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TOPIC: PLANT TISSUE CULTURE 2

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TOTIPOTENCY

Property of plant cells

The ability of somatic cells of certain plants to undergo embryogenesis / or plantlet regeneration

Production and development of embryoids (derived from somatic cells)

Embryos derived from gamete fusion (molecular processes in later stages of development may be identical, e.g. temporal and spatial expression patterns of proteins in somatic and zygotic embryos)





PRINCIPAL METHODS OF MICROPROPAGATION



Tissue Culture – The maintenance or growth of tissues *in vitro* in a way that allows for dedifferentiation, differentiation and preservation of their architecture or function or both.

In vitro – Growing cells on a defined medium under sterile conditions.

In vitro **Propagation** – Propagation of plants in a controlled environment using culture vessels on a defined medium under sterile conditions.

Clonal Propagation – Asexual reproduction of plants that are considered to be physiologically and/or genetically uniform and to have originated from a single individual or explant / single cell.

Micropropagation – Clonal propagation of plants from small explants.

Anther Culture – The *in vitro* culture of anthers containing microspores on a defined medium.

Haploid Plants – The microspores in the anthers may form haploid callus or develop directly into haploid plants.

Callus – An unorganized, proliferative mass of dividing plant cells; a wound response.

Differentiation – Development of organization within a tissue to the formation of an organ, shoot or somatic embryo.

Embryogenesis - The process of embryo-like structure initiation and development.

Embryoid – Mass of cells that resembles an embryo (embryo-like structures). Somatic embryoids / Haploid embryoids

Embryo culture – *In vitro* development or maintenance of isolated mature or immature embryos.

Embryo-rescue – Embryo culture to facilitate recovery of progeny from wild crossing between different species (inter-specific cross).

Meristem Culture – *In vitro* culture of apical meristem (dome-like structure), excised from shoot apex.

Morphogenesis – The evolution of a structure from an undifferentiated to a differentiated state. The growth and development of differentiated structures.

Organogenesis – A process of differentiation by which plant organs are formed *de nova* or from preexisting structures of precursor cells.

Plant regeneration – The process of recovering plantlets from *in vitro* cultures through organogenesis or embryogenesis.

Somoclonal variation – Phenotypic variation, either genetic or epigenetic in origin.

Suspension culture – Cells in liquid culture.

Plant Protoplast – A plant cell from which the entire cell wall has been removed.

Protoplast fusion – Technique in which protoplasts are fused into a single cell. (To overcome compatibility barriers)

Auxins – A broad class of heterocyclic ringed compounds. Plant growth regulators – IAA, NAA, 2,4-D

Cytokinins – A broad class of substituted adenine derivatives. Plant growth regulators – Kinetin, BA, 2iP

Explant – Tissue taken from its original site and transferred to an artificial medium for growth or maintenance.