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Abstract

Galega officinalis L. is a medicinal plant being used as a galactagogue and an antidiabetic in folk medicine. A new effective micropropagation protocol was established from leaf, stem, node, and root explants of *G. officinalis* for in vitro plant regeneration and callus induction systems. Murashige and Skoog (MS) medium supplemented with 55 various concentrations and 4 different combinations [benzyl adenine (BA)/naphthalene acetic acid (NAA), BA/indole-3-acetic acid (IAA), thidiazuron (TDZ)/indole-3-butyric acid (IBA), and TDZ/IAA] of plant growth regulators was used for the regeneration systems. The regenerated shoots were observed on only nodal explants through direct organogenesis at the 35th day. The highest shoot number (7.13 ± 1.12 shoots per explants) was obtained from nodal explants on MS medium supplemented with a 1.0/0.25 mg L⁻¹ BA/NAA combination. The largest (2 cm in diameter) green and compact callus formations were induced using root explants on MS medium supplemented with 2.0/2.0 mg L⁻¹ BA/NAA. A total of 16 and 11 phenolic compounds from wild-grown and in vitro-grown leaves was detected by using liquid chromatography-electrospray ionization-multistage/mass spectrometry (LC-ESI-MS/MS) analysis, respectively. Levels of apigenin, luteolin, and chlorogenic acid in in vitro-grown leaves were higher than those in wild-grown leaves. These findings showed that micropropagation of *G. officinalis* can be potentially used as a new protocol for the production of beneficial secondary metabolites in pharmaceutical and supplemental food industries.

Keywords

Micropropagation, plant growth regulators, callus, phenolic compounds, LC-ESI-MS/MS

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