

MICROPROPAGATION OF SAMANEA SAMAN (JACQ) MERR OF TIRUMALA HILLS

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ABSTRACT

Samanea saman (Jacq.) Merr. is important medicinal tree belongs to Mimosaceae. It could be micro propagated by Cotyledonary node explants on MS medium containing different hormones. But MS medium containing 2mg/l BAP+0.5mg/l NAA produce 6-7 multiple shoots. Regenerated shoots were excised and induce root on medium with MS+1.0 mg/l+0.5 mg/l BAP. The regenerated plants were transfer to the soil.

ABBREVIATIONS: KN – Kinetin, BAP – N6 – Benzyl Aminopurine ; IAA – Indole 3 – acetic acid; IBA – Indole butyric acid; NAA – 1 - Naphthalene acetic acid; TDZ-Thidizuron.

INTRODUCTION

Samanea saman (Jacq.) Merr. is large tropical tree growing as much as 60m tall, with rough wrinkled bark and developing a symmetrical broad umbrella shaped crown. *Samanea saman* synonymous with and formerly known as *mimosa saman*, *Calliandra saman*, *Acacia propinqua*, *Inga cinerea*, *Pithecolobium saman* and *Enterlobium saman*. The common name for the species is rain tree, coco tamarind, *Acacia preta*, French tamarind, monkey pod etc. The most widely used common name for the species is rain tree, from the belief that the tree produce rain at night. The leaf lets close up at night or when under heavy cloud cover, allowing rain to pass easily through crown. Apart from it offer excellent shade wood and produces and distributes great quality of fruits of high nutrition quality that are important cattle foliage supplement during the dry period. It incorporation to the diet, reveals increase in weight and milk production.^[1] One of the most important uses is as a shade tree in cocoa coffee vanilla and in young nut Meg and teak plantation. It can be used as hedge tree, if

logged heavily. The mature tree is heavily valued as a host for the lac insect (*Laccifer lacca*). The plantation of the tree on either side will reduce the level of CO₂ and it is also our constituent effort to put a break on global warming. It is rich in alkaloids, glucosides and their extracts have been reported to possess various bioactivities,^[2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10&11] It is antimicrobial, aflatoxigenic, antifungal, antifumonisin activities, antioxidants and antiulcer properties.^[12&13] *Samanea saman* is rarely found in forest stands and requires high light intensities. A wound parasite *Ganoderma lucidum* may cause white soft rot in lower part of the stem. A powdery mildew is very common in nurseries and may cause complete defoliation of seedling or serious damage. So plant growth rate is less, but through *In Vitro* propagation we can avoid all these problems and grow for mass cultivation.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Seeds were collected from the Tirumala hills of Sechachallum hills. Seeds were surface sterilized for 10 min in tween 80, then dipped in 70% alcohol for 3.5 min and subsequently in the 0.5% H₂O₂ for 2-3 min 3-4 times in the sterile distilled water. Before seed germination the seeds were soaked in concentrated H₂SO₄ for 10 minutes with this the germination rate was found to be the highest by breaking physical dormancy caused by the hard seed coat. Seedlings of *Samanea saman* were micropropagated on MS medium in the 2 mg/l BAP +0.5 IAA. Different explants hypocotyls; leaf, root and cotyledonary node explants were aseptically excised from 15-30 days old aseptic seedling. Of all explants tested cotyledonary node explants shows more response. The explants were transferred to the MS medium with various concentration and combinations of auxins, cytokines and sucrose 3% is as the carbon source. The PH of the medium was adjusted to 5-6 by adding 0.8% agar before sterilization was observed within 15 days and callus was subculture one in every fifteen days well developed shoots were excised and transferred to rooting media for rooting. All the experiment was repeated at least thrice.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Cotyledonary explants from seedlings of the earliest development stage (15-30 days) were most responsive to (2-5 mg/l) cytokinin and 0.5 mg/l auxine combination tested and produced a greater number of viable shoots on MS medium (Table 1). Morphological and biochemical characteristics of *Samanea saman* changes with age and these changes may affect cytokinin uptake and competency of cell to initiate buds. Of all the explants tested, cotyledonary node of *In Vitro* grown seedlings responded most favorably in presence of the

lowest concentration of 1-2 mg/l BAP tested. The nodal explants responded by axillary bud enlargement and bursting within.

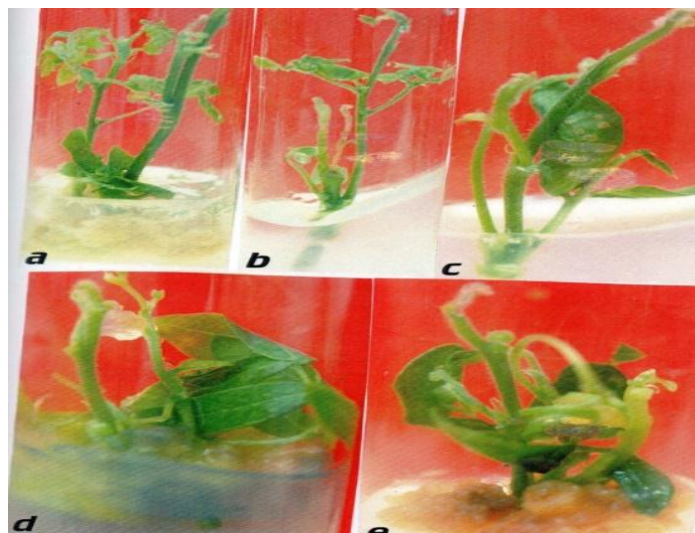


Figure: Multiple shoot induction from cotyledonary node explants on MS medium containing different concentrations of BAP with NAA, IBA&IAA.

- A. MS + 5 mg/l BAP+0.5 mg/l NAA
- B. MS + 2 mg/l BAP+0.5 mg/l IBA
- C. MS + 2 mg/l BAP
- D. MS + 2 mg/l BAP+0.5 mg/l IAA
- E. MS + 2 mg/l BAP+0.5 mg/l NAA

3-6 weeks. The explants with proliferating shoots were cultured on the same media containing different concentrations of hormones. The hypocotyle, cotyledons and root explants are less responsive and formed less number of multiple shoots and more callus. Some multiple shoots further showed axillary branching as a result a dense mass of shoots were either cut back to stimulate further shoot formation for subsequent experimentation or these were excised and used as cutting for rooting. The effect of four different cytokinines on formation of multiple shoots in *Samanea saman* is variable. To test their ability to induce shoot regeneration, excised nodal explants were cultured directly on MS medium containing 2mg/l BAP. The presence of cytokinines at the basal medium resulted in the first viable sign of increased root diameter and promotion of shoot differentiation from the cotyledonary node. After 2-3 weeks of culture of nodal explants on MS medium containing 2 mg/l BAP produce only 3.9 ± 0.9 shoots in 89% of the explants. Shoots after their initial proliferation on medium containing 2mg/l BAP were subculture on to medium containing 2mg/l BAP +

0.5mg/l NAA which produced high number of 6.6 ± 0.6 multiple shoots in 82% of cotyledonary explants.

In this medium shoots were slightly longer when compared to those obtained during initial culture on medium containing 2mg/l BAP. This indicates that during culture establishment 2mg/l BAP was necessary to obtain an optimum response in terms of bud break and shoot yield per explants (figure1). Subsequently a lower concentration of BAP 1mg/l was also found to be optimum for multiplication rate and to obtain elongated shoots. Shoot proliferation was also achieved in the presence of 0.5% IAA or IBA with 2mg/l BAP and developed 4-5 shoots (Table-1). BAP was more effective cytokinin for shoot initiation in Leguminosae species,^[14, 15&16] A synergistic effect of growth regulators in combination with BAP initiate shoot multiplication is well documented. Various successful combinations have been reported such as BAP+IAA of *Aegle marmalos*,^[17] *Pentemon serrulatus*,^[18] *Stryphnodendron polyphythum*,^[19] *Alpinia galangal*,^[20] and *Dubosia myoporoides*,^[21] BAP+IBA for *Gardenia jasminoides*,^[22] BAP+NAA for, *Acasia nilotica*,^[23] *Kaempferia galangal*,^[24] and *Feronia limonia*.^[25]

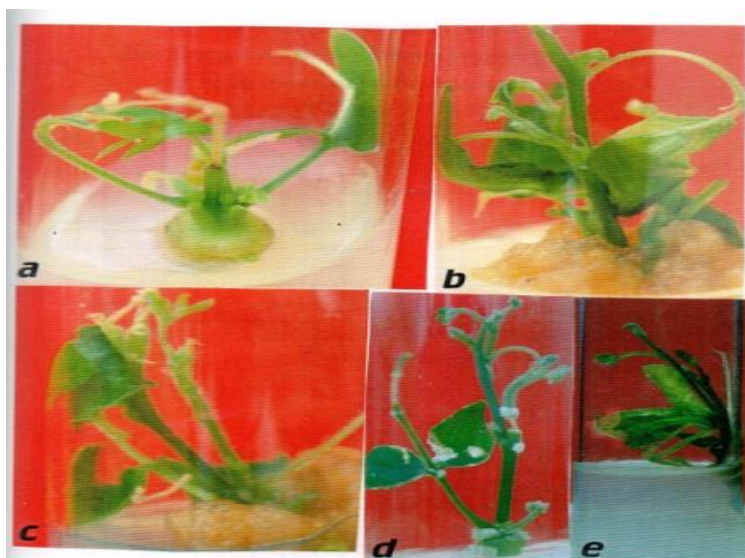


Figure2: Multiple shoot induction from cotyledonary node explants on MS medium containing different concentrations of TDZ with NAA, IBA&IAA.

- A. MS + 2 mg/l TDZ + 0.5 mg/l NAA
- B. MS + 5 mg/l TDZ + 0.5 mg/l NA
- C. MS + 5 mg/l TDZ + 0.5 mg/l IA
- D. MS + 1.5 mg/l TDZ + 0.5 mg/l NAA
- E. MS + 1.5 mg/l TDZ + 0.5 mg/l NAA

TDZ in combination with auxin also produce multiple shoots when cotyledonary node explants were cultured on TDZ (1-5mg/l) with 0.5 mg/l IAA, IBA and NAA. The combinations of TDZ 2mg/l with 0.5mg/l NAA is more effective and developed 5-6 shoots (Figure2). In MS medium Containing TDZ 2-5 mg/l with IBA or IAA (0.5 mg/l) also developed 3-4shoots. But the percentage of response with TDZ (3mg/l) and 0.5mg/l NAA is more than (65%) with IAA (30%) and IBA (10%). TDZ is also a stimulant of shoot organogenesis in other woody species including *Malus*.^[26] *Populus*,^[27&28] *Prunus domestica*,^[29] *Rhododendron*,^[30] and *Rubus*,^[31] In most of these TDZ was more potent and equal to amino purine cytokinine for stimulating shoot regeneration.



Figure 3: Multiple shoot induction from cotyledonary node explants on MS medium containing different concentrations of Cytokinin with Auxin

- A. MS + 2 mg/l KN + 0.5 mg/l IBA
- B. MS + 5 mg/l KN + 0.5 mg/l NAA
- C. MS + 2 mg/l ip + 0.5 mg/l NAA

However BAP or KN in combination with TDZ also develops multiple shoots in *Samanea saman*. Maximum numbers of shoots of 4.3 ± 0.9 were also produced with the combination of 1 mg/l BAP + 2mg/l TDZ +0.5 mg/l NAA. Further increase in both plant growth regulators did not increase the number of shoots and the shoots were distorted and did not go further. At 2mg/l KN +0.5 mg/l NAA, 2-3 shoots developed from node with callus from the base of the explants. But at the concentration of 5mg/l KN with 0.5mg/l NAA, the degree of callusing was more and developed 3-4 multiple shoots from cotyledonary node (figu3). The combinations of 0.5 mg/l IAA + 2mg/l Kn supports callusing and induced multiple shoots (2-3). A degree of callusing without much difference in number of shoots was noticed at 0.5mg/l IBA+ 2mg/l KN.

TABLE.NO-1: EFFECT OF HORMONES ON MULTIPLE SHOOT INDUCTION OF NODAL EXPLANTS OF SAMANEA SAMAN ON MS MEDIUM

SNO	Hormones in mg/l							Percentage of response	No.of shoots \pm S.E	shoot length (cm)
	2IP	KN	TDZ	BAP	IAA	IBA	NAA			
1				1				85%	3.6 \pm 0.9	3.8 \pm 0.7
2				2				89%	3.9 \pm 0.9	4.3 \pm 0.9
3				2	0.5			60	4.8 \pm 0.8	4.1 \pm 0.8
4				2		0.5		30	4.6 \pm 0.6	3.2 \pm 0.9
5				2			0.5	82	6.6 \pm 0.6	4.2 \pm 0.7
6				5			0.5	80	5.9 \pm 0.8	4.9 \pm 0.9
7			1				0.5	30	4.2 \pm 0.6	4.2 \pm 0.7
8			2				0.5	60	5.4 \pm 0.8	5.1 \pm 0.9
9			1.5				0.5	50	4.9 \pm 0.8	4.8 \pm 0.8
10			5				0.5	65	4.9 \pm 0.8	5.2 \pm 0.7
11			2		0.5			20	3.1 \pm 0.6	3.8 \pm 0.2
12			5		0.5			30	3.2 \pm 0.6	3.0 \pm 0.4
13			2			0.5		20	3.8 \pm 0.6	3.9 \pm 0.7
14			5			0.5		10	3.9 \pm 0.5	4.2 \pm 0.9
15		2					0.5	30	2.8 \pm 0.5	5.2 \pm 0.8
16		5					0.5	40	3.8 \pm 0.5	5.2 \pm 0.7
17		2				0.5		20	2.2 \pm 0.5	3.8 \pm 0.9
18		2			0.5			30	2.1 \pm 0.8	3.2 \pm 0.9
19	2						0.5	15	3.0 \pm 0.9	3.2 \pm 0.9

When cotyledonary node explants cultured on 0.5 mg/l NAA + 2 mg/l 2-ip, induced both multiple shoot and callus. But combinations of 1 mg/l 2ip+ 2mg/l BAP induced more number of (3-4) multiple shoots. Shoots developed from explants produced compact callus at the base. Similar results were obtained in *Eucalyptus grandis*,^[32] and *Pterocarpus santalinus*,^[33] Initially the callus was yellowish green but it turned to dark within two months. Disadvantages have been associated with the use of TDZ with BAP in *InVitro*. This includes vitrification of regenerated shoots, abnormal leaf morphology, compact shoots and difficult in elongation and rooting. These results are in agreement with the observations of,^[34] that, the explants could be induced with the lowest effective TDZ concentrations and kept on TDZ medium for minimum time required. The combination of BAP with 2-ip produce more shoots than KN or 2-ip. This is also reported by,^[35] who found that KN and 2-ip had less promotive effect than BAP in producing shoots from hazelnut. In all the explants the presence of auxins in differentiation medium significantly improved shoot differentiation, shoot number and length. Similar observations were also observed in *Dalbergia latifolia*.^[36] and *Madhuca longifolia*,^[37] Micropropagation system has been linked by the frequently of

leaf abscission and death of shoots in culture. To avoid this, repeated sub culturing of nodes from shoot cultures helped to achieve continuous production of callus free and healthy shoots at least through five subculture cycles. A similar phenomenon was also observed in *Morus Australia*,^[38] On the whole, the results suggested that a threshold level of endogenous growth regulators accumulated during culture initiation enabled the explants of shoot cultures to produce shoots optimally at reduced level of BAP with or without any auxin. The observed shoots forming ability of all the *InVitro* derived explants types and in particular, the high frequency formation of a large number of shoots in nodal explants greatly enhances the mass multiplication potential of the culture system.

Shoots developed from nodal cultures were transferred to MS medium containing 2mg/l IBA long tap root with number of lateral roots were developed. The high concentration of IBA resulted in heavy callus formation at the cut end of the shoots and reduced the percentage of root initials in nodal culture. During rooting experiment the explants were treated in 2 mg/l NAA treatments initiated vigours root system (fig-4). Roots developed from the NAA treated were larger and more vigorous than IBA. High concentration of IBA resulted in heavy callus formation at the cut end of the shoot and reduced the presentation of root initials in nodal culture. Better rooting system was observed, when shoots were treated with 1mg/l IBA + 0.5 mg/l BAP. Shoots when cultured on NAA along with BAP the rooting percentage and number of roots per explants increased significantly.



Figure4: Rhizogenesis from shoots on MS + 2 mg/l NAA and MS + 2mg/l IBA + 0.5mg/l BAP

Summary and Conclusion

This tree outstands among the promising agro forestry species, there poor information about natural seed propagation methods. But In Vitro propagation methods give favorable result for

mass multiplication. Seedlings are propagated on 2 mg/l BAP +0.5 IAA. Different explants are observed for shoot multiplication but cotyledonary node explants produce more number of shoots on 2mg/l BAP + 0.5mg/l NAA. Shoots produce from explants can initiate rooting on medium containing either on MS + 2 mg/l NAA or MS + 2mg/l IBA + 0.5mg/l BAP.

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