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APPENDIX

A. Plant tissue culture terms

Adventitious : Development of organs (roots, buds, shoots, flower, etc.) or embryos (embryo-like structures) from unusual points of origins, including callus. If organs develop from organ initials, organ primordial, or embryos develop from zygotes, the term adventitious can not be used.

Agar : A vegetable product (made from algae) used to solidify nutrient media.

Androgenesis : Male parthenogenesis. The development of a haploid individual from a pollen grain.

Anti-oxidants : A group pf chemicals which prevents oxidation, e.g. vitamin C, citric acid.

Aseptic : Free from all micro-organisms (fungi, bacteria, yeasts, viruses, mycoplasmma, etc.), sterile.

Autoclave : Apparatus in which media, glassware, etc. are sterilized by steam under pressure.

Auxins : Group of plant hormones (natural or synthetic), which induce cell elongation, or in some cases cell division; often inducing adventitious roots and inhibiting adventitious buds (shoots).

Biosynthesis : Synthesis of compounds by the plants and cells.

Callus : Actively dividing non-organized tissues of undifferentiated and differentiated cells often developing from injury (wounding) of in tissue culture.

Cell culture : The growing of cells in vitro.

Cell line : Cells (originating from a primary culture) successfully subcultured for the first (second, etc.) time.

Clone : A group of cells, tissues, or plants which are in principle genetically identical. A clone is not necessarily homogeneous.

Contaminant : Micro-organism.

Culture room : Room for maintaining cultures with controlled light, temperature and humidity.

Cytokinins : A group of plant hormones (natural or synthetic) which induce cell division and often adventitious buds (shoots) and in most cases inhibit adventitious root formation; cytokinins decrease apical dominance.

Dedifferentiation of cells : Reversion of differentiated to non-differentiated cells (meristematic).

Differentiation : The development of cells or tissues with a specific function and/or the regeneration of organs or organ-like structures (roots, shoots, etc.) or (pro)embryos.

Differentiation of cells : Cells taking on (a) specific function(s).

Distilled water : Water produced by distillation containing no organic or inorganic compounds.

Embryogenesis : Process by which an embryo develops from a fertilized egg cell or asexually from a (group of) cell(s).

Embryo culture : The culture of embryos on nutrient media.

Explant : An excised piece of tissue or organ taken from the plant, used to initiate a culture.

Gibberellins ; Group of plant hormones which induce, among other things, cell elongation and cell division.

Initial : Group of cells which serve as the precursors of an organ (leaf, root, bud).

Initiation : The formation of a structure or an organ e.g. a root or a shoot primordium.

Inoculate : Place in or a nutrient medium.

Laminar air-flow cabinet : Cabinet for inoculation which is kept sterile by a continuous non-turbulent flow of sterilized air.

Liquid media : Media without a solidifying agent such as agar.

Magnetic stirrer : Apparatus often consisting of a hot plate on which e.g. a beaker can be heated while a magnetic rod rotates inside.

Medium : See nutrient medium.

Micropropagation : vegetative propagation of plants in vitro.

Monolayer : A single layer of cells growing on a surface.

Morphogenesis : The origin of form and, by implication, the differentiation of associated internal structural features.

Nutrient medium : Mixture of substances on/in which cells, tissues or organs can grow, with or without agar.

Organ : Part of plant with a specific function, e.g. root, stem, leaf, flower, fruit, etc.

Organ culture : Culture of an organ in vitro in a way that allows development and/or preservation of the originally isolated organ.

Organ formation (organogenesis) : Formation of a root, stem, leaf, flower, fruit, etc.

Parthenogenesis : Production of an embryo from a female gamete without the participation of a male gamete.

Primary culture : Culture resulting from cells, tissues, or organs taken from an organism.

Primordial : A group of cells which give rise to an organ.

Protoplast : Plant cell without a cell wall, produced by enzymatic degeneration of the cell wall.

Rotary shaker : Rotating machine on which e.g. Erlenmayer flasks containing liquid nutrient medium can be shaken.

Solid media : Nutrient media solidified e.g. with agar.

Sterile : Medium or object with no perceptible or variable micro-organisms.
Sterility tests are necessary for substantiation.

Sterilisation : Procedure for the elimination of micro-organisms.

Sterile room : Operation room for plants, inoculation room; at present replaced by laminar air-flow cabinets.

Subculture : Transplanting a cell, tissue or organ, etc. have been subculture i.e. transplanted from one culture vessel to another.

Suspension culture : A type of culture in which (single) cells and/or clumps of cells grow and multiply while suspended in a liquid medium.

Tissue culture : The culture of protoplasts, cells, tissues, organs, embryos or seeds in vitro.

Totipotency : Potential of cells or tissues to form all cell types and/or to regenerate a plant.

Transformation in vitro : The production, for whatever reason of hereditary changes by the growth of protoplasts, cells, tissues, etc.

Vitro : Literally in glass, in a test tube, bottle, etc.

Vivo : In situ. In the intact plant growing in the greenhouse, the field, etc.

B. Surface sterilising agent formula

Kanker-X®	1 g
(Composed of 1.5% Tetracycline and 18.8% Streptomycin)	
Orthocyte®-50 Wettable	1 g
(Composed of 50% cis-N-[(trichloromethyl)thio]-4-cyclohexane-1,2-dicarboximide)	
6% Sodium hypochlorite	3 ml
Sterilized distilled water q.s. to	100 ml

C. MS basal media formula

MS powder	4.4	g
Sucrose	30	g
<i>L</i> -ascorbic acid	5	ppm
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	1	mg
6-Furfurylaminopurine (Kinetin)	0.1	mg
Distilled water q.s. to	1000	ml

D. B5 basal media formula

B5 powder	23.2	g
<i>L</i> -ascorbic acid	5	ppm
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	1	mg
6-Furfurylaminopurine (Kinetin)	0.1	mg
Distilled water q.s. to	1000	ml

Table 16 The chemical constituents of plant tissue culture media

Chemical constituents	MS	B5
Macronutrients (mg/l)		
MgSO ₄ .7H ₂ O	370	250
KNO ₃	1900	2500
CaCl ₂ .2H ₂ O	440	150
KH ₂ PO ₄	170	-
NaH ₂ PO ₄ . H ₂ O	-	150
NH ₄ NO ₃	1650	-
(NH ₄) ₂ SO ₄	-	134
Micronutrients (mg/l)		
MnSO ₄ . H ₂ O	15.6	10
H ₃ BO ₃	6.2	3
ZnSO ₄ .2 H ₂ O	8.6	2
KI	0.83	0.75
NaMoO ₄ .2 H ₂ O	0.25	0.25
CuSO ₄ .5 H ₂ O	0.025	0.025
CoCl ₂ .6 H ₂ O	0.025	0.025
FeSO ₄ .7 H ₂ O	27.8	-
Na ₂ EDTA	37.3	-
EDTA Na Ferric	-	40
Sucrose (g/l)	30	20
Vitamins (mg/l)		
Thiamine HCl	0.5	10
Nicotinic acid	0.5	1
Pyridoxine HCl	0.5	1
Myo-inositol	100	100
pH	5.7-5.8	5.7-5.8

MS = Murashige and Skoog's basal media (Murashige and Skoog, 1962)

B5 = Gamborg B5 basal media (Gamborg, 1968)

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