

# Impact of Kinetin and Benzyladenine on Growth Performance of Croton *in Vitro*

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## ABSTRACT

This study was carried out in the tissue culture laboratory, Faculty of Agric., Saba Basha, Alex. Univ. to find a reliable protocol for *in vitro* propagation of Croton (*Codiaeum variegatum* L.) during the period from 2019 to 2020. Moreover, nodal explants were used during *in vitro* culture study for indication of multiple shoots and inoculated on various media with different combinations of NAA as auxin and (BA & KIN) as cytokinin to study and compare the effect of the two types of cytokinins on proliferation and development of multiple shoots, and the elongation of the new formed on medium. The best medium for multiplication was a medium supplemented with 2.00mg/l KIN and (0.50 or 1.00) mg/l NAA. Furthermore, the *in vitro* shoots showed healthy root development when the tested medium was supplemented with combination of 1.00mg/l KIN and NAA each, in turn. The new formed shoot plantlets (rooted plants) were acclimatized *ex vitro* successfully. The survival rate of the *ex vitro* grown plants was 95%.

**Key words:** *in vitro* culture, *Codiaeum variegatum* L., kinetin, benzyladenine

## INTRODUCTION

Tissue culture is a propagation technique widely used in modern agriculture because it allows production of many clonal plants from relatively little starting material. Micropropagation is a relatively new technology and application of innovative methods that has served to overcome barriers to progress in the multiplication of elite species and further improvements are anticipated (Nasib *et al.*, 2008; Ashish and Sharma, 2011). *In-vitro* growth and development is considerably influenced by several factors like genotype, age and size of mother plants and explants, the season, growth conditions, media composition, and various other physiological factors (Ashish and Sharma, 2011). Also, as a way of securing pathogen-free plants, culture of shoot apical meristem is ideal. Other advantages of the method include rapid multiplication of plants within a shorter period of time irrespective of the season (Mulabagal and Tsay, 2004). Keeping the above points in mind, Croton was chosen for micropropagation due to its rare success in conventional breeding and also due to

the meager availability of data for *in-vitro* production (Shibata *et al.*, 1996; Orlikowska *et al.*, 2000).

An improved and enhanced method was established for the *in vitro* propagation of croton. Garden croton (*Codiaeum variegatum* L.) belongs to the family Euphorbiaceae that grows naturally in southern Asia, Indonesia, and other eastern Pacific islands where it grows in open forests and scrubs. It is an evergreen shrub grown up to usually maintained at 60 to 90 cm and grows well in areas having a humid climate. The family Euphorbiaceae comprises nearly 322 genera and 8910 species (Bingtao *et al.*, 2008). The family comprises a number of endemic and endangered taxa. Crotons are also well known for their medicinal value. The plant is also well reputed for the production of valuable secondary metabolites of alkaloids, terpenes and flavonoids in nature and the leaf extract of crotons is antifungal (Maciel *et al.*, 1998; Martins *et al.*, 2002; Puebla *et al.*, 2003).

Croton is an evergreen shrub with alternate, simple leaves mottled with white, yellow or red flowers. The plant may change color as it matures (Ogunwenmo *et al.*, 2007). Hence, this species has been selected for the different morphology and color combination of leaves with contrasting veins. The leaves are alternate, non-serrated but sometimes lobed. Croton (*Codiaeum variegatum*, L.) with its amazing colors and leathery leaves is regarded as a beautiful foliage plant commonly known as croton and sometimes called Joseph's Coat or variegated croton (Nasib *et al.*, 2008). Generally, crotons are multiplied vegetatively by cuttings and air layering. These processes are slow in response and require large numbers of mother/stock plants. In spite of its slow rate of conventional multiplication, the plant is very high in demand (Deepa and Shanthi, 2013). Hence, micropropagation is an alternative average of propagation, to meet its high emergency in a relatively shorter time. For instance, from shoot tip cuttings one mother/stock plant can yield only 20 plants per year (Nasib *et al.*, 2008; Mulabagal and Tsay, 2004). Propagation of croton by rooting of soft wood cuttings has been a good development. Some authors have investigated how different compounds of the substrate can improve root induction (Tillmann *et al.*, 1994; Chen

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*et al.*, 2000; Dai-Bisheng, 2007). The present study was aimed to establish an efficient and reliable protocol for *in vitro* propagation with focusing on rhizogenicity of this plant and to compare between the effects of two types of cytokinins on explants grown during (multiplication stage) *in vitro*.

## MATERIAL AND METHODS

### Plant material and explant sterilization

The plant material was collected from shrubs grown in Antoniadis garden of Ornamental and landscape, research department, Alexandria, Egypt. Plants were sprayed with the fungicide and insecticide 2-3 weeks prior to start initiation. Overhead watering was strictly avoided. Freshly grown shoot tips, with two to three nodes, were selected as explants source in August. The collected material was brought to the plant tissue culture laboratory of the Plant Production Department of the Faculty of Agriculture, Saba Basha, Alexandria University during 2019-2020 seasons and washed, thoroughly, with running tap water for 30 minutes to remove the dust or sand particles.

The shoot tips were cut to nodal segments (single node) as an explants source (Bhattacharya *et al.*, 1990). The excised explants were dipped in 70% ethanol for 60 sec. After treatment with ethanol the explants then rinsed with double distilled water twice, so as to lower the toxic effect of ethanol. The nodal segment's surfaces were sterilized using 20% of sodium hypochlorite for 20 minutes and 1.5 mg/l mercuric chloride for 5 min. Few drops of Tween-20, were also, added as a surfactant to sterilized water with sterile gentle shaking under sterile conditions, after 20 minutes the plant material was washed three times with sterilized water and became ready for culture.

### Micropropagation

The explants were cultured on WPM medium (woody plant medium) (Lloyd and McCown, 1980) supplemented by different concentrations of cytokinins as benzyl adenine (BA) and kinetin (KIN) at four concentrations: 0.0, 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0 mg/l for both each in combinations with the auxin naphthalene acetic acid (NAA) at four concentrations: 0.0, 0.25, 0.50 and 1.00 mg/l.

The explants were cultured in jar containing 30ml of medium and were placed, vertically. Each treatment was replicated three times and it had three explants (i.e. 9 explants/treatment) and incubated in growth chamber at  $25 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  temperature under 16hr daily light and 8hr darkness illumination was done by a fluorescent light intensity of 2880 lux ( $40 \mu\text{mol m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$  PPF). The explants in initiation stage were cultured for 35 days on solidified woody plant medium containing NAA at 1.0 mg/l, only.

This concentration was used based on its success in previous (photo 1).

The newformed propagules from the initiation stage were cultured on to the multiplication medium after sectioned into single leaflets node. The excised nodal cutting explants of the different positions were cultured onto the WPM medium for 35 days supplemented with cytokinin (BA & KIN) and auxin (NAA).

### Acclimatization stage

The newformed plantlets were then transferred to the greenhouse for hardening. The potting mix used in this study was composed of sand and peat moss (4:1). The transferred plants were monitored weekly for at least 6 weeks.

### Statistical analysis

A completely randomized design was used for all the experiments (Gomez and Gomez, 1984). Recorded data were analyzed, statistically, using analysis of variance technique (ANOVA) and averages were compared by the least significant difference (L.S.D.) (Steel *et al.*, 1997) and significance was determined at  $p \leq 0.05$ .

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The obtained results of this study reflect its importance to provide more scientific knowledge regarding croton (*Codiaeum variegatum* L.)

Under the study scope of *in vitro* plant tissue culture, and they will be presented as follows:

As for data presented in (Table 1) and photo (2) declared that the effectiveness of KIN surpassed its counterpart of BA. The results revealed that all applied growth regulators and their combinations affected highly significantly the studied characters of croton where single nodal explants were grown *in vitro* for 35 days. However, regarding the average shoot length (cm)/propagule, KIN and BA was in adverse relationship in the given trait; whereas BA and KIN level increased, the studied trait decreased in above level, therefore the 2 mg/l BA&KIN gave the highest average value of 2.46 and 4.12 cm, respectively.

Respecting the main effect of BA was the highest average value of shoot length (2.01 and 2.46 cm) recorded at 1&2 mg/l BA. While, supporting the culture medium with KIN at all concentrations (1&2 and 3 mg/l) gave the highest values (2.71, 4.12 and 3.41 cm) compared to the other treatments of BA and control.

On the contrary, NAA levels were in proportional relationship, where the levels increased when the highest average values increased, specially at 0.50 and 1.00 mg/l which gave the highest average values of 3.16 and 3.47 cm consecutively.

Moreover, the interaction between cytokinin (KIN) at low concentration (1.00 mg/l) and high concentration from NAA (1.00 mg/l) gave the highest average value of shoot length (6.10 cm).

As for the average number of shoots formed /propagule, the mean effect of KIN showed that augmenting the culture medium with KIN at 3 mg/l, led to the highest average value (4.42) compared to all other averages. On the other hand, providing the culture medium with either 0.50 or 1.00 mg/l of NAA resulted in the highest average values of 3.84 & 3.47, each in turn.

Furthermore, combination of cytokinin (KIN) and auxin (NAA) at 2, 3 mg/l and 0.50 mg/l, respectively led to the highest average values (5.93 and 6.14) of number of shoots formed propagule, which expressed, significantly the highest average value compared to the other treatments.

In this respect, in generally used cytokinin (KIN) gave the highest results in the studied trait compared to using cytokinin (BA) in culture media in this respect KIN or BA levels consider as a favour of stimulation for cell division, morphogenesis (shoot initiation/bud formation) in tissue cultured, and break of apical dominance and release growth of lateral buds (Raven, 1992; Salisbury and Ross, 1992; Davies, 1995) and their combinations exerted highly significant effects on the multiplication stages characters of croton, where single nodal explants were grown *in vitro* for 35 days.

With regard to the number of leaflets, cytokinins together with auxin, take part in the regulation of the cell cycle in plant cells (i.e. stimulation of cell division, break apical dominance, enhance axillary shoot proliferation, and adventitious and inhibition root formation. Data showed that KIN at 3.00mg/l gave the highest value (9.35) but BA at 2.00 mg/l gave (6.83) leaflets/ explant which is the highest value in the BA treatments. Generally, all treatments of KIN gave high values more than the BA treatments. On the other hand, augmenting the WPM with NAA at 1.00 mg/l gave the highest value (8.65) compared to the other NAA

treatments. The interactions between NAA with KIN or BA concentrations showed the highest value with NAA at 0.50 and 1.00 mg/l and KIN at 3.00 mg/l, which gave the highest average values (12.23 and 12.03 leaflets/explants, respectively). In general, these results could be brought about to the mod's action of cytokinins on stimulation both cell division and promotion growth of axillary shoots in plant tissues culture. That, also, found by Tomas (1987), Triginano and Gray (2000) and George *et al.*, (2008). Lemos and Black (1996) showed in *Annona muricata* that the addition of NAA promoted bud elongation. Nasib *et al.* (2008) grew the shoot tip explants of *Codiaeum variegatum* on MS +BA(0.5mg/l) + pepton (25mg/l). and Sana *et al.*, (2012) reported that enhanced shoots and buds proliferation formation can be achieved by using the MS media with 2 mg/l of both KIN and BA for *Codiaeum pictum* or 4mg/l of both cytokinins. Silva *et al.*, (2013) reported that the longest shoots on croton production being produced on medium supplemented with 1.0 mg/l NAA, and the combination of NAA and IBA at a ratio of 1:1 mg/l of BA and NAA, respectively led to the production of both number of leaves and longest shoots after a 16 days of subculture period, successfully, especially when cultures were initiated from explants taken from sprouted shoots of croton (*Codiaeum variegatum*, L.). The establishment and multiplication stages were possible when 1mg/l BA was added to the selected cultivar (Radice, 2010). On the other hand, EL-Shamy *et al.*, (2010) reported that in multiplication stage, adding 5.0mg/l KIN to the culture formed the highest number of shoots of *Magnolia grandiflora*. While, Chitra and Madhusoodanan (2005) who studied the influence of auxins in direct *in vitro* and present scenario and future prospects of tissue culture.

This finding could be achieved due to the mode of action of auxin within cultured tissues which may enhance, control various distinctive processes such as cell growth and elongation (George and Sherrington, 1984 and Wilkins, 1989).

**Table 1. Effect of different levels of BA, KIN and NAA (mg/l) and their combinations on the multiplication stage of *Codiaeum variegatum* L. nodal cuttings cultured in vitro for 35 days**

Characters	NAA		KIN levels (mg/l)				BA levels (mg/l)			Mean	Signification		
	Levels	0.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	NAA	NAA	KIN	KINXIBA	XNAA
	(mg/l)										&	BA	
(a)Mean shoot length (cm)/propagule :													
	0.00	1.00	1.24	1.23	2.56	1.30	1.55	1.49	1.48	**	**	**	
	0.25	1.26	2.80	3.78	3.36	1.90	2.58	2.16	2.55				
	0.50	2.54	3.26	5.36	3.76	2.28	2.68	2.25	3.16				
	1.00	3.08	3.53	6.10	3.96	2.58	3.03	2.03	3.47				
Mean		1.97	2.71	4.12	3.41	2.01	2.46	1.98					
(KIN&BA)													
L.S.D.(0.05)										0.18	0.24	0.49	
(b) mean number of shoots formed /propagule:													
	0.00	0.27	1.35	2.69	2.09	1.63	2.07	2.12	1.75	**	**	**	
	0.25	0.81	2.18	3.20	4.78	2.11	2.60	2.49	2.59				
	0.50	0.40	2.51	5.93	6.14	3.79	3.71	3.42	3.84				
	1.00	0.80	3.60	4.48	4.68	3.22	3.20	3.33	3.47				
Mean		1.07	2.41	4.07	4.42	2.68	2.89	2.84					
(KIN&BA)													
L.S.D.(0.05)										0.15	0.20	0.41	
© Mean number of leaflets formed/ propagule:													
	0.00	2.76	5.31	5.71	6.16	4.73	5.12	5.61	5.05	**	**	**	
	0.25	3.44	4.46	6.55	6.99	5.97	6.44	8.00	5.98				
	0.50	6.59	8.10	7.53	12.23	6.69	7.20	6.32	7.81				
	1.00	6.84	9.86	10.80	12.03	6.66	8.57	5.83	8.65				
Mean		4.91	6.93	7.65	9.35	6.01	6.83	6.44					
(KIN&BA)													
L.S.D.(0.05)										0.29	0.39	0.77	

L.S.D. (0.05) =Least significant difference test at 0.05 level of probability\*, \*\*: Significant or highly significant.

Mean while, the combination results presented in (Table 2) and photo (3) cleared that applied growth regulators and their combinations affected highly significantly studied characters of multiplication stage number of nodes, number of roots/plant and root length.

However, regarding the average of all characters (number of roots and root length) BA was in adverse relation to the given trait, whereas, BA level increased, the studied trait decreased., therefore the 3 mg/l BA gave the lowest average values of all characters.

On the contrary the KIN didn't give the same results but KIN was in adverse relationship with number of roots only, but it is more effectively on explants at 3 mg/l gave the highest number of nodes (7.40) and at 2 mg/l gave the highest number of roots and root length (5.59 and 3.04) each in turn. On the contrary, NAA level where in proportional relationship, were as the levels increased especially at 0.50 or 1.00 mg/l gave the

highest average values consecutively. Meanwhile, the interaction between NAA at 0.50 or 1.00 mg/l and KIN at 1 or 2 mg/l, recorded the highest average values, with three characters (number of node, number of root and root length) of 8.70, 8.45 and 3.91cm, each in turn .This result could be explained by the fact that auxin induced a number of responses which involved cell division, cell enlargement, protein and nucleic acids synthesis which are concomitants of auxin-induced growth and changes in wall plasticity of plant cell and increased apical dominance as there are essential and rapid processes involved in growth and elongation (Wilkins,1989). Our results were further confirmed by the previous findings of Komalavalli and Rao (2000); Sarker and Shaheen (2001); Munshi *et al.* (2004); Awal *et al.*(2005);Rajani and Patil(2009);Waseem *et al.*(2011)who suggested auxin for root induction and development.

Decreasing the average values of the studied characters (length of shoot and number of roots) were concomitant with increasing BA in WPM. This finding could be due to accumulation of supra-optimal level of cytokinin within tissues which exerts adverse effects on growth performance (Murashige, 1974; Tomas, 1987; Georg *et al.*, 2008), hence medium without BA resulted in the highest average value of shoot length was taken place. This finding could be attributed to the mode of action of auxin NAA within cultured tissues which is capable of controlling various distinctive processes such as cell growth and elongation (George and Sherrington, 1984; George *et al.*, 2008). On the other hand, extreme the lowest concentration of NAA used, affected well the initiation of croton *in vitro*. This might be owing to that higher concentration of NAA, which is usually ineffective against shoot proliferation (Vijawa *et al.*; 1991, Waseem *et al.*, 2011). In the results were obtained by Bakheet, *et al.*, (2018) who reported that the media which containing 1.0mg/l BA+25mg peptone (M2) gave highly response for micro propagation followed by *in vitro* roots were successfully induced by 1.0 or 2.0 mg/l of IBA which gave the longest and few roots on *Codiaeum variegatum* (Gold Dust), while 1mg/l NAA gave shorter and more root number.

In this respect, in the multiplication stage, the use of KIN not only favoured proliferation of shoots, but also promoted plant height of Croton shoots. Whereas, KIN at 2 mg/l led to the highest number of shoots and tallest plant, number of leaves., etc. These results could be attributed to the mode of action of KIN which is more effective than BA and/or variation in their metabolism or to active forms or differences in primary mechanism of action as reported earlier. Alternatively, responses of explants to both cytokinins are different due to various aspects. Also, this variation may be due the degree of cell sensitivity towards both tested cytokinins, which depends on the endogenous level of growth regulators. Likewise, in other occasions, BA was reported to be unsuitable for Croton elongation compared to KIN in the multiplication stage. The same results were reported by

Biedermann (1987), Luo and Sung (1996) and Kamenika and Takats (1997) on *Magnolia grandiflora* supported our findings. This later reported result is in harmony with results obtained here, which generally, seems to favour KIN for multiplication stage.

As an explanation for this phenomenon, it is more likely that high levels of KIN utilized in this study (3.00 mg/l) and elsewhere, too, may have caused the removal of apical dominance thus enhancing lateral shoot proliferation (Klimazewska, 1981). Also, EL-Shamy (2004) also, reported that *Magnolia grandiflora* at the multiplication stage, the best medium was WP medium plus the growth regulators KIN (at 5.00 or 6.00 mg/l) which increased plant height, number of leaves/shoot and number of shoot. Notably, KIN was better than BA for the multiplication stage of *Codiaeum variegatum*. Zibbu and Batra (2010) also, found that *in vitro* leaves of *Thevetia cultured* on MS medium supplemented with a combination of 2,4-D (2.5 mg/l) and KIN (1 or 2 mg/l) produced stock callus after 20-28 days of inoculation. Multiple shoots were separated from the cluster and subcultured for their elongation on the same medium along with BAP (3.0 mg/l). *In vitro* elongated shoots were rooted on MS medium supplemented with IBA (0.5 mg/l). Also, Priyanaka *et al.* (2011) reported that nodal segments of *Thevetia peruviana* responded with a maximum of 100% frequency of callus induction on a combination of 9.05  $\mu$ M (2 ppm) 2,4-D and 0.93  $\mu$ M (0.2 ppm) KIN, followed by frequency of 88.3% on 6.97  $\mu$ M (1.5 ppm) KIN, supplemented alone. Sana *et al.* (2012) Found that enhanced shoot and bud proliferation of *Codiaeum variegatum* can be achieved by using the MS media with 2 mg/l of both KIN and BA. The *in vitro* roots were successfully induced with using 5.0 mg/l of 2,4-D. Nesye *et al.* (2015) said that the best organogenesis grown internode explants of *Thevetia neriifolia* response was achieved with a combination of IBA+BA (0.5 +1.0 mg/l). However, better response for maximum shoot proliferation was achieved when BA (1.0 mg/l) was supplied individually.

**Table 2. Effect of different levels of BA, KIN and NAA (mg/l) and their combinations on the multiplication stage of *Codiaeum variegatum* L.. nodal cuttings cultured in vitro for 35 days**

Characters	NAA		KIN levels (mg/l)				BA levels (mg/l)			Mean	Signification		
	Levels	0.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	NAA		NAA	KIN & BA	KINXBA & XNAA
(mg/l)													
(d) Mean number of nodes (cm)/propagule :													
	0.00	1.10	3.12	5.50	5.35	3.30	5.84	2.15	3.76	**	**	**	
	0.25	2.16	6.15	5.13	7.26	4.08	5.20	2.66	4.66				
	0.50	3.06	6.80	5.63	8.30	5.13	7.13	5.67	5.96				
	1.00	3.43	6.63	6.23	8.70	5.33	7.90	5.90	6.30				
Mean (KIN&BA)		2.44	5.67	5.62	7.40	4.46	6.52	4.09					
L.S.D.(0.05)										0.25	0.33	0.67	
(e) Mean number of roots formed /propagule:													
	0.00	0.35	0.93	0.43	0.39	1.25	0.66	0.63	0.66	**	**	**	
	0.25	2.16	6.13	6.21	6.20	3.19	2.19	1.77	3.98				
	0.50	4.67	6.77	7.33	6.44	4.90	3.00	2.20	5.04				
	1.00	5.93	8.54	6.13	6.00	6.55	3.33	3.45	5.70				
Mean (KIN&BA)		3.28	5.59	5.02	4.75	3.97	2.30	2.01					
L.S.D.(0.05)										0.13	0.17	0.34	
(f) Mean roots length formed/ propagule:													
	0.00	0.26	1.53	2.30	2.33	1.20	1.38	1.30	1.47	**	**	**	
	0.25	1.61	2.13	3.35	3.13	2.11	2.18	2.20	2.38				
	0.50	1.77	2.33	3.91	3.65	2.25	2.21	2.18	2.61				
	1.00	2.20	2.50	2.60	3.20	2.51	2.30	2.12	2.49				
Mean(KIN&BA)		1.46	2.12	3.04	3.07	2.02	2.01	1.95					
L.S.D.(0.05)										0.04	0.05	0.11	

L.S.D. (0.05) = Least significant difference test at 0.05 level of probability\*, \*\*: Significant or highly significant



**Photo1. initiation stage of croton nodal explants cultured on WPM at 1mg /l NAA only**



**Photo 2. Multiplication stage newlyformed croton shoots of initiation stage culture on WPM + 2.0mg/l KIN+1.00mg/l NAA**



**Photo 3. Multiplication stage newlyformed croton shoots of initiation stage culture on WPM+2.0 mg/l BA+0.50mg/l NAA**

**Acclimatization stage**

Acclimatization of *in vitro* grown plants is an important step in micropropagation (Smart, 2008; Rout et al.,2006). The *in vitro* grown plantlets with at least two to three roots were transferred to the green house for the acclimatization *ex vitro*. The potting mix (sand

and peat moss,4:1), routinely used in the nursery of our institute, was found suitable for the hardening of the plants. The survival rate of the *in vitro* grown plants treated with KIN in media culture was 95% as shown in photo (4), while the transaction with BA was 90%.



**Photo 4. Acclimatized croton tissue culture plants derived from plants *ex vitro***

## CONCLUSIONS

It could be concluded that there is a possibility to propagate Croton shrubs by micropropagation. The study here in described is efficient for the *in vitro* initiation (rlongation of regeneration shoots), multiplaction shoot proliferation, rooting of nodel segementsof bthis plants. Notably, KIN was better than BA for the multiplication stage of *Codiaeum variegatum* in this respect, in the multiplication stage, the use of KIN not only favoured proliferation of shoots, but also promoted plant height of Croton shoots were giving significant effects.

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## الملخص العربي

### تأثير الكينتين والبنزيل أدنين على أداء نمو نباتات الكروتين معمليا

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لتكوين المجاميع الخضريه تحت الظروف المعملية هي بيئه أكثر النباتات الخشبيه (WPM) المزوده بالسيتوكينين KIN بتركيز ٣.٠ ملليجرام / لتر. بالاضافه الى ٠,٥٠ ملليجرام / لتر من الاوكسين NAA وكانت افضل بيئه للاستطاله في بيئه التضاعف هي البيئه المزوده بالاكسين NAA عند ١.٠٠ ملليجرام / لتر بالاضافه الى السيتوكينين KIN عند تركيز ٢.٠ ملليجرام / لتر. وكذلك اظهرت مجاميع جذرية قويه وسليمه عند تزويد البيئه الاوكسين NAA بتركيز ١.٠٠ ملليجرام / لتر ١.٠٠ أضافه الى السيتوكينين KIN بتركيز ١.٠٠ ملليجرام / لتر. وقد أظهرت الدراسه أن استخدام السيتوكينين KIN كان أفضل وأعطى نتائج قويه في جميع الصفات مقارنة باستخدام السيتوكينين BA وكلها معنويه، وقد تم أقلمه جميع النباتات الناتجه معمليا بنجاح حيث تم استخدام خلطه من الرمل والبيتموس (٤:١) حيث كانت الافضل في هذا الصدد.

إجريت هذه الدراسه في معمل زراعه الأنسجه - قسم الانتاج النباتى -كلية الزراعه سايا باشا- جامعة الإسكندريه خلال السنوات ما بين ٢٠١٩ - ٢٠٢٠ لتطوير إيجاد بروتوكل فعال للأكثر المعملى الدقيق لنباتات الكروتين وتقييم تأثير منظمات النمو على أداء نموه معمليا. ولقد تم استخدام عقل ساقيه من نباتات الكروتين الناميه بدائق قسم بحوث الزينه بأنطونيدس خلال دراسة معملية لأستحثات أكثر تضاعف المجاميع الخضريه. تمت زراعه المجاميع الخضريه المتكونه خلال مرحلة البدء او التدشين على بيئات مختلفه للتضاعف او الاكثار للحصول على اعداد كبيره متضاعف من تلك المجاميع الخضريه وكذلك لتقييم ومقارنه تأثير منظمات النمو على نمو هذه النباتات معمليا، هذا بالاضافه الى اقله تلك النباتات خارج المعمل، بنجاح. وكانت بيئات النمو هي البيئات المضاف لها السيتوكينين KIN بالمقارنه BA بالاضافه الى تركيزات مختلفه من الاوكسين NAA، وكانت افضل بيئه