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MICROPROPAGATION OF FIG (*FICUS CARICA*

L.) 'ROXO DE VALINHOS' PLANTS

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Abstract

An *in vitro* protocol for *Ficus carica* cv. 'Roxo de Valinhos' was optimized. Nodal explants containing two buds were excised from field-grown mature plants, and transferred to different proliferation media consisting of combinations of distinct concentrations of activated charcoal with benzyladenine (BA), kinetin with gibberellic acid (GA₃), and WPM (woody plant medium) with kinetin. The regular strength of WPM in combination with 0.5 mg l⁻¹ kinetin was the best condition for shoot proliferation of *Ficus carica* 'Roxo de Valinhos' plants. The addition of activated charcoal in the medium completely inhibited shoot proliferation. The inclusion of BA in the medium induced excessive callus formation as well as small and vitrified shoots, while GA₃ induced excessive elongation associated with vitrification, chlorosis, and tip-burned shoots.

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Fig 1. Shoots per explant (A) and shoot length (B) as a function of the levels of BA in the culture medium.

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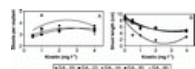


Fig 2. Shoots per explant (A) and shoot length (B) as a function of the levels of kinetin and GA_3 ($mg\ l^{-1}$) in the culture medium.

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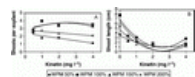



Fig 3. Shoots per explant (A) and shoot length (B) as a function of the levels of kinetin and medium strength.

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TABLE 1 RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE, *F* TEST, OF SHOOTS PER EXPLANT AND SHOOT LENGTH AS A FUNCTION OF THE LEVELS OF BA IN THE CULTURE MEDIUM

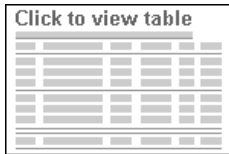
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Source	SS	df	MS	F	P
Between Groups					
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TABLE 2 RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE, *F* TEST, OF SHOOTS PER EXPLANT AS A FUNCTION OF THE LEVELS OF KINETIN AND GA₃ IN THE CULTURE MEDIUM

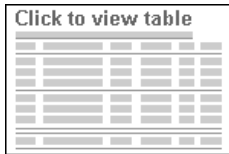
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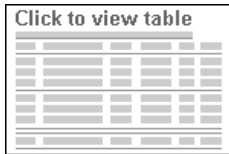
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TABLE 4 RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE, *F* TEST, OF SHOOTS PER EXPLANT AS A FUNCTION OF THE LEVELS OF KINETIN AND WPM STRENGTH IN THE CULTURE MEDIUM

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Source	SS	df	MS	F	P
Between Groups					
Within Groups					
Total					

TABLE 5 RESULTS OBTAINED FROM THE ANALYSIS OF VARIANCE, *F* TEST, OF SHOOT LENGTH AS A FUNCTION OF THE LEVELS OF KINETIN AND WPM STRENGTH IN THE CULTURE MEDIUM

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