang lebih tinggi dalam bilangan pucuk dan panjang pucuk berbanding dengan Kinetin.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

g	gramme
L	litre
cm	centimeter
m	meter
mg/L	milligramme/litre
pH	negative logarithm of the hydrogen concentration
min	minute
%	percentage
PGRs	Plant growth regulators
BAP	6-benzylaminopurine
Kin	Kinetin
MS	Murashige and Skoog
HCL	Hydrochloric acid
NaClO	Sodium hypochlorite
NaOH	Sodium hydroxide
Foc	<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i> f. sp. <i>Cubense</i>
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Background

Banana can be labeled as one of the earliest plant cultivation in the aspect of agriculture. The origin of this *Musaceae* family stretches from India to Papua New Guinea which also included Southeast Asia countries (Arvanitoyannis and Mavromatis 2009; De Lange *et al.* 2009). Other than that, it also stated in the Third National Agricultural Policy in the year of 1998 to 2010 that banana has listed as one of the 15 fruit important for commercial cultivation. Combined global production of banana in 2011 was about 145 million tones with a gross production value of US\$44.10 billion (FAOSTAT, 2013). Thus, it makes banana as one of the most important food crops in the world.

Banana involved a hybridization and polyploidy between two diploid species, *Musa acuminata* ('AA" genome) and *Musa balbisiana* ("BB" genome) (Heslop-Harrisons and Swarzacher, 2007). There are varieties of banana that exist in the world today and among all of that, the triploid genome groups such as AAA, AAB, and ABB was categorized as the most important.

The popular banana cultivars which also recognized as a dessert banana are called Cavendish banana. It had been cultivated decades ago and still humans need it as a source of fiber, foods, and ornaments plant (Subbaraya 2006; Kennedy 2009). Generally, the cultivated bananas are different from the wild bananas in terms of fruits. Cultivated banana fruit are fully developed which have no seed or some of the species which have a few seeds. High technologies nowadays has made it possible for the banana to transform into varieties with less seed, sterility, oversized pulp, and good development of fruit without the need of fertilization (Ploetz *et al.* 2007; Arvanitoyannis and Mavromatis 2009).

Similar to other plant, the productivity of the banana is also constraint by several biotic and abiotic factors. There are about 80% of world banana productions that has been threatens with Fusarium wilt and Singatoka diseases especially among the banana cultivars (Ploetz, 2005). TR4 or known as Panama disease is caused by the fungus called *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *Cubense* (Foc). This disease caused the banana to wilt and died when the fungus start to spread by going through the xylem vessels from the roots of the plant. The problems occur have a potential to cause a high economic damage and reduce the quality of agricultural crops, especially banana plantation.

People throughout the world are continuously demanding banana as it contains various nutritional benefits such as potassium and vitamins. Banana production is declining as most of the farmers are facing with the fatal diseases of banana that cause the decreased in fruit production. Therefore, one of the way to cope with the problem is to increase the production of saplings using the micro propagation method. It is more favorable rather than the traditional method which consumes more time to grow and have a high risk towards diseases. A single plant or a small plant tissue can be used to increase a production of a free-disease plants and it can be continued throughout the year along with the seasonal changes (Martin *et al.*, 2006; Rahman *et al.*, 2004).

Plant growth regulators are vital for micro propagation of crop plants; especially cytokinin which helps in plant's shoots induction. Cronauer and Krikorian (1984) cited that the cytokinin contains are depends on the variety of banana and the conditions of the culture. Several types of cytokinin that often used in the research of micro propagation of banana are 6-benzylaminopurine (BAP) and Kinetin. Therefore, the present study was based on the objective; to evaluate shoot production using different cytokinin (6-benzylaminopurine and Kinetin) as plant growth regulators with different concentrations on sucker of Cavendish Banana.

1.2 Problem Statement / Justification

Cavendish banana has been recognized as a high demand of potential crop especially for the market without any problems on the quality of the fruit itself. Local communities are the biggest consumer of banana productions which shows that a good quality of banana cultivar was highly demanded as a source of food, medicinal benefits and also for industrial purposes such as cloth that act as a daily life uses for community. There are many biotic and abiotic factors that are responsible for reducing in yield and production of banana in Malaysia. Cavendish banana is susceptible to infestation by soil borne fungal disease. The fungus *Fusarium oxysporum* f. sp. *Cubense* (Foc) that is responsible to cause highly damaging disease of banana. There is also a concern that was made in the article of the New Scientist which stated that the banana which is the Cavendish could be disappearing in the next ten years (Pearce, 2003).

The traditional way of banana propagation consume more time and will not be able to cope up with the high demands from people. According to Stover and Simmonds (1987), because of the high sterility of the banana varieties, the practice of traditional breeding by the sucker itself is difficult to be done efficiently. In order to overcome the problems mentioned above, a tissue culture technique; micro propagation can be an alternative ways to propagate banana and helps in reducing the attacks by Panama disease and increases the number of its production. A continuous improvement in technological development for producing the alternatives resources is necessary in order to provide the needs

of the world's population (Mohammadi, 2006). Also, there are limited studies about the use of 6-benzylaminopurine and Kinetin with different concentrations on shoot production of Cavendish banana.

1.3 Objective

The objective was to study the effects of using different cytokinin (6-benzylaminopurine and Kinetin) as plant growth regulators with their different concentrations to induce shoot productions on sucker of Cavendish Banana.

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